**Town of Washington | Architectural Review Board**

**Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2021**

***Present:***

Raym Crow

George Eatman

Nanette Edwards

Drew Mitchell

***Absent:***

Deborah Harris

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair D. Mitchell.

The meeting Agenda was approved unanimously.

The October 13, 2021 ARB meeting minutes were approved as submitted, 3 – 0, with N. Edwards abstaining.

Item 1:

Chuck Akre and Jordan Gensler (of Gensler Architects) presented an application on behalf of Black Kettle LLC to build new commercial buildings as part of the Rush River Commons complex, Tax Map reference 20-18.

The Board discussed the application and determined that it complied with the Town Guidelines for new construction, specifically Chapter 6, pp. 83ff., items 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 15, 18, 19, and 20.

The Board noted that the design now incorporates additional design elements drawn from existing Town buildings.

N. Edwards raised the issue of the absence of guidelines on solar panels in the Town Guidelines. The Board discussed that the Mt. Prospect barn solar panels represent a precedent for the placement of solar panels on new construction and that those panels blend into the south-facing standing seam metal roof, the same configuration as proposed in the application.

D. Mitchell invited questions from the public attendees. Mr. Gensler addressed an audience question about the foyer windows.

G. Eatman moved to approve the application as submitted and N. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 2:

Raym Crow presented an application on behalf of Karen and Raym Crow to construct a 16’ X 16’ wooden shed in the back garden of 195 Piedmont Avenue.

The frame construction will include cedar lap siding, a conforming door that matches the existing house, vinyl-clad wood double-hung windows, and a standing seam metal roof.

The Board discussed the application and determined that it complied with the Town Guidelines for new construction, specifically Chapter 6, pp. 83ff, items 1, 3, 8, 9, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 32.

G. Eatman moved to approve the application as submitted and N. Edwards seconded; The motion was passed 3 – 0, with R. Crow abstaining.

Item 3:

The Board discussed a letter from Patrick O’Connell on behalf of the Inn of Little Washington requesting that the ARB send a request to VDOT urging that any crosswalks installed in the Town be visually compatible with the historic district.

The Board discussed possible options for crosswalks, including the use of stamped and colored asphalt or concrete if real brick is not acceptable. N. Edwards noted the ADA requirements that would need to be satisfied by any crosswalks.

The Board agreed that it would be willing to send such a letter. Before sending a letter, D. Mitchell will approach the Inn to determine whether it would be willing to cover any supplemental cost.

The meeting was adjourned by D. Mitchell at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raym Crow

ARB Secretary