

Chairman Robert S. Knox called to order a meeting of the North Scituate District Review Committee (VDRC) on September 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were Mark Laprade, Norma Knox, Barbara S. Stetson and George Myrick. Charles R. McCaughey was absent.

Motion was made by Norma Knox and seconded by Mark Laprade to accept the minutes of April 20, 2006, unanimously voted to accept.

APPLICATIONS

Brian D. Sheehan-23 Silk Lane-Plat 17 Lot 10- Add deck. Norma Knox stated that she felt that there is a safety issue with the deck built on the property due to the fact that there is no gate at the top.

A motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to approve the deck design as presented with the condition that if a gate is required that the design should include same style baluster as the deck. Chairman Robert S. Knox voted to approve the motion and Mark Laprade voted nay.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee members spoke about the size difference in the signs located at 143 A and B. Danielson Pike.

NEW BUSINESS

Application from Erik S. Wieselquist, Jr.-40 Silk Lane- Fence. Chairman Robert S. Knox informed the committee members that the Building Official, David Provonsil stated that if you change a fence that it must be compatible with the village character and that no

approval is necessary from the Village Overlay Committee. Mr. Provonsil feels that the Chairman of the Overlay Committee and the Building Official could make the decision regarding fences without input from committee members. The committee members spoke in length about the letter from David Provonsil, dated September 21, 2006 regarding the committee's responsibilities regarding fences in the overlay district.

Chairman Robert S. Knox stated that Zoning Ordinance Section 14, 14.1 D 2

a thru f references what doesn't need approval from the committee members and fences is not listed in this section. He felt that since fences are not listed a committee approval is necessary.

A motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to send a letter to David Provonsil regarding his letter, dated September 21, 2006, that paragraphs one, two and three the committee members have no problem with but clarification was needed for paragraph four regarding the meaning of "overview". The committee members also feel that if an applicant is changing the material or style of the fence, a review of the proposed changes is necessary. The committee members also stated that it is the committees' responsibility to continue to review fences and not just the Committee Chairman and the Building Official, to maintain village character. A unanimous vote was given.

Motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Mark

Laprade to approve the design of the gate for Erik S. Weiselquist with the condition that it conforms to the design of the split rail fence, unanimous voted to accept.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Robert S. Knox informed the committee members that he spoke with David Provonsil regarding banners and that Mr. Provonsil stated that if a banner stays up for a long period of time, this banner is now considered a sign. Chairman Robert S. Knox has received seven to nine complaints regarding the banners that are hung up at the Village Bean and six or seven complaints regarding signage at Bentley's Tavern.

Chairman Robert S. Knox spoke with David Provonsil about who is responsible to enforce businesses to take down their over signage. Chairman Robert S. Knox stated that he felt that it was the Building Official's job. In regards to the Village Bean, two weeks has gone by since the Chairman has spoken with Mr. Provonsil and at this time the banners are still not down.

Chairman Robert S. Knox addressed the issue of the sign in the window at Bentley's Tavern with David Provonsil. Mr. Provonsil stated that Mr. Lang, owner of Bentley's Tavern, said that the sign was in the window so the fire department could find the building in case of emergency. Chairman Robert S. Knox also stated that the lunch banner is considered a sign and that Mr. Provonsil should inform Mr. Lang that his business has over signage.

Chairman Robert S. Knox stated that he is being questioned by other village business owners regarding the use of banners and that if the

Village Bean and Bentley's Tavern are allowed to use them then they will too. Chairman Robert S. Knox feels that the use of these banners will cause a problem in the village district.

Barbara S. Stetson asked Chairman Robert S. Knox if he had a time table regarding the new street lights for the village. Chairman Robert S. Knox stated that the lights will be in when there is enough money to pave the roads but he has not been informed of an exact date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., unanimously voted to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Blaine

Secretary