

REPORT OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Section XXII of the Zoning Bylaw, "Design Review", authorizes the Design Review Board (DRB) to review and make recommendations on all applications for signs and other identification devices, awnings, antennas, certain retaining walls, and projects defined as Minor and Major Construction projects in Section XVIA (Project Approval) of the Zoning Bylaw. Section XVID of the Zoning Bylaw, "Large House Review", authorizes the DRB to review and make recommendations to the Planning Board on all applications for single family home projects that meet or exceed the Large House Review thresholds.

During this past year the DRB held twenty (20) regular meetings during which one hundred and twenty-nine (129) projects were reviewed, including two (2) Major Construction projects, fourteen (14) Minor Construction projects, four (4) antenna installations, five (5) Large House Review projects, seventy-nine (79) signs, twenty (23) awnings, and two (2) parking lot modifications.

The DRB reviewed Major Construction project/Site Plan Review applications for new structures at the Town's Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) and a new parking structure at Toyota of Wellesley (234 Worcester St.). The DRB reviewed Minor Construction project applications, such as façade changes to business establishments, including modifications to a building and the site at 452 Washington Street and Tenacre Country Day School.

The DRB reviewed five (5) Large House Review applications for projects at 7 Ingersoll Rd., 16 Albion Rd., 23 Wingate Rd., 62 Glen Rd., and 184 Cliff Rd.

The Board continues to publish and have available its agenda, meeting minutes, sign regulations, design guidelines, project updates as well as other related matters on the town-wide web site and in the Planning Board office. The DRB's regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Membership

The Wellesley DRB consists of five members appointed by the Planning Board as specified in Section XXII (Design Review) of the Zoning Bylaw and may consist of three alternate members. Serving on the DRB during 2011-2012 were:

Robert Broder, AIA, Chairman
Robert Skolnick, Vice Chairman
Ingrid Carls
Helen Robertson
Johnathan Law, RLA
Sheila Dinsmoor, Alternate
Howard Raley, AIA, Alternate