

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, 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 eighteen (18) regular meetings during which one hundred and thirteen (113) projects were reviewed, including one (1) Major Construction project, three (3) Minor Construction projects, eleven (11) antenna installations, seven (7) Large House Review projects, eighty (80) signs, ten (10) awnings and one (1) Site Plan Approval Amendment.

The DRB reviewed a Major Construction project/Site Plan Review application for National Development's 27 Washington Street residential and commercial project. The DRB also reviewed Federal Realty's amendments to the Linden Square Site Plan Approval, consisting of landscape, hardscape and building façade improvements. The DRB reviewed Minor Construction project applications for a façade renovation at the New England Oriental Rug Gallery building at 184 Worcester St., a façade renovation to the Jarvis Appliance building at 958 Worcester Street and renovations to the Whitin Observatory at Wellesley College.

The DRB reviewed seven (7) Large House Review applications for new houses at 100 Pilgrim Rd., 72 Pleasant St., 8 Highgate Rd., 33 Wachusett Rd., and 26 Peirce Rd., and additions to 37 Jackson Rd. and 15 Oxford 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 three alternate members. Serving on the DRB during 2009-2010 were:

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