

Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting September 3, 2019

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

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

Absent: Hannah Smith, Martha Smyrski

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

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

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

12 Hillside Avenue

Owner/Applicant: Tom Taylor and Vicki Kuskowski

Review exterior painting.

Tom Taylor was present.

Applicants had previously been approved for a yellow color scheme, but then decided against it. They provided the actual paint chips. Santa Clara (blue) will be the body color, the Morning Sun (cream) will be the trim color.

As approved previously, the framed in section below the double window, which was a doorway, will be filled in with clapboards.

Option to paint the doors a darker version of the proposed body color (Santa Clara) or a dark bronze color compatible with the color of the Marvin window sashes, or Applicant can leave the doors white or paint them the Morning Sun trim color.

The applicant has the option to add a side light or overhead light over the left-side single door. Committee suggested having the light match the other exterior light on that side of the building, or Applicant otherwise finding a style that fit with the time-period of the house. Also suggested that it be a black or bronze color, to coordinate with existing exterior lights and window sashes.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 5-0 vote.

60 Main Street

Owner: 30 Main Street Associates, LLC Applicant: Stonorov Workshop

Review three new signs.

Ben recused himself from the application, as he is creating the sign.

Talia Stonorov, Jacquelyn Rieke, and Bill Kaplan were present.

The requested sign on Main Street for Rabble-Rouser – a list of goods available inside – will be 24" high, 39.4" wide, 1.25" thick, and will be 10'2" from the ground, for a total of 78 square feet. It will be made out of individual aluminum letters, offset from the existing signboard within the sign-band area of the building. The committee and Zoning Administrator previously approved painting the sign band and board black.

On the alley side of the building:

- The second sign – the Rabble Rouser emblem, with scroll details, will be a flat, painted wall sign on the brick. It will be 3'-5.5' tall, 7'-9.5' wide, 8'2" from the ground and will have one safety light.
- The third sign – a smaller list of goods available inside - will be flat painted wall signs on brick. It will be 6" high, 3' wide, and 8'2" from the ground.

Jacquelyn had to leave before the criteria were reviewed.

Two committee members had issue with the font size, capital letters, and overall impression of the Main Street sign. No objections were raised with regard to the alley signs.

A spec sheet will have to be submitted to the Planning Department for the proposed safety light, possibly a separate permit.

There was a vote taken on 24" letters in the sign band – the application as proposed. Liz and Seth voted in favor, Steve and Eric voted against.

There was a vote taken on 18" or less on the sign band – Liz, Eric, and Seth voted in favor, Eric voted against (noting he couldn't approve without seeing a proposed drawing).

Review minutes from August 19, 2019: Eric made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Seth seconded. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Other business: The next meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary