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**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019, Lower Conference Room, Town Hall**

**Present:** Christine Perec, Vice Chair

Steven Davey

John Haven, RLA, ASLA

The Vice Chairperson Christine Perec called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The plans, documents, studies, etc. referred to are incorporated as part of the public record and are on file in the Planning and Zoning office.

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| **Applicant:** |  | **Daughters of St. Paul Religious Trust** |
| **Project Address:** |  | **885 Providence Highway** |

In attendance for the applicant were Sister Patricia, Sister Margaret Moran, and Tom Dunn from Metro Sign. Peter Zahka, Esquire was representing the applicant.

Mr. Zahka explained that the religious order of the Daughters of St. Paul wished to erect a new sign because the building that had been erected next to them was very close to the street, and therefore they wished to move their sign up closer to the street to allow it to be more visible. In order to do this, they would need to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to request waivers. They were asking for a favorable recommendation from the Design Review Board before their hearing at the ZBA. They are within the height restrictions. They had already been to the Planning Board for approval to erect a new fence in the back.

Steve Davey asked about the name on the sign, and commented that perhaps the words “Books and Media” could be increased in size. He also asked about the name Pauline. The Sisters replied that the Pauline name was important to their organization because it had recognition worldwide. Some discussion ensued as to ways they could increase visibility of the sign. John Haven recommended cleaning up the font and colors of the words. The Board members gave some design advice to the Sisters to help them attract more attention for the book store portion of their organization.

John Haven made a motion to approve the relocation and size of the sign, and Steve Davey seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to recommend the new signage.

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| **Applicant:** |  | **Batten Brothers Signs, Ed Batten for Verizon Wireless** |
| **Project Address:** |  | **826 Providence Highway** |

Mr. Ed Batten with Batten Brothers sign was in attendance for Verizon Wireless. Verizon was making a minor change to their logo and therefore their sign. They would be removing the word “Wireless”, changing the font, removing the “Z” check mark for a regular check mark. All of the signs at this location would be changed to the current corporate logo. The new sign would take up less space than the current one, they were decreasing, not increasing.

A motion to approve the proposed changes as presented was made by Steve Davey, and seconded by John Haven. The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to recommend the new signs as is.

The administrative assistant Jennifer Doherty explained that the final applicant on the agenda, 850 Providence Highway, thought they needed to go before the board, but the Building Commissioner instructed that they did not. Since they wanted to erect a Help Wanted Banner that would be temporary, they could simply apply for a Banner Permit from the Building Department if the banner was over nine (9) square feet. If it was under nine (9) square feet, they did not even need that permit.

Mrs. Doherty proceeded to give the board updates. She explained that a new Planning Director had been hired and he would most likely be starting after the April vacation. She further explained that Jim McGrail, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, was appointed to the open position on the Planning Board. There would be two open positions on the ZBA.

The minutes would be approved at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Davey, and seconded by John Haven. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.