

March 29, 2004

DRB MEMORANDUM #2004-07

MEMO TO: Bonnie Weeks, Bldg. Comm.
Christine Brestrup, Assoc. Planner
FROM: Jonathan Tucker, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: DRB Recommendations of March 23, 2004

The Tuesday, March 23, 2004 meeting of the Design Review Board began at 7:40 p.m. in the Town Room, Town Hall. Members Erica Gees, David Henion, and Alex Kent were present, along with Senior Planner Jonathan Tucker.

The Board made the following recommendations and took the following actions.

The members turned to Appointments.

#2004-00011, 25 North Pleasant Street, Fatzo's – Recommend **Approval** of the design for a replacement interior lit awning sign and vinyl letters on the door glazing displaying the hours of operation, with the following conditions:

- 1) That the design be altered to make the word “Burgers” large and more legible.
- 2) That a design feature—the side of the car shown on the awning, and/or the word “Burgers,” appear on the sides of the awning.

#2004-00012, 201 North Pleasant Street, The Toy Box – Recommend **Approval** of the design of a new marquee backlit awning sign, as well as future signage in the three north windows.

Representatives for proposed new Amherst College crosswalks did not appear.

Kendrick Park Design Process – The Board reviewed a proposed Town Meeting petition article that would authorize the Town to accept the Kendrick Trust properties and to build a future park "in full accordance with the wishes of George Smith Kendrick and Jennie Kendrick." The only written evidence of those wishes (represented by the trustees of the Kendricks' will in a 1964 probate court petition) requires that buildings be torn down and removed. The resulting 1964 probate court decree does not contain this requirement. Thus "full accordance" with the Kendricks' wishes might require the removal of the remaining Chapin-Ward House and its barns before park design could proceed.

Mr. Henion said that the article did not authorize the Town to accept any other Kendrick Trust assets—remaining bank accounts, etc. He asked if any of the original trustees were living and could be asked to clarify the Kendricks' "wishes." He said Mr. Dillon had stated that a modern "park" was not necessarily devoid of buildings. Ms. Gees said that was just as true during George Kendrick's life. Mr. Tucker said that historic photos of the time showed buildings to be the rule rather than the exception.

Mr. Henion expressed concern that delays caused by community arguments over original Trust intentions might negatively impact the future park.

Pomeroy Village Streetscape Design Process – The Board agree to hold one of its upcoming meetings in South Amherst, to solicit public input about future design for this village center.

Next Meetings – The Board tentatively agreed to hold meetings on April 13 and 27, and on May 11 and 25. Ms. Gees said she might not be available for the May 25 meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.