

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Minutes of January 26, 2023

**7:00 pm at Brown Public Library Community Room
(also available remotely via Town GoToMeeting Account)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Bill Smith.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were DRB members Bill Smith, Tim Donahue, Paul Brown, Steve Davis, and Larry Garland. Also present was ZA & DRB Clerk Mitch Osiecki.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Tim Donahue moved to approve minutes of December 1; Larry Garland seconded.

Vote to approve: 5-0.

Sign Permit for DS Café (15 North Main Street)

No one was present on behalf of the applicants. Mitch made a couple of clarifying comments about the permit application. The original application indicated the signs would not be illuminated. Mitch has talked to the owners and clarified that they intend to use the existing China Star sign frames, but will update the signage to reflect the new enterprise, DS Café. The signs will be illuminated, as was the China Star business. Mitch explained to the new owners that the signs will only be allowed to be illuminated while the restaurant is open. Owners understand and agree. The restaurant will usually close at 9:00 pm; they may stay open until 10:00 pm some nights.

Motion: Paul Brown moved to approve the application as presented, with the condition that the signs are illuminated only while the restaurant is open; Tim Donahue seconded.

Vote to approve: 5-0-0.

Sign Permit for Northfield Marble & Granite (127 North Main Street)

Mitch stated that no representative from Northfield Marble & Granite was able to join tonight's meeting. Mitch advised that the sign applied for in this permit is already up and suggested that the DRB could act on the permit as presented, and approve or deny the sign requested.

Mitch advised that, several weeks ago, this firm held what was described as a "remnant sale," and displayed a temporary sandwich board-style sign advertising same. There is also a sign displayed on the building advertising the "remnant sale." Mitch will advise owners that they may apply for signs to advertise a periodic remnant sale of limited duration (for example, a once or twice a year for a limited duration). But the town probably does not want signs displayed long-term suggesting a perpetual "sale."

Motion: Tim Donahue moved to approve the application as presented; Larry Garland seconded.

Vote to approve: 5-0-0.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Larry Garland moved to adjourn; Paul Brown seconded.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.