

*Minutes of the September 13, 2023  
Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board*

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 6:30 PM  
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

**Design Review Board Present:** Chair Juann Khoory, Vice-Chair Iris Lin, Sheila Dinsmoor, Mark Wendell

**Staff Present:** Planner Brad Downey

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Khoory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Roll Call:**

Ms. Khoory-present, Ms. Lin-present, Ms. Dinsmoor-present, Mr. Wendell-present

**Citizens Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda**

No Comments from citizens.

**New and/or Continued Applications**

**LHR-23-05 - 42 Oak Street**

Present: Scott Vaugh, Architect; Suzanne McDonough, Landscape Architect

Mr. Vaugh provided overview of the LHR application.

Ms. Khoory inquired about the height of the windows. Mr. Vaugh stated the garage floor would be 30 inches lower than the first floor, affecting the window heights.

Mr. Wendell commented that the proposed room above the garage was a very large room.

Mr. Vaugh stated that the presented roof design could be changed to reflect a double shed; therefore would reduce the height of the ridge line.

Ms. Dinsmoor inquired if the attic would reflect usable space. Mr. Vaugh replied the owner would likely set up his telescope around the roof area.

Mr. Wendell inquired about the materiality of the railings. Mr. Vaugh explained the railings would match the original wood railing material.

Ms. Lin stated the existing building has character and the addition should mimic the style of the existing building.

Ms. McDonough provided highlights of the landscape plan. She further noted that the hemlocks on the back of the property will be sprayed for disease and managed.

Ms. Khoory asked about the composition of the driveway. Mr. Vaugh replied the driveway would include a combination of pavers and asphalt.

Mr. Wendell inquired about drainage at the site. Mr. Vaugh replied a Cultec draining system would be included in the plans.

Ms. Khoory inquired about the inclusion of a basement under the garage. Mr. Vaugh replied that the owners wanted additional storage space.

Ms. Lin asked about the number of trees to be removed. Mr. Vaugh replied that three trees were slated for removal.

Ms. Khoory inquired about lighting. Mr. Vaugh replied that all fixtures would be night-sky compliant.

**Ms. Khoory motioned to continue LHR-23-05 - 42 Oak Street to the next meeting of the DRB on 9/27/23. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Wendell-aye, Khoory-aye**

#### **Gyorgy Kepes Panel Discussion**

Present: Tory DeFazio, Kepes Panel Committee Member; George Roman, Kepes Panel Committee Member; Sylvia Hahn-Griffiths, Kepes Panel Committee Member

Mr. DeFazio provided a history of the Wellesley Public Library building built in 1959, where the panels were originally installed.

Mr. DeFazio explained that seventy porcelain-steel panels were created by Gyorgy Kepes and his wife.

Mr. Roman outlined the goals of Kepes Panel Subcommittee:

- To retain ownership of the panels, in consideration that the panels reflect works of art
- To keep the panels together in Wellesley, to be displayed either inside or outside at an appropriate location in Town

Ms. Hahn-Griffiths stated Gyorgy Kepes is well-known in Europe.

Related discussion took place between the Kepes Panel Committee and the Design Review Board members.

Ms. Dinsmoor suggested that a creative group in Town might be able to utilize the panels in effort to keep the panels in Wellesley.

Ms. Hahn-Griffiths stated there has been no interest shown by Wellesley Public Schools, Babson College or Wellesley College.

Members discussed the review process of the Design Guidelines and the panels.

**Adjourn**

**Ms. Khoory motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Design Review Board. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-0; Wendell-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

**MINUTES APPROVED – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**