



# Town of Sudbury

## Design Review Board

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### Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024 Design Review Board

**Meeting Format:** Zoom Conference Call

**Present:** Katie McCue (Acting Chair), Jim Flavin, and Meg Fotakis

**Absent:** Susan Vollaro

#### Review of Proposed Change to Building Plan and Exterior Elevations

**Applicant:** Shaw's Plaza  
505 Boston Post Road

Mark Hebert, Senior Vice President of the Wilder Company, was present to discuss the matter with the Board.

The applicant proposed adding murals to the large exterior wall of the CVS building near the drive-through entrance and to the front of the Shaw's building, left of the entrance. The murals have been redesigned based on feedback from the 24 July 2024 meeting and during discussions with Susan Vollaro. Changes include less symmetry, larger size, and a more natural color scheme. Additional plantings will complement the CVS mural. The board complimented the revised mural designs and the updated appearance of the plaza. Katie McCue and Meg Fotakis expressed a preference for the wall without murals but acknowledged the applicant's success with murals elsewhere.

**A motion was made to approve both mural designs as presented. All approved the motion.**

#### Review of Proposed Signage

**Applicant:** The Blessing Barn  
348 Boston Post Road

Stephanie Wetherell of Compassion New England was present to discuss the matter with the Board.

The applicant proposed replacing the previous tenant's signs with new signs of the same size and location. The proposed signs would use white aluminum panels with black vinyl graphics, differing from the existing gold lettering on red-stained wood used by other businesses in the area. The board conveyed to the applicant that both the board and the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) prefer the use of consistent materials and colors across businesses collocated in historic districts. The applicant prefers to present her design as-is to the HDC.

**A motion was made to recommend that the HDC approve the signs if redesigned to adopt the color scheme and materials of the other the collocated businesses. All approved the motion.**

**Review of Proposed Signage**

**Applicant: Sudbury Motor Works  
100 Boston Post Road**

Tim Damianids, the owner, was present to discuss the matter with the Board.

The applicant proposed replacing an existing wall sign with a new internally lit sign and adding a new panel to the existing freestanding sign, which would replace several older panels. The board complimented the design and color scheme of the proposed signs. However, the addition of internal lighting results in the proposed size exceeding the bylaw by approximately 8 square feet. The applicant expressed his intent to remove the internal lighting to make the size conform.

The board noted that adding a panel to a non-conforming freestanding sign requires a special permit.

**A motion was made to approve the wall sign as proposed with the modification to remove the internal lighting, and to recommend that the ZBA approve the panel sign as presented. All approved the motion.**

**Review of Proposed Signage**

**Applicant: Target Painting  
708 Boston Post Road**

Rafael Silva of Fast Shapes Inc was present to discuss the matter with the Board.

The applicant proposed replacing the existing freestanding sign with a new design consistent with their Concord, MA location. The new sign features a painted wood panel on aluminum posts textured to look like granite.

The board informed the applicant that, due to insufficient frontage, a special permit would be required for the freestanding sign.

**A motion was made to recommend that the ZBA approve the sign as presented. All approved the motion.**

**Other Business:**

Minutes for Approval – August 14, 2024

**The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the meeting dated August 14, 2024.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**