

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
September 16, 2014**

The meeting of the Architectural Review Board on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 was opened at 8:00 p.m. in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall.

The following members were present:

Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Macdonald, Browne, Greene and Hughes

Staff Present: Keating

ARB #21-2014

Psychic of Darien, 903 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Proposed 2 wall signs and door decal.

The 82 ¾" wide by 15 ½" high identification sign shall be installed in the second floor porch panel located over the entrance door. It shall have a green background with white 8" and 4 ½" letters. A second, small 12" by 12" green and white sign shall be located to the right of the entrance door. Approved.

Modification of ARB #18-2014 and/or ARB #19-2008

Blue Mercury (Kleban Day Street), 1015 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Proposed color/façade change.

Application for a modified awning color and a modified trim color for the building at the above address was discussed and approved. The new building trim color shall be BM Baby's Breath OC-62 (off white) and the new awning color shall be Sunbrella Sapphire Blue 4641.

Modification of ARB #40-2008

Merrill Lynch, 1020 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Proposing to relocate the existing signs.

David Genovese represented the property owner and the Applicant. The proposal is to relocate the sign on the Boston Post Road façade to the west side of the building so that it would be more visible to motorists and pedestrians coming from the west. The sign on the rear façade, facing the municipal parking lot would be relocated to the east side of the building so that it would be more visible to motorists and pedestrians approaching from the east. There would be no sign for Merrill Lynch on the front or rear of the building, where they are allowed. Zoning Enforcement Officer David Keating noted that the side wall signs are not allowed by the Regulations.

Relocating the signs from the wall facing the municipal parking lot and from the front wall adjacent to the Boston Post Road would both need variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ARB was not in favor of the proposal.

ARB #22-2014

2 Squab Lane, CBD Zone.

Proposed façade.

The revised building design was discussed. The Board was concerned that the building façade, windows, doors and other features were not appropriate for the setting so close to the railroad station. They preferred the original design that was reminiscent of a classic railroad station building. The stairway from the parking lot and open space level, up to the railroad station level needs to be presented for review. The applicant will return next month with revised plans and more details.

ARB #23-2014

Darien Cleaners and Tailors, 1086 Boston Post Road

Proposed sign.

The sign shall be 27.5” high by 24.5” wide with a blue background and gold and white letters. Although the sign was approved as presented, the Board suggested that a more horizontal sign would offer better visibility, especially as the defining words “Cleaners & Tailors” are shown as being only 2” high on the submitted application. If the applicant wants to revise the design, they need to submit a revised proposal to the Planning and Zoning Office so that it can be distributed to the ARB members for review and action.

Approval of Minutes

July 15, 2014 Approved unanimously.

Any Other Business

None

Adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Keating