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Village District Design Committee Special Meeting Minutes*
March 12, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

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- PRESENT:** Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Megan Abrahamsen (via telephone conference call), John Doyle, AIA and Kevin Quinlan, AIA
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Javier Campos, General Contractor Representative for Adams & Ruxton Construction Company and Architect Bryan Poisson of APPROACH³ (via telephone conference call)
- ABSENT:** Sam Gardner, AIA, Laura Noble-Perese

Chairman Sanders convened the meeting at 4:13 p.m. and referred to the noted agenda item:

Adams and Ruxton Construction c/o Javier Campos (applicant), Bank of America (owner), property located at 117 Old Ridgefield Road, known as Assessor's Map #76, Lot #36, request to convert drive-up teller window to an automatic teller machine, construct a roof overhang and establish additional site lighting.

Mr. Campos explained that his company has been engaged to perform miscellaneous improvements to the Bank of America site at 117 Old Ridgefield Road. Exterior improvements include the replacement of a drive-up teller window with a self-service automatic teller machine (ATM). Mr. Campos further explained that part of the project includes the installation of a small cantilevered roof overhang to protect customers during periods of inclement weather. Enhanced lighting for safety and security reasons are planned along the building elevation adjacent to the drive up ATM and in the driveway area located toward the back of the property. This includes the replacement of two existing wall-mounted lights as well as the installation of two new similar lights so as to improve overall security lighting at the drive-through location. Mr. Sanders made inquiry concerning the color of the canopy. Mr. Campos referred to the overhang color as "Champaign", consisting of a gray to silver color designed to blend with the existing building. He distributed a photograph depicting color. Mr. Quinlan requested

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clarification regarding the overhang design, noting the structure pitches back toward the building; further questioning whether the design would result in future water damage to the building and overhang. Mr. Poisson referred to a roof drainage collection system and downspout designed to shed rain water.

Mr. Sanders noted the bank's close proximity to the Wilton Library and, for purposes of design continuity, suggested the proposed freestanding light be of the same or similar design as the pole fixtures at the library. The applicant agreed to explore the alternative light fixture design.

Mr. Sanders raised the issue of a recently installed ADA-compliant walk and questioned the necessity for extensive railing given that most of the walk appears to be on-grade with little change in elevation. Though not obligated, the Committee suggested the applicant in the interest of civic mindedness, consider adjustments to the length of railing and explore the possibility of softening its appearance by painting it in a black color. The Committee unanimously requested a communication be forwarded to the Commission.

Mr. Nerney spoke briefly of ongoing changes at the former Portofino Restaurant noting the ZEO recently issued a permit for interior work that included the shifting of an exterior doorway which was not noticed during zoning review. Mr. Nerney stated the applicant will be approaching the Committee with an application to replace signage. Mr. Nerney also spoke of the Planning and Zoning Commission's ongoing development and review of architectural guidelines explaining the Commission at some point seeks to discuss the proposal with the Board of Selectmen and solicit input from the Village District Design Advisory Committee with respect to the anticipated process and establishment of guidelines.

There being no further discussion, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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