

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
July 24, 2012**

Subject to review and approval

Present: Jay White, Zachary Brock, James Duggan, Steve Everett, Clancy DeSmet, Tim Senter, Kate Coffey.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steve Everett.

2. **Comments from the Chair:** There were no comments.

3. **39 Memorial Drive**

Bond Auto Parts, Inc. for façade and sign alterations
Mary Jane and Mario Fradette

Changes will be made to update the building according to Bond's new image. Remove striping and replace with stucco, put a gray band on the front of the building, move the sign on the front of the building, and remove two windows. Add two awnings over the doors. The vinyl siding will be replaced with light gray vinyl siding. The columns in the front will be replaced with smaller columns. Replacing gooseneck lighting with LED lighting and moved over the sign, also replacing the goosenecks under the awnings with LED.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Criteria:

Preservation or reconstruction of the appropriate historic style if the proposed project is in the historic district or involves a historic structure

Not applicable

Harmony of exterior design with other properties in the district

Acceptable

Compatibility of the proposed exterior materials with other properties in the district

Acceptable

Compatibility of the proposed landscaping

None

Prevention of the use of incompatible designs/buildings/color schemes or exterior materials

Acceptable

Location of appearance of all utilities

Acceptable

Recognition of and respect for view quarters and significant vistas including gateway views of the city or statehouse

Acceptable

4. **118 Main Street**

N & M Real Estate for signage
New England Culinary Institute, applicant

89 Main Street

Doug Nedde for signage
New England Culinary Institute, applicant

Sign changes to reflect Farm To Table instead of Grill & Bar theme. NECI On Main and LaBrioche both will change to an illumilight fabrication that is imprinted on the graphic and then slid over the existing sign so there will be no size changes. There are two requests in one, for 118 Main and 89 Main.

Lighting will also stay the same; the sign will be a darker color. The Chef's Table will stay the same. A question was raised about the LaBrioche sign – that the width of the background was too close to the edges and it might look better if the sign was longer so there was more margin between the letters and the edge of the sign. The applicant didn't want to increase the size of the sign.

Separate votes were taken for each property; the proposals both passed unanimously.

Criteria:

Preservation or reconstruction of the appropriate historic style if the proposed project is in the historic district or involves a historic structure

Acceptable

Harmony of exterior design with other properties in the district

Acceptable

Compatibility of the proposed exterior materials with other properties in the district

Acceptable

Compatibility of the proposed landscaping

None in these applications

Prevention of the use of incompatible designs/buildings/color schemes or exterior materials

Acceptable

Location of appearance of all utilities

Not applicable

Recognition of and respect for view quarters and significant vistas including gateway views of the city or statehouse

Acceptable

Conformance with cityscape placement and design recommendations

Acceptable

Compatibility with subject property and adjacent properties
Acceptable

Shall not obscure significant architectural details
Acceptable

Consistency and uniformity of multiple signs in CD2 and OP districts
Not applicable
Illumination - acceptable
Pennants and banners – not applicable
Individual letters – acceptable

5. 5 State Street

Informal review of sidewalk art proposal
Applicant not present

Clancy stated that Public Works and the City Manager didn't want to give him a permit. Clancy felt it wasn't relevant to a design review. City Council gave the applicant permission to do it last week. It's going to be a sidewalk mural in chalk and sealed but Clancy didn't know for how long. The applicant wants to get whether to keep the artwork or not on the ballot for people to vote.

6. Review of July 10th, 2012 minutes

Jay, Kate, and Tim were the only ones present this week and last to vote on approval of the minutes. All three were in favor of approval.

7. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary