



TOWN OF WINCHESTER

Design Review Committee

Town Hall, Winchester, Massachusetts 01890

Ellen Spencer, Chair

Adrian LeBuffe, LEED

Juli Riemenschneider, RLA, ASLA

Eileen Casciari, RA

Tracy Vartenigian Burhans

Mary Grassi

Jamie Devol, AIA

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023, 7:30 PM - MYSTIC VALLEY ROOM, TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Spencer, LeBuff, Riemenschneider, Burhans, Grassie

1. Open Meeting. Vote to approve minutes of May 3, 2023

Vote: All in favor 5-0

2. 31 Albamont Road

PETITION NO. 3998 - That of SUDHARSHINI THILLAIAMPALAM and MENAKA THILLAIAMPALAM concerning the property at 31 ALBAMONT ROAD, WINCHESTER, MA. The petitioners are seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.5.5 of the Winchester Zoning By-Law in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws so as to be permitted to construct additions that will be located closer to side and rear property lines than permitted as of right. The property is in the RDB (Single Residence) zoning district and contains 6,351 +/- square feet.

Guest Presenters: Richard Leaf, Architect and Menaka Thillaiampalam

DRC Member's Questions/Presenter Response

- How close were the bump outs to the property lines and the house next door? Mr. Leaf responded 5.6 feet and 29 feet 8 inches
- Are the neighbors supportive? Spirit of support but not for the 4 feet.
- Any impact to existing window? It's going to be redone.
- Brief discussion regarding the 2-car garage, possibly setting a bad precedent. Can it all be accomplished without the 2-car garage? Not feasible for the homeowner.
- Ultimately board members agreed the elevation looked fine, it's in keeping with the neighborhood and it's an improvement to the house.

Julie Riemenschneider moved for favorable action because the addition is in scale with the existing house, the design is an improvement to the house and it's in keeping with the neighborhood.

Vote: All in favor 5-0

5. New and Old Business

A. 10-16 Mt Vernon Street Update

Julie, Jamie and Ellen attended Planning Board meetings on different dates. At the meeting Ellen attended, the Planning Board voted to deny the petition with prejudice, 3-2.

B. Joint meeting with ZBA re 87-89 Cross Street Update

Tracy, Eileen, and Jamie attended. There was a lot of back and forth particularly about the sprinkler room. Some concessions about the site entry and **Cross Street façade** were made which **were** better in general than the first design the Committee had seen. (DRC members also expressed a desire to utilize the existing large house on site, which was rejected.) This probably will not be coming back before the DRC.

6. Adjourn

Ellen Spencer moved to adjourn at 8:32pm

Vote: All in favor 5-0

Next meeting: Tentatively Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Meeting in person at Town Hall, Room TBD.

Respectfully submitted by DRC Recording Secretary, Cheryl Dennis