

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Town Code charges the Architectural Review Board to preserve the heritage and integrity of Old Saybrook's built environment by evaluating applications for development or redevelopment from an aesthetic perspective. The Board works with owners, builders and developers to avoid both excessive uniformity and excessive variety in each element of the design. In Old Saybrook, the Board promotes harmony between each aspect of an improvement—building, site and neighborhood.

The Board of Selectmen appoints 5 members and 2 alternates for a term of 3 years each.

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Board held 20 meetings at which it reviewed 9 proposals for new or re-development and 38 proposals for new signs at existing developments.

The Board works closely with other land use groups. Presently, Emily Grochowski is the Commission's representative to the Mariner's Way Advisory Committee. Donna Leake happens to be a member of the Conservation Commission, as well. The Commission thanks both for their dedication to these additional organizations and the ongoing coordination of land use policies.

The Architectural Review Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, second floor conference room. Meryl Moskowitz of the Land Use Department supports us as our administrative clerk. *Many thanks to Stella Beaudoin for her years of making sure we had a quorum every other Monday!* Susan Beckman, Economic Development Director, often attends the Architectural Review Board in her role of shepherding new or improving businesses. Chris Costa, Zoning Enforcement Officer, is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning land use in Old Saybrook.

Susan Hitchcock Missel, *Chairman*