

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2012**

Members Attending: Bill Moonan, Chairman, Carol Carlson, Lorrie Dunham, Kevin Latady, Alan Long

Members Absent: Karen Kalil-Brown

Mr. Long read the Legal Notice

Mr. Moonan read the Fire Department's notice

Minutes taken by Ms. Carlson, Mr. Moonan, Mr. Long in Assistant's absence.

PUBLIC HEARING: 18 North Road, Tony Mitchell for Diane's Palm and Tarot Card Readings.

Mr. Mitchell was welcomed and asked to explain the application request. He stated he would like to expand the business -- it's good entertainment and this is a good location. He said the requested sign on the freestanding front yard sign is the same dimensions as the other two already listed on Exhibit A. He described the sign and said it would go on the bottom open space, which is located near the front entrance, as shown on Exhibit B.

The Board liked the color choice of light blue with black lettering, material to be vinyl. The sign shall be 19 inches by 12 inches and be attached to the bottom of the freestanding sign as shown on Exhibit B.

Mr. Mitchell and the Board then discussed his request for a Wall Sign at the side entrance, which will be attached below the Pilates sign on the left, as shown on Exhibit C.

MOTION

Mr. Long moved to accept the application requesting two (2) signs for 18 North Road. There will be a sign attached to the bottom of the free-standing sign, and a Wall sign at the side entrance, as shown on Exhibits A, B, and C. Colors will be the same as shown, and the material will be vinyl with vinyl lettering.

Seconded: Lorrie Dunham

Approved 5-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING: Bedford Fire Station, 55 Great Road, rear door modifications

Mr. Long read the legal notice.

Richard Jones, director of the town's Facilities Department, presented the application. He stated that the new rear ambulance door would be two (2) feet wider in total, a foot wider on each side. Also proposed is a replacement sectional overhead door. It was agreed that the muntins would be powder-coated aluminum with insulated aluminum infill panels, to match color of existing door and frame, all shown and described on Exhibit A.

The Board and Mr. Jones discussed which row of the six (6) should be left as glass for easy viewing to the outside. Mr. Latady thought the third row up from the bottom row should be clear. Energy-saving double-pane glass will be used.

Mr. Jones also said they would paint the front railing black, from its current pink. The Board was pleased with this decision, and agreed.

MOTION by Alan Long

Mr. Long moved to accept the proposal of Richard Jones, Facilities Department, for a new rear door to the Fire Station as shown and described on Exhibits A and B. All but one row shall be insulated aluminum to match color of frame, and there will be one row of insulating glazed panels at eye level.

Further, the soldier course of bricks and the ballades on either side of the door will be adjusted to appear as shown on Exhibit A.

The railing and handicap railing at the front steps shall be painted black.

Seconded: Kevin Latady

Approved 5-0-0

CONTINUATION of Public Hearing: Anna Wallace, 5 Springs Road, for fencing and landscaping.

Ms. Wallace gave each Board member detailed design sketches for fencing and landscaping of the property. She stated that there would be a three (3) foot-high cedar picket fence across the front of the property and extending back 35 feet along the South side to a three-way fence intersection. The color will be off white across front of property, and all other fencing will be left a natural cedar.

The board members and Ms. Wallace discussed all of the fencing, the side fencing in particular, and also that part which will be perpendicular to the street from the South side and head towards the house in front of the bulkhead. After a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed stockade fencing at the three-way intersection, it was agreed the stockade running towards the house would be six (6) feet high and will incorporate one foot of latticework at the top, and painted to match existing trim. The remainder of fence at the side and rear will be six (6) foot plain stockade fencing, left natural, all as shown on Exhibit A1.

Ms. Wallace described the various landscaping features. There will be white marble chips, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or smaller, around the row of plantings in front of the picket fence. The front walk will be Beacon Hill Blend, Georgetown, pavers, with granite steps as shown on Exhibit A. The pattern will be Running Bond from front of driveway, with Basket Weave at meeting point. The back patio and pathway will be Vineyard grey. There will be a walkway wall between twelve (12) inches and twenty-four (24) inches high on either side of the walk, which will extend around the patio. The wall will be of Colonial flat stone, color gray, with planters, all as shown on Exhibit A1.

Mr. Moonan reviewed the front stair design and material requested by the applicant. The base of the new front steps shall be Beacon Hill brick pavers, with a granite landing and two granite steps down. The railing will be wrought iron with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch balustrades and wider top and bottom rails, railing and lambs tongue, all as shown on Exhibit C.

When all were satisfied, Mr. Moonan called for a Motion. Mr. Long made the following Motion:

MOTION

Alan Long moved to accept the application of Anna Wallace, 5 Springs Road for fencing and landscaping, as follows:

1. There will be a three (3)-foot-high cedar picket fence across the front of the property and extending back 35 feet along the South side to a three-way fence intersection. The color of the picket fence will be off white. From the fence intersection, there will be a five (5)-foot stockade fence to the house, with the top one foot to be a lattice design, as shown on Exhibit A2. The remainder of the fence will be a six (6)-foot stockade fence extending along the rest of the South side of the property and across the East side of the property.
2. There will be a 12" – 24" Colonial flat stone wall, color grey, to border the rear walkway as shown on Exhibit A1.
3. Walks and patio will be tumbled Georgetown pavers. The front walks will be Beacon Hill Blend, straight running bond pattern for walks, with granite steps to correct elevations. Intersection of walks will be Beacon Hill Blend, basket weave. The edges will have a Quarry Blend soldier pattern.
4. Plantings as detailed in Exhibit A1, using ¾" or less white marble chip base.
5. Front steps and landing will be granite, with Beacon Hill Blend pavers for walkways, as shown on Exhibit B. Railing and lamb's tongue design as shown on Exhibit C, with wrought iron balusters, all painted black.

Seconded: Lorrie Dunham
Approved 4-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING; Pamela Brown, Esq., for Maria Cronin, Wicked Good Frozen Yogurt, 80 Great Road, for signs and lighting.

Mr. Long read the public notice.

The tenant at 80 Great Road was not in attendance. (There was a short discussion about the fact that this application was from the tenant, not the property owner, Bruce Blake, and that Pam did not represent the tenant, per se. But the Commission decided that since the interests of the tenant and the landlord aligned, the Commission would rule on the application.)

Atty. Brown indicated the requested signs for the tenant of the Blake Block, an awning sign, a rear wall sign, a front projected sign, and door window signs both front and rear as shown on Exhibits A – H.

Awning Sign: The board and Atty. Brown discussed the shape of the awning sign and that the lettering and logo won't be seen from the sidewalk, and Mr. Moonan wondered if we would need to treat all awning requests the same. It was agreed that not every awning will be over a door, therefore not every tenant will request signs on all of their awnings. The lettering and graphic will be 3M white vinyl, with an overall height of 14 inches, as shown on Exhibit B.

Projecting Sign: The projecting sign will be near the bottom of the awning on a black Iron Bracket, and be of white aluminum with vinyl sticker lettering, colors and logo as shown on Exhibits C and D. The Torino sign bracket will be as shown on Exhibit E.

Front & Back door signs: The front glass door will have a door sign made of vinyl and applied to the interior surface, which will show the name and graphics, in white, with business name near the bottom, as shown on Exhibit G. The back entrance door, with muntins, will have the same signs as the front door to coordinate with door muntins, applied to interior or exterior of surface, as shown on Exhibit F. There will also be a wall sign over the rear door, with a white background, as shown on Exhibit F.

Lighting: The Board and the applicant discussed options for locations of exterior lighting, as shown on Exhibits H. It was decided the color would be at the owner's discretion for either black or brushed nickel, as the Board expressed no preference, as shown on Exhibit I. It was also agreed that, at the tenant's discretion, there may be two (2) fixtures over the door as shown in Exhibit H, or two (2) fixtures over the door and two (2) fixtures each over the two windows to the East of the door; or six (6) fixtures as shown on Exhibit H, and four (4) more fixtures over the windows to the East of the portico.

MOTION was made by Alan Long:

To approve the application from Pamela Brown, Esq., for Bruce Blake, building owner, and Wicked Good Yogurt, tenant at 80 Great Road. Specifically, it was moved:

To approve the awning sign as shown on Exhibits A & B, with materials and graphics as displayed on Exhibits A & B.

To approve the projecting sign adjacent to the awning as shown on Exhibit C and detailed on Exhibit D, at the bottom. The bracket details are shown on Exhibits D and E.

To approve the rear signage, with the location as revealed on Exhibit F, detailed on Exhibit D.

To approve the front door signage as shown on Exhibit G and the rear door signage as shown on Exhibit F. It was left to the owner's discretion, in placing the "Wicked Good" lettering on the rear door, to take into account of the way the muntins would affect the spacing of the letters.

To approve the lighting for the front of the store as shown on Exhibit H, and detailed on Exhibit I. The finish on the lighting may be either black or brushed nickel at the tenant's discretion. The Commission expressed no preference. At the tenant's discretion, there may be two (2) fixtures over the door as shown on Exhibit H, or two (2) fixtures over the door and two (2) fixtures each over the two windows to the East of the door; or six (6) fixtures as shown on Exhibit H, and four (4) more fixtures over the windows to the East of the portico.

Seconded: Kevin Latady
Approved 4-0-0

CONTINUATION of Public Hearing: Pamela Brown for The Blake Block, 68-84 Great Road, for guardrail and signage.

Because the sidewalk had to be raised on the rear North side to accommodate topography of the land, a guardrail is necessary via Code Enforcement regulations. The rail will be made of galvanized steel, with 3-inch square posts, and 1-1/2inch rails painted black. The posts will be set in grout in the concrete sidewalks, as shown on Exhibits A, B, and D. The steel will bend around the corner and be welded – posts to rails – on site, and factory finished.

MOTION

Mr. Latady moved to approve the application for a black steel guardrail on the rear North side of the Blake Block as shown on Exhibit A, B and D.

Seconded: Carol Carlson
Approved 4-0-0

Further, Mr. Moonan discussed the transformer to the Blake Block that now sits on the Northwest corner of the building. It was agreed that a five (5)-foot stockade fence would be installed surrounding the transformer on the three open sides, with one foot of latticework atop the fence. The fence will be left natural without paint or stain.

The Board agreed this was too minute an item to advertise, and voted 4-0-0 to approve.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

SIGNED: Carol M Carlson, Secretary *pro tem* Date
FINAL PREPARATION: Scott Gould, HDC Assistant