

REPORT OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

During this past year the Design Review Board (DRB) held 21 regular meetings during which 84 projects were reviewed, including 2 major construction applications, 7 minor construction applications, 1 antenna application, 8 Large House Review applications and 66 sign applications.

The DRB completed its review of the proposed Wellesley High School. The Board met during several meetings with members of the School Building Committee, Permanent Building Committee, neighbors and interested residents and the school's architects and engineers.

The proposed minor construction projects reviewed were a Comprehensive Permit application at 65 Washington St., referred to as Wellesley Commons; a structure at the Recycling and Disposal Facility; a fence at 55 Williams St.; improvements at the Elizabeth Seton Residence; new facades at Leonards Antiques at 165 Linden St., Mazda at 965 Worcester St. and at Captain Marden's Restaurant at 279 Linden St.; and improvements at the Wellesley Housing Authority's 50 Linden St. residences. The Board reviewed a proposed antenna installation at 372 Washington St.

The DRB submitted recommendations to the Planning Board on seven (7) single-family residences that triggered the Large House Review. The projects included proposed new single family homes at 30 Benvenue St., 34 Benvenue St., 169 Grove St. and 9 Monadnock Rd. The Board reviewed proposed additions to homes at 33 Ledgeways Rd. and 119 Woodlawn Ave. and proposed modifications to the Approval Agreement of 29 Standish Circle.

Section XXII of the Zoning Bylaw, "Design Review", authorizes the Design Review Board to review and make recommendations on all applications for signs and other identification devices, antennas, and projects defined as Minor and Major Construction Projects and Projects of Significant Impact in Section XVIA (Site Plan Approval) of the Zoning Bylaw. Section XXIV of the Zoning Bylaw, "Large House Review", authorizes the Design Review Board 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.

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 Design Review Board's regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Planning Board office. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Membership

The Wellesley Design Review Board consists of five members appointed by the Planning Board as specified in Section XXII (Design Review) of the Zoning Bylaw and three alternate members. Serving on the Design Review Board during 2008-2009 were:

Robert Broder, AIA, Chairman
Robert Skolnick, Vice Chairman
Ingrid Carls
Helen Robertson
Edward Hand, Alternate
Sheila Dinsmoor, Alternate