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Village District Design Committee Meeting Minutes*
September 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman and Kevin Quinlan, AIA

OTHERS Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Eric Merless of Arnco Sign, applicant
PRESENT: representing Wells Fargo and Rob Kustzpa of Sign Permit Consultant, applicant representing Kumon Learning Center

ABSENT: Laura Noble Perese, Secretary and John Doyle, AIA

Chairman Sanders convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m., confirmed Committee attendance via roll call and recognized applicants Eric Merless and Rob Kustzpa. Mr. Merless stated he was representing Well Fargo Bank located at 44 Old Ridgefield Road, further stating his client is seeking permission to install a canopy above an existing drive-up bank window. Mr. Merless presented a swatch of the proposed canopy material along with a sample of the supporting aluminum frame structure. He noted the color "Kaffee" was selected to match the building and coordinate with corporate colors. It was stated the canopy would be anchored to the brick façade of the building and would be set at a height of 9 feet above the ground elevation so as to accommodate the passage of larger vehicles. Questions were asked concerning the durability of the canopy fabric as well as resistance to color fading. Mr. Merless indicated the material was of high quality and rated to last for 20 years. Questions were asked concerning illumination. Mr. Merless stated that planned lighting would be placed within the awning structure and would be positioned to shine down onto the pavement. Direct light would not shine through other sections of the canopy. Mr. Gardner made a motion to provide a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Kevin Quinlan and passed unanimously.

The Committee next reviewed the application of Kumon Learning Center of 5 River Road; seeking permission to replace an existing sign with a new sign of similar size; but slightly darker background color. Rob Kustzpa of Sign Permit Consultant stated the non-illuminated sign could be modified to include a raised black-color perimeter border to frame the sign. Mr. Quinlan made motion to recommend approval of the sign

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incorporating use of a raised black-color border. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner and passed unanimously.

The Committee was updated concerning plans to establish an Architectural Review Board (ARB). It was noted the Planning and Zoning Commission approved ARB design regulations which are set to become effective 15 days following approval of ARB members by the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee reviewed meeting minutes from the August 27, 2019 VDDAC meeting. A motion was made by Sam Gardner and seconded by Kevin Quinlan to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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