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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Building Design of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559.

Those members present were: Chairperson Benjamin Sporn
Member Eva Staiman
Member Barry Pomerantz
Member Barbara Kupferstein

Those members absent were: Member Ronni Berman

Also present were: Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary to Board of Building Design. Chairman Sporn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Building Design at 7:15 PM.

Proof of posting for the meeting was submitted. The meeting agenda included three new applications and one prior application.

The following new applications were considered:

Perl – 83 Briarwood Ln. – Second floor front and side additions, one story side and rear additions, interior alterations and side entrance porch addition to existing residence. The Board reviewed the plans and the application. Mr. Eric Rubenacker of Rubenacker Contracting Inc. came forward and identified himself as the contractor for the project at 83 Briarwood Lane. Member Kupferstein asked several questions regarding the variances granted to this application. Additionally the Board discussed the existing roof height on the home. Member Kupferstein also asked about the new railings to be used at different locations on the additions. Mr. Rubenacker explained that the home owner

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wanted an iron railing that would match the existing style of the home and that it is a beautiful home but in need of repairs. The home would be enlarged but would be in the same style as the existing house. The Board Members discussed the application; no one had any other questions regarding the application. No one else appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Pomerantz to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Staiman with the following votes cast, member Kupferstein yes and Chairman Sporn yes.

Rekant – 126 Harborview S. – Second floor right side addition, interior alterations, front porch and left side terrace addition. The Board reviewed the application and plans. Mr. Allen Rekant came forward and identified himself as the property owner. The Board Members and Mr. Rekant discussed the finish materials and colors of the siding and roofing to be used. Member Pomerantz asked if the front door would be a double door as shown on the plan. Mr. Rekant explained that the plan have been changed to use a single front door. It was noted for the record that the plan was for the single front door to have two side lights and a transom window over the door. Member Staiman and Mr. Rekant discussed the style of the front door. The Board Members reviewed a picture of the existing railing on the front porch roof. The new railings would match this railing. The Board Members questioned the new front terrace with Mr. Rekant. Member Staiman and Mr. Rekant discussed the windows to be used. No one else appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Pomerantz to approve the proposed addition as submitted to the Board. The motion was seconded by Member Staiman with the following votes cast: Member Kupferstein yes and Chairman Sporn yes.

The following prior application was considered:

Goldner – 22 Herrick Dr. – Amend elevation drawings to relocate one window from rear elevation to right side elevation. Mr. David Englander came forward and identified himself as the contractor on this project. Ms. Susan Goldner came forward and identified herself as the property owner. Member Staiman asked Mr. Englander to explain exactly what change was being made regarding windows on the home. Mr. Englander explained that due to the relocation of a second floor bathroom, one window on the second floor rear of the house was being relocated to the right side of the house on the second floor where the bathroom was being relocated to. The Board Members discussed the change. Member Staiman stated that the rear wall, without that window, needs something to fill that space. Member Kupferstein agreed the rear wall need something to take the place of the relocated window. Mr. Englander and Ms. Goldner explained that the bath space was being replaced with a closet and that a smaller window could be put in the rear wall. Member Staiman stated that she was not requesting a window; the rear wall needed something to replace the window. Mr. Englander suggested that some kind of decorative brick work could be used to fill the space where the window was removed. Ms. Goldner stated maybe some kind of decorative design made of brick in a herringbone design. Member Staiman asked that a drawing of the proposed decorative brick work to replace the window be submitted for the Board to review before the brick work is installed. The Board Members agreed that the applicant could submit the drawing to the Building Department, to distribute to the Board of Building Design Members, but another meeting of the Board was not needed to review the brick work. Ms. Goldner asked the Board

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about relocating the window to the right side of the house. None of the Board Members expressed any problem with relocating the window to the right side of the house on the second floor. No one else appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Pomerantz to approve the requested to relocate the subject window, but the applicant must submit a drawing of the decorative brick work to be used to replace the window on the second floor rear elevation drawing. The motion was seconded by Member Staiman with the following votes cast: Member Kupferstein yes and Chairman Sporn yes.

The following new application was considered:

Spodek – 345 Longwood Crossing – Replace and enlarge existing second floor dormers and interior alterations. The Board Member asked if anyone was present to explain the application. No one was present to explain the application. The Board Members reviewed the plans and application and determined that the proposed work involved replacing existing smaller second floor dormers with larger dormers to install larger windows for the second floor space that was to be altered. No one appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Pomerantz to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Kupferstein with the following votes cast: Member Staiman yes and Chairman Sporn yes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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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.

Thomas P. Rizzo

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