

Montpelier Design Review Committee
January 16, 2007
Planning Department, City Hall

Subject to Review and Approval

Present: Margot George, Chair; Stephen Everett, Vice Chair; Guy Tapper, Dan Richardson, and Eric Gilbertson.
Kathleen Swigon, Staff.

Call to Order:
Ms. George called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. Design Review – CB-I/DCD

- 40 Main Street
- Applicant, Duane Wells Construction, Inc.
- Property Owner: Aubuchon Realty
- Creation of rear doorway and installation of steel door

This application is for the installation of a rear doorway and a steel door. Mr. Wells said this to provide an exit door on the rear of the building. He said that internal stairs will be reconfigured and the door will provide a new exit from the basement.

Ms. George inquired if they had chosen a paint color for the door. Mr. Gilbertson suggested a brick color for the door. Ms. Swigon said this would be an adjustment to the proposal. Mr. Wells agreed to the adjustment. Ms. Swigon pointed out that the proposal included two steel posts to prevent vehicles from blocking the door.

The DRC reviewed the design review criteria. The committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the application with the adjustment.

Other Business:

Mr. Wells and the Design Review Committee had an informal discussion of an outdoor staircase and deck on the outside back of the building at 3 Pitkin Court to be used as a second means of egress from the building. Mr. Wells explained that the Vermont Department of Labor & Industry requires a separate exit. The committee members discussed the negative impact that an exterior deck and stairs would have on the aesthetics of the building and generally agreed that it was not likely that such a proposal would be appropriate for this historic structure in the Design Review District.

Minutes:

Changes were made to the January 2nd DRC minutes. There was not a quorum of the members who were present at the January 2nd meeting to approve the minutes.

Adjournment:

Dan Richardson moved adjournment, with Steve Everett seconding the motion. The DRC adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Swigon,
Administrative Officer

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These minutes are subject to approval by the Design Review Committee. Changes, if any, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which they are acted upon.