
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

May-13-2009

Present

P. EVANS, VICE CHAIR
M. STEWART
B. SHOEMAKER
N. STAMLER
J. FORTUNA

Absent

J. BIANCO, CHAIR
J. FRAZER
B. KRONENBERGER
B. PLUMLEY

Also Present

M. WACKERS

Patricia Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Patricia Evans called for the first item on the agenda.

First, Michiel Wackers presented an update on the 48 & 50 Main Street historic deed violation at the William Ravies Buildings.

Matt Stewart motioned allow William Reavis to with renovation of the exterior to correct the violations to the historic easement based on the plans provided by the qualified historic preservationists, with the conditions the siding match the existing façade and any other alterations should be presented to the Board in a separate application. Ben Shoemaker seconded. The motion was approved.

Motion to allow William Reavis to with renovation of the exterior to correct the violations to the historic easement based on the plans provided by the qualified historic preservationists, with the conditions the siding match the existing façade and any other alterations should be presented to the Board in a separate application
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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker		X	X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart	X		X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

Motion approved.

Second, Howard Boey presented a proposed freestanding sign for 51-57 South Main Street for a medical office building. The sign will display only the street number and will be placed perpendicular to the road. The height will only be a foot or two off the ground.

Ben Shoemaker motioned to approve the sign as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the sign for 51-57 South Main Street as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Third, a representative from Dunkin Donuts presented a proposed signage proposal for Dunkin Donuts and general signage for the plaza containing the Dunkin Donuts.

Ben Shoemaker motioned to approve the design as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the signage for the Newfield Dunkin Donuts as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Fourth, the owner of Gigi's Café presented a new sign for the café at the corner of East Main Street and Flower Street. The proposed sign is non-illuminated.

Matt Stewart motioned to approve the sign as submitted. Nancy Stamler seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the signage for the Gigi's Cafe as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker			X			
Nancy Stamler		X	X			
Matt Stewart	X		X			

<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Fifth, a representative presented a sign for 190 Washington Street for Gibson and Behman PC. The sign was previously approved, but the permit expired and the applicant had made some minor changes to the shape of the sign.

Ben Shoemaker motioned to approve the sign as presented with the condition that it not be illuminated. Matt Stewart seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the signage for 190 Washington Street as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Sixth, a representative presented a sign for Companions and Homemakers at 437 Main Street.

Matt Stewart motioned to accept the proposal with the condition that the applicant consider changing the color theme to something that better matches the existing signage on the building. Nancy Stamler seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the signage for 437 Main Street as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Seventh, 613 Washington Street a proposed sign for Pocket Wireless.

Matt Stewart motioned to accept the building sign as submitted. Ben Shoemaker seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the building signage for 613 Washington Street as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X

Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

Matt Stewart motioned to reject the freestanding tenant panel sign, since the Board would only like to see the name of the business on the sign. Nancy Stamler seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to reject the sign for 613 Washington Street as submitted.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jeff Bianco						X
Patricia Evans			X			
Jim Fortuna			X			
John Frazer						X
Brian Kronenberger						X
Bruce Plumley						X
Ben Shoemaker	X		X			
Nancy Stamler			X			
Matt Stewart		X	X			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Motion approved.						

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation & Development