

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022

36 Bartlet Street

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Eric Daum
Paul Maue
Suzanne Korschun

Members Absent:

Call to Order:

Mr. Daum, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

APPLICATIONS

**Town of Andover/ West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool, 58 Beacon St
DRB-22-1 (SRB)**

Mr. Blumstein, chair of West Elm/Shawsheen School Building Committee presented the application for the replacement of the West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool. These are the two oldest schools in Andover. West Elementary built in 1951 and Shawsheen Preschool built in the early 1920's. This project received approval at Town Meeting. Ms. Finnegan, project manager in charge of the design team from SMMA, Mr. De Haan, project architect, Ms. Black, designer, Ms. Prestileo, civil engineer, and Ms. Tomkins from CBA presented the project. Mr. Black presented the design of the building. The design for the building is set back from Beacon Street. This building is a replacement for West Elementary and will include Shawsheen Preschool. The building is wrapped in a brick masonry with a colored element in the center of the elementary school up high. They reviewed the interior design of the building. The third floor has a roof garden with formal and informal classrooms. The exterior will have two colors of brick interlaced with each other to create an earthy feel. The brick sits on a water course of granite and manufactured stone. The window frames have a metal sheen. The learning nook that pops out from each class room will be brown, yellow and green. There will be planted areas and wall seating and benches near the entry. There is entry identification signage for each school. These are laser cut back lit signs on a metal panel mounted to a site wall. Ms. Tomkins, principal at CBA presented the site layout/design. They are adding site circulation to accommodate bus traffic, parent traffic, teacher traffic and visitor parking. In addition they are incorporating a large artificial turf area in the front of the site. There are 3 playgrounds, a sensory garden, outdoor teaching area and a wetland boardwalk. There will be a site sign located near the car entrance on

Beacon St. This will be a wooden paddle sign mounted on granite posts. The sign will be 2 ½ x 5. Mr. Maue asked if they would achieve a net zero building. Ms. Finnegan stated the building will be electric heat and PV ready. Mr. Daum asked what the origin was of the face brick and pattern. Mr. Black said it is a random pattern. Mr. Daum wanted to know the choice of the green center building. Mr. Black said it is a phenolic plastic panel and has a modeled appearance. They are going to use a combination of mat and gloss to create a finer texture. The idea is a canopy of the tree coming up above and that the texture will be something like leaves and has that connection. The DRB's biggest concern is there are a lot of different design languages of the facades. If the project could be unified and simplified it would be helpful to the overall effect. Ms. Korschun said the property sign has a different shape than High Plain School. Ms. Tomkins said they based the drawings off of the Bancroft sign. They upgraded to the granite post because they last longer. Ms. Korschun complimented the roof garden/courtyard space.

Mr. Maue moved to accept the application

Ms. Korschun seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (3-0)

Roll Call:

Eric Daum – yes

Paul Maue – yes

Suzanne Korschun – yes

Bodycote, 155 River Street

DRB-22-2 (IA)

Mr. Raz from Signs Now NH presented the application for a free standing sign. The business will be improving the landscaping around the sign area. There is an existing sign that will be removed. The new sign will have 2 aluminum posts and will be a double sided sign with the Bodycote logo, made of 3 dimensional aluminum letters. Inside the cans for the letters are LED's which aluminate out of the back of the letter as a halo lit letter. Mr. Daum states they are within the by-law as far as size.

Ms. Korschun moved to accept the application as submitted.

Mr. Maue seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (3-0)

Roll Call:

Eric Daum – yes

Paul Maue – yes

Suzanne Korschun –yes

Minutes

Meeting October 2021

Mr. Maue motioned to accept the minutes with changes discussed.

Ms. Korschun seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (3-0)

Roll Call:

Eric Daum – yes

Paul Maue – yes

Suzanne Korschun – yes

Meeting November 2021

Mr. Maue motioned to accept the minutes with changes discussed.

Ms. Korschun seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (3-0)

Roll Call:

Eric Daum – yes

Paul Maue – yes

Suzanne Korschun - yes

Adjournment

Ms. Korschun made a motion to adjourn the Design Review Board Meeting for January 12, 2022 at 7:46pm. Mr. Maue seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (3-0)

Roll Call:

Eric Daum – yes

Paul Maue –yes

Suzanne Korschun –yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Decareau