

**ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2014 SITE WALK**

The Architectural Design Review Board held a Special Meeting on August 27, 2014 at 5:30PM at the Masonicare site under construction at 45 Clara Drive, Mystic.

In Attendance were members, Bob Birmingham, Chuck Canavan, Christopher Thorp, and Mollie Burton. Members Susan Cullen, Mark Comeau and Michael McKinley were absent. Also attending was Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner.

Acting Chairman, Mr. Birmingham called the meeting to order at 5:35 in the offices of site contractors, Klewin Construction, at 23 Clara Drive and members proceeded to the site. Representing the builder and developer were Joe Mastronunzio of Brom Builders, Ron Houli and Sean McManus of Klewin Construction.

At the ADRB's April 2012 meeting it was suggested that the board be asked to have a site review at the project when they had progressed enough for the board to see the grading and siting. Of particular concern was whether the retaining walls along the western edge of the site were necessary or whether existing ledge could serve to retain the slope.

Mr. Mastronunzio explained that in preparing the site for construction they did find ledge, but rather than being the type of ledge that was workable for their purposes it was not stable enough to use to retain the slope. They have made their cuts and have found that they can eliminate some of the double tiered retaining wall that the board found objectionable. Mr. Thorp suggested that the retaining wall that they will need at the entrance to the facility be made from natural material. This would put their best foot forward and then, if necessary due to financial concerns, manufactured stone could be used farther to the back of the access road where it will be less obtrusive. All members would prefer the use of natural stone throughout, but it seems a compromise as suggested by Mr. Thorp might work. The site visit was very thorough and comprehensive. The back retaining ponds are in and they should be finished with blasting within a week.

Follow up for the meeting should be a letter written by the Board to Klewin and Brom Builders with the suggestion of using natural stone at the entrance. The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mollie Burton

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