

2016 Town Plan

Preliminary Thoughts from the ARB

1. Whenever possible the preservation and adaptive re-use of an existing building should be an utmost priority.
2. New commercial construction in Darien should reflect the organic development of the Town's historic growth. The scale, massing, rhythm, and the use of a variety of appropriate materials as they relate to the surrounding architecture should be considered.
3. New design should be integrated, and reflect the existing building fabric; to complement rather than imitate the town's architectural styles.
4. The ARB advocates street wall continuity whenever possible and, in deference to and to promote pedestrian activity in the downtown, the elimination of unnecessary curb cuts along the primary downtown sidewalks (eg. drive-thru uses).
5. As downtown Darien has become more vibrant, careful consideration must be paid to parking issues.
6. Appropriate regulated signage remains a critical element of downtown Darien.
7. The ARB appreciates that the variety of commercial, mixed-use and residential zones located along the Boston Post Road is unique to Darien. These diverse districts contribute to a coherent and viable community.
8. The ARB will always advocate for the vigorous planting of downtown street trees and the burying of all electrical wires.