

*Minutes of the March 8, 2023  
Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board*

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M.  
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

**Design Review Board Present:** Chair Juann Khoory, Sheila Dinsmoor, Iris Lin

**Staff Present:** Planning Director Eric Arbeene

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Khoory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Citizens Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda**

No comments were brought before the Board.

**Board Reorganization**

**Ms. Dinsmoor nominated Juann Khoory to become Chair. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.**

**Ms. Khoory nominated Iris Lin to become Vice-Chair. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye.**

**New and/or Continued Applications**

**DRB-23-08 M – 231 Forest Street– Babson College – Major Construction**

Present: Todd Symonds, Principal-Architect, Goody Clancy; Kate Dulmaine, Senior Capital Project Manager - Babson College; Steve Gusmini, Capital Renewal Director – Babson College; Joe DeSantis PMA Consultants; Zsuzsanna Gaspar, Design Principal, Goody Clancy

Mr. Symonds provided summary of the project. He stressed the primary focus areas are:

- To improve learner experience
- To address problematic entrance issues
- To address deferred maintenance items

Mr. Symonds confirmed that the renovations are internal, and designed to improve the educational experience.

Ms. Dinsmoor mentioned she was a distant abutter to the described project, and resided at 128 Great Plain Avenue. Ms. Dinsmoor questioned if open lands referenced by Mr. Symonds, were owned by Babson College or by the Town of Wellesley. Mr. Symonds commented that after viewing the site with the Conservation Commission, he believed the subject land was Town-owned. Mr. Symonds confirmed that he would provide the DRB with the status of the land mentioned.

Ms. Dinsmoor detailed aspects of the trail system within the area, noting that she often finds bottles and trash along the trail closest to the walkway and adjacent patio. She suggested that signage regarding such littering be installed. Mr. Symonds responded that he would present the sign recommendation to the Babson College officials. Ms. Dulmaine added that the trash aspect would be addressed.

Ms. Khoory inquired if the street needed to be regraded. Mr. Symonds replied the street would not require regrading, but several areas of sidewalk and adjacent stairs would be reworked. Ms. Lin inquired about the retaining wall.

Ms. Khoory acknowledged that the retaining wall would not be amended, and was previously conditioned as being four feet in height.

Ms. Lin acknowledged inconsistency with stair measurements as presented on the plans. Mr. Symonds acknowledged the missed stair detail, as confirmed such correction would be addressed.

**Ms. Dinsmoor motioned to approve DRB-23-08 M – 231 Forest Street– Babson College, as presented. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.**

**Minutes – 12/15/21, 12/7/22, 12/21/22 & 1/11/23**

**Ms. Lin motioned to accept minutes for 12/15/21, 12/7/22, 12/21/22 and 1/11/23. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.**

**Adjourn**

**Ms. Dinsmoor motioned to adjourn the Design Review Board meeting. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Soliva-aye.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

MINUTES APPROVED – April 26, 2023