

Montpelier Design Review Committee
January 29, 2008
Memorial Room, City Hall

Subject to Review and Approval

Present: Margot George, Chair; Stephen Everett, Vice Chair; Vicki Lane, Eric Gilbertson, Soren Pfeffer, Guy Tapper, and James Duggan.
Staff: Clancy DeSmet, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Call to Order:

Margot George, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Ms. George explained the advisory role of the Design Review Committee to the Development Review Board.

I. Design Review – CB-I/DCD

66 Main Street

Applicant: Montpelier Property Management, Kevin Casey

Owner: Jeff Jacobs

Construction of an eating and drinking establishment.

The application was tabled.

II. Design Review – CB-II/DCD

207 Barre Street

Applicant: Trevor Cole

Owner: Trevor Cole and Kelley Taft

Installation of (5) 3' x 8' Solar Panels on south face of roof.

Interested Party: Trevor Cole and Kelley Taft

Mr. Cole said he was planning to install 5 solar hot water panels on the south face of the roof of the building at 207 Barre Street to reduce their hot water bill and reduce the amount of oil they use. He presented a drawing depicting the layout of the solar panels. The south of the roof faces Granite Street, which the River Station Apartments are located. The panels and frames are black. They are looking to use these just for domestic hot water. It's a steam system so it is difficult to implement.

Mr. Everett asked if the windows on the upper floors had been replaced or were they storm windows. Mr. Cole said on the south side they have all been replaced. They are all double paned with no storms. Mr. Everett said he bought a building and changes had been made prior to their ownership and they had to go back and clean up a non-permitted change. Were these done prior to Mr. Cole's ownership? Mr. Cole said that was done when Mr. Wallbridge owned the building.

Mr. Everett said he proposed they include in the application that the DRC also approve the one over one windows that are already installed on the roof. It's the Harvey or Farley vinyl replacement unit.

Mr. Cole said it is a separate tank and will preheat the water. In the summer it will be 100% and in the winter 50 to 60% of the hot water. With incentives from the state they pay for half the system for a commercial building, and they want to do what they can to reduce oil consumption.

The Design Review Committee reviewed the criteria and found the application was acceptable. It was voted favorably on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Review of December 18, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes of the December 18, 2007 Design Review Committee were approved unanimously 5-0.

Adjournment:

The Design Review Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clancy DeSmet
Planning and Zoning Administrator

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