

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
April 6, 2026**

Subject to review and approval

This public meeting was recorded, and the video will be available for viewing at this link:
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1094/CivicClerk>

Present: Steve Everett, Martha Smyrski, Ben Cheney, Liz Pritchett (alternate), Rebekah Owens (alternate), Meredith Crandall – staff, ORCA Media – recording.

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

Staff to review remote meeting procedures and processes, related questions may be asked at this time: As there were people attending remotely, staff gave a summary of how to participate in the hybrid model.

Approval of the agenda: Martha made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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

143 Main Street

Owner/Applicant: Tim and Donna Heney

Review new railing and change from brick to blue stone on front steps.

Tim Heney was in attendance for the application.

The application is to replace the failed brick on the treads and landing on the front steps with blue stone. The railings on either side will also be replaced with a simple iron railing with down curved ends, painted black.

An option was offered to allow the ends of the railings to curve out and horizontally to echo the curve of the bottom step.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.
The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

69 and 71 Main Street

Owner/Applicant: Heney Family Main Street, LLC

Replacement of door, transom, and sidelights at 71 Main Street (Splash) and replace six windows at 69 Main Street (Kinney Drugs).

Tim Heney was in attendance for the application.

The application covers work at two stores within the 73 Main Street building. First, replacing the entry door, transom, and sidelight beside the door at 71 Main (Splash) with new thermal pane glass. There will be classic bronze framing to match the existing windows.

Six windows will be replaced at both sides of the front door alcove and street front for 69 Main (Kinney Drugs). The single pane plate glass will be upgraded to thermal pane glass with a classic bronze finish on the aluminum frame to match most of the other store fronts in the Block.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable for both projects.

The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Informal consult – Parks Department – Pedestrian Bridge Educational Sign:

Alexandria McKearin is the AmeriCorps volunteer with the Parks Department, and was in attendance as a courtesy to show the sign to the DRC.

The sign will be on the pedestrian bridge by Shaw's. It will explain the confluence, the history, and the wildlife that can be found there. Committee members suggested that the Parks Dept. evaluate the thickness of the proposed metal sign, particularly whether it could be made of a thick enough metal to resist being bent or otherwise damaged. As well as trying to make sure the surface was easily washed of future graffiti. Rebekah suggested taking the design and placing it on a solid shaped background as a way to resist damage.

Review minutes from March 16, 2026: Martha moved to accept the minutes as written, Rebekah seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote, with Liz abstaining as she hadn't been in attendance that meeting.

Other business: The next meeting is April 20, 2026.

Adjournment: Rebekah made a motion to adjourn, Ben seconded. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary