

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Members Present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Hughes, Brown
Staff Present: Keating

1. ARB #37-2010
Puritan Card & Variety, 1985 Post Road, NB Zone
Proposing a wall sign.

Richard Kim presented the installation of new wall sign measuring 3' x 4' to be mounted on side brick wall (Noroton Ave). The font style will match existing front block letter and the color will be Royal Blue on a white background. The sign on front side contains green pin letters. The red sign in rear is quite old.

Approved as submitted.

2. ARB #38-2010
Burgers, Shakes & Fries, 800 Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposing awnings, window signs and wall signs.

Mel Santos of Sign Design in Port Chester, NY presented. The applicant is a national franchise and is requesting a change in awnings from the current green/tan to a new red (food) color. The front and rear sign letters will be black with orange shadow. The sign will be illuminated with overhead gooseneck lamps. The company logo will be applied to the inside of the retail glass window.

Approved as submitted.

3. ARB #39-2010
Felix F. Callari Auto Group d/b/a Mini of Fairfield County, 154 Boston Post Road, SB-E Zone
Proposing a new building, two wall signs, a pole sign and a canopy.

Wilder Gleason, Charles Politano, and Larry Davidoff presented on behalf of the applicant.

The applicant proposes knocking down the current CookHouse building and constructing a larger building of +/- 11,118sf (apprx 1,000sf additional). The building and property will house the sales and service for Mini cars. The lot will include 61 parking spaces for daily use plus many more spaces for parking of inventory of cars for sale. The new building will have bold (Mini required) colors around specific front windows, front door, and the service overhang. The color bands should be only 4" wide (1/2 size of current drawing). The window muntins are aluminum approx 2" wide. The building façade is made with Alucabond panels in black. All panels are the same color with a black caulk between each panel. The side and back are black dryvit.

They propose 3 signs including 1) a pole sign 25' from traffic (requires a variance); 2) a sign over the entry to the service department, the ARB requested the logo be eliminated from the service sign and the letters to be no more than 10" non-illuminated on a black box, with no bar underneath; and 3) the main wall sign will be internally illuminated (glow-thru) with letters of 14 5/8" and logo of 11". This will need variances from ZBA and should be centered on façade. Mini plans to re-use the existing sign from the Stamford dealer location. The pole sign will be relocated from Stamford with the logo on the left. ARB requested using only

one pole vs two. The bottom panel should contain only the address # and no street name. "Mini of Fairfield" should be on two lines as per drawing. The top module remains the same. The mounting depth needs a variance.

The service bay overhang sits back approx 4-5' from the front facade. ARB proposed that the box façade be reduced from 7' to 5' to be on proportion to the top band of building. The bold green color should be removed. The color bands should all be the same size of approx 4-5" width and the canopy column supports should be re-studied for correct size/proportion. The canopy should be re-sized smaller and new drawings presented to show better proportions. The lower side windows will be converted to the solid alucabond panels.

Plans of the signs and the building need to be revised and resubmitted to the ARB for consideration at the October meeting. Applicant will return with revised drawings.

4. ARB #40-2010
Bling, 37 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone
Proposing a wall sign.

Mimi MacLean presented. This applicant is located next to Darien Carpet. They are proposing a sign measuring 3.5' x 1.3' in dark sea-foam green with letters carved in the PVC with white trim.

Approved as submitted.

5. Approval of Minutes

- ***May 18, 2010 Regular Meeting***
- ***July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting***

6. Any Other Business

Darien Playhouse –

Dwight Collins requested a discussion on the possibility of creating a 7' front bump-out under the front Playhouse canopy/marquee. This window display would be all glass. Should the Darien Playhouse sign be removed? Should the ¼ dome above the marquee be removed?

ARB recommends the applicant make a formal presentation for what it is they decide to propose with definitive drawings showing current conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Brown