

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 eighteen (18) regular meetings during which ninety-six (96) projects were reviewed, including six (6) Major Construction projects, seventeen (17) Minor Construction projects, four (4) antenna installations, four (4) Large House Review projects, fifty-two (52) signs, ten (10) awnings, two (2) retaining walls, and one (1) comprehensive permit.

The DRB reviewed Major Construction project/Site Plan Review applications for an addition at the Municipal Light Plant building, a new CVS store at 984 Worcester Street, a new playing field at Tenacre School, and a parking area at Babson College. The DRB reviewed Minor Construction project applications, including several renovations for new stores, such as City Sports at 475 Washington Street, Whole Foods at 442 Washington Street, and Neenas at 165 Linden Street. The DRB also reviewed significant landscape and building improvements in Linden Square.

The DRB reviewed four (4) Large House Review applications for projects at 37 Poplar Road, 50 Beechwood Road, 60 Royalston Road and 89 Abbott Road.

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. Alternate Member Ed Hand resigned during 2010 after many years of serving on the DRB. The DRB welcomed Howard Raley, AIA as an Alternate Member during 2011. Serving on the DRB during 2010-2011 were:

Robert Broder, AIA, Chairman
Robert Skolnick, Vice Chairman
Ingrid Carls
Helen Robertson
Johnathan Law, RLA
Edward Hand, Alternate (resigned during 2010)
Sheila Dinsmoor, Alternate
Howard Raley, AIA, Alternate (joined during 2011)