



**TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

The Town of Gordonsville Board of Architectural Review held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Members present were Chairman Theo van Groll, Vice-Chairman Will Stewart, Gordon Regan, Ron Higgins, and Liz Samra. Staff present was Town Manager Deborah Kendall.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman van Groll stated a quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Certificates of Appropriateness for 206 N. Main Street.

The members of the BAR discussed the request for Certificates of Appropriateness for 206 N. Main Street.

The applicants explained their intended use of the property, which is for the sale of metal sculpting. They presented to the BAR their proposed sign for the business and explained how it was constructed.

Mrs. Samra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness for a free-standing sign to be located on an existing sign post at 206 N. Main Street, in that the proposal is compatible with the architectural character of the existing structure and meets the standards set forth in Sections 610.07 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance. The motion carried 5-0.

The BAR discussed the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the fence, as presented. It was stated all fence material is steel and will be constructed on U-shaped brackets that will fit over the existing concrete wall that surrounds the yard.

Mrs. Samra questioned whether the rebar material is appropriate for the fence. Chairman van Groll questioned whether there should be fencing around the property, and stated if there will be a fence, it should not be made of rebar.

Mr. Higgins stated he does not mind the fence, and it allows the applicant to showcase the craft. He further stated that the property is located in a commercial area of town where metal fencing makes sense.

Mr. Stewart stated he does not prefer rebar as fence material.

The BAR discussed whether there had been fencing there in the past, and whether there had been a gate. The applicant stated he would like to put in a gate but does not have to use rebar, and that the material for the gate is of the period of the house. Mr. Stewart mentioned that allowing the rebar would set a precedent that may not be desirable. Members discussed the use of vegetation to create a "fence" along the front of the property. In response to the applicant's inquiry, the BAR discussed the type of planting that could go in to create a vegetative screen/wall along the front of the property in lieu of a metal fence.

Mrs. Samra stated the finial desired is consistent with the period of the home.

The BAR asked for a scale drawing of the gate for further review. The applicant indicated they prefer a vegetative "fence" in lieu of metal.

Mrs. Samra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the placement of a fence at 206 N. Main Street, conditioned upon the submission of a scaled drawing to show the gate and fence detail for review by the BAR, in that the proposal is compatible with the architectural character of the existing structure and meets the standards set forth in Sections 610.07 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of 2017 meeting schedule.

Mr. Regan made a motion, seconded by Mr. van Groll to approve the 2017 BAR meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Higgins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

The members of the BAR thanked Mrs. Samra for her participation on the BAR.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the BAR, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Samra, Secretary