



TOWN OF ACTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 MEETING
7:30 p.m.
Room 126, Town Hall

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm.

DRB Members in attendance: Holly Ben Joseph (Chair), Peter Darlow (Assistant Chair), David Honn, Kim Montella, Emilie Ying (Planning Board Liaison) and Janet Adachi (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Guests: Ms. Jillian Watson, Ms. Christy White, Ms Barbara Morse, Ms. Sandra Mika, Mr. Shirish Khandekar, Mr. Warren O'Brien, Ms. Alissa Nicol, and Ms. Ruth Thatcher

We did not review any meeting minutes.

We reviewed the 40B proposal for Piper Lane. David Honn recused himself as he is an abutter to the project. Several other abutters attended the meeting and provided input into site conditions and history of the neighborhood. Please refer to the DRB's Review Memorandum for the Piper Lane project dated, 9-26-2018 for more comments.

Action Item: Peter Darlow/Holly Ben-Joseph will write up the project review memo.

While reviewing the project a question was brought up about which, if any, stone walls are protected in Acton.

We reviewed the proposed Acton Board of Selectmen Environmental Sustainability Policy and will forward the following thoughts to the committee:

- The wording of the document is difficult to understand, wordy, and would benefit from straight-forward language.
- Many thought the document was too idealistic and sets goals that are unrealistic. For instance, can EVERY town official strive for sustainability? The Tax collector?
- Something about building's sustainability should be added.

- Perhaps the policy would be better if the entire revision be eliminated and rather the existing Initiatives be refined and simply add the requirement that the Town Manager reports progress once a year.

Action Item: Holly Ben-Joseph will report back to the committee with the above comments.

It was mentioned that the new Town Manager would like to meet with each committee.

Action Item: Holly Ben-Joseph will invite the Town Manager to a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Ben-Joseph