

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 8 pm in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall.

1. Continuation of ARB #6-2014

Tokeneke Club Inc., 4 Tokeneke Beach Drive, R-1 Zone.  
Proposed clubhouse.

Wilder Gleason, Attorney, presented a series of peak studies, as well as several dormer configurations for the proposed clubhouse. The Board recommended further study of the dormers in a 2/2 or 3/3 square window pattern and suggested that the architect consider a peaked gable roof configuration for the dormers, which would both introduce a more traditional scale and pattern to the roof. Regarding the peak study, the Board prefers the original design with a lower peak profile. The Board requested a sample board of the proposed roof shingles.

2. Continuation of ARB #7-2014

Tokeneke Club Inc., 4 Tokeneke Beach Drive, R-1 Zone.  
Proposed bathhouse.

Wilder Gleason, Attorney, continued the discussion of the proposed bathhouse. It was suggested that the architect consider some measure by which the proposed bathhouse's long, unbroken façade could be enhanced. Introducing a pattern of clerestory windows, lattice, pillars, architectural features, or detailing, would have the effect of reducing the scale of the street elevation, and offering a more pleasing façade for the adjacent and neighboring residential area.

3. ARB #8-2014

Eld Street Properties, LLC, 1049-1053 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.  
Proposed façade change, proposed wall signs for Erica K and Nicholas Roberts.

Eric Glasband, the owner of Eld Street Properties, presented a design for a facade renovation, including new storefronts, cornice treatment, lighting and signage. The proposed wood/Aztec paneled storefront design is modeled after an existing Ralph Lauren storefront in New Canaan. The new design will replicate that of the Lauren storefront example. The Board recommended that the new storefronts should similarly include a paneled entablature and cornice extending across the width of the building, supported by the pilasters - rather than interrupted by the pilasters. The proposal also includes replacing the building's existing terra cotta roof shingles with cedar shingles, flanked by a new wood/Aztec paneled parapet band on either side, retaining the spirit of the existing brick pillars roof configuration. The Board suggested that the corner pilasters supporting the storefront entablature should not extend above the building's first floor. The storefronts will be painted white, and gooseneck lamps above the sign band will illuminate the stores. The Board approved the new design for the building's

façade renovation and commended the applicant for his proposed improvements to the building.

The proposed Erica K sign is wood 14" high, grey background with carved black 10" letters. It was noted that the size of the existing Nicholas Roberts sign is not in accordance with the Town's signage regulations, and that the proposed new sign (orange background with black letters) should reflect the current regulations with 10" high letters. A new sign design will be submitted for review.

4. ARB #9-2014

Posh Nails Corp., 1077 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Proposed wall sign, 2 awnings with name, and replacing plain awnings.

Kristen Su, Manager of Posh Nail and Andrew Kim, Designer, presented a plan for new awnings and signage at the Posh Nail Spa in the location of the former Red Door Spa. The proposed design utilizes the existing awning frames, covering the frames with new dark brown (True Brown) Sunbrella awning fabric along the Post Road, west and east side elevations. On the Boston Post Road's 2<sup>nd</sup> story awnings, "Posh Spa" in white 10" letters will identify the tenant's location. On the west side entry, the proposed sign has 2 ½" high applied dark brown letters on a white background with a red dot logo. The Board approved the design and commended the designer for his proposed improvements to the building's facade.

5. ARB #24-2013

Giovanni's – Water's Edge, 2748 Boston Post Road, R-1/3

Proposed sign.

Applicant: Jozsef Solta Architects, New Canaan

There was no one present at the meeting to represent the applicant. In reviewing the application submission to the ARB, the Board concluded that it needs further clarification of the proposed work, as well as the stipulations and findings of the ZBA regarding the proposal. Such additional information will allow the ARB to make a studied and thorough review of the proposed design.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2014 were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita C. Gadsden