

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

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

1. ARB #7-2011

***Hunter Gregory Realty Co., Maplewood at Darien, 599 Boston Post Road.
Review of final architectural colors.***

Design concept had been approved in May. Michael Stein presented details of exterior materials. Applicant will use real red cedar shingles which will be clear sealed. The roof will be slate gray architectural shingles. Approved as submitted.

2. ARB #3-2008 or ARB #17-2009

***St. Luke's Church, Thomas House, 1842-1864 Boston Post Road.
Return to the ARB with further details.***

Wilder Gleason, Esquire, and Gary Chase of Finlay Architects presented. Building is very similar to previous plan submitted. The roof eave returns were increased to match the Franklin house. They propose Certainteed vinyl shingle siding in Natural Clay color to match the Administration Bldg. The applicant may try to upgrade to Hardie plank in a Sandstone beige or Monterey Taupe, which is the ARB's preference. The roof will be a Timberline 40yr architectural shingle in Weatheredwood color. A two inch bluestone cap will be placed over the base stone; which may be eliminated due to cost and replaced with landscaping to hide the poured concrete foundation wall. The trim will be off- white to blend with side color. The windows have a white sill. Approved as to final colors, siding, and roofing.

3. ARB #9-2011

***Global Pet Foods, 25 Old King's Highway North, DC Zone.
Proposal to install a wall sign.***

Larry Bourque of ABC sign company presented. Global Pet Foods will install a new sign of applied plexiglass 9.5" letters in Cardinal Red. The goose neck lights will be re-used. Approved as submitted.

4. ARB #10-2011

***Funcraft, 25 Old King's Highway North, DC Zone.
Proposal to install a wall sign.***

Dave Reichenberg of Sign-a-Rama presented Funcraft's new sign. The proposed letters would exceed the 10" regulation maximum. The letters are made of acrylic with many different fun bold colors and will be installed with an individual tilt for each letter. With the proper size letters, the overall sign size and length will decrease. It was recommended that the yellow "A" letter color be changed to a color (such as purple) which will contrast better with the white background. Another option would be to outline each letter in black. The applicant will revise the drawing showing a conforming sign with 10 inch letters and a color other than yellow.

The concept was approved and final approval is pending staff review of the revised sign drawing.

5. ARB #11-2011

Land Rover/Range Rover, 90 Boston Post Road, SB-E Zone.

Request for a new wall sign and ground sign to replace existing signage.

Tony Lafo of American Sign Co in New Haven presented. Applicant is proposing new signage.

- 1) Tower sign on the wall of the building (it is really a wall sign even though it is referred to on the drawings as a tower sign). Includes removal of current signs, replace with Land Rover, Range Rover, Darien. – Approved as submitted
- 2) New sign at the main entrance door. This small identification sign will use opaque silver chrome letters and borders. ARB recommends the sign be lowered to eye level. – Approved as submitted.
- 3) Replace existing monument sign with a monument sign approximately 8'6" height which requires a variance. ARB will support the larger sign but also recommends a single pole sign with 18sf display area, at least 7' min clearance from ground which can be internally illuminated. The pole color (green or silver) needs to be determined and pole will be round and approximately 8" in diameter. The street address number will be added to pole or sign. - Plan to be revised with Land Rover and resubmitted.

6. *Burgers, Shakes, and Fries*

800 Boston Post Rd

Applicant proposed outdoor tables made of Douglas fir finished with "Golden Oak" polyurethane and tongue oil.

Approved as submitted and discussed. Applicant must now go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

7. *Approval of Minutes*

April 19, 2011 not yet available

8. *Any Other Business*

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Brown