

**Planning Board  
Residential Project  
Downtown Neighborhood Tour  
20 May 2009**

**Present:**

**Board members:** Kate Connolly, Joan Garipay, Bill Dietrich, Michael Hingston, Peter Owens, Judith Esmay

**Staff:** Vicki Smith, Judith Brotman, Jonathan Edwards

**Public:** Bob Strauss, Nancy Collier, Doug McIlroy, Cyndy Bittinger, Peter Aptakin

Vice Chair William Dietrich called the meeting to order in the Board Room of the Municipal Building. The group met Chair Esmay in the parking lot and Chair Esmay presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Tour participants were advised to take note of the street, the street right of way, the interface between the edge of the street and house, the private space relationship with public space, the house orientation, porches, landscaping, fences, gardens, etc.

Situations considered included:

the 3 Prospect carriage house,	5 Prospect home business,	illegal parking in front yards,
un-permitted second driveways,	9 Prospect student housing,	19 Maple porch,
Hanover Court parking,	West Street new pavement,	West St. need for sidewalk,
open v. enclosed porches,	height of hedge,	Hanover Crt. front yard,
private paving of road edges,	driveway width,	19 School lot coverage,
Maple St. setbacks,	and sidewalk grade changes.	

Zoning district edges were observed and a variety of zoning situations were discussed.

Light rain did not deter the group's spirit of adventure and most were eager to visit another neighborhood soon.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Smith  
Acting scribe