

## **Town of Essex**

### **Architectural Design Review Subcommittee**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2011**

**7:35 p.m.**

### **Essex Town Hall – Meeting Room B**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Chair Neil Nichols, Tom Rutherford, Cotty Barlow, Janice Atkeson, and Jane Piro. Absent were Hope Proctor, Tom Danyliw, and Bill Jacaruso.

#### **Approval of the October Minutes**

Motion was made by Janice Atkeson and seconded by Jane Piro to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Historic District Report**

In 1978/79 there was a proposal to have a state and federal Historic District. It was turned down by the town but not by the state. The Historic Registry would exempt homes from being razed in the event of flood. This is honorific and voluntary. The Study was approved by the state, but hasn't been published or recognized. Bringing the street numbers of homes up to date has been done. Planner John Guszowski has sent this data base to Mary Donahue.

#### **Discussion of Town Meeting**

Janice Atkeson felt it was difficult to get pertinent points and recommendations across at the town meeting. There didn't seem to be objections to the recommendations. Some disappointment was voiced that the recommendations weren't strong enough, particularly for residential.

Regarding the recommendations, Jane Piro asked for clarification about getting grants, for example, for Ivoryton application for the National Registry. Neil Nichols said this would be initiated through Planning. With support from Planning and Zoning, the town can apply for a grant.

Neil Nichols voiced concern for recommendation 5. Reconsideration of the Gateway Conservation District. At their next meeting, Zoning will discuss joining Gateway. The last time this was brought up it was defeated. This issue needs review and should be discussed in the community.

There has not been receipt of any written comment from the public throughout the Architectural Design Review process. The recommendations are on the website. Parts of the recommendations will be included in the Plan of Conservation and

Development. Some will be shared with Zoning, and some with other Commissions. They have been shared with Selectmen. From here, it is out of the Architectural Design Review hands.

Neil Nichols extended thanks to the subcommittee members for their hard work and feels the committee has listened to the public.

**The Recommendations submitted to the Planning Commission serve as a final report.**

Motion to adjourn by Jane Piro and seconded by Janice Atkeson at 8:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Meinsen  
Recording Secretary