

## Erin Zwirko

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**Attachments:** A201k - 298 Main Paneled Street Facade Study.pdf

Hello Erin and Nick,

At the last Planning Board meeting (1/24/24), the 298 Main Street Building was reviewed by the board for it's final 3-D representation of the building facades.

Most of the YHPC recommendations were incorporated into the design.

One of them was not. Our critique included painting the wood panels above the storefront windows the same color as the window frames (instead of the siding color) so that all of the infill between the cast stone columns and cast stone lintel read as one element.

I included this photo as a local example.



The board, however, asked the developer to put back the cast stone infill (from a prior scheme) above the storefront, as seen in the attached lower sketch I did to illustrate this. The upper sketch illustrates the YHPC recommendations. We think that keeping the cast stone infill above the storefront windows would be an unfortunate change for the following reasons:

1. It creates a heavy base, visually.
2. Cast stone is not a good material for what will inevitably be a change in signage as tenants come and go. The drilled holes for sign attachment are “permanent” and not easily masked when a different size sign is attached. The painted wood frame and flat panels are easily patched and painted when there’s new signage attached
3. The cast stone infill below the cast stone lintel on the main street facade would not be consistent with the west, south, and east sides of the building where the non-commercial infill is not cast stone.

The YHPC requests that the Planning Board members and applicant be promptly copied for consideration at the next planning board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Yarmouth Historic Preservation Committee



NORTH ELEVATION - MAIN STREET with painted panels above the windows



NORTH ELEVATION - MAIN STREET - with cast stone above the windows

298  
MAIN  
STREET  
Yarmouth, Maine

SCALE  
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