



Town of St. Johnsbury

Design Advisory Committee

51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

MINUTES October 9, 2023

Members Present: Bob Swartz, Chair; Mary Hughes, Lorna Higgs, Ashleigh Moriarty by phone.
Potential Member: Robin Jacobs

Approved September 11th Minutes

New Business

1. Signage: 446 Railroad Street, *The Rustic Chaos*

After reviewing the size (10'x28"), material (corrugated metal), and placement (in the entablature above the entry), the application was approved for a white sign with black lettering. No external/internal lighting.

2. Star Theater Mural facing Railroad Street

The original 1985 mural facing Railroad Street was painted over and a new mural design created by local artist Larry Golden is currently being painted directly on the brick façade. The building owner did not submit a permit application. A complaint was filed by the Town with a request for response by October 6th.

3. DAC Authority – Change of Status

St Johnsbury's Town Manager and DAC Chair have met to clarify the committee's function and authority going forward. All signage applications within the Design Control District are to be thoroughly reviewed by the DAC for compliance. Pending legal approval, the DAC will have full authority to make recommendations for approval. The Zoning Administrator will forward the approved applications to the DRB.

Old Business

- Because state and municipal subcommittees must meet certain legal status requirements, additional research is needed. Discussions with town officials are ongoing regarding the DAC's mission and goals.
- The committee welcomed Robin Jacobs. She plans to submit a Letter of Interest to the Selectboard for membership.

Other

- Businesses are displaying telephone numbers and/or email info on window decals.
- It would be useful for the town bylaws to include language for permitted public murals.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM | Next meeting November 13, 2023 @ 5:00 pm