

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
February 25, 2014

Members Present: Castell, Greene, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald

Staff Present: Keating

ARB #2-1014

Cedar Mountain Management
70 Old Kings Highway North, SB-2 Zone

Property was established as a Protected Town Landmark in 1990.

Jim Lewis, owner, presented a proposal for a hanging sign, 24" x 30" (six square foot area). The sign will be located three feet off the property line approximately where the old Charter Oak sign had been located. The sign and pole will be painted white with black lettering 3 ½" high. The intention is to remove the cedar tree in the front yard, which is crowding the building. Mr. Lewis will need to coordinate that work with the Darien Department of Public Works. Two ornamental trees are planned to be added at the entrance to the parking lot.

The brick entrance paths shall be illuminated with low fixtures and wash lights on a timer shall be used to light up the front façade of the building. Lamp posts will be installed near the driveway. The Board approved the sign application as presented as well as the landscape and light plans.

ARB #3-2014

Patriot National Bank
233 Boston Post Road, SB-E Zone

Rick Tomasetti, architect, and Nancy Lovis, architect, and Robert Maslan, Jr., Esq. presented a proposal for a replacement building. The base of the proposed bank building will be precast limestone with Glen Gery handmade Belgium brick in a light terra cotta color with 3/8" French grey mortar. There will be an aluminum canopy with steel brackets on the entrance

façade. The crown and gable end of the canopy is to be painted a white color, Benjamin Moore 2142-70. The Board requested that the gable end be a middle grey tone. The entablature, including applied stars, will be zinc coated steel in a light grey. The standing seam metal roof will be zinc coated steel of a deep bronze color.

Windows will be clear anodized aluminum storefront windows. The Board requested that the design of the central window on the south (Boston Post Road) be studied further and that an alternate design(s) be forwarded to the Board. The landscape and lighting was reviewed and approved by the Board. The signage will be considered at a future presentation.

Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes of December 10, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Other Business

Mobil Gas Station

211 Boston Post Road, Zone SB-E

Al Whiting of Ready Imaging presented an informal proposal for a LED ground sign to replace the existing ground sign. All sizes of the sign would remain as the current sign.

The Board did not support the proposed project. The Board is reluctant to set a precedent of supporting LED illuminated pricing on signs.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Macdonald