

Minutes
Design Review Board
June 26, 2013

Present: Dan Martin, Paula Hyde, Jen Koffel, Juan Cruz
Absent: Deborah Kruskal

Sign Review

Local Cemetery Signs

Lyn MacLean presented an application for freestanding signs to be placed at local cemeteries. After getting funds at town meeting and conferring with Bill Place, the Historic Commission wants to place small freestanding signs at the cemeteries that are uniform design. Ms. MacLean said that Bill Place recommended that the signs have two posts to be consistent with other signs around town and that they be sufficiently high that they not get damaged by snow plows.

The Board is concerned that the signs will look like they are on stilts given their small height, 13", on five foot poles. These proportions would not be permitted in the bylaws. The Board suggested mounting the signs projecting from a single pole. Ms. MacLean indicated that similar signs around town get rust that discolors them and requires regular washing of the signs, and that she therefore prefers two post signs. The Board then suggested that the signs be narrower and taller so that they can have better proportions in accordance with the bylaws.

The Board also found the shape of the signs proposed to be odd, and not "historic", as they had a similar appearance to lips.

Ms MacLean suggested that the shape could be changed to be more similar to the house placards around town.

The Board is also concerned that the size of the granite columns may be too large for the small size of the signs.

The Board sketched out some ideas for proportions and shapes that may work better.

As there were no scale drawings to approve, the Board recommended that the applicant produce scale mockups of one or two of the signs using the recommendations of the Board. Ms Hyde volunteered to create some mockups based on the Board's comments for the applicant to consider.

Sign Review and Architectural Changes

Herb Chambers Jaguar Sudbury

Joshua Fox presented revised elevations, sign plans, and color samples. The revisions address the concerns of the Board at the meeting on May 15. The revisions include the replacement of the 3-D "leaper" sign with a two-dimensional one, a reduction in the height of the portico, no increase in the height of the North elevation, and the addition of alucobond material instead of EIFS. Other changes include adding alucobond to the East elevation and painting the roof to match the window trim.

The Board reviewed the color and material samples provided by the applicant and is satisfied with both.

Mr Fox indicated that the revisions now result in a smaller encroachment into the front setback and that most of the encroachment is at awning height. The Board also noted that there is no longer a significant difference in the signage area requested and the existing sign area.

The new Jaguar signs are to be halo lit. The Board finds the placement, lighting, and size of the proposed Jaguar signs to be appropriate.

The applicants also indicated that the green column would get a slight facelift with a different material from the existing green blocks.

The Board unanimously voted to recommend the revised changes in the portico and signage to the ZBA.

Miscellaneous

The Board approved the minutes of May 22.