

Lawrence, New York April 4, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Building Design of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559 at 7:15 P.M.

Those members present were:	Chairperson Benjamin Sporn
	Member Eva Staiman
	Member Barry Pomerantz
	Alternate Member Shoshana Weinstock

Those members absent were:	Member Ronni Berman
	Member Barbara Kupferstein

Also present were: Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary to Board of Building Design.

Chairperson Sporn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Building Design at 7:29 PM. Proof of posting for the meeting was submitted.

The minutes of the March 7, 2011 Board of Building Design meeting were submitted to the Board for approval. Upon a motion by Member Staiman and seconded by Member Pomerantz with the following votes cast: Ayes: Chairman Sporn, Member Staiman, Member Pomerantz and Alternate Member Weinstock, the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Board of Building Design meeting were approved as submitted.

Before the Board began to review the applications Mr. Ronald Goldman sitting in the audience asked to address the Board, Chairman Sporn approved. Mr. Goldman explained to the Chairman and the Board members that he had resigned and he was no longer the attorney to the Board of Building Design. Mr. Goldman thanked Chairman Sporn as well as all of the Board members and Alternate Board members for their outstanding dedication to the Board of Building Design and the hard work done by all the members to achieve what was best for the Village of Lawrence and the residents of the Village. Mr. Goldman stated he looked forward to working with the Board members in

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other capacities and on other issues. Mr. Goldman also thanked Mr. Rizzo for his dedication to the Board of Building Design as well as Ms. Daniels, Mr. Castro and Mr. Ryder for all of their hard work and assistance. Chairman Sporn thanked Mr. Goldman for his service to the Board.

The meeting agenda included three new applications and no prior applications. Mr. Rizzo advised the Board that the first application was Fogel 124 Broadway.

*The following new applications were considered:*

**Fogel – 124 Broadway** – Second floor addition, interior and exterior alterations alter entrance to attached garage space and alter driveway paving. The Board reviewed that application and plans. Mr. Rizzo advised the Board that there was a representative present, Mr. Kupferberg the architect for the project. Mr. Kupferberg submitted a color sample for the proposed vinyl siding. The architect explained to the Board that the applicant had changed the design due to cost factors; the proposal was now to maintain the existing cream colored brick on the front of the house and not replace the brick with stone. The new plan involved using the old brick, to be removed from the front wall, where the garage doors were to be relocated to, and use that old brick to patch the brick on other locations on the front of the house. Several Board members voiced a concern that the old existing brick would not match well with the proposed alterations to the house. Mr. Kuperberg explained that there was a \$20,000 plus cost associated with replacing the old brick with stone. A Board member questioned whether the Board had the right to make a resident change the existing brick on the house since the brick existed on the house already. Mr. Kupferberg stated that this was a cost issue for the new

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owners, he himself was not sure that the existing brick could be removed and reused on other areas on the front of the house and if the brick could not be used then the owners might have to install a different finish material. The Board and Mr. Kupferberg continued to discuss the options available regarding the existing brick and the addition and alterations to the house. No opposition was expressed by the Board regarding the proposed second floor addition or relocating the entrance to the attached garage and relocation and removal of some of the paving. An idea was offered that the existing brick could be reused if the front porch was not altered and remained the same. Mr. Kupferberg stated that he would discuss this idea with the property owner. No else one appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. The Board members conferred on the application. In an effort not to delay the application, a motion was made by Member Staiman to approve the application for the proposed additions and alterations as originally submitted with stone on the front or the other option is to keep the existing brick siding on the front but there would be no alterations to the existing front porch. The motion was seconded by Alternate Member Weinstock, with the following votes cast: Member Pomerantz yes, Member Staiman yes, Chairman Sporn yes and Alternate Member Weinstock yes. Mr. Rizzo asked Mr. Kuperberg when a decision would be made regarding which option the property owners would take regarding keeping the existing brick or installing the new stone on the front of the house, Mr. Kuperberg stated that a decision would be made in about ten days. Mr. Rizzo asked that the information be provided for the record.

**Scharf – 41 Martins Ln.** – Second floor addition and interior alterations. The Board reviewed the application and plans and discussed the information provided regarding the

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siding and roofing of the addition, which would match the existing house finishes.

Several Board members agreed that in general, the proposed addition would match the existing house. No one appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application.

A motion was made by Alternate Member Weinstock to approve the plans for the addition as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Pomerantz with the following votes cast: Member Pomerantz yes, Member Staiman yes, Chairman Sporn yes, and Member Weinstock yes.

**Lowy – 13 Lakeside Dr. W.** – One and two story rear addition with raised terrace, second floor side and rear additions, rebuild front porch and complete interior and exterior alterations to residence. The Board reviewed the application, plans and discussed the material samples and the color rendering of the front elevation provided for the Board. Several Board members had questions regarding the type and number of different variance granted for this application. No one appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. The Board conferred on the application. A motion was made by Member Staiman to approve the plans for the additions as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Weinstock with the following votes cast: Member Pomerantz yes, Member Staiman yes, Chairman Sporn yes, and Member Weinstock yes.

At the finish of the agenda items Mr. Rizzo advised Chairman Sporn that it would be necessary to change the date of the May Board of Building Design meeting. Mr. Rizzo explained that the meeting was scheduled for Monday evening May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 but needed to be rescheduled and the next available date was Monday evening May 9, 2011. The Board briefly discussed the change of the date for the May meeting. No members voiced

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any problems with the change of date and Chairman Sporn approved the change of the  
May meeting from May 2 to May 9, 2011

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

This is to certify that I, Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary to the Board of Building Design,  
have read the foregoing minutes and the same are in all respects a full and correct record  
of such meeting.

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Thomas P. Rizzo