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**Memo to:** Rob Morra, Building Commissioner  
Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director  
**From:** Christine Brestrup, Senior Planner  
**Subject:** DRB Meeting – December 11, 2012

The Tuesday, December 11, 2012, meeting of the Design Review Board began at approximately 6:35 p.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room/Library, Town Hall.

Design Review Board members Jonathan Salvon, Kathleen Ford, Derek Noble and Michael Hanke were present.

Also present were applicants Dave Ziomek for Town of Amherst and Trevor Hopton for Metacommet Café.

**DRB2013-00008 – Dave Ziomek for Town of Amherst – South Beach at Puffer’s Pond** – Review of new 7’ x 7’ kiosk

***Recommended approval without conditions***

Mr. Ziomek presented the application. The kiosk proposed to be constructed at Puffer’s Pond will be paid for by a DCR (state) trails grant. The town has hired someone to design and build it. The roof of the kiosk will cover an area of about 7’ x 7’. The kiosk, including the roof, will be approximately 9.4 feet tall. It will be located on the south or main beach. It will not be visible from the main trail.

The structure will have a wood frame with cedar shingles. The display board will be ¾” MDO with a removable Plexiglas cover.

The kiosk will have two sides for display of information, with room for a “welcome” statement, rules and regulations for using the beach, notices of upcoming events and information about the Friends of Puffer’s Pond. Its design will be similar to the kiosk that PVPC installed at the Greenway on Route 47 in Sunderland (the Sunderland Scenic Byway). There will be no color or paint on the structure. It will be left to weather naturally. The only vehicles that will come near the kiosk are Conservation Department vehicles (for maintenance) and rescue vehicles.

The Board members reviewed drawings of the proposed structure, showing the size and materials.

Mr. Hanke suggested the use of 3 coats of poly-urethane on the MDO display board and the use of a highly scratch resistant Plexiglas.

**DRB2013-00009 – Metacomet Inc., d/b/a Metacomet Cafe – 27 South Pleasant Street – Review of new sign**

***Recommended approval with conditions***

Trevor Hopton presented the application and associated drawings of the proposed sign. The sign will be a two-sided blade sign (30” to 36” wide and 12” to 18” high). It will consist of an aluminum cabinet with vinyl letters and stripes applied to it. The sign will say “Metacomet Café” with the word “Café” highlighted by neon. The cabinet will have a baked on, medium green enamel surface. The word “Metacomet” will be white block letters outlined with black. The word “Café” will be cream colored letters outlined with black. There will be cream colored stripes on top and bottom of the lettering and wrapping around the outer edge.

There was discussion about whether the neon would be soft white (2200 softest white neon) or red. Board members expressed a preference for red.

Mr. Hanke and Mr. Noble expressed approval of the neon, the Deco design and the “Retro” look of the sign.

The sign will not be lit from behind.

**Conditions**

1. Board members recommended that the sign be mounted as high as possible from the sidewalk to avoid vandalism.
2. Board members recommended installation of a protective metal band or cage around the letters to avoid vandalism.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Cc: Jonathan Salvon, DRB  
Derek Noble, DRB  
Michael Hanke, DRB  
Kathleen Ford, DRB  
Jim Wald, Select Board Liaison  
Jeff Bagg, Senior Planner  
Dave Ziomek, Applicant  
Trevor Hopton, Applicant