

Design Review Commission Meeting draft minutes

July 18, 2014

5:30pm

Town Office conference room

Present: Commission members: Bonita Bedard, Matthew Ham  
Ellis, Slim Pickens

For the Rockwood Block permit: Paul and Sherri Jackman and  
Shawn and Caleb Rockwood

Called to order at 5:35pm

Permit #14-44 Repair and replace the siding on the east wall.  
Replace the brick exterior with cement board siding to match the  
rear of the building.

Based on the review of the plan as presented, referencing  
Design Standards # 5, 6 and 7, it was acknowledged that if the  
brick is considered to be a distinctive material as described in  
Standard #6, this change of exterior materials would change the  
view of that wall as people drive or walk from the east. It was  
also pointed out that many of the buildings surrounding the entire  
block are clapboard or at least horizontal siding of some sort,  
including the back of the Rockwood building. They plan to paint  
the siding the same color as the back portion of the building to  
keep the color as close to the brick color as possible. They also  
agreed to keep the same reveal with siding as the back part of  
the building rather than going wider which was their original plan.  
In the discussion it also was noted by the applicants that they will  
be replacing the windows on that face of the building to update  
them and make them more energy efficient. They will be replacing  
them with the same type of windows, however the company does  
not make them the same height anymore. So the windows will be

approximately 6" shorter than the old windows. Referencing Standard #7 discussion followed regarding how different that would look from the street. It was pretty much agreed that since that wall is so massive that the 6", as long as the trim out was treated properly, would not be noticeable in any material way. It was noted by Matt that it may be possible to order custom windows. Since the windows were not on the original application, we added it as an addendum so that the applicants would not have to come before the DRC again before moving on to the Zoning Board. Slim moved and Matt seconded the motion to recommend acceptance of the plan as presented with the concerns re the change from brick to cement board siding and the change in the height of the windows stated. Also, that the reveal on the siding be the same as the reveal on the siding on the back part of the building. It was also noted that the application was amended and initialed to include the replacement of the windows. The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:15pm.

Permit #14-09 Replacing the Playground Area on the Bristol Green

Representing the Town of Bristol, Darla Senecal with Allie Gibson and John Cromer also present.

Darla was updating the DRC on a couple of changes made to the design of the playground that were made in response to the concerns expressed during the initial meeting. They found that when the engineer was on site looking at the grade for the ramp that there was enough of a grade in the right place that allowed them to shorten the ramp by about 18' and also allowed them to have less of a zig zag kind of path for the ramp. The other item mentioned was that they have changed the railing to the treehouse to a more open treatment, specifically hog fencing.

Slim moved and Matt seconded the motion to recommend approval to these changes. Voted and approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm