



City of Barre, Vermont

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Development Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)

A regular meeting of the Barre City Development Review Board was called to order by Chair Linda Shambo (Ward I) at 7:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Vice-Chair Denise Ferrari At Large, Ward II Richard Deep, Ward II David Hough, Ward III Board Member Jim Hart III, Ward III Board Member Katrina Pelkey, At-Large Member Betty Owen and Jessica Egerton. Also in attendance was Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator. The Chair determined a quorum.

Absent: None

Adjustments to Agenda; None

Visitors and Communications; None

Old Business:

Consideration of Minutes from December 6, 2018 Hearing:

- Motion to approve minutes was made by Board Member Deep and seconded by Vice-Chair Ferrari. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Confirmation of Decision from December 6, 2018 Hearing:

- Motion to approve decision was made by Vice-Chair Ferrari and seconded by Board Member Pelkey. *Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

240 N. Main, LLC (Property Owner) & Mark Nicholson (Applicant) 240 N. Main Street. Seeks Design Review approval to Demolish Structure damaged by fire and Site Plan Review. Central Business District, Design Review District #1.

Mark Nicholson was sworn in at 7:03 PM

Mr. Nicholson spoke about the details by adding stone and fencing. Wants to make it presentable so that the two buildings that flank it are more marketable. Confirmed that he would maintain the

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lot and keep it clean and free of trash. They hope for a major opportunity to present itself to develop not only that property but the two beside it as well.

Discussion took place about the fencing, height, setback, gates and the spikes on top of the fence proposed. Mr. Nicholson again said he has a vested interest in keeping the lot clean and free of trash. He would be willing to set the fence back from the sidewalk.

Discussion took place about if Espresso Bueno would have a interest in using the space. At this time, the owner is not financially able to take advantage of the space. Discussion about making the fence higher and lighting the area. Mr. Nicholson responded he would not be opposed to that.

Discussion took place about the development of the property vs demolition and possible projects that could take up all three properties. Discussion on snow and accessibility took place. Mr. Nicholson would like to have a large project to take up the space but at this time does not.

Motion was made to enter into deliberative session by Board Member Owen and seconded by Board Member Deep at 7:15 PM. *Motion carried unanimously*

Permit Administrator Heather Grandfield was invited into the deliberative session at 7:16 PM

Motion was made to return from deliberative session by Board Member Deep and seconded by Board Member Hart at 7:30 PM. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion was made by Board Member Owen to deny the application as presented and seconded by Board Member Hough. *Vote of 6 to 2 the motion carries to deny.*

Other Business:

Roundtable:

Board Member Deep asked about the progress with the Summer Street retaining wall. Ms. Grandfield will call the Rotary and ask about status.

Board Member Deep asked what if anything was the Agenda for next month. Ms. Grandfield advise that at this time we have two applications both Site Plan Review

Executive Session: Not needed.

The Development Review Board adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Board Member Deep, and seconded by Board Member Owen; *motion carried unanimously.*

An audio recording of the hearing is available through the City's Planning and Permitting Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator