

**TOWN OF SCITUATE**  
***Design Review Committee***

**Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**Agenda Topics:**

- I.** Set Next Meeting Date, and Meeting Minutes Approval for March 21, 2018
- II.** Review of Design Concepts for 52 Country Way - Gunther Tooties Restaurant
- III.** Preliminary Review of Proposed Firehouse Bay at Humarock Station

The meeting was held in the Planning Board Office and called to order at **7:04PM**.

**In Attendance:**

Hal Stokes (DRC Chairman)  
John Roman (DRC Secretary)  
Karen Joseph (Planning Office: Town Planner)  
Ben Bornstein (Planning Board Liason)  
Mary Whitfill (Patriot Ledger Newspaper)  
Shari Young (Planning Office)  
Paul Rodrigues (Kamp Construction for Gunther Tooties)  
John Murphy (Scituate Fire Chief)

**I. First Order of Business:**

- A) Establish a date for the next Design Review Committee meeting.
- B) Approval of DRC Meeting Minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting.

A) September 11, 2018 was established as a (possible) next meeting date (if materials are ready from applicant(s)).

B) The minutes for the March 21, 2018 meeting were approved.

**II. Second Order of Business:**

**Review of Design Concepts for 52 Country Way - Gunther Tooties Restaurant**

The Design Review Committee met with Paul Roidrigues of Kamp Construction for Gunther Tooties, representing the owner, Tony Chen, for review of a 16-seat restaurant in a building to be constructed at the site of the former Morning Glories restaurant.

According to Mr. Rodrigues, the restaurant will be a sit-down and drive-thru bagel shop as per the following specs. **See comments by DRC below each topic.**

- Same footprint as Morning Glories.
- New slab foundation.
- One additional floor.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> story office and storage (no living space).
- 16-seat dining area.
- Cooking area visible to customers.
- Maroon and orange logo and front awning.
- Main/front sign will be 3"-deep aluminum letters attached to bead-board background.

**(Designs to be presented to DRC when ready.)**

- There will be lighting over the main sign (style not yet determined).

**(Designs to be presented to DRC when ready.)**

- There will be a street sign comparable in size to the existing Morning Glories sign.

**(Design to be presented to DRC when ready.)**

- 50 Country Way will be responsible for all plantings.
- An outside freezer will be visible in the rear  
(possible shed roof to cover freezer view from adjacent apartments).

**(Design to be presented to DRC when ready.)**

- AC units will be in the rear.
- Building colors: beige (light coffee-colored) with white trim.
- Clapboards to be Boral siding.
- Fixed windows front (west) and side (south).

**DRC RECOMMENDATION:**

**(Tall, floor-to-ceiling windows were planned, but the DRC felt aesthetically a ¾-glass window with a solid bottom panel would be a better fit for the structure. One DRC member felt the floor-to-ceiling windows might pose a hazard, a concern validated by John Murphy, the Scituate Fire Chief who was present in the meeting room.)**

**DRC RECOMMENDATION:**

- DRC recommends eliminating the A Drive-Thru sign on the south side.

**(Discouraged by DRC.)**

The DRC also raised the following concerns they felt required as conditions for approval:

**•DRC RECOMMENDATION**

The rear freezer and the rear AC units should be landscaped to buffer their view from residents living adjacent to the complex.

**DRC RECOMMENDATION**

- Some measures should be taken (ex: signage, stripes painted on driveway, etc.) to keep the driveway/roadway clear for vehicles entering and exiting 50 Country Way. Vehicles waiting to enter the drive-thru should be informed in some way to not block traffic flow.

### III. Preliminary Review of Proposed Firehouse Bay at Humarock Station

Scituate Fire Chief John Murphy described the proposed new addition to the Humarock Fire Station. See comments by DRC below each topic.

- A 24-foot by 48-foot addition to replace the existing wing of building which is beyond salvage or repair.
- The firehouse will be on its own septic system.
- The apparatus bay will be pre-fabricated.
- The administration wing will be new construction built to match the building style and colors of the to-be-joined apparatus bay.
- Color schemes to match the new Public safety Building on Rte. 3-A.
- The apparatus bay will have a green, metal roof. The administration building to have a shingled roof (matching in color).

(One DRC member felt the bay and the wing would be more aesthetic if both had metal roofs.)

- A roof cupola with a weather vane is a possibility.  
(Design to be presented to DRC when ready.)
- Building exteriors to be sheathed with shingles comparable to existing Public Safety Building.
- The design plan presented showed a connecting wing to be completed *after* construction of the administration building.
- A new communications tower will be installed on-site (no higher than existing tower).

A final topic of discussion was a planned digital sign for the front lawn of the Rte.3-A Public Safety Building. Mr. Murphy offered to meet with the Design Review Committee at the Public Safety Building to show them the placement of the sign. (It should be noted that this meeting was subsequently cancelled due to unavailability of a quorum of DRC members on the night it was to be held)

- The DRC proposed any design of the sign be presented to the committee for review when ready (the actual design has yet been finalized).
- The DRC felt a sign that used any sort of **animation** would be distracting to drivers and not in keeping with the flavor of the town of Scituate.
- DRC member (1 member) (not agree with this) felt the final approved design for this sign should be also implemented at other locations around Scituate establishing visual continuity, and all signs should be synchronized to display the same messages (ex: Public safety Building, at the corner of First Parish Road and Rte. 3-A, at the entrance to the Scituate Landfill, in Scituate Harbor, and possible somewhere in the vicinity of North Scituate).

The meeting adjourned at **8:46 PM**.



**Minutes Compiled By:**  
***John Roman***  
Design Review Committee Secretary  
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Date Approved: February 12, 2019