

OFFICIAL MINUTES approved 7.15.08

Date 6.03.08
(Continued from 5/20/08)

Minutes of the DRB Meeting

Members Present: Lew Sorenson, Cindy Wilcox, Regina Rockefeller, Herb Rest, Patricia Jaquith;
Alternates Rick Sullivan, John Warren.

Also present: Lisa and Jim Blake; Jean Newell; Harold Newell; Alex Blakeson; Natalie Blake; Muriel Taylor; Robert Taylor; Brownlow Towle; Elinore Towle; Virginia Carter; Melissa Worden

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at the West Dummerston Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the hearing on Application of James & Lisa Blake for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a change of use, including two apartment units and a home business, a Variance and a Site Plan Review for a nonconforming structure and property located at 182 West Street (also known as the former West Dummerston Grange) in the Village District of West Dummerston begun on 5.20.08. The oath was not administered as all those present who desired to speak were still under oath from the previous meeting.

Mr. Blake presented the information that was requested at last meeting: Change of parking plan; he researched that the handicap ramp for the Post Office was constructed partially on Grange land, with the Grange's permission, creating a narrow (12') space between the corner of the Grange and the ramp; the Post Office driveway is still a town road, per the Selectboard; he provided samples of previous deeds that refer to permission for traveling over the roadway in front of the Post Office to access the space behind the Grange building; and other former rights-of-way over the former railroad bed.

The addition of a deck at the East side of the building was discussed. B. Towle raised a concern that the abutting landowners had not had sufficient notification about this request for consideration of the matter. It was also noted that dimensions were not posted in a manner to be available to interested parties. A question was raised about whether the fire escape was remaining in the plan. That question was answered by Mr. Blake in the affirmative. Questions were raised about the proposed use of the fire escape.

Mr. Blake requested that if the issues of the deck and fire escape would hold up acting on the construction phase of the basic building, he would prefer to take up those two items in a separate application.

The septic system re-siting, as proposed as a possibility at the 5.20.08 hearing, has not occurred.

Virginia Carter reported that she conferred with the Windham Cty. Sheriff's Dept regarding the proposed parking plan in the front of the Grange; discussion ensued.

Water supply questions were addressed.

The hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m..

The business meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 5.20.08 meeting as corrected and re-distributed. So voted.

The meeting was closed at 8:08 p.m.. The Board went into deliberation session.

The written decision will issue and control.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Jaquith
Clerk