

**ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2019**

The Architectural Design Review Board held a meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT. Attending were members, Michael McKinley, Leslie Driscoll, Christopher Thorp and alternate, Elizabeth Brummund. Members, Christopher Delaney, Susan Cullen and Mark Comeau were absent. Also present was Town Planner, Keith A. Brynes. Chairman, McKinley called the meeting to order at 6:02PM. Ms. Brummund was seated.

ADRB 19-02. Review of **PZ1924ZC, SPA & CAM** – Master Plan, Site Plan and Coastal Area Management Applications for construction of a 60' x 100' 1.5 story building for a Science & Exploration Center. Property located at 50 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic. Assessors Map 173, Block 5, Lot 4. Zone MHD Applicant / Owner – Mystic Seaport Museum.

Chad Frost, project landscape architect, introduced the application which is a modification to the Seaport's Master Plan as well as a Site Plan and Coastal Area Management review. The 60' x 100' building will house a Science and Exploration Center for the Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration (GFOE), a non-profit organization that develops and operates deep sea remote operated vehicles. A 2nd building may be applied for in the future. The site plan adds trees and foundation plantings. Outdoor storage of lumber for ship building purposes will be consolidated and screened. David Lovallo, President of GFOE, discussed the facility's operations which will include an internal crane. This building will not be part of the visitor experience. Mr. Thorp recommended not screening the outdoor lumber area which is part of the Seaport's main function.

Architect, Stephan Nousiopoulos, presented the building design which mirrors the adjacent Williams Mystic building. The building features a barn style with metal siding, a hardiplank lower level and standing seam metal roof. Windows are minimal due to the need for limited light and advanced climate control. Material samples were distributed. Colors were chosen to match the Williams Mystic building. A lighter color roof is proposed to limit heat gain. Mr. Thorp recommended a warmer roof color to better match the hardiplank siding. Mr. McKinley recommended the building design feature elements that express the state of the art activities inside. A stone wall and seating area are proposed in front of the building. Ms. Driscoll asked about site lighting. Mr. Frost stated that existing parking lot lights are adequate and new building lights will be minimal.

Mr. Thorp motioned to approve the application with stipulations; seconded by Ms. Driscoll. The motion was unanimously approved.

Stipulations:

1. Review planting to enhance scale and fit of architecture in the landscape and remove arborvitae as it is inconsistent with site context.
2. Refine roof color.
3. Respect modern and technical nature of the project in exterior materials and detail.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Thorp motioned to approve the draft 9/9/19 minutes; seconded by Ms. Driscoll. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. McKinley motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Driscoll. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner