

Town of Acton
Design Review Board
Minutes of February 18, 2009

7:30 p.m.
Room 126, Town Hall

Present: Ann Sussman (Chair), Lynne Alpert, Ruth Martin, Chris Dallmus, David Honn.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. We welcomed a new Acton resident, Conor Nagle, a Civil Engineer, to sit in on our board meeting as he may be interested in joining the DRB

Leo Bertolami, President of Acton Ford, and owner of Wetherbee Plaza at 107-115 Great Road Acton, presented his revised plan of Wetherbee Plaza 2. The DRB had reviewed this site plan at our previous meeting but needed clarification on the intent of the project, existing buildings and roads and proposed changes. Since the buildings have already been built, and no changes are proposed for these buildings, the DRB had no further comment on the structure. There was a pergola on the plan and the DRB requested that if there in an intention for this structure to be built, that the proponent come back before the DRB to discuss its design, function and location. We also suggested that he verify with Conservation that the roadway on the property, built and proposed, comply with the Massachusetts stormwater drainage calculations.

As for the site, the DRB was concerned that there was an excess in parking spaces, and recommend a reduction in parking and a reduction in impervious paving to comply with the originally granted Site Plan. The DRB also defers to the other Town Boards to be sure that this new Site Plan complies with all other Town regulations.

We discussed whether we want to go forward to work to include pervious paving in our town bylaw since the PB moved last night not to place it on 09 TM warrant. We decided to continue working on this, inviting other boards and concerned groups to work with us. In 2009-10 the DRB would also like to work on form based zoning, review of multi family housing, and educating the town about creating a "Sense of Place" in Acton including Kelley's corner and South Acton.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Alpert