

ARCHITECTURAL

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING  
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of Northfield Architectural Commission taken at the Village of Northfield, 361 Happ Road, First Floor Board Room, Northfield, Illinois on the 10th day of February, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

TEV BOND, Chairman  
BARNABY DINGES  
KATHRYN TALTY  
ANDY BOWYER  
JOE McINERNEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PATRICIA MORRELL

ALSO PRESENT:

LINNEA O'NEILL, Staff Liaison

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: I'd like to call to order the  
2 February 10th meeting of the Architectural Commission.  
3 My name is Tev Bond, I'm the Chair. I will let the  
4 other Commissioners introduce themselves.

5 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Kathryn Talty.

6 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Barnaby Dinges.

7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Andy Bowyer.

8 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: Joe McInerney.

9 CHAIRMAN BOND: We also have Linnea O'Neill from  
10 the Village of Northfield. May I have approval of the  
11 minutes for the January 13th, 2020 meeting?

12 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: I'll move. So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Second?

14 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, minutes approved. There  
18 is one item on the agenda tonight and one other business  
19 item.

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21 **1. 117 Northfield Road, consideration of a**  
22 **request for approval of permit signage on the**  
23 **west side of the building and to allow**  
24 **permanent signage to be installed on the south**  
25 **side of the building, which requires a**  
26 **variation from the Sign Ordinance Section 12-**  
27 **3(1) for a sign not on the principal street**  
28 **exposure for North Shore Mosquito Abatement**  
29 **District located at 117 Northfield Road.**

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31 Is the Petitioner here please?

32 MR. ZAZRA: I am.

33 CHAIRMAN BOND: Hi, thanks. Could you please  
34 approach the podium and I'll swear you in? Do you think  
35 you'll both speak? If you want to, you can swear in  
36 together.

37 (Witnesses sworn.)

38 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you, and before you speak, if  
39 you could give your name, that would be great.

40 MR. ZAZRA: Hi, I'm Dave Zazra. I'm the  
41 Communications Manager for the North Shore Mosquito  
42 Abatement District.

43 CHAIRMAN BOND: Excellent.

44 MR. ZAZRA: Do you have -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

45 MR. LAMBERT: Frank Lambert, South Water Signs; I'm  
46 the Permitting Director. We're manufacturing and  
47 installing the sign.

48 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, thank you. The floor is  
49 yours.

50 MR. ZAZRA: I'll be very brief, it's pretty simple.

51 Many years ago, I redesigned our logo and everything to  
52 look like as you see in this sign here.

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay.  
2 MR. ZAZRA: As we've been making some updates to  
3 the building, we felt it would be nice to, one, update  
4 the sign to reflect our current look which is actually  
5 now old at this point, about 15 years. But more  
6 importantly, the secondary sign that we're asking for to  
7 go on the south side of the building that faces Winnetka  
8 Road is we have an awful lot of confused people coming  
9 into the parking lot. It's putting our people at risk.  
10 It's putting those people that drive through at  
11 risk, because they're looking for the Senior Center.  
12 Unfortunately, the signage isn't very clear on the  
13 Senior Center, and we felt that if we have a smaller  
14 sign facing Northfield Road -- I'm sorry, facing  
15 Winnetka Road, it will help alleviate that confusion and  
16 perhaps even slow some of that traffic down if not stop  
17 it all together.  
18 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so is the font that you  
19 chose, this is your current branding?  
20 MR. ZAZRA: Yes, it is. I can give you our  
21 business cards if you'd like to take a look.  
22 CHAIRMAN BOND: And the color is also incorporated?  
23 Oh, great, you have the color. If we could have that  
24 please? Thank you.  
25 Commissioners, do you have any questions?  
26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It's straight-forward.  
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is everyone okay with the color,  
28 this particular color?  
29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Are you sure you don't want  
30 to keep that?  
31 CHAIRMAN BOND: Linnea, has the Village seen this  
32 color, and are they in approval of this color blue?  
33 MS. O'NEILL: Yes.  
34 CHAIRMAN BOYD: Great, thank you.  
35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: What is your variance? So,  
36 what's the variance? Is your variance on the property  
37 or are you just wanting a variance for this sign?  
38 MR. ZAZRA: A variance for the sign.  
39 MS. O'NEILL: So, when you have a property that's  
40 on the corner and they want to be visible from both  
41 sides, you're only by code allowed to pick the primary  
42 street and have a sign there.  
43 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Oh, so the variance is to  
44 have a sign on the south side as well?  
45 MS. O'NEILL: Yes.  
46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, which is not considered  
47 primary. The reason that they want the variance, as you  
48 were saying, is because you now are having people from  
49 the Senior Center come in, not notice, park, get out of  
50 their cars, I'm assuming coming into your building  
51 looking for the Senior Center. So, by having the sign  
52 there, when they get out of their car, they're hopefully

1 more likely to just get back in, leave and go to their  
2 correct parking lot, correct?

3 MR. ZAZRA: Yes, exactly. It's unfortunate, we do  
4 see a lot of people, you know, who are looking to return  
5 a lot of the medical equipment that they're borrowing.  
6 So, before someone even looks out their window and  
7 realizes they're unloading their car, which can be  
8 difficult for many of these people at this point,  
9 they're already inside with the wheelchair or whatever  
10 it is, apparatus that they have. It would hopefully  
11 save them a little bit of time and trouble doing that as  
12 well.

13 CHAIRMAN BOND: And then we do need it on record  
14 that that is the reason that we're considering the  
15 variance, for future other people that perhaps --

16 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: So, it's for public safety  
17 then.

18 MR. ZAZRA: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DINGES: I'm just curious. How many  
20 people independent of the Senior Center come to your  
21 facility? Just workers, visitors, how much traffic do  
22 you get on your own?

23 MR. ZAZRA: During the summer, we typically, we're  
24 full up. I believe we've got 25 staff members during  
25 the off season, which really isn't the off season.  
26 There's only seven full-time people.

27 CHAIRMAN BOND: No further questions?

28 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I have no questions. It's  
29 fine.

30 CHAIRMAN BOND: No further questions, thank you.

31 MR. ZAZRA: Thank you.

32 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, may I have a motion?  
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34 **COMMISSIONER DINGES: Motion to approve the**  
35 **proposed signage and sign variation for a sign on a**  
36 **second, not primary street, elevation at North**  
37 **Shore Mosquito Abatement, 117 Northfield Road, as**  
38 **shown on the plans submitted January 6th, 2020.**

39 **CHAIRMAN BOND: Do I have a second?**

40 **COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Second.**

41 **CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?**

42 **(Chorus of ayes.)**

43 **CHAIRMAN BOND: Any opposed?**

44 **(No response.)**  
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46 CHAIRMAN BOND: Congratulations!

47 MR. ZAZRA: Thank you.

48 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you for coming. There is one  
49 Other Business item that the Petitioner didn't need to  
50 be here, so we have one other item which is Mariano's,  
51 right? So, there is one other business item, the  
52 Petitioner didn't need to be present, 1822 Willow Road.

1 Mariano's is requesting the addition of the word  
2 Pharmacy on the existing two-sided ground sign in the  
3 northwest corner of their property. The previously-  
4 approved ground sign has the word Mariano's with a leaf  
5 logo. The sign panel size does not change.  
6 So, if you have questions, we can ask them to  
7 Linnea.  
8 You know, Linnea, I am curious. Do the other  
9 Mariano signs also have the Pharmacy on them? Like at  
10 the other locations?  
11 MS. O'NEILL: I know the one in Arlington Heights  
12 does, but I don't know, you mean other Mariano's --  
13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, like the one on Skokie Road.  
14 MS. O'NEILL: I do not know. I know the pharmacy  
15 sign is not on the Northfield building anymore.  
16 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, and it used to be on the  
17 building?  
18 MS. O'NEILL: Yes.  
19 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: When it was Dominick's.  
20 MS. O'NEILL: When it was Dominick's.  
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: And did they say, are they  
22 requesting it because they feel like there has been  
23 confusion about whether or not they have a pharmacy  
24 inside?  
25 MS. O'NEILL: They did not say that specifically,  
26 but they did note that they wanted a sign up there to  
27 let people know there was a pharmacy in the store.  
28 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I thought all of them had  
29 pharmacies.  
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: We don't know.  
31 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: So, what do you want to  
32 say --  
33 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, does anybody, well, we can make  
34 a motion.  
35 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: We can just approve it  
36 tonight?  
37 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, unless we don't want to for a  
38 reason.  
39 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: There aren't -- I'm sorry,  
40 go ahead.  
41 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I was just curious. On the  
42 actual monument itself, is it damaged? Like is there  
43 stone off of the masonry underneath?  
44 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is it because of the picture?  
45 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, and I thought I  
46 remembered seeing it at some point where I thought it  
47 looked like it needed some love, you know, the actual  
48 monument sign. I'm just wondering, the picture looks  
49 like perhaps on that left side of the monument, is the  
50 stone cladding off of that?  
51 MS. O'NEILL: I do not know, but I can check  
52 tomorrow.

1 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: That's just the concrete  
2 blocking on it.

3 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It could just be, it could  
4 just be the image, the way the photograph is.

5 CHAIRMAN BOND: I don't recall either, you know.

6 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I should have --

7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Is that something that we should  
8 address in the motion? Or is that something that the  
9 Village works directly with them to make sure  
10 it's --

11 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I think she's talking about  
12 seeing how that, but in this picture it's much nicer.  
13 It looks kind of dented over here or cut off.

14 MS. O'NEILL: I would put it in the motion.

15 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: I thought she was talking  
16 about --

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Sorry, Barnaby.

18 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I'm sorry.

19 COMMISSIONER DINGES: So, do we want to say, like  
20 request that they check, work with the Village? Is it  
21 the foundation or the supports?

22 CHAIRMAN BOND: No, I think it's the cladding.

23 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Where do you think it --

24 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think it's the stone  
25 cladding.

26 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: There's stone cladding at the  
27 base. What are you confused about?

28 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think it's just about the  
29 cladding, that some of that --

30 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: The cladding. It's almost  
31 like a slate that looks --

32 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, you're talking about  
33 right there, the third stone up on the left?

34 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: I think it's just the --

35 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I feel like --

36 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think it's the picture also, but  
37 I can't know absolutely for sure.

38 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: Check --

39 COMMISSIONER TALTY: It was just for my, you know,  
40 like I've been by it and I thought it looked like it  
41 was-

42 CHAIRMAN BOND: Out of balance?

43 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Damaged.

44 CHAIRMAN BOND: If cladding needs repair, to be  
45 approved by the Village. Is that okay, Linnea? If  
46 cladding needs repair, to be approved by the Village?

47 MS. O'NEILL: That it would have, we would make  
48 sure that they fix it before they get their sign  
49 installed.

50 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do you want it to say that instead?

51 MS. O'NEILL: What does it say now? Please repeat  
52 it.

1 COMMISSIONER DINGES: If cladding needs  
2 repair --  
3 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Address prior to sign  
4 installation?  
5 MS. O'NEILL: That sounds good.  
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, thank you.  
7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Can we make them add  
8 landscaping?  
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think they have landscaping,  
10 right?  
11 MS. O'NEILL: There is landscaping there.  
12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Some bushes, but that's it.  
13 CHAIRMAN BOND: Oh, more landscaping? Are they  
14 supposed to have more landscaping that died?  
15 MS. O'NEILL: I'm actually working on a restoration  
16 plan from the original Dominicks landscape plan to  
17 address the plant material in the entire parking lot to  
18 make sure that they fill in where there's plant material  
19 missing.  
20 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Right. So, they have to make  
21 it --  
22 MS. O'NEILL: That would include around the sign.  
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Because I think when the  
24 construction happened, too, on Willow, like that area  
25 that had been damaged, I think it ended up being  
26 forgotten. So, I don't think it was necessarily  
27 intentional, it's just --  
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right, they're trying to  
29 upgrade their signage and --  
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: And they have so many different  
31 managers there, too, that, right. So, you're working on  
32 that?  
33 MS. O'NEILL: I'm working on it.  
34 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, you don't want to include it in  
35 the motion?  
36 MS. O'NEILL: No, it would be separate.  
37 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, I think we're ready to go  
38 ahead.  
39 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Ready for the motion?  
40 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, please.  
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42 **COMMISSIONER DINGES: Motion to approve the**  
43 **addition of the word Pharmacy on the existing**  
44 **Mariano's ground sign at 1822 Willow Road as**  
45 **shown on the plans submitted January 29th,**  
46 **2020. In addition, if cladding needs repair,**  
47 **address prior to sign installation.**  
48 **CHAIRMAN BOND: Do I have a second?**  
49 **COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: Second.**  
50 **CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?**  
51 **(Chorus of ayes.)**  
52 **CHAIRMAN BOND: None opposed?**

1 (No response.)  
2 CHAIRMAN BOND: Motion passes.  
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4 Our next meeting is, I didn't look it up. Did you  
5 look it up, Linnea?  
6 MS. O'NEILL: There is no March meeting, so the  
7 next meeting would be early April.  
8 CHAIRMAN BOND: There's no March meeting, April.  
9 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Is that because there's  
10 nothing that's been presented?  
11 MS. O'NEILL: Correct.  
12 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, there's a deadline that --  
13 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: We'll have to wait for  
14 spring break.  
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: That's right.  
16 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, when is the April date?  
17 So then I can --  
18 CHAIRMAN BOND: I usually have it in front, I don't  
19 have it, and I up to at this time write it down.  
20 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Although I shouldn't be  
21 trusted, but I think --  
22 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Should we adjourn?  
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think we have to announce the  
24 April date first.  
25 COMMISSIONER TALTY: I think it's the 13th. Is it  
26 the 13th?  
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: April 13th, does that sound right?  
28 MS. O'NEILL: Yes.  
29 COMMISSIONER TALTY: Yes, the 13th.  
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, our next meeting is April 13th.  
31 May I have a motion to adjourn?  
32 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Motion to adjourn.  
33 COMMISSIONER McINERNEY: Second.  
34 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?  
35 (Chorus of ayes.)  
36 CHAIRMAN BOND: Meeting adjourned. Thank you for  
37 coming.  
38 (Whereupon, at 7:15 p.m., the above meeting  
39 was adjourned.)  
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42 APPROVED 5/11/20  
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