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DRAFT MINUTES FROM ADRB MEETING, MAY 16, 2012

In attendance: Bob Birmingham, Michael McKinley, Chris Thorpe, Mollie Burton, Keith Byrnes and three students from Stonington High School's Citizens in Action Class.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm. By acting Chairman Mr. Birmingham.

The minutes from the April 18, 2012 meeting were approved with one correction by Mr. Birmingham from adjourn to approve.

First applicant, Tom Buxton representing Spruce Meadows (ADRB 12-02-TFB 3 LLC) presented changes to the façade of the project due to changes to the interior space of the third floor. The new front has three even gables and they have added shutters. Ms. Burton commented that the changes seemed to make the façade quite static. The project architect, Leon \_\_\_\_\_, pointed out that the differing colors and material would mitigate that sameness. The project heads to P & Z and Mr. Buxton will provide a finish materials package to this board. Mr. Mc Kinley moved to approve the project as presented, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously carried.

ADRB 12-06 JBRV Valenti Motors was represented by owner Bob Valenti and Sergio Cherenzia presenting an overview of their project on Jerry Brown Rd, to construct a separate building to house their Volkswagen dealership at the back of their property. There will be landscape screening from the other buildings in the complex and they will restore native plant material next to the wetlands that border their site. A discussion ensued about the color of the building, tan vs. white and it was agreed that the white related to the other buildings on site. Mr. McKinley made a motion to approve as presented with the color being white, seconded and unanimously carried.

ADRB 12-07-Sea Research Foundation, Inc was represented by Chad Frost of Kent Frost, and Pat Mancuso of Capital Studio Architects. Mr. Mancuso gave an overview of the project, which consists of a pre-engineer metal building that will house research facilities for the Aquarium at 55 Coogan Blvd. They have upgraded the metal siding and plan to utilize colour to make the building distinctive. The board liked the design of the building and the colours. Chad Frost spoke to the location of the building on the Aquarium campus and to the fact that it is an ongoing project that may add more structures in the future, for which they are planning. The building faces the overflow parking lot and the landscape will not focus on the entrance of the building as it is not a public space, but a research building. Ms. Burton

moved to approve as presented with a final material and plant material submission. Seconded and unanimously carried.

ADRB 12-08-Mystic Seaport Museum was presented by Brian Kent and Chad Frost of Kent Frost and project architect, Conrad Ello of Oudens/Ello Architects. Kent Wilson of the Seaport was also in attendance. This is the start of a review of the Seaport's Master Plan and will require a Zoning change, so they will be back. Brian Kent identified the project of a new Gallery Quad as new construction and adaptive reuse. The present G W Blunt White Library will be partially demolished, saving the head piece, along with two other buildings on the campus (Packard Cabin Building and the North Shed). Due to the fact the the GWBW building has severe moisture problems and has not functioned as a library for years, the plan is to make it a North Entrance Pavillion and add a turnaround to service that building and Latitude 41. The public will proceed from GWBW to the proposed new building that will act as gallery space and display space for some of the small craft in the Seaport's collection. The architects felt that the Seaport campus lacked focus past the village and wanted to create a more focused destination on that part of the campus. The board felt that this improvement will be a great benefit to the Seaport experience and had two comments. Mr. McKinley wanted to make sure that the GWBW building is preserved as it is a notable landmark on the Seaport property and Ms. Burton had some concerns about demolishing any historic building. Mr. McKinley made the motion to approve the Master Site Plan amendment based on massing site plan and reuse of the GWBW building. Seconded by Ms. Burton, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm