

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2013

Members Present: Macdonald, Gadsden, Greene, Lawrence, Cruice
Staff Present: Keating
The meeting was called to order at 8pm.

1. ARB #30-2013

Darien Junior Sailing, Weed Beach, 155 Nearwater Lane, R-1 Zone
Request for new building on the Weed Beach property for use by Darien Junior Sailing.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to re-establish the Junior Sailing base of operations after damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. Rick Swan, the architect, presented a design for a two-story, 22' x 50' storage building to house boats, equipment and supplies for the sailing program. The new facility will match the architectural colors and materials of the Weed Beach bathhouse and the Paddle Tennis building. These include siding of white cedar with bleaching oil, white trim, and a charcoal grey asphalt shingle roof. The board and batten shutters will be operable.

The Board commended the architect's design and approved the plans as presented.

2. ARB #29-2013

Post Modern Home, 110 Boston Post Road, SB-E Zone
Proposed wall sign.

Drew Clark, the applicant, presented a design for a 158" wide x 20" high wall sign to be centered over the front door. The background is to be anodized aluminum with 10" high black and orange acrylic letters. The three existing gooseneck lamps are to be painted black and spread out over the sign. The building shall be re-painted an off-white/pale grey color.

The Board approved the sign design as presented.

3. Continuation of ARB #23-2013

Noroton Presbyterian Church, 2011 & 2075 Boston Post Road, and 25 Noroton Avenue, R-1/3 Zone

Proposed addition and alterations.

Dennis Kowal, the architect, presented a re-design for the existing linking building between the sanctuary and the chapel. The broken pediment roof detail has been eliminated, resulting in a straight mansard to hide the roof equipment. The cultured stone veneer base and the Tuscan fiberglass columns have been eliminated as well. The Board voiced its satisfaction with the new, quieter façade facing the Boston Post Road which successfully borrows design details and materials from the flanking historic buildings. The architect explained that the bricks chosen for the new façade will have to take into consideration the color and texture of bricks from all the

existing structures. The mortar for the new bricks will be tinted to match the old. Funds were found to make it possible to cap the entire Christian Education building with a mansard roof. The architect was commended for reacting in an expeditious and successful way to the Board's comments from the September meeting. The Board approved the proposal.

4. ARB #31-2013

Whole Foods, 150 Ledge Road

Installation of solar panels on roof.

Dan McGrath, the owner of United Solar Associates, presented the plan for installing 200 solar panels onto the roof at Whole Foods. All will be tucked behind parapet walls and none will be visible from any street vantage point. The only visible element of the proposed installation will be a 48" high by 18" wide 200 amp disconnect to be located next to existing electrical service equipment on the northwest portion of the building wall next to the loading dock.

The Board approved the proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2013, were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan U. Lawrence