



Town of St. Johnsbury

Design Advisory Committee

51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

MINUTES August 7, 2023

Members Present: Bob Swartz, Mary Hughes, Lorna Higgs Guest: Bruce Cushman

NEW APPLICATIONS

12 North Avenue – American Legion Post 58 (parcel 233090 – Zoning ID# 2023-055)

Bruce Cushman provided detailed information about the plan to add a 22'x33' uncovered deck to the front of the American Legion building facing Maple Street.

- The deck will be pressure treated wood, floor to be stained and facing to be painted white after curing for a year
- Existing stairs to be removed and relocated to the east side.
- Railings will be black metal.
- Stairs and deck support to be painted/stained to match building.
- Area between ground and deck floor to be enclosed – lattice suggested.
- Add landscaping to include shrubs on each side of deck for visual balance.

Approved for DRB action.

560 Railroad Street – Exterior upgrades (parcel 238004 – Zoning ID# 2023-051)

Alba Architects submitted a Memorandum with updated information for committee review.

- New Pella windows – dark gray color; no trim other than small brick mold to some locations.
- Front Porch – concrete slab; wooden elements will be painted (color TBD from Benjamin Moore Historic Color Collection) to complement existing brick on the building. Color to be approved by DAC later; black metal railings on porch and ramp.
- Exterior Murals – to be mounted on rack system on north elevation. Content, size and configuration TBD after future collaboration with Catamount Arts.
- Signage – Building name will be featured in the same historic location. Exact size and wording TBD. Proposed commercial signage for tenants to be mounted to porch corner columns to parallel Railroad Street.

Approved for DRB action. However, DAC requests information for the TBD items as it becomes available

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to change DAC monthly meetings to the second Monday at 5:00 pm. Approved

A motion to appoint Bob Swartz Committee Chair. Approved

- Committee membership: The Select Board will vote on August 14th to reappoint former member(s). Robin Jacobs has expressed interest in joining the DAC. She will be invited to attend the September 11th meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM | Respectfully submitted, Lorna Higgs