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## Design Review Board

472 Main Street  
Acton, MA. 01720

Board of Selectmen  
Acton Town Hall  
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October 15, 2008

Re: Proposed Apartment Addition to 133 Great Road  
Bob Moran, Owner

Dear Selectmen,

The applicant for the proposed rooftop addition to 133 Great Road submitted a revised design to the DRB via email in response to our written opinion dated September 5, 2008. The proposed design has been modified in a manner that is consistent with the discussion and recommendations we shared with the applicant on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sloped roof has been replaced with a flat roof with broad overhangs more consistent with the modern design of the existing building and it is likely to have less visual impact from the street. Similarly the proposed window style is more compatible with the architectural style of the existing structure. We therefore endorse the proposed design for the addition and note the following:

- In keeping with our Design Guidelines the siding, trim, and railings should be of natural materials
- No site plan was submitted in revised package we received but we otherwise took no exception to the proposed landscaping plan
- We still strongly believe that parking should be located to the rear of the building and limited to just the 32 spaces required by zoning
- The parking lot at the rear of the building, which is larger than required by zoning, requires unnecessary grading and tree removal
- We would encourage the owner to consider upgrades to the storefront and landscaping at the front of the building to create a more pedestrian friendly environment

Given the willingness to address our input and modify the design we support the applicant's proposal for a Special Site Plan Permit that is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Selectmen on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peterman  
**Design Review Board**