

Medway Design Review Committee  
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Design Review Committee

October 7, 2013 @ 7pm

**Approved November 4, 2013**

**Members in attendance:** Matt Buckley, Rod Macleod, Julie Fallon, Rachel Walsh, Karyl Spiller Walsh, Mary Weafer

**Absent with notice:**

**Absent without notice:** Bruce Hamblin

**Nonmembers present:** Dan Hooper

**Applicants present:** Mike Fingar

**Location:** Medway Public Library

#### **Call to order**

- With a quorum, this meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes from August 19 and September 9, 2013 were approved. Amendments were made to the September 23, 2013 minutes. These minutes still need to be approved at the next meeting. More amendments to be made.

#### **Sign Design Review – Episcopal Church with Mike Fingar**

- Mike needed to do an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community so he decided to help design and make a new sign for the Church
- The Church wanted the sign to be a replica of the actual building with a hanging shield from the side. They wanted the shield to be the actual sign that could be seen from both sides. They wanted the sign to read “Christ Church Episcopal Sunday Service” with an interchangeable spot for times. This is what Mike made.
- The Drc liked the concept but suggested that the help of a mason would be needed to complete a sign like this. The applicant said he was thinking of making the building replica out of foam and DRC suggested making it out of stone.
- Rachel suggested getting donations for the stone part of the sign.
- Karyl suggested putting the sign in place of the bell in the structure.
- DRC stated that the bell part of the structure would be extremely hard to build.

- Drc suggested moving the sign part of the structure into the building instead of hanging on the side of it.
- Drc likes all the proportions and lettering.
- Applicant agreed that he liked the idea of putting the shield into the actual structure.
- The applicant is currently in an engineering class and is using computer programs soon so he would be able to create a computer replica of this sign. He has 3 yrs to complete this project.
- Dan Hooper pointed out that this type of structure will be extremely difficult to build. A rectangular shaped building would be much easier to build.
- Drc suggested making this replica a rectangle shape.
- Drc also discussed possibly making a hanging sign where the bell is suppose to be with a solar light.
- The applicant said the base of the structure will have a small garden around it.
- Drc suggested putting red around the shield to mimic the brick coloring.
- The applicant is meeting with the Church on October 16 to discuss the sign. Drc thinks he should come back to one of their meetings to discuss this further.
- Drc told the applicant that he should not rush through this and that they are here to help him through the process.
- Rachel suggested writing letters to local masons.
- Karyl said that this sign should look old and historical like the building but also last a long time.
- The colors of the shield and lettering was discussed. Drc suggested the sign portion of this be a stained wood with gold lettering. Matt suggested white lettering.
- Drc is very pleased with his idea and effort.

### **Medway Plaza Discussion**

- Dave Damico reached out to the DRC about the new plaza ladder sign. He wanted to know if the DRC suggests any particular vendors.
- Rachel stated that the Drc can not recommend vendor but that they can recommend design.
- Matt will produce some sign designs similar to the ones he gave Susy for the Town's sign to Dave.

### **Bylaw issues**

- Matt went to the last Planning Board meeting. Bylaw issues were discussed. Enforcement was one of the main issues.
- Drc does not have the right to enforce the bylaws on current signs and existing business. The problem is if someone else buys a company, they should not be grandfathered in. Nothing is enforced in this case.
- The Planning Board would like to moves these bylaws into the General Bylaws.
- Drc needs to work on these bylaws and bring them to Spring Town Meeting. Drc needs Town Meeting to see the merits of these bylaws. They would need 2/3 of a vote to get this approved.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be Monday October 28, 2013.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Jillian Morley  
Night Board Secretary