

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Franklin Municipal Building, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members present were Mark Fitzgerald, Chairman, Chris Baryluk, Vice-Chairman, Claudine Silverman, Nancy Pendleton, Anna Moses and Doug Newton. John Allen, Program Coordinator was also present.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Thai Body Work – 13 Main Street – over-hang sign

Cam Alfonso, the owner of Signs by Cam represented the owner with a request to approve an over-hang sign for Thai Body Work. The 24” X 32” double sided, PVC sign will have tan letters with a brownish-red background. The sign will feature the serviced provided, reading “Body & Deep Tissue” and not the name of the business. Cam acknowledge that this is not traditional, but it was the owner’s request.

Motion: Silverman. Moses second: voted (6-0-0) to **Approve** the over-hand sign as submitted.

2. Teddy Gallagher’s Irish Pub – 30 Main Street - wall sign and over-hang sign

Cam Alfonso, the owner of Signs by Cam represented the owner with a request to approve a wall sign and over-hang sign. The wall sign will be stressed to give the appearance of an old Irish pub. The sign will have a brown background with raised 3D letters in green.

Salon Elan is the adjacent business in the same building. A matching brown boarder will be added to Salon Elan’s sign.

The over-hang sign will have a green background with tan letters on the top and tan background with black letters on the bottom. The over-hang sign will be supported with a new metal bracket.

Motion: Baryluk. Newton second: voted (6-0-0) to **Approve** the over-hand sign as submitted.

3. Benjamin Franklin Classical Public Charter School – 100 Financial Drive – building façade, landscaping, photometric, and signs.

Jessica Bessette, AIA, LEED AP BD + C and Jonathan C. Garland LEED AP represented the Town of Franklin. The building façade will consist of off-white, corrugated, vertical, metal siding inter-layered with cedar siding. Expectations are that the building will absorb

the colors from the surrounding plants and foliage giving the building the appearance of different colors at different times during the year.

The DRC noted that the plants for the landscaping were selected from the best policies and procedures manual. Examples of types of plants include the northern red oak, eastern red cedar, paperbark birch, and American beech.

The proposed sign at the entrance of Financial Park is currently supported. The DRC requested the ability to revisit the sign depending on the number of requests for additional signage at that location.

There was extensive discussion of the location of the dumpster and the trash pick-up time. The DRC agreed that there wasn't a better place for the dumpster. The noise from garbage trucks should not be intrusive because there is a buffer zone of at least 100 feet and the dumpster is elevated in comparison to the residents.

Motion: Fitzgerald. Baryluk second: voted **(6-0-0)** to Support the Benjamin Franklin Classical Public Charter School's proposals.

Other Business:

The minutes from May 24th were approved.

The DRC discussed potential changes to the sign bylaws. An emphasis was placed on the number and size of pylons being proportional to the size and type of property. The members of the DRC will forward suggestions.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allen