

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday June 4, 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 9:17 a.m.

**Present:** C. Bramley and B. Seamans. Also present: Dick Sheldon.

**Absent:** W. Westcott

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

D. Sheldon, Bantam Borough Warden was present for the continued discussion on the Welcome to Bantam signs. He Stated Rite Way signs can change the lower board, as requested at the last meeting, to reflect the Arts District logo instead of drive speed guidance. The Borough Board prefers to leave the "Maintain Safe Speed" tag line. The Borough agrees to remove the Arts District hanging sign from below the main sign. However, the Borough is stating the speed tag line is to remain and requested DRAC solicit an opinion as to whether the "maintain safe speed" wording represents freedom of speech thus removing DRAC's authority to ask it to be removed. DRAC reviews signage for consistency with the zoning regulations and elements displayed on signs have a direct relationship to the entity proposing the sign, unlike State DOT Road speed guidance. The application will be continued to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAC meeting for follow up comment from Litchfield's land use attorney, Steve Byrne. It was also noted the two signs located in the Town of Litchfield could be relocated inside the Borough boundaries where they would not be subject to Litchfield Zoning Regulations. The application is an after-the-fact request for approval.

**199 West Street - REEHA LLC - Lighting for front of building and spotlights.**

No one was present for the application although it does appear the lights on the front of the building have a shield over the bare bulbs. ZEO S. Macary will address the issue with the applicant who additionally, does not have an electrical permit for the change in lighting. The application will be continued to the next meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**250 West Street – Sunoco – Change in signage.**

Photos of the proposed signage were reviewed but no one was present for the application. The photos submitted were not clear. They appear to be interior lit, but the photos didn't describe the time of day the various photos would be activated. More detailed information is needed

and if the signs are now part of a consistent look for Sunoco gas stations, color photographs of the signs on an existing gas station in Connecticut during the day, evening and night are needed.

The applicant will be notified and scheduled for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2026**

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

**Adjournment**

C. Bramley moved, B. Seamans seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m., unanimously carried.

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Design Review Advisory Committee

Date: 6/4/26