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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Building Design of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559.

Those members present were:                      Chairperson Benjamin Sporn  
Member Ronni Berman  
Member Barbara Kupferstein  
Alternate Member Shoshana Weinstock

Those members absent were:                      Member Eva Staiman  
Member Barry Pomerantz

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. Mr. Rizzo asked Chairman Sporn if the Board would review the submitted minutes now, Chairman Sporn noted that there were applicants present regarding applications on the agenda and Chairman did not wish to hold them up. Chairman Sporn stated that the Board would review the minutes after the agenda items were completed. The meeting agenda included two new applications.

*The following new applications were considered:*

**Wolfson – 1019 New McNeil Ave.** – Two story front addition with finished attic space and front porch addition. Mr. Warren Meister came forward and identified himself as the architect for this project and representing Mr. & Mrs. Wolfson. The Board Members reviewed the plans. Mr. Meister submitted a color drawing of what the front of the home would look like with the addition, and explained that a printing problem caused the

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drawing to incorrectly show the window and trim colors. Mr. Meister explained that the new windows would be white to match the existing windows of the house and trim of the house would be white. The Board members discussed with Mr. Meister the colors chosen for the stucco finish. Mr. Meister also reviewed with the Board several samples of stone that possibly would be used on the front of the home and stated that the roof would be a black architectural shingle. Alternate Member Weinstock asked Mr. Meister about two areas which would have copper roofing. Member Berman asked what color the window shutters would be, Mr. Meister stated that a final color had not been chosen for the shutters yet. Chairman Sporn briefly discussed with Mr. Meister the fact that half of the subject property was located outside of the Village of Lawrence and asked if that had any effect on this application, Mr. Meister noted that Queens was not interested in what happened on the part of the property located in Lawrence. Chairman Sporn asked if any of the Board members had any other questions regarding the application, Member Berman asked Mr. Meister to provide the Board with the chosen color for the shutters when selected. No one else appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Kupferstein to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Berman with the following votes cast, Alternate Member Weinstock yes, Member Berman yes, Chairman Sporn yes and Member Kupferstein yes.

**Duftler – 70 Briarwood Lane** – Second floor front addition, alter front porch, enclose existing rear screen porch as habitable space and interior alterations. Mr. Douglas R. Vaggi came forward and identified himself as the architect for the owners of the property. Mr. Vaggi explained the proposed additions and alterations to the home, he explained the

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new stucco finish and colors of same to be applied to the new front addition and on the sides and rear of the existing home Mr. Vaggi explained that the new roofing what match the existing shingles on the home which are about only eight years old. The Board Members reviewed the plans. Member Berman asked if all the windows would have dividing grills, Mr. Vaggi explained that only the front windows would have grills the side and rear windows would not have grills. Member Kupferstein asked what the color of the roof shingles is. Mr. Vaggi explained that the existing roof shingle was a brown, beige, gray color. Member Kupferstein asked what technique would be used to create the look of the simulated cut blocks on the front of the house and quoins on the front corners of the home. Mr. Vaggi explained that the insulated foam board that is used under the stucco would be used to form the quoins on the corners and that a three quarter to about a one inch beveled groove would be cut into the foam to create a shadow line and create the cut block look. Member Kupferstein questioned the design idea of bringing the cut block look on the front all the way up onto the front gable end walls; maybe those areas should be solid? Mr. Vaggi stated that the design had been done both ways, with and without the cut block look on the gable walls and it was decided to keep the cut block look on the front gable walls with the roof skirt across the front. Member Kupferstein asked if the front porch would have a railing, Mr. Vaggi explained that the porch was existing and hard to see due to landscaping. Also the porch is only one step high and with the existing bay window on the porch, a railing would crowd the porch. No one else appeared before the Board to support or oppose the application. A motion was made by Member Berman to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alternate Member Weinstock with the following votes cast: Member Weinstock yes, Member Berman yes, Chairman Sporn yes and Member Kupferstein yes.

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The agenda items being completed the Board reviewed past meeting minutes. The minutes of the January 9, 2012 Building Design meetings were submitted to the Board for approval. Member Berman and Member Kupferstein stated that they were not at the January meeting and would not vote on the January minutes. Chairman Sporn asked that the January 9, 2012 minutes be resubmitted for review at the March 5, 2012 meeting. Chairman Sporn asked Mr. Rizzo to explain why it was necessary for the Board to review and approve the minutes from the July, 11, August 22, September 19, November 7 and December 5, 2011 Board of Building Design meetings again. Mr. Rizzo explained it was necessary to make adjustment to the minutes regarding the recording of the votes of the Board Members at these meetings. The Board Members discussed the proposed adjustment to the minutes. Chairman Sporn stated that the Board would vote on the subject minutes. A motion was made by Alternate Member Weinstock to approved the adjustments made to the minutes from the July 11, August 22, September 19, November 7 and December 5, 2011 Board of Building Design meetings, the motion was seconded by Member Berman with the following votes cast: Ayes: Alternate Member Weinstock, Member Berman, Chairman Sporn and Member Kupferstein.

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