



TOWN OF ACTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018 MEETING
7:30 p.m.
Room 126, Town Hall

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm.

DRB Members in attendance: Holly Ben Joseph (Chair), Peter Darlow (Vice-Chair), David Honn, Emilie Ying (Planning Board Liaison) and Janet Adachi (Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Guests: Terra Friedrichs

No meeting minutes to review. Next meeting we will review meeting minutes from February 21, 2018 and December 6, 2017.

Review of 40B housing project on 184 Main Street. This is the second review of the project, more information has been submitted, and the plans have been revised since the last review to incorporate the previous DRB comments. Again, the DRB is concerned about the massing of the units, which is significantly larger than any surrounding residential building. In addition, the DRB is concerned that the new project fits well with the adjacent historic district residences in South Acton.

The DRB made additional comments regarding the architecture and landscape/site plan with the goals of integrating the project into the neighborhood and reducing the apparent massing of the buildings. Refer to the DRB review memo dated April 18, 2018 for full details.

Review of 40B housing project on 146 Prospect Street. This project is in on a street that has seen a number small single family homes on large lots with a lot of open space be developed into dense, multi-family housing sites. One edge of the development touches a wetland setback. The scale of the proposed four homes is appropriate for the neighborhood, but they are placed densely on the site. Please refer to the DRB memo dated April 22, 2018 for full comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly D. Ben-Joseph