

Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting July 22, 2019

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

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

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

Approval of the agenda: The agenda was deemed approved.

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

149 State Street

Owner/Applicant: Joseph and Judith Ferrari
Review replacement of 29 windows.

Mr. Ferrari was in attendance.

The windows are to be Integrity double hung two over twos, with a stone white exterior.

The applicant found no evidence of darker trim on the original windows to be replaced on the front portion of the house. The building's vintage is about 1875. The aluminum storm windows will be removed on the replacement windows.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

130 Main Street

Owner/Applicant: Unitarian Church
Informal review of addition to building and possible solar installation.

Beth Damon, Barbara Conrey, and Kris Hammer from the church's building committee were present.

The church was built in 1864. There was an addition put on the back in 1983. A big part of the project is serving human need, which is part of the church's mission statement. The congregation has grown, and grown out of the building – particularly with the community lunches and other events provided by the church.

Black River Design drew up some schematics for the project. The kitchen is to be expanded and upgraded. The proposal is to also reconfigure the interior for better circulation, and possibly add a two-story addition at the rear north corner (riverside) of the building. The

exterior areas to the north would be reconfigured, with a likely play area for children added in the front.

The church also has a goal to make the building net zero, with plans to install solar panels on the southern roof of the chapel. The preliminary drawings are dated 10/16/18.

Members focused comments on the kitchen addition, with the suggestion that it be moved towards the rear, behind the 2nd northern sanctuary window. There were also suggestions to: (i) create some connection between the front yard area through to the rear of the building (perhaps an extension similar to the front pergola) as well as act as screening for any maintenance/mechanical areas; and (ii) retain a flat roof on the kitchen addition. Members appears satisfied with the blank walls on the kitchen addition, so long as it was distinct from the historic structure and there was landscaping or some item of interest between it and Main Street (e.g., the pergola).

Review minutes from June 3, 2019 and July 8, 2019: The June 3 minutes had been reviewed but Meredith had been asked to review the 101 Northfield Street recommendations and she determined that the minutes were correct. Ben made a motion to approve the June 3 minutes, Liz seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

The July 8 minutes need Eric in attendance to approve, so they were tabled to the next meeting. Seth mentioned that there was a phrase about waterproofing compact that needed clarification. Meredith will look back to determine what was actually meant.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary