

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
November 17, 2015

Members Present: Castell, Greene, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald and Reilly
Staff Present: Keating

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm

ARB #31-2015

Bertucci's Kitchen, 54 Boston Post Road, SB-E Zone
Proposed wall sign and pole sign with new name.

Tracy Becker of National Sign Corp. presented a proposed wall sign to replace an existing sign. It is to be halo lit with red letters reading "Bertucci's." Most letters will be 10" high with a 15" high "B". The existing letter "B" is 16 inches tall. Below "Bertucci's" the existing word restaurant would be replaced with the words "Kitchen and Bar" with 4" high letters in black. Subsequent to the meeting the applicant chose to leave the existing "Bertucci's", not to do the halo lighting.

The pole sign as presented required additional clarification. The word "Restaurant" will be replaced with the words "Kitchen and Bar". The existing word "Bertucci's" will remain unchanged. Subsequent to the meeting the applicant provided the following details – an aluminum ivory panel with the push through letters (Kitchen – Bar) will be installed. The front face of the new letters is black, and the sides will be clear allowing a halo lit area. The aluminum panel with the new letters is 2" thick to allow for the interior lights.

There was also a request for two awnings over window on the front wall with the words "Bertucci's Kitchen and Bar" in white block letters on Sunbrella canvass, color terra cotta to match the existing awnings. The Architectural Review Board did not support the idea of lettering on these awnings because each would constitute another sign as defined by the Regulations and as such, are not allowed.

ARB#32-2015

Noroton Yacht Club, 23 Baywater Drive, R-NBD Zone.
Proposed replacement building and re-use of existing wall sign.

Art Collins, Chairman of the Building Committee, Rob Lambert, Architect and Jason Kline, Attorney presented a proposal for a new clubhouse. The materials will be stone veneer, stone chimney, timber trellis and ornamental timber with cabled trusses. Wide board rough sawn cedar siding will be used on the base of the building; most of the upper portion will be cedar shingles, all stained semi-transparent Cabot's "Beechwood Grey." Trim will be Azak painted BM "Dove White." Roof will be a dark charcoal/black asphalt shingle, color "Moire." One small gable will be clad vertically with 4" cedar boards. Windows will be Pella aluminum clad with 7/8" muntins. On the north elevation the upper fenestration will align with the sidelights below.

Since the ARB is concerned about the stone choice, the applicants agreed to provide a mock-up for the ARB to view, together with the other exterior materials.

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The applicant presented an existing wall sign, 6' long 6" high with letters 4" high.

The Board approved the proposal with the agreed window modification and pending the future mock-up of materials.

ARB #33-2015

Darien Diner, 275 Boston Post Road
Proposed wall sign & pole sign.

Mr. Teddy Giapoutzis presented an entrance vestibule including a glass block transom portion, with blue 10" pin letters spelling "Darien Diner" applied to the glass block. Light from inside the entry foyer will be the only illumination of the sign.

The existing pole sign is 15' tall by 6' wide. The supporting pole and arm will be painted a medium grey. The current signboard will be replaced with a sign of quilted brushed stainless steel with blue applied letters "Darien" to be 9" high and "Diner" to be 12" high. The signboard will be reduced from the existing size to be 3.5'H x 5'W.

The Board approved the proposals as modified.

Other Business

Modification of ARB #02-2015

Knobel Hill, LLC, 2 Settler's Trail (formerly 40 Locust Hill Road), R-1 Zone.

Penny Glassmeyer presented a stucco sample of the finish she intends to use for her project at the old Knobel Brothers site. The approved plan calls for shingles on the second floor of each building, but she wants to switch to stucco to avoid uneven fading of the shingle colors. She showed a demonstration board of the proposed stucco, but said she will prepare a sample of the final color she would like for the Board to see. The Board felt the color as presented was too yellow. The Board would prefer to see a grey/brown color closer to the stone color. The copper band on the sweep also requires clarification.

The Board felt additional clarification and discussion was required.

Informal discussion regarding Baywater Properties, Corbin Drive/Boston Post Road re-development.

Gary Brewer from Robert Stern Architects and David Genovese of Baywater Properties presented an update on the design of the Corbin Drive development project.

A discussion regarding various aspects of the project followed. Some of the comments are as follows:

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The Board indicated it would like to see the central building on “The Green” less formal and municipal/institutional in appearance. The architect agreed to look at ways to make it more accessible for the possibility of future retail usage.

The Board also expressed an interest in a contemporary, forward looking designed building within the overall development.

The office building was discussed as the ideal possibility with perhaps a loft style building with more glass.

The size and scale and total amount of development were all concerns.

A detailed letter from the Chair will try to summarize the various comments of the Board members.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 20, 2015 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Macdonald

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