

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 24, 2017**

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at the Franklin Municipal Building, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members present were Mark Fitzgerald, Chairman, Chris Baryluk, Vice Chairman, and Nancy Pendleton. Jim Bartro, a citizen of Franklin and prospective member of the Design Review Commission and John Allen, Program Coordinator were also present.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. **Dell / EMC** – 55 Constitutional Blvd – Monument, wall and directional signs

Heather Dudko from Hazel Wood Hopkins represented the owner with a request to replace the existing wall sign, directional sign and two monument signs. The new signs will reflect the new name as the result of the merger of Dell / EMC. Dell will be in blue letters and EMC will be in grey letters with each in their respective font. The double-sided, non-illuminated monument signs will be 27 square feet each. The 27 square foot wall sign will be internally illuminated with LED lights. The 12 square foot, directional sign will identify the delivery entrance.

The DRC did not have any concerns or suggestions and accepted the sign package as submitted.

Motion: Baryluk. Pendleton second: voted **(3-0-0)** to **Approve** the wall sign as submitted.

2. **NETA** – 5 Forge Parkway – Building Façade

The owners were represented by Paul Hauser of Vision 3 Architects and Bruce Wilson from Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. The DRC reviewed the proposed addition for its building façade. The exterior building façade is designed to blend and match the existing façade by using similar materials, colors, and textures.

The building will not have any signs.

The DRC did not have any concerns or suggestions and accepted the proposed package as submitted.

Motion: Baryluk. Pendleton second: voted **(3-0-0)** to **Recommend** the request as submitted.

3. **Brookview** – 0 Pond St. – building façade, landscaping and free standing sign

The Town of Franklin currently owns the property at zero Pond Street, but has signed an agreement to sell the property to Todd Swenson or an entity the he owns. Mr. Swenson appeared before the DRC with his sons Roy and Eric.

The elder Mr. Swenson gave a presentation of the proposed plan to build 96 housing units. Each building will contain three to four units. According to Mr. Swenson the buildings will have limited visibility from Pond Street and I-495.

The buildings will look similar but will have different roof lines, windows and trim to individualize the buildings. The landscaping will consist of a variety of plants including white flowering dogwood, red winterberry holy, and regent serviceberry.

The proposed 2' x 4' sign will have a green background with white edging and letters. The sign will be illuminated with a spot light. The sign will be incased into a 4' x 12' stone wall.

The DRC did not have any concerns or suggestions and accepted the landscaping package as submitted.

Motion: Pendleton. Baryluk second: voted **(3-0-0)** to **Approve** the request as submitted.

The DRC did not have any concerns or suggestions and accepted the sign package as submitted.

Motion: Pendleton. Baryluk second: voted **(3-0-0)** to **Approve** the request as submitted.

The DRC did not have any concerns or suggestions for the building façade and recommended building facade as submitted.

Motion: Pendleton. Baryluk second: voted **(3-0-0)** to **Recommend** the request as submitted.

Other Business:

The minutes from prior meetings were approved.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor 3-0-0.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allen