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Village District Design Committee Meeting Minutes*
August 27, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman, Laura Noble Perese, Secretary, John Doyle, AIA and Kevin Quinlan, AIA

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Sergio Ferreira, applicant for Sobel and Cate and Bob Finnecy, applicants for Classically Cate

Chairman Sanders convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m., confirmed committee attendance via roll call and introduced the applicants. Sergio Ferreira stated that he is the owner of Sobel, a retailer of frozen dessert products seeking to occupy retail space at 5 River Road. Mr. Ferreira described plans to install a round-shaped, building-mounted projecting sign comprising 8 square feet in area. In addition, Mr. Ferreira stated he would like to reestablish an outdoor seating area consisting of tables, chairs and umbrellas. The Committee suggested the use of black-colored chairs to match the color of the tables. The Committee also suggested the replacement of a blue-colored awning with a purple-colored awning and the use of purple-colored umbrellas; noting such color scheme would match the color of the proposed sign. Mr. Ferreira agreed to the changes.

The Committee next reviewed the request of Cate Finnecy seeking to install a 14.75 square-foot wall sign at 21 River Road. Ms. Finnecy explained the sign consisted of .375" raised letters. The Committee suggested a .375" raised perimeter border, consistent with letter coloring, be incorporated into the design so as to frame the sign. The Committee requested any illumination of the sign be reviewed by Town staff and be achieved by means of cantilevered LED down-lighting. A dark sky compliant lighting strip or bar-type fixture supported by decorative projecting arms was suggested. It was further suggested a lower temperature bulb consisting of not more than 2700 Kelvin, be employed so as to prevent color distortion of the sign.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the proposed Architecture Review Board regulation currently under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Various edits were

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made to the document; including re-codification of paragraphs, grammatical changes and spelling corrections and expanded language so as to enhance clarity. The Town Planner stated he would transmit the document to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and consideration.

The Committee reviewed meeting minutes from the July 23, 2019 VDDAC meeting. A motion was made by Sam Gardner and seconded by Laura Noble Perese to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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