

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

**Motion was made by Norma Knox and seconded by Charles R. McCaughey to accept the minutes of November 16, 2006, with correction, unanimously voted to accept.**

## **APPLICATIONS**

**Christopher and Dawn Cabral 24 Danielson Pike-Plat 16 Lot 46- Vinyl siding. Applicant would like to vinyl side the entire house due to poor condition of the existing shingles and paint. Corner board, moldings, columns and railings on the house will remain the same. If the materials are rotted, they will be replaced with like material. No structural changes will be made to the house. Corner boards color will be the same color as the house. Norma Knox asked the applicant what will be done around the windows. Mr. Cabral stated that “ J Channel” would be placed around the windows and door to receive the vinyl siding. The “J Channel” will be the same color as the vinyl.**

**Motion was made by Mark Laprade and seconded by Charles R. McCaughey to accept the application as presented, unanimously voted to accept.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Chairman Robert S. Knox informed the committee members about**

**an application that has been filed before the Zoning Board. The application is from Richard Lang requesting a dimensional variance for size of free standing sign on a federal interstate highway and interior lighting for the business of Bentley's Tavern. The Building Inspector wanted the Overlay Committee members to review it. Items missing on the application are size of the sign and candle power of lighting.**

**Chairman Robert S. Knox told the committee members that after the November 16, 2006 meeting, two (2) additional signs; about nine (9) square feet each were placed on the building. Chairman Knox received complaints about the signs and went to the Building Inspector regarding this matter. The Building Inspector then visited the site and as of the week of December 10, 2006 the new signs were removed. Mr. Lang told the Building Inspector he had no knowledge of them and that his wife had put them up.**

**The property has yet to be divided up as stated by Mr. Lang at the November 16, 2006 meeting. For this reason the total signage for the property is approximately one hundred (100) square feet. This would be an overage of sixty-eight (68) square feet.**

**Chairman Knox is receiving complaints from other businesses that no permit was given to put up the Bentley's Tavern sign. Even though the sign has been attempted to be taken down twice, the sign is still standing.**

**Chairman Knox stated that the Building Inspector said the Zoning Board members want more advice as to what the Overlay Committee approves for signs. Chairman Knox feels that all signs should**

comply in size, lighting and height. Two businesses that have complied with zoning ordinances are Bank of America and Gentleman Farmer. The owner of the Scituate Auto Center has turned his lighted sign back on due to the fact that Bentley's has a lighted sign.

The Village Overlay Committee members want it known that they support zoning ordinances for signage and that all businesses should comply with the sign size, sign height and sign lighting.

Committee members Mark Laprade and Charles R. McCaughey agree that no new letter should be sent to the Zoning Board due to the fact that it will influence the decision, in a negative effect.

Norma Knox stressed that the Overlay Committee members put in the time and some applicants do as they please, even if they are wrong, with no enforcement done.

Due to the fact that a previous letter had been sent to the Zoning Board regarding the Bentley's Tavern sign, dated November 27, 2006, the committee feels that no additional letter is needed at this time unless the Zoning Board committee members request a further advisory opinion from the Overlay Committee. Barbara S. Stetson stated that if Chairman Knox is questioned about the sign that he mention the committees' stand on the sign size, height of sign and lighting of sign.

**OTHER BUSINESS-CORRESPONDENCE**

**Motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to accept the Calendar for 2007, unanimously voted to accept.**

**Motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to accept the Budget 2007/ 2008, unanimously voted to accept.**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Barbara S. Stetson would like to review the draft brochure that was written for property owners regarding the Overlay Committee. Barbara S. Stetson would like this to be placed on the January agenda.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Charles R. McCaughey and seconded by Barbara S. Stetson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., unanimously voted to accept.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kathleen E. Blaine**

**Secretary**