

VILLAGE DISTRICT  
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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD/  
VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL (ELECTRONIC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 8, 2022 -  
5:00 PM**

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

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

**ABSENT:** John Doyle, AIA,

**I. VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- A. Call to Order – at approximately 5:01 PM**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Work Session – Review and report**

**1. Classically Cate, 77 Old Ridgefield Rd (Hubbard-Keeler Bldg) – Signage**

Present as the applicants were Caitlyn Finnecy and her partner and mother Cindy Finnecy.

Ms. Caitlyn Finnecy presented the proposed wall mounted sign identified as Sign A. She noted that its dimensions were 36”x 60” and would have gooseneck light fixtures painted black above the sign.

The Board unanimously approved sign “A” and lighting as proposed, but with two changes, a request for a slightly shorter sign than the full 60” to allow more space in the gap between the pilasters and for light fixtures to be more bell shaped for more directional lighting. The Board considered the black light fixtures to be in keeping with the black accents on the building.

## **II. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

- A. Call to Order – at approximately 5:25 PM**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Work Session – Review and report**

### **1. Dept. of Public Works, Lovers Lane Bridge – Final Design Review**

Present on behalf of the applicant were Frank Smeriglio, Town Engineer, Thomas Sawtelle and Arnand Sechandri with CHA Consulting and Mark Byrnes, CT DOT.

Mr. Frank Smeriglio presented the plans for the new bridge on Lover’s Lane which crosses the Comstock Brook. The new bridge, as proposed, will have the following components: “New England Mosaic” stone walls (or their equivalent) with a concrete top (cast in place), metal railings painted black, steel-backed timber guiderails (steel posts similar to Cor-Ten posts) on the timber guiderails and a concrete (pre-cast) base/deck. Lighting on the bridge is not proposed. He stated that the application for the bridge is being reviewed by the Inland Wetlands Commission, that there will be easement negotiations prior to the bridge construction, which is expected to start in 2023 and that it would be a 3.1-million-dollar project.

Mr. Sanders stated that the Board appreciated the bridge design work and that they were pleased that the bridge design as proposed, is planned to be consistent with other new bridges in Town. The Board was also in favor of the proposed bridge elements.

### **2. Wilton Police Headquarters, 240 Danbury Rd – Final Review**

Present on behalf of the applicant were Rebecca Hopkins and Ernest Nepomuceno with Tecton Architects, Joseph Lenahan, Fuss & O’Neill, Chris Burney and John Lynch.

Ms. Rebecca Hopkins presented and described the plans for the existing police station to remain in use until the new police station was complete and then the old station would be demolished along with an adjacent garage. The new police station is proposed to be located directly in front of the existing police station and would take a year for its construction. The new elements will include a garage/carport, new parking areas, lighting, plantings and a retaining wall. Ms. Hopkins reviewed the proposed floor plans and the building elevations for the two-story building. Ms. Hopkins stated that the front elevation, which would face the main Town hall building, would be made of brick walls on the base, metal composite panels on the second floor, a metal roof and brick piers at the main entrance. The back of the building would have a flat roof and have an exterior of the same materials. Mr. Joseph Lenahan presented the proposed planting plan and light fixtures.

Mr. Sanders suggested that a wider precast horizontal panel between the first and the second floor be used and that brick piers proposed for the entrance be added to the corners of the station. The Board agreed that the roof-top mechanical equipment should be screened and that the garage doors be a darker color. They were in support of the presentation and the direction the team was taking in the design of the building.

**3. 200 Danbury Rd – Revised screening at HVAC units**

Discussion involved two possible screening options – a two-level, L-shaped screen versus a one-level screen, both options would use wood with a reddish-brown wood tone. Mr. Sanders noted that he was in favor of the wood because it would weather over time. Mr. Gardner said that there should be a band with a vertical joint to differentiate the two levels. The Board asked if plantings could be planted to screen the HVAC units further. Mr. Downend said that it seemed possible to provide plantings in that location and would pursue plantings. The Board also noted that either teak, mahogany or Ipe wood, with banding slats, would be preferable and they agreed that the two-level L-shaped screen would provide better screening than the one-level screen.

The Board also noted its overall approval of the whole development.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. August 4, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:04 PM.