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## **TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

### **DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

June 6, 2018, 5:00 PM  
Meeting Room 3, 3 Primrose Street

Present Members: Phil Clark, Kathy Geckle, Peter Cloudas, Frank Caico  
Also Present: Georgia Contois, Clerk

### **Referral Application 18.11 - 94 South Main Street**

Members of the board were joined by Doug Reich of Solli Engineering and Warren Freedenfeld of Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates. Mr. Clark was present for the meeting but recused himself as his company may become involved with the project. Mr. Reich gave them an overview of the site and purpose and Mr. Freedenfeld discussed building colors and materials. Ms. Geckle said that her initial impression is that the building is 'cold'. Members also discussed the aesthetics of the large parking area. Mr. Caico wanted to see them break up the paved area to include more greenspace. Mr. Reich explained that they do not have a lot, if any, room to work with due to driving and parking requirements. Potential options were discussed and will be looked into further. Mr. Caico noted that it may take some town approval to include compact spaces or smaller travel lanes.

Below are the suggestions and requests mentioned during the meeting:

- add landscaping or grass areas to the parking areas (potentially by using compact parking spaces or not continuing a full 30' width of driveway by the building)
  1. Between the front and second row of spaces instead of just curbing
  2. At the front of the building (between the sidewalk and building)
  3. Potentially remove the left portion of the front sidewalk up until where pedestrians would be crossing to allow for more plantings
- change the masonry material along the base of the building to a more realistic stone material, and continue it to the retaining wall on the side of the building.
- Consider a pedestrian crosswalk, either in different material or striping
- Give appropriate screening to all utilities
- Use same color/material as building for fence screening for dumpsters

The Board would like to see some color and material choices along with the recommendations above.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Georgia Contois, Clerk