

Design Review Board Guidelines

To adhere to the criteria set forth under the Zoning Chapter of the Village of Quogue Codes, the following Design Review Board (DRB) Guidelines are meant to assist architects, owners, builders, and other interested parties as they make sound design decisions and seek approval from the DRB. The Guidelines illustrate the design features that preserve the architectural legacy, the physical history, and the integrity of the Village.

According to the Village Code, the DRB can “impose appropriate conditions or modifications to prevent or minimize harmful effects of the proposed construction or alteration.” As such, the more features listed below that are incorporated into the design of the proposed new home, addition, or alteration, the more likely it will be approved.

1. Symmetry, size and scale—evenly spaced and balanced windows, facades, and columns. Height and scale are appropriate to the size of the lot.
2. Decorative moldings—thick, strong, and supportive moldings that accentuate and enhance the elegance of the structure. These are especially found around windows, doors, and porches.
3. Pediments—typically found above doorways or porches, they add an additional feature with a sense of sophistication and formality. Flat and narrow front door overhanging structures are more modern and less conforming to the historical integrity the DRB is looking for.
4. Front porches—these create a warm and welcoming flavor and are featured in most historic homes throughout Quogue. They often run across the length (or a large portion) of the front of the house and may even wrap around the side of the house.
5. Roofing materials—cedar shake shingles, slate, or asphalt are traditional. Metal roofs are not. Though metal roofs are found in Quogue, they are not prominent in the historic areas. The DRB strongly encourages the shingle style in areas deemed historic.
6. Siding materials—classic homes are made of wood or cedar shingles and may include decorative designs to the shingles. Board and batten is also found in many older homes. There are also about five historic homes in Quogue made from brick. Vinyl siding is not traditional.
7. Roof lines—many roof lines exist throughout Quogue, but rarely do you see flat roofs or lean-to styles. Also, the roof itself is often part of the second story with the addition of dormers. This is in keeping with a style that grounds the home and has it elegantly sit on the property rather than rise disproportionately above it. This roof-incorporated-into-second-story is a classic feature of shingle homes throughout Quogue. The integral feature of this look is that it replaces a large flat-faced, two-story style. The modern barn style is not in keeping with the historic integrity and is especially discouraged in the historic areas.
8. Roof line overhang—a classic look is to have the roof line overhang the home by at least ten inches and include decorative moldings or brackets to the eaves.
9. Windows—traditionally the windows are trimmed in white and have ample molding around each window, as well as multiple, thick, sturdy mullions as simple as one-over-one or more traditionally six-over-one (as examples).
10. Garage doors—street-facing garage doors are inappropriate in most areas of the Village, especially historic areas.

Note: If you are planning to work on a property classified as historic in Quogue (see the Village website for specific addresses), these guidelines will be your ally and are meant to save everyone time, money and frustration. Thank you for reading them. Please reach out to any member of the DRB with questions.