



TOWN OF ACTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Review Memorandum: 18 Wetherbee Street
Room 126, Town Hall
July 17, 2016

DRB Members in attendance: Holly Ben-Joseph (Chair), David Honn, Kim Montella, and Janet Adachi (Board of Selectmen liaison).

Proponents: John Durkin – Onyx Corporation Proponent
Suzanne McDonough – Landscape Architect

Documents Reviewed:

Site Plan Package - Stamski & McNary – Revised March 16, 2016

Landscape Plan – Suzanne McDonough, RLA – Dec. 29, 2015

Proposed Building – A-1 – DR Poulin – Revised 3-31-16

The proposed project involves adding a new building and parking lot next to an existing building and relocating auto maintenance into this building and the company offices.

Building Comments:

The new building is a pre-fabricated steel building-both siding and roof. The applicant proposed a dark green in color with tan trim. It is set into the hillside which will lower its overall height (16' to top of roof) as viewed from the rail trail and Wetherbee Street. To keep the building's presence as unobtrusive as possible, the DRB suggested that there be only two paint colors: one color for the metal roof, siding and trim (dark green suggested) and another color (dark gray or black suggested) for the window frames, stair and ramp railings, etc.

Site Comments:

The DRB appreciates that the building was sited in such a way as to keep the existing mature oak in place (at the entrance to the building). In addition the DRB supports the moving the auto maintenance away from Nashoba Brook into the new building and returning asphalted areas next to the brook to wetland plantings.

The DRB has no comments on the proposed planting except that a buffer of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs should be added along west side of the building to screen it from Wetherbee Street and the rail trail.

The DRB supports this project with the condition that the planting buffer be added. The proponent has agreed to send a revised drawing showing the buffer to the DRB for review. The DRB will notify the town with a memo once the buffer planting has been reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Design Review Board