

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 7/25/19

Sharon Community Center

Planning Board Members

Rob Maidman, Chair	Pasqualino Pannone absent
Kai Yu, Vice Chair	Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer absent
Shannon McLaughlin, Clerk	Lance DelPriore, Asst. Town Engineer
David Blaszkowsky absent	

Meeting Initiation

Chair Maidman called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM and read the Chair's report.

Meeting Minutes

Ms. McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes of 7/11/19 and Mr. Yu seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0-1 in favor of approval.

37 Pond Street

Alice Hu owner of Mandarin Taste came before the Board with a request to change the outside materials on the façade of the restaurant located at 37 Pond Street. The white vinyl is being changed to the brown tones. Ms. Hu presented khaki brown by Hardie Plank Lap Siding and chestnut brown by Hardie Plank Lap Siding. Mr. DelPriore commented that he had not checked the color choice yet to ensure they are within the historical palette but the façade was remaining brick. The change is to the top part on the front and the sides and back. Ms. Hu said she may replace the lighting on the building front but not at this time.

Ms. McLaughlin commented that the Design Guidelines describe a New England town theme. Are we stewards of getting back to the New England character? She said that this case will not trigger a design review of these principals but how do we define this for the future.

Mr. DelPriore commented that fairly applying the rule is important.

A review of the Post Office Square Design Guidelines will be added to a future agenda.

Ms. McLaughlin moved to approve the outside remodel for Alice's Mandarin Taste subject to the approval of Lance DelPriore acting as Agent of the Planning Board to review the color scheme being chosen to ensure it keeps with the historical color palette. Additionally, Mr. DelPriore will remain involved as pertaining to the potential change in outside lighting. Mr. Yu seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of approval.

Master Plan

Mr. Maidman asked Ms. McLaughlin if the Post Office Square guidelines were included within the Master Plan. Ms. McLaughlin stated they were provided to the consultants.

Chair Maidman said we need to discuss the long term objective for the benefit of the Town to create a Town Planner. The impetus needs to come from the Planning Board. This is a topic that should be discussed. Is having a Town Planner important and should it be researched and propelled forward? He said we need to figure out the scope of the Master Plan and talk to other Towns. Chair Maidman said he wants to see the report by Civic Moxie.

Adjournment

The Board voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Future Scheduled Meetings

8/29, 9/5 (Master Plan reveal), 9/26, 10/24

Future Agenda Topics

Review of Post Office Square Design Guidelines

Discussion on the need for a Town Planner