

Design Review Board
May 31, 2007 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 on May 31, 2007

Members attending: Lynne Alpert, Terra Friedrichs, Ann Sussman, Ed Starzec.

Daniel Campbell, engineer for the owner, John Alex Baker, of 525 Main Street, Acton presented his proposal for a 6400 sq ft addition. The front area is zoned light industrial and 152' in the rear is currently zoned residential. The owner is planning to go to the town for a zoning variance for FAR and for the area to be all light industrial.

At present there is a child care facility which would like to move in to the new proposed space.

The engineer is suggesting expanding the footprint, keeping a similar style with similar roofline to the existing structure, and matching the existing window scale, Parking will be in the back and they plan to try to leave the most of trees and just take down a very small percentage needed for the construction.

The DRB was in support of the style and the rooflines. The board is happy with the parking in the back and suggested a way to landscape the front to better connect with the community and the side walk. It was suggested by the board that the new front door be built perpendicular to the building rather than on an angle as the proposed drawings suggested, and further work on the orientation of the windows. The Board thanked Daniel for his good work and his sensitivity to the guidelines, and requested that he come back again when e has more complete elevations and a landscape plan.

Lynne will forward the board's recommendations to Ann who will send them to Gary Rhodes prior to Gary's June 12th meeting with the applicant.

The board discussed some guidelines to follow when responding to applicants who come before the board.

Ann will ask Tom Peterman to make a small change on the Design Review Guidelines brochure to reflect our newly approved board. The last page should now read "Design Review Board" rather than "Design Review Guidelines Committee".

Ann will ask the town clerk if we can have them print up a small supply to hand out to applicants.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Alpert