

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
DRAFT MINUTES
June 19, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M.

ARB#20-2012

Pizza, Pasta & Brew, 20-42 Center Street / 23-35 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone
Proposed wall signs and awning.

Matthew Criscuolo, owner, and Tom Volletti, building manager, presented proposed signage and awnings for the new "Darien Pizza" formerly Pizza, Pasta and Brew. The proposed signs will be the same dimensions as the existing signs on the front and rear of the building. The signs will be Essex Green with 10 inch carved gold letters. The awning will change to green and white stripes. The trim color on the Tokeneke Road side of the restaurant will change from beige to white. The Board approved the changes as proposed.

ARB#21-2012

Quality Taco, LLC, 980 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposed wall signs (front & rear), window signs (front & rear), awnings (front & rear) and blade sign.

The representatives of Quality Taco proposed a new awning above the front and rear doors of the new restaurant. The proposed awnings are made of metal with tan and white stripes in an eggshell finish. The doors will be changed to wood with new wood frames. A copper wall sign with black letters identifying "Bodega Taco Bar" in 10 inch letters and a blade sign on the left side of the building facing Boston Post Road were also proposed. Three lights with LED lighting were proposed. They will be silver and placed over the wall signs and the blade sign. The Board approved the proposed signs, awning and lighting. The Board stated that the representatives will need to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission for approval on the proposed outdoor seating.

ARB#22-2012

Fredric & Company, 10 Corbin Drive/1060 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone, and.
Darien Toy Box, 1064 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.
Proposed awnings with signage.

Penny Glassmeyer, representing Frederic's, and Bill Jensen, owner of Darien Toy Box, proposed new awnings for their respective buildings.

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Frederic's awning will be a simple black awning that will wrap around the building. No valance will be included. No change to the lettering was requested.

The Darien Toy Box awning material is Sunbrella Red #314001. The logo and street numbers will be white, painted onto the awning and will be a maximum of 10 inches tall. A white stripe will be painted along the edge of the awning.

The Board asked that the street numbers be moved to the door instead of the awning.

The Board approved the proposed awnings and new signs.

ARB#23-2012

Station Place & Lanphier Day Spa, 20 West Avenue, CBD Zone.

Proposed hanging sign & stone wall sign for Station Place. Proposed wall sign for Lanphier Day Spa.

The representatives from Lanphier Day Spa proposed three signs: one on the front of the building, one on the back of the building and one on the side entrance of the structure.

The Board approved the sign over the entrance door on the rear of the building and specified that the letters on the sign should be no more than 10 inches tall. The proposed signs on the side entrance and on the front of the building (facing West Avenue) were not approved.

Amy Zabetakis of the Rucci Law Group and the owners of Darien Station Place, Gabriel Stefania, Jonathan Garrety and Larry Zug proposed a hanging sign and a stone wall sign, each identifying the property as a whole, but not the individual tenants.

The proposed hanging sign will be left on the West Avenue entrance driveway near Tilley Pond. The pole and light will be the same style as those around Tilley Pond Park.

A discussion followed concerning the proposed sign to be installed on a large rock near the rear entrance to Station Place from the Town parking lot accessed via Mansfield Avenue. The owners would like the sign to reflect both the name of the building as well as the branding of the structure.

The Board felt the sign was not reflective of their desires for a positive branding of the building.

The representatives were asked to reconsider the colors proposed, the size, typeface and dimensions of the letters and resubmit for a new proposal.

Espresso Neat, Grove Street, CBD Zone.

Proposed "walk up" window with associated signage.

The Board did not approve the proposal.

ARB#24-2012

Wee Burn Country Club, 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road, R-2 Zone.

Proposed New Warming Hut.

Dan Conlon, architect for the project, outlined the plan for a warming hut to replace the existing structure adjacent to the paddle tennis courts. The 2,000 square foot structure will be similar to the

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shooting hut in design and materials. A stone base, clapboard siding and Timberline asphalt shingles are proposed. The trim will be white with taupe clapboard. The Board strongly suggested that the fieldstones should reflect New England aesthetic and asked that the rounded stones be reconsidered. The project was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Greene

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