

The meeting was called to order at 6:59. Everyone was present.

The height issue was the first topic we randomly started with. From our discussion it was determined that the height issue is first handled by the Planning Commission before it comes to the ARB. We decided to set that issue aside.

We do have a question for the town staff we would like the history on: Why was the height special use permit granted for Gas Light Landing?

Discussion continued on the authority of the ARB. In this discussion the history of some of the more recent building projects were discussed. That discussion led us to create a Vision Statement for what the ARB would like to see and protect in Occoquan. The preferred design elements we as a board came up with are:

- Angled roofs
- Facades that match the surrounding architecture and the style of the building including stone façades or combination stone façade that would match Rockledge Mansion and the Mill House Museum, two of our most important structures in Occoquan
- When a building has a large front face, create the appearance of separate structures
- Not a flat front, use design features as balconies and awnings to break up a flat front
- Windows of varying depths and shapes and sizes
- Vibrant relationship between riverfront buildings and the river: live-ability and access
- Façade should not be commercial or industrial looking structure
- Use of trim that is appropriate to the style of the building architecture. In Occoquan we have a variety of Georgian, Federalist, Victorian, and Craftsman styles.
- Incorporate vegetation/landscaping into the building design
- **Protect or recreate elements that reflect the history of Occoquan**

We as an ARB will make a public vote on this Vision Statement at our August 28 meeting. This will then become a public document and a public record of the ARB.

We will ask the Town Staff to set up further training for the ARB with a meeting with the Zoning Administrator to educate the ARB on that role and with the Town Attorney to train us on 66-224 from the ordinances, particularly (g)1-9.

Laurie Holloway closed the meeting with a reminder that when talking to the public we have an important role in our messaging to the public.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:02.