

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Members present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Geiger, Greene, Hughes, Macdonald
Guest: Reilly

Staff present: Keating

After joining the Planning and Zoning Commission for an informal discussion with Federal Realty Properties, Noroton Heights at 8 P.M. in Room 206 of the Darien Town Hall, the Architectural Review Board moved to room 213 at 9:15 P.M. to consider the following agenda items.

ARB #26-2015

1950 Post Road LLC, 1950 Boston Post Road, NB Zone
Façade Review

Attorney Robert Maslan, property owner Jon Vaccaro and architects James Schettino and James L. Schettino presented changes for the previously approved building. The entrance or front façade of the building will now face the Boston Post Road, and the depth of the building will be doubled consisting of two gable ends. The previously approved elements of the building will remain virtually unchanged. The entrance driveway will be located on the western side of the building.

There will not be a second structure on the property as previously presented. Shutters will be correctly installed with proper operational hardware.

The Board approved the plans with suggested changes.

ARB #27-2015

Tina Dragone, 1049 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposed front wall sign and awning

Gerardo Flores of FG Signs LLC represented owner Tina Dragone proposing an awning over the entry door and a front wall sign. The awning will be black Sunbrella in a shed style over the door only. The sign will be a black aluminum panel with .40 inch applied Reverse LED channel letters. The letters will be 10". The gooseneck lighting will be removed and the owner will put the street number on the door glass.

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There will be no awning or sign on the side of the building because the sidewall is on the property line. Variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals would be needed for a sidewall sign or awning.

The Board approved the revised plans for the front wall sign and awning.

ARB #24-2015

C2 Education 25 Old Kings Highway North (Goodwives Shopping Center), DC Zone
Proposed front wall sign and blade sign.

There was no representation for the application. The Board members reviewed the application. The front wall sign will be consist of a white aluminum panel with ½” thick acrylic letters painted blue, red and teal. The “C2” logo will be 11.25” and the letters will be no more than 8.75” high.

The proposed blade sign will meet all specifications. The Board ordered that the words “be smarter” be eliminated from the blade sign.

The Board approved the plans with suggested changes.

ARB #25 -2015

Sichuan Way, 975 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposed wall sign and rear wall sign

There was no representation for the application. The Board members reviewed the application. The present plastic letters will be replaced with new 10” burgundy letters reading “Sichuan Way” plus two Chinese characters on the front façade of the building. Present lighting will remain. On the rear of the building new 9” burgundy letters will be installed on present sign board.

The Board approved the plan.

Wee Burn Country Club, 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road
Informal discussion regarding 8’x8’ (64 sf) Starter Hut

Wee Burn Country Club, Hollow Tree Ridge Road, had submitted three options for a proposed started shack. The Board preferred Option #2 consisting of tile roof, weathered wood siding and awning windows.

Susan Lawrence reported that David Genovese has requested a meeting with the Board to gather input regarding his development of the downtown area. When a date has been chosen, the proper notification to the public and to Board members will be made.

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2016 Meeting Calendar

The Board approved the tentative meeting schedule for 2016.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 21, 2015 meeting were amended and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hughes

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