

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
DRAFT MINUTES  
May 16, 2023

Members Present: Chairman E. Geiger, Vice Chair D. Humphrey, S. Brown, D. Reilly, A. Janis, R. Morrison, C. Hart, C. Green  
Staff Present: H. Hamon

The meeting was held in person and was called to order at 7:02 PM.

❖ **Old Business:**

[ARB-19-2022 \(PL-22-60 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

7 Sedgwick

Presenter – Bob Maslan

Proposal – 3 Story Residential Only Apartment Complex

Comments:

- More articulation on the façade
  - Introduction of brick
  - Less of a monolith
- Plans of materials – are too plain, large swaths of finishes
  - Needs details of transitions
  - Create recesses – deeper and/or more
  - Add place at streetscape
- Footprint is the same as 2022 – ARB would like to see modifications to footprint
- Very commercial feel – not charming, not residential
  - Windows are very modern, plain and not symmetrical

Chairs comments:

- Unfavorable Report

❖ **New Business:**

[ARB-13-2023 \(PL-23-41 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Noroton Presbyterian Church, 2011 Boston Post Road,

Presenter – Jed Lawrence

Proposal – Church Sign

Comments:

- More significant, visible sign to channel traffic into parking lot off of Noroton Avenue
- Locate further out in corner
- Double sided
- Blend more with the building
  - Brick base to match the building
  - Green color – inner signs are related with green color band at top corner of the sign.
  - Presbyterian symbol displayed on all
- Parking sign - reduce height by 1 foot (remove band/logo to reduce height)

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- Corner sign - ground lighting

Chairman Comments:

- Favorable Report

[ARB-23-2023 \(PL-23-73 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Hammer & Nail, 110 Heights Road,

Presenter – Kevin Kane

Proposal – 1 wall and 1 blade sign

Comments:

- Halo lit white face aluminum letter wall sign. 7.8” letters, total sign is 10” high by 106” wide and centered over door.
- Double sided 24x254’ non-illuminated blade sign 3” thick with raised .25” gold logo.

Chairman Comments:

- Favorable Report

[ARB-24-2023 \(PL-23-74 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Salty & Sweat, 140 Heights Road,

Presenter – Craig Eischen

Proposal – 2 new signs

Comments:

- Hard to read. Centered on façade but not in entry. Colors make it hard to read.
- Enlarge raceway
- Resubmit revised plans

Chairman Comments:

- Administrative Approval Certificate

[ARB-25-2023 \(PL-23-78 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Darien Design Center, 523 Boston Post Road

Presenter – Kevin Kane

Proposal – 1 building sign

Comments:

- Gold Acrylic Cut out letters
  - Reconsider the 1 line format
  - Vary the font on second line i.e. script
- Need address over door in white

Chairman Comments:

- Administrative Approval Certificate

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[ARB-26-2023 \(PL-23-79 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Molto Pizzeria, 82 Heights Road

Presenter – Kevin Kane

Proposal – 2 signs

Comments:

- Is “Mozzarella and Wine” tagline necessary and part of the logo – need proof of legal identity
- Remove tagline from blade sign
- Uniform to Fairfield location

Chairman Comments:

- Favorable Report

[ARB-27-2023 \(PL-23-83 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Egg New York, 25 Old King’s Highway North

Presenter – Jeffrey Valente

Proposal – 1 wall sign

Comments:

- “New York” in black – everything else in Navy
- Conforms to Goodwives format

Chairman Comments:

- Favorable Report

[ARB-28-2023 \(PL-23-82 in Viewpoint online system\)](#)

Riko’s Pizza, 934 Boston Post Road

Presenter – Enrico Imbrogno

Proposal – Outdoor dining

Comments:

- Tables with umbrellas
  - PVC brown and black
  - Umbrellas to be weighted or mechanically fastened
- Install string lights – not near residential – so light pollution is not an issue
- Planting boarders around seating area and acts as a screen

Chairman Comments:

- Favorable Report

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❖ **Other Business:**

- Discussion:
  - Blade Sign Amendments (cont'd from April meeting)
- Review ARB Code of Ordinances (see attached memo from H. Hamon)
- Minutes Approval:
  - April 2023 - Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Hart