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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD/
VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SPECIAL (ELECTRONIC) MEETING
Thursday, June 9, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman; Kevin Quinlan, AIA; John Doyle, AIA

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Wrinn, Town Planner; Daphne White, Assistant Town Planner

I. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

- A. Call to Order** – at approximately 5:00 PM
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Work Session – Review and report**

1. ASML US, LLC, 77 Danbury Road – Driveway/site modifications

Present on behalf of the applicant were Jim Murphy and Dan Conant, attorneys; and Joe Canas, engineer.

Mr. Canas presented the proposed new interior driveway and the proposed landscape screening. He noted that they are proposing a double row of red cedars at the driveway curve into the parking garage. He also reviewed the plantings closer to Route 7 in the wetland area, noting that the planting plan was reviewed with the neighbors.

He presented the 18" tall LED lighting as proposed, which will be shielded and will have opaque lenses and grey poles. Mr. Quinlan asked if there would be an irrigation system, but Mr. Canas indicated it is not proposed and, as a result, they are using drought and salt-tolerant plants.

Mr. Canas said that the walls would be made of block and would not be in rock face as first proposed. Mr. Quinlan asked if the modular block is consistent with existing elements/materials. Mr. Murphy said that the block walls won't be visible from the

road but will be more visible from the neighbors at 89 Danbury Road, and in the winter.

Mr. Sanders asked how the walls are going to be treated. Mr. Canas said they will be screened by shrubs in the 10' planting shelves/terraces. Mr. Sanders said that plantings will be needed to soften the walls and that the block is not his preferred choice, although the shrubs will help, to which Mr. Quinlan agreed. Mr. Doyle said that the modular block would be best if it were a darker grey or brown to better recede into the background. He said that using ivy with the shrubs would also help to break up the lines. Mr. Sanders stated that the red cedars should be staggered.

The discussion concluded at approximately 5:37 PM.

2. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 241 Danbury Rd –
Construction of new meeting house building with steeple & site
improvements - Pre-Application Review

Present were Robin Benning and Rob Burgheimer, Church of Latter Day Saints.

Mr. Benning presented the proposed design and layout for a new church for the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), noting that the building will be 2 stories, constructed of brick, clapboard and stone. In the area near Route 7, they plan to modify the plan to remove part of the parking and driveway area to create a green space to include a plaque or monument in honor of an early Wilton resident and member of the LDS Church. Mr. Quinlan said that the green space by Route 7 would be a positive feature. He asked about the type of lighting that would be installed.

Mr. Burgheimer said that the congregation would be broken into 4 groups/blocks and would meet at different hours. He noted that they are proposing shared parking with the adjacent medical complex.

Mr. Sanders said that the site plan will be very important when it is developed because there is so much asphalt on the site now. The applicant explained that they have proposed a storage building, dumpster and some A/C units on the west side of the building. Mr. Sanders stated that the Church should consider putting the A/Cs on the roof. Mr. Burgheimer said that the roof would be asphalt shingles with architectural grey slate; there would be a red brick stone (rusticated) base and some dormers; noting that the Church would be custom built for this site.

Mr. Burgheimer stated that the Church layout would be based on traditional Church elements, including a Church steeple; the second story would have classrooms; the chapel would be in the area by the steeple; and the main entry would have double doors.

Mr. Sanders stated that this is a 360 degree site and that the details need to be carried out on all sides. He said that the hip roof should be re-examined. He felt that the other buildings in this neighborhood should be looked at within the architectural context (e.g. color, texture and size), including the Catholic Church, former Baptist Church, Town Hall and the Wilton Historical Society. Mr. Quinlan felt that the proposed aluminum siding should be changed. He liked the textured roof, but felt that the dormers are undersized for the structure. He suggested a cupola to bring in extra light. He stated that the 3 horizontal layers of stone, brick and clapboard might be too many layers, and he felt that the main doors should be centered. He did not like the hollow metal doors unless they were paneled.

Mr. Doyle agreed with Mr. Quinlan regarding the 3 horizontal layers. He said that the gable should be moved all the way forward. He referenced the Congregational Church as the best example of the way to trim a building. He did not like the windows ending at the stone base and felt that the massing could be revisited, but he did like the frontage from the street.

Mr. Quinlan said that the roof lines need deeper overhangs and noted that the Board will also be looking at the gutters. He said that the design could make a bolder statement to reflect a Church.

Mr. Benning said that they will come back with revisions per the Board's feedback.

The discussion concluded at approximately 6:30 PM.

3. Wilton Congregational Church, 70 Danbury Rd – Generator inside building, new chimney

Present were Susan Odell and Giff Brodrick.

Ms. Odell presented the project saying that the area for the proposed generator is behind the Church and the existing ramp will be temporarily removed. She showed the intake louvers to the generator room, acoustical screening on the lower level, and highlighted the proposed chimney for the exhaust, which would be covered in thin brick. She noted that the intake louvers would match the color of the Church to blend in with the existing clapboard.

The proposed chimney will match the brick, mortar and top of the existing chimney. The renovated ramp and steps will be replaced with Trek where it is now wood and the concrete part of the ramp will remain.

The Board asked if the top of the chimney could reflect all of the corbelling of the existing chimney.

Mr. Brodrick stated that they had received approval from the Historic District Commission but noted that the Commission will look at the louvers when installed.

The ARB was in favor of the proposal as compared to the previous proposal which called for the generator to be located outside.

The discussion concluded at approximately 6:44 PM.

4. True Value Hardware, 200 Danbury Rd – Location of propane storage cage

Present was Tom Sato, True Value.

Mr. Sato said that the proposed propane cage will be on the Sharp Hill side of the property and would be 80” wide, 73” high and 20” deep, holding 36 propane tanks. The Board asked if there could be 2 separate cages that wouldn’t block the windows and that would fit in the blank spaces, even if one of the windows was taken out of play (with perhaps a louver) or, alternatively, if the entire cage could be centered in the middle of the triple window.

The Board felt that the application could be approved administratively by staff if the suggested changes could be accomplished.

The ARB meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 PM.

II. VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Call to Order – at approximately 6:54 PM

B. Roll Call

C. Work Session – Review and report

1. Bank of America, 117 Old Ridgefield Rd – Security lighting upgrades & landscaping changes – Discussion & possible report

Present was Andrew Rainone for the Bank of America.

Mr. Rainone presented, noting two light poles in the front of the building and wall-mounted fixtures on all sides of the building, with no landscaping proposed.

Mr. Doyle was satisfied with the proposed wall fixtures but felt they should be no higher than 3000K light output.

The Board did not like the pole lights because they would be too bright.

Mr. Sanders asked if they could remove the pole lighting and add more building-mounted lights instead. The VDDAC said it was ok to retrofit the existing pole light.

Mr. Rainone said he would have the plan revised to address the Committee's comments.

Discussion concluded at approximately 7:01 PM.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. March 3, 2022**
- 2. April 7, 2022**
- 3. May 5, 2022**

All minutes were approved as drafted.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 PM.