

Town of **Acton**
Design Review Board
Minutes of April 1, 2009

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

Present: Ann Sussman (Chair), Lynne Alpert, Ryan Bettez, Holly Ben-Joseph, Conor Nagle

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. We welcomed a new Design Review Board member, Conor Nagle who is joining the DRB.

Ann talked about a proposal by the MBTA for double tracking at the Acton train stop. She also mentioned that there are several plans being discussed between the MBTA and the Town Planner for a parking deck and long handicapped accessible platform. There will be a meeting on April 16 at the Council on Aging to discuss these issues. The Design Review Board has decided to move our meeting to the 16th instead of the 15th and to conduct our meeting at that time so that we can participate in this discussion.

Peter Quinn, architect and Mark Roderick, developer came before the DRB with revisions to their Spruce/Arlington Street plan, a mixed use development in West Acton. They were responding to our earlier request to modify the corner commercial building and to simplify the design. They were very responsive to our suggestions and we worked together to redefine the corner and simplify the gables and the tower.

They are attempting to be as sympathetic to the site as possible, saving 2 maple trees, eliminating one curb cut, limiting the asphalt and using pavers where possible.

Ryan Bettez, who is also a neighbor expressed neighborhood concerns about lack of parking in the area. He suggested to Peter and Mark that they talk to the abutter directly across the street, Mike Klinger, who has concerns about the façade of the commercial corner, which he faces.

On April 21, the Planning Board will meet to talk to Michael Rosenfeld about his West Acton Ecology Project. Rosenfeld is planning to develop his property along route 111 to include a theatre, some additional buildings, and move 3 houses.

David Honn had sent the DRB an email saying that he heard a speaker whose name is Sean Legein of the Mass Concrete and Aggregate Producer's Association speak about pervious paving at a seminar and recommended that he come and speak to the DRB and to the Planning Board. Ann will ask Roland and the Acton Citizens for Environmental Safety if May 6 or 20 might be a good time to have Mr. Legein come to speak.

Ann mentioned that there will be another Mass Highway rotary meeting in June to discuss options for the Concord rotary. It was suggested at one member of the DRB attend that meeting.

It was agreed that the April 15 meeting will be changed to April 16 to enable the DRB to attend the MBTA meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Alpert