

Design Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 13, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Gotomeeting

Attendees: Pamela Potter, Mike Cole, Jeff Hostetler, Dan Batt

Guests: Nicole Desrosiers

Agenda:

66 Bridge Street – new addition review

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Nicole Desrosiers presented the proposed new addition at 66 Bridge Street. The presentation was well considered and comprehensive.

The proposed addition is located at the end of an existing driveway, between the existing house & Bridge Street, but well within the permitted front set back from the road. Two large Maple trees, to remain, are located between the proposed addition and Bridge Street.

The addition's overall proportions, scale, materials and character were considered to be in keeping with typical residential structures found within the Village District.

Although the overall scale of the addition was consistent with other structures in the Village District, the East elevation, due to its long linear wall and homogeneous siding, appeared out of character with the elevational massing of the surrounding neighborhood houses. The applicant agreed to consider adding trim elements consisting of flat panels infilling the space between the 2nd floor windows and the Garage level doors directly below the 2nd floor windows. Trimmed panels would help to break up the appearance of a large monolithic façade.

The applicant was also asked to consider minimizing the number of vinyl siding types used on the elevations seen from the public way to one or two. The presented project consisted of two exposure sizes of horizontal siding (4" & 8") and a vertical board & batten type. The Owner indicated that for construction practicality reasons, the reduction in siding types was headed in that direction anyway.

Some of the Board members objected to the round window on the south (street elevation). The use of the window is not consistent with the surrounding neighborhood houses and the Board recommends relocating it to the East or West elevation, if possible.

The Design Advisory Board was in favor of the applicants proposed addition, but encouraged the applicant to adjust the east elevation, through trim modifications described above, and limit the exterior siding finish types visible from Bridge St. to a maximum of two in order to better conform with the appearance & character of the Residential Village District.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM

Minutes compiled by: Dan Batt