

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES
January 20, 2016**

Members Present: Don Olson, Nancy Sevchenko, Jack Rossi, Beverly Humpstone
Members Absent: Jeff Bendis
Others Present: Lee Barnum, Donald Grincewcz, Michael Brands

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Pro-tem Olson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. V-3209-16 Eva Veson

The application is for Design Review Approval to relocate guard rail. The property is located at 4 Benson Place and is zoned Residential High Density / Design Review.

Ms. Barnum, representing contractors Colby & Tobiason, presented the application.

The Board reviewed numerous photographs of the guard rail.

The owners did not think the item required a permit. The 89' long wooden guard rail was placed a year ago. The 2" x 10" cedar planks are placed on 13 metal support posts. The rail runs along a concrete bridge abutment. The planks are stained with a transparent finish.

The intention is to remove the existing metal guard rail which served as the entrance to the Frost Mills parking lot. The parking lot is no longer in service.

The wood rail ends in a fairly sharp point which is consider a potential hazard. The Board is also concerned with the 3' - 4' gap between end of wood rail and the metal end bar of the bridge.

The Board, after discussion, agreed the last plank should be moved closer to the Pleasant Street bridge to fill the 3' - 4' gap. The end of the plank should come up just short of the bridge's metal end bar. By doing so the end of the plank would be protected by the metal bar end of the bridge. To do this the southernmost support posts would be relocated.

The Town Planner noted since the bridge is maintained by the Village, the Town Manager is required to review and approve any work within the immediate area.

The Board, in reference to Section 506 Fences D. requiring placement of the better side towards one's neighbor, agreed the proposed item is not the common image of a fence and the rail as placed

is the most appealing.

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

Sophia Koven owns a home at 13 Mountain Avenue. The home has a slate roof and is located fairly close to the street. When snow slides off the roof it lands in the sidewalk. This is a dangerous situation. She would like to remedy this as soon as possible. In 2006, the owners received a permit to remove the fence along the sidewalk for the winter season of each year as the sliding snow had been damaging the fence.

The Town Planner presented numerous photographs of the building and a cut sheet of the proposed snow guard. These were emailed as the owner is out of town.

Ms. Koven would like to place an array of snow guards on the roof to prevent snow and ice from sliding. The snow guards are copper and would age to a darker color matching that of the roof. Once the snow guards are in place, Ms. Koven agreed not to remove the fence each winter.

After discussion, the Board agreed the request could be granted as a minor application and therefore issued as an administrative permit.

IV. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brands, AICP
Town/Village Planner