

Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting June 17, 2019

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<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1094/CivicClerk>

Present: Steve Everett, Eric Gilbertson, Hannah Smith, Seth Mitchell, Liz Pritchett (alternate), Ben Cheney (alternate), Meredith Crandall - staff.

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

Approval of the agenda: Eric made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Hannah seconded. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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

22 State Street Owner/Applicant Carlo Rovetto Review new sign.

The applicant was present.

The sign was custom made and was at the Barre location. The application is to reuse that sign. It has a white acrylic background, 3 mm aluminum-panel that is brushed matte black. A RGB strip light behind the sign will create a halo effect and there will be 3 black gooseneck lights. It will have a lag bolt standoff. It will be 2 feet high and 14 feet wide. The tree sign that is there will be removed.

The recommendation was that the sign mounting hardware be attached in the mortar joints.

The option offered was if proposed halo effect lighting existing on the sign is not sufficient in the proposed State St. location, two simple black fixtures with straight or slight curved arms to connect to the building may be installed for additional lighting.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

8 Jay Street Owner/Applicant: Stephen Cusick and Anne Loecher Review porch repairs and house re-painting.

The applicants were in attendance.

The application is to perform restoration work to the porch, which may require the replacement/repair of the porch flooring, pillars, and railing. The work will result in identical or as close as possible appearance to the existing elements.

They did research on house colors of the period and know that Victorians typically have three colors. The paint colors for the house will be similar to Benjamin Moore dark harbor (body of the house), cappuccino froth (trim), and tandoori (accent color). Applicants may also paint the door a light shade of green.

Unanimous approval with options to remove the shutters on the front of second story and to replace the metal stair railings with wooden railings and spindles in a design compatible with the design of the front porch. Eric recommended eliminating the shutters.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

108 State Street

Owner: Timberlake Associates Applicant: David Simendinger
Review new signage.

The applicant was in attendance.

The application is to replace the brand and pricing panels on the gas station's sign, including the addition of an LED price sign (one price listed only versus the current three). They are switching from Shell to Sunoco.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and several were determined to not be acceptable due to the LED price sign.

The application was unanimously denied due to the LED pricing sign not keeping in character with the State Street historic district.

29 Main Street

Owner: Eric Bigglestone Applicant: SB Signs, Inc.
Review new signage.

Carrie Boutin from SB Signs was present. Rite Aid is changing to Walgreens.

The application is to replace the existing signage with the new name of the business. The existing letter will be removed and new 2" deep fabricated aluminum letters will be installed and painted PMS 186 red. The letters will be pin mounted to the façade. Applicant also proposes updating the painted mural on the rear of the building to reflect the new pharmacy name, with the intent of keeping the new paint looking as close as possible to the current weathered condition.

Everything will be smaller except for the W that is replacing the Rite Aid on the side of the building.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable. The lighting is existing and will remain.

The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Review minutes from May 29, 2019 and June 3, 2019: Steve, Seth, and Liz were in attendance on the May 29th meeting. Seth made a motion to approve, Liz seconded, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Ben noted that the 101 Northfield Street applicant's in the June 3 minutes last paragraph recommended removing the sign base, the minutes didn't reflect that. Meredith will check the video to verify, then the 6/3 minutes will come back for approval.

Adjournment: Ben made a motion to adjourn, Eric seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary