

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:15 a.m.**  
**Town Hall Annex**  
**80 Doyle Rd. Bantam, CT**

**Call to Order - Appointment of Alternates**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.**

**Present:** C. Bramley and B. Seamans. Also present: Dick Sheldon, Michael DiSlesi, Mohammed Rahman, Susan Fenn and Colin Szymanski.

**Absent:** W. Westcott

**Borough of Bantam - Gateway Welcome to Bantam Signs - Three signs, one Rt. 209 and Rt. 202.**

The "Welcome to Bantam" signs were reviewed as presented. Each of the three signs is 55" x 47". The posts are 4 x 4's wrapped in 1" PVC to give the appearance of being larger posts. As requested, D. Sheldon spoke with Rob Fernandez of CT DOT regarding the size of the posts, assuring them they were 4 x 4's. Posts larger than 4 x 4 require to be drilled to break-away in the event of a car colliding with the posts. It was suggested the drop disk be removed and the language referring to "Maintain a Safe Speed" be removed as only DOT can control speed on state roads. The hanging "Arts District" sign be removed and the Arts District logo and wording be added to the bottom line of the sign, replacing the "maintain safe speed". D. Sheldon will talk with Right-Way signs to see if the change in wording at the bottom of the sign can be modified. The application will be on the DRAC meeting agenda for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**637 Bantam Road - Michael DiStasi - Change in existing signage.**

The intent is to modernize the sign with the new design as submitted. The sign will be placed in the same location, same size with 4 x 4 posts. The Renderings of the proposed sign during the day and at night with back lit lighting on the name of the restaurant were reviewed. The lettering will be outlined in gold with black background. B. Seamans moved a favorable recommendation, C. Bramley seconded and unanimously carried.

**199 West Street - REEHA LLC - Lighting for front of building and spotlights without permit.**

The LED lights on the building are too bright and do not conform to Litchfield's zoning regulations. The light bulbs in the spot lights in each gable, which are shaded, are required to be changed to a lower, softer wattage to prevent spillage to adjacent properties. All lighting is required to be down lighting so as to prevent spillage onto other properties. M. Rahman or his

electrician will be scheduled for the next meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> for review of new compliant proposal.

**607 Bantam Road - View Point Enterprises - Addition of wall signage without permit.**

A picture of the new sign for the garden patio display area was reviewed. S. Fenn stated it was an oversight to not include the sign with DRAC review of the patio layout. The sign has back lit outlining of the wording. A motion for a favorable recommendation was made by B. Seamans, seconded C. Bramley and unanimously carried.

B. Seamans moved to add an item 5.a. to the agenda. C. Bramley seconded and unanimously carried.

**457 Bantam Road – for replacement existing sign at professional Office Building.**

C. Szymanski, owner of the property, presented a more modern version of the building’s panel sign, removing the shingled “roof” at the top of the sign. A rendering of the sign showed the tenant signs in the panel divided to allow for more tenant listings and the posts without the roof. C. Bramley moved and B. Seamans seconded a favorable recommendation for the modification to the sign subject to submission of the final rendering of the sign and posts for the file. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2026**

B. Seamans moved, C. Bramley seconded a motion to approve the minutes, unanimously carried.

**6. Adjournment**

C. Bramley moved, B. Seamans seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m., unanimously carried.