

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
June 16, 2015**

Approved on July 7, 2015

Present: Steve Everett – chair, Eric Gilbertson, Hannah Smith, Seth Mitchell, Theodore Fetter, Ben Cheney (alternate), Sarah McShane - staff.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Steve Everett, Chair.

Approval of the agenda:

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments from the Chair.

47 Court Street

**Owner: Vermont Insurance Agents Association Applicant: Thorin Markison
Design review to replace stairs and railings to 2nd floor porch.**

The applicant was present. It is on the back side of the building. The replacement is more historically accurate.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 6-0 vote.

89 State Street

**Owner/Applicant: Vermont Mutual Insurance Company
Design review to remove steel fire escape and brick in door opening.**

Greg Wall of E.F. Wall Associates and another person were present to represent the applicant. The steel fire escape is no longer needed and is pretty much scrap.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 6-0 vote.

Review of minutes of May 19, 2015 and June 2, 2015: Eric made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, Hannah seconded, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Seth made a motion to approve the June 2 minutes with the sentence under “other business” be removed, it was an informal question, not part of the meeting. Theodore seconded. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Other business: Theodore Fetter, owner of 27 Court Street, recused himself for an informal review before application of a project at 27 Court Street.

Theodore purchased the property in April of 2014. It is currently a 3 unit residential property with a living space on each floor. The first two floors are currently vacant in preparation for the considered renovations.

The first floor would be commercial space. The historical character of the property is to be maintained. The major changes considered are:

Changing the gable roof to a flat roof;
Excavating the cliff behind to build a 3 car garage with living space above it; and
Demolishing a 5 foot addition to build a walkway.

The gable roof is too low for the 3rd floor unit. There is a lot of moisture issue from the gable roof, as well as snow and ice runoff. The flat roof would have solar panels and maybe some small planter boxes.

The house is not energy efficient with very little insulation. It's not sure if the house is on the historic register, but it is in the historic district.

The windows and doors are leaky and some don't open.

[Eric had comments that are inaudible]

There is a stone foundation.

[Board member comments are inaudible]

Adjournment: Eric made a motion to adjourn, Ben seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary