

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
December 9, 2014**

Board Members Present: Susan Lawrence (Chair), Sean Brown, Rita Gadsden, Alison Hughes,
Timothy Macdonald

Staff Present: David Keating

ARB #35-2014

Kaia Yoga

934 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Stanley A. Woodman, owner, presented a proposal to replace three existing signs:

1. Boston Post Road wall sign will be same size as existing (36”h x 34”w) with black background with a light green with a darker green in the logo, logo will not exceed 15” in height and the letters will not be more than 10” high.
2. Center Street wall sign will be same size as existing (7”h x 27”w) with a black background with a small green two tone logo and no small tag lines.
3. Hanging sign will be (4”h x 24”w) have black background with “Kaia Yoga” in white letters and a small two-tone green logo with a slash after “Kaia Yoga” before a white “Row” letters. Descriptive tag lines will be removed.

The proposal was approved.

ARB #36-2014

Chocolate Works

25 Old Kings Highway North, DC Zone.

Meredith Scheine, owner, and Adam Cohen of Sign-A-Rama presented a proposal to install two new signs to match the other signs in the Goodwives Shopping Center. The wall sign will be 24”h x 114”w and have a white background with Chocolate Works lettering in brown and pink extending 8’ wide. No letters will exceed 10” in height. The lollypop logo will be a bit taller. The blade sign (12”h x 24”w) will have a standard bracket and be white with chocolate and pink letters. The board suggested two stacked lines of text.

The proposal was approved.

Continuation of Modification of ARB #29-2008

77 Leroy Avenue, R-1/5 Zone.

Greg Grew, architect, and Nick Barile, owner/developer, presented revised façade designs.

The northwest corner of the building’s footprint was reduced in area to relate to the area of the approved footprint. The garage openings to the exterior were sized to relate to the windows above and those openings will have wood/azak grilles in a grid pattern to relate to the windows above.

On the Leroy Avenue façade, the arched top was removed from the garage entrance gates, both gables on that façade were made to match one another, with louvers and brackets added in the tops of the gables. The entrance portico arched roof design was changed to a simple shed roof.

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On the West Avenue façade, an additional gable was added towards the east end of the elevation to match the gable towards the west end.

On the west side elevation, a bay window was added at the stair landing and an additional window at the south end. The gable will have a decorative vent with brackets to match the gables at the other elevations.

On the south elevation, a gable vent and brackets were added.

No colors and materials were changed from those previously presented, other than the stone was removed from the base of the building and was replaced with vertical siding. The entire building will be gray with white trim and vents and brackets and garage grids also in white. The Board supported the application with the revisions.

Continuation of ARB #22-2014

2 Squab Lane, CBD Zone.

Tucker Chase, architect, and Dan and Phil Dolcetti, owners of the property, presented a new monumental staircase design, which is 12' wide to be placed against the east wall of the building. The north elevation shows a new entrance location moved towards the eastern end of the façade. The staircase location might impact trees within the Town right of way of Squab Lane. The decision regarding work that might impact the trees within the right of way will be up to persons other than the ARB. The storefronts were discussed and the Board suggested the window bays would be improved visually with the addition of paneled wood/azak areas below the windows. The applicants agreed. Refined details and colors will be discussed at a later date. The Board approved the proposal as noted above.

Other Business

800 Boston Post Road

Gerard Bernacchia, owner of the building, presented an application for a hanging post sign on the southeast corner of Sedgwick Avenue and Boston Post Road. The double-sided sign (24" h x 36") would have a dark blue background with white letters listing four tenants and the 800 address number of the building. There will be 5' of clearance beneath the sign. There is an existing blade sign at the entrance to the building, which will be removed in order for the hanging post sign to be allowed. The Board approved the application.

2015 Meeting Schedule

The Board approved the schedule.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 18, 2014 were approved as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Macdonald