

Subject to approval

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY APPEARANCE**

**Regular Meeting July 14, 2020**

**Minutes**

The Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Community Appearance (ACCA) was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference, with Elizabeth Ardolino presiding.

**Members present:** Chair E. Ardolino, J. Cunningham, M. Williams, P. Clement and F. Murphy (no mic on Zoom, Written response attached).

**Members absent:**

**Others present:** Dave Anderson (Director of Land Use and Economic Development), John J DeLaura (Zoning Enforcement Officer).

Representing Chase Bank:

Patrick Jones, Jennifer Porter, Richard Dordas and Victor Antonio

E. Ardolino called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04 p.m.

**The following pages contain the recommendations for the applications presented.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion: By L. Ardolino, second by P. Clement to adjourn at 6:29 pm. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 9, 2020. Motion by Liz A, second by P. Clement to approve. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
John J De Laura

## **ACCA RECOMMENDATION:**

**634 Boston Post Road. Applicant: Chase Bank.** Preliminary Review of redevelopment of the 634 Boston Post Road bank site.

Jennifer Porter began by expressing the Chase team has addressed all the previous comments and suggestions ACCA has made over the last couple of presentations. Chase hopes they have ACCAs acceptance moving forward with the PZC and the IWWA.

Patrick Jones presented the elevations indicating incorporating additional brick on the two-story element with soldier courses, smaller fenestration and reduce height in the entry. The previous panels were eliminated and steel bands were added. The canopy was extended to the adjacent elevation.

Signage on the north side was considered too large and too corporate.

Additional input was the additional brick was a plus but the rhythm is off and it is still appearing very modern. Suggestions were to soften the mass, perhaps to add hip roof forms, slopes and curves. Some felt the present scheme appeared as four different buildings and adding some traditional elements might help.

The redesigned windows were an improvement and the elimination of the niche (sp) siding was a something that all were in favor of. Window mullion patterns were discussed, signage was thought to be too big and redundant.

Chase expressed some frustration in the process. Chase was reminded they have been resistant to revisions based on ACCA suggestions.

Dave Anderson thought a small group meeting with two ACCA members and Chase before the next meeting would move things along in a cooperative way to an end. Liz liked the idea and Matt and Peter would represent ACCA.

Matt said he would send photographs of what he referred to as more a traditional solution.

Liz motioned to continue to have ACCA work closely with Chase to come to a cooperative consensus before 4 weeks. All approved.