

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CT
MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2015

Members Present: Lawrence, Reilly, Macdonald, Brown, Gadsden, Hughes, Castell, Greene

Staff Present: Keating

ARB #17-2015

Edward Jones, 40 Heights Road, DC Zone
Proposed wall signs.

David Piersol described Edward Jones signs on front and side elevations with dark green lettering centered on a light gray existing façade. Halo light was suggested because of the difficulty of attaching goosenecks to existing brick. The name of Edward Jones will also added to the multi-tenant sign. The sign designs were approved. The Halo lighting is optional.

ARB #18-2015

Land Rover/Jaguar, 1335 Boston Post Road, SB Zone.
Request to modify previously approved plans.

Jacek Bigosinski presented a whole new program and resulting design changes of the Land Rover proposal that now changes the former rounded corners to become squared off, new glass, and new colors of metallic bronze (sunshine gray) and champagne. Signs will be closer to the windows, with silver lettering against gray, and the Jaguar logo will be lit by a halo light. There will be no road or monument sign. The service side, with a sign, will be sided with corrugated, galvanized metal panels. There will be an exterior car display. The design was approved, but the applicant needs to return to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Other Business:

ARB #01-2015

Darien Diner, 275 Boston Post Road
Request to modify previously approved plans.

Theodore Giapoutzis presented ideas for our consideration on some changes to his proposed restored diner. The front right side three window panel will have the center one replaced with brushed stainless steel panel. The front wall height will be changed from 7'8" to 8' 6". The new decorative upper front wall façade will still be 5'10", but the top of it will be changed from 13'6" to 14'4". On the gable end, a sunburst of brushed stainless steel will be above the facade. The ARB approved the design changes, but the applicant must still obtain approvals from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Informal Discussion on Corbin Drive and Boston Post Road Re-development

Representing Baywater Properties, David Genovese came informally and alone in order to share with the ARB their initial ideas of a generalized architectural massing of a new proposed development of his property from Corbin Drive to I-95 as well as the Grove Street extension. The architectural firm will be Robert Stern, with Gary Brewer as well as with Bob Gibbs, a New Urbanist City Planner, and will be designed for permanency for developers who live in, and are committed to, Darien. David Genovese believes that the combination of retail and quality 3 ½ story building with 1500 square foot, single floor condos will add vitality to our downtown, as well as providing a centralizing critical mass. There will be buried power lines, affordable housing units, units for Special Needs, municipal parking garage on Town Property, and a center for a Town Green with space for a summer Farmer's Market. Proposed six or seven floor office buildings will be adjacent to I 95 along with significant underground as well as outdoor parking structures, and one significant anchoring retail outlet.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 19, 2015 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Castell