

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

Members Present: Lawrence, Macdonald, Castell, Hughes, Groppa, Gadsden, Brown  
Dave Keating, Staff

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

**ARB #9-2012**

19 Old Kings Highway South, OB Zone.  
Proposed Tenant Directory ground sign.

Michael Terranova, of ACME Sign Company, presented a two post directory sign based in mulch with the face painted metallic silver finish aluminum with removable tenant panels. The header will be Red#186 in a satin finish. The number 19 will be raised ¼" aluminum and painted white. Street name and tenant names will be in black. The rear will be plain and there will no ground lights. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**ARB #10-2012**

Darien Police Department, 25 Hecker Avenue, R 1/5 Zone.  
Proposed ground sign.

George Reilly, of the Police Department Building Committee, presented a 2' by 7'6" sign on ½" white PVC board railed with white plastic trim that rested on two 4'6" high posts. Letters will be applied black vinyl and written as "Darien Police Department, 25 Hecker Avenue" with police seal and the sign will be set at right angle to the road. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**ARB #11-2012**

A Little Something White Bridal Couture, 1292 Boston Post Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, SB Zone.  
Proposed wall sign.

Ashley Krauss, tenant, and Penny Glassmeyer, property owner, presented a 12" by 84" Azek sign with black letters with the full six word legal name mounted the upper window lintel of the building. Three oil rubbed, bronze lights above the sign were presented and the board suggested an up light at the base of the sign would be preferable. The Board approved the plans with suggested changes.

**ARB #12-2012**

The Dock Shop, 49 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone.  
Proposed blade sign and storefront signage.

Toni Sabia presented a three word stud mounted plastic lettered sign in Gemini 3000 Blue, centered individually over the door and two windows. The blue clam shell logo in the door pediment needed to be reduced down to 10 inches tall, with its adjoining words "Nautical Boutique" moved to more closely relate to the clamshell. The white painted plywood blade sign with a cast iron bracket needed to remove both the telephone number and words "Darien, Connecticut" as well as to center the black lettering. The Board approved the plans with suggested changes.

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**ARB # 13-2012**

Daniel Dolcetti & Associates LLC, 2 Squab Lane, CBD Zone.  
Proposed wall and front door sign.

Dan Dolcetti presented a black 20" by 58" black with white pin-striped lettered plywood wall sign for the front porch and a 7" by 24" black and white pin-striped lettered front door sign. The two will be lighted by existing fixtures. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**ARB # 14-2012**

Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Street, R-2 Zone.  
Proposed demolition and reconstruction of the existing pool complex.

Brian McMahon, of Redniss & Mead, and David Woods presented their completed plans of this complex that consisted of an expansion of the existing building and reduction of the parking lot with additional green space. The building, with areas of 3 foot overhangs, is broken up by hip roofs and peaked dormers that also provide a location for latticed vented mechanicals. The cupola and shed dormer windows will bring in more light to the interior. The Board asked them to think carefully about the size of the cupola and to consider a reduction in it. The roof is dark gray asphalt shingle and the clapboard wooden siding with 6" reveal will be a very pale green. This will be broken by some vertical V grooved white boards. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**Amendment to ARB #44-2010**

Swizzles Frozen Yogurt, 1049 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.  
Proposed store front revisions.

Changes proposed by Fishell Architecture were painting the trim with Essex Green and adding shutters in the same green on the second floor and new wall lanterns. The Board requested to make the shutters wide enough to cover the window when closed and to put them on hinges to create a shadow reveal. The mullions added to the two door fan windows were asked to be removed so as to reflect the style of the doors below. The brick facing will be painted white and plywood below the sign band will be removed to reveal brick. Two new doors with hardware and a new saddle will be installed. The Board approved the plans with suggested changes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board then voted unanimously to go into Other Business to discuss three items.

**Amendment to ARB #7-2011**

Maplewood, 599 Boston Post Road, DB-2 Zone.  
Siding changes.

Michael Stein described how they had to change the siding from wooden shingles to the soft beige HardiePlank shingle presented to the Board because of fire requirements relating to the distance of the neighbor's property line. That whole side has to be fire rated for a determined amount of time. The trim will be bright white, but the trim above the stone base was requested to match the HardiePlank. The Board approved the plans with suggested changes to trim and shingles.

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**ARB #15-2012**

Tibbetts Keating & Butler, LLC, 43 Corbin Drive, CBD Zone.  
Proposed window replacement and door change.

Al Tibbetts requested the installation of new windows mounted in dark bronze metal frames on the north façade to match existing casement windows and the removal of all stucco around them. The door on the west elevation will be moved one panel to the left with the existing full length window moved to its place. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**ARB #16-2012**

good food good things, 865 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.  
Proposed door and window signage.

Drawings were submitted by Elizabeth Dupont showing identifying signage to be written in lower case script repeated across the front door and windows. A beige awning with a 12" scalloped edge will be installed across the front of the building which will be painted in Winds Breath. The awning will not contain any lettering or signage. The number of the Post Road was requested to be included. The Board approved the addition plans as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 20, 2012 ARB minutes were unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be moved to **May 22, 2012** (instead of May 15).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Castell