

VILLAGE DISTRICT  
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COMMITTEE/  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
BOARD

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TOWN HALL ANNEX  
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John Doyle, AIA  
Kevin Quinlan, AIA

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD/  
VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR (ELECTRONIC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 2, 2023  
5:00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Daphne White, Assistant Town Planner

**I. VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- A. Call to Order – at approximately 5:09 PM, scrambled the agenda at 5:12 PM**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Election of Officers –**  
The Committee unanimously approved the same slate, with Rob Sanders as Chairman and Sam Gardner as Vice Chairman
- D. Work Session – Review and report and calendar**

**1. The Painted Cookie, 101 Old Ridgefield Rd – Signage**

Present as the applicants were Attorney Kathleen Royle and Susan Schmitt.

Ms. Schmitt presented the proposed wall mounted sign above the door and stated that the proposed sign above the door would have pink letters with one teal heart shaped dot above the i, and that there would be a black canopy above the window with white letters. She noted that the teal color is used to represent foods that are allergy free.

The Committee unanimously approved the sign above the door and the signage on the canopy, but with one change, a request for teal letters on the black canopy in lieu of the white letters.

**2. Champagne Taste/Andrea McLaughlin, 5 River Rd – Signage**

Present as the applicant was Andrea McLaughlin.

Ms. McLaughlin presented the proposed wall mounted sign above the door and stated that the proposed sign above the door would have a pink background and black letters.

The Committee unanimously approved sign, but with two changes, a request for a black border ½”-1” thick, and that the sign would be slightly lowered so that the bottom of the sign would line up horizontally with the drip cap (close to the lower dimension line).

**II. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**A. Call to Order – at approximately 5:37 PM**

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Election of Officers –**

The Committee unanimously approved the same slate, with Rob Sanders as Chairman and Sam Gardner as Vice Chairman

**1. Mobil, 46 Danbury Road – Signage/coloring on stanchion, etc.**

Present as the applicant was Chris Hutwelker with the property owner, John Burke.

Mr. Hutwelker presented the proposed red coloring for the stanchions and other structures around the gas pumps (koalas, waves and blades) that the Exxon/Mobil would like to paint red to accent the area near the gas pumps. He noted that the text had been removed from the stanchions and other structures.

The Board discussed the purpose of the coloring and felt that it was appropriate for a gas station and approved the proposed coloring as shown on the submitted renderings.

**D. Work Session – Review, report and calendar -at approximately 5:56 PM**

The Chairman discussed the Town’s existing design guidelines for Wilton Center and Cannon Crossing Districts, in Appendix C. He noted that the design standards are not very descriptive or user friendly the way the design standards are that The Town of Darien uses. The Chairman showed how the Town of Darien uses photos to show examples of good design standards. He mentioned that he could set up a file that would be made up of photos of good design standards that all of the Board members could contribute to and the Board was in favor of that. Mr. Doyle noted that density should be considered as a design standard. Mr. Gardner mentioned that the Wilton Center Area Master Plan Subcommittee has been discussing massing as a design standard. Mr. Quinlan stated that the Norwalk River and other watercourses should be added as

features that should be part of design standards. Mr. Sanders concluded the discussion by offering to send the Board members the marked-up guidelines.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. January 5, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:31 PM.