

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2009

Members present: Lawrence, Brown, Castell, Gadsden, Greene, Hughes, Macdonald
Staff present: Keating

ARB #30-2009
Whole Foods Market
150-152 Ledge Road, SB Zone

Wilder Gleason represented Whole Foods in seeking ARB approval for 3 wall signs and a monument sign, all of which require variances granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the proposed size of the signs, letters and the fact that they are to be internally illuminated.

There was a suggestion that a mockup of the proposed monument sign be erected on the site. There was general agreement that the dimensions and letter size of the wall signs were appropriate in scale for the building. There was a concern expressed that the internally illuminated sign affixed to the glass façade of the main entrance might not be effective as it might be reduced to silhouette.

A general sense of the meeting was that the three wall signs on the building might be appropriate in scale with the two signs on either side of the gable end being externally illuminated. There was little support for the monument sign.

No action was taken on the application.

Atty. Gleason will report back to Whole Foods on the discussion, suggestions and sense of the meeting and will return to the ARB, hopefully in January.

ARB #31-2009
Hawthorne Realty
800 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposing a double face ground sign

No representative present. No action taken

ARB #32-2009
Nissan Darien
1335-1350 Boston Post Road, SB Zone
Proposing a wall sign

Jacek Bigosinski of PB Architects proposed a wall sign of 30 square feet made up of 10 inch pin letters of red and white acrylic to be affixed to the front of the building. The sign will read Nissan Darien placed together so as to be considered one sign.

There was also a request that the logo on the side of the building that was installed so that the letters could be internally illuminated. The internal illumination of the letters in the wall sign is acceptable to the ARB, but will need a variance from the ZBA.

Both requests were approved.

ARB #26-2009
Planet Pizza Zone
878-882 Boston Post Road, CBD
Proposing modification to front doors of building

Richard Girouard proposed that four of the doors of the building be changed from paneled wood doors to single panel glass storefront doors. The doors would be wood-framed and painted the previously approved burgundy color. The door leading to the second floor apartments of the building will remain a six paneled solid wood door. The new customer rear entrance door to Planet Pizza will also be a single panel glass door. Having glass in the doors to the commercial establishments will be aesthetically appealing, more customer friendly and somewhat safer.

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hughes