

**Town of Dover**  
**P.O. Box 428**  
**West Dover, VT 05356**  
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**DOVER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF DECISION**  
**Application 14-RT059-05**

**A. PROCEDURAL HISTORY & APPLICANT REQUEST**

1. Landowner: Sandy MacDougall for Layla's Riverside Lodge
2. Applicant: Sandy MacDougall
3. Brief Description of Request: Permit for a changeable sign in accordance with Section 130 of the Dover Sign Ordinance.
4. A copy of the application was received by the Zoning Administrator on September 8, 2014.
5. On September 18, 2014, a copy of the Notice of Hearing was mailed to the Applicant, along with a sample letter and abutter's list for notifying all abutters.
6. Public notice of the hearing was posted at the following locations on September 18, 2014:
  - a. Dover Town Clerk's Bulletin Board
  - b. Dover Town Meeting Room Bulletin Board
  - c. Dover Free Library & Dover Elementary School via email
  - d. East Dover Post Office via regular mail
  - e. Town of Dover website: [www.doververmont.com](http://www.doververmont.com)Public notice of the hearing was also published in the Deerfield Valley News on September 25, 2014 and in the Brattleboro Reformer on September 20, 2014.
7. At the outset of the hearing, the Chair afforded all persons wishing to establish status as an interested party the opportunity to do so; no requests for Interested Party status were made or granted.
8. A public hearing was held and closed on October 9, 2014.
9. The Applicant was not in attendance and the Hearing proceeded without him.
10. A complete list of exhibits and attendees is included in the meeting minutes. Minutes, application and exhibits are available for viewing in the Dover Town Office through the Zoning Administrator.

**B. FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Based on the application, testimony, exhibits and other evidence, the Dover DRB finds as follows:

1. The MacDougall property is located at 145 Route 100 and is known as Layla's Riverside Lodge


2. The property is located in the Planned Commercial District (COM).
3. The hearing was properly warned.
4. As the Applicant did not attend, notification of Abutters could not be confirmed.
5. The Applicant is requesting permission to alter the wording on the sign located in the parking lot of the business without having to secure a new permit for each change. The sign face is chalkboard material.

### C. DECISION

Based on the evidence presented, by a vote of 3-0-0, the Board approves this Application with the following conditions:

1. The Applicant shall adhere to all other aspects of the Sign Ordinance, in particular Sections 115 and 124.
2. The sign may not be changed in size or location without reapplication.
3. The wording and images on the sign may be changed but shall be specifically and exclusively related to the lodging and restaurant businesses at the location.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sarah K. Shippee  
Chairperson, Dover Development Review Board

**November 12, 2014**

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Date

**NOTICE: This decision may be appealed to the Vermont Environmental Court by an interested party who participated, through oral or written testimony, in the proceeding(s) before the DRB. Such appeal must be taken within 30-days of the date of this decision, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4471 and Rule 5(b) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings.**

**NOTICE: State permits may be required for this project. Call 802-885-8850 to speak to the regional Permit Specialist before beginning any construction.**