

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 13, 2016**

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at the Franklin Municipal Building, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members present were Mark Fitzgerald, Chairman, Chris Baryluk, Vice Chairman, Claudine Silverman, Anna Moses and Nancy Coleman. John Allen, Program Coordinator was also present.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**1. Interactions – 31 Hayward Street – Wall sign**

A request was made to replace an existing wall sign with a more modern design. The new ten square foot sign, is slightly smaller than eleven square feet of the existing sign. The sign will continue not to be illuminated.

**Motion: Baryluk.** Moses second: voted **(5-0-0)** to **Approve** the door and wall sign as submitted.

**2. Sage Flower Acupuncture – 247 East central St. – Pylon sign**

The owner, nor a representative from Sage Flower was present for the meeting. Given that a number of concerns were identified with the sign package, the DRC decided to postpone a decisions until the owner or his representative was present.

**3. 351 – 369 West Central Street Plaza - 351 – 369 West Central Street – Wall signs**

Carol Bugbee of Barlo Signs represented the property owner and the business owners. The plaza is currently undergoing a building façade. As part of the process, the building owner is replacing the existing wall signs. The wall signs for Shiva Market, Liquor World, Lee's kitchen, Cigars and More, Franklin House of pizza, Vet Med, Franklin Physical Therapy, and Best Cleaners were submitted as a package. The colors and fonts complement each other and the new façade.

It was acknowledged by the DRC that the proposed signs are larger than current zoning regulation allows. However, given that the signs are replacing existing signs, they are considered grandfathered. The net amount of signage is being reduced by 93 square feet.

The package did not include an application for Auto Zone, which was previously submitted and approved. As of today, nothing has been submitted or approved for Coldwell Banker and David Christopher. This is attributed to these being national chains / franchises, with their own dedicated sign companies. Expectation is that these businesses will submit a sign package in the future.

**Motion: Silverman.** Coleman second: voted **(5-0-0)** to **Approve** the requests as submitted.

**Other Business:**

The minutes were approved for June 21, 2016, July 12, 2016, and August 9, 2016

Motion to adjourn. All in favor 5-0-0.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Allen