

DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 1, 2021

Remote meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone

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Members Present: Jeff Savage, Bill Jones and alternate, Carol Bramley.

Absent: Patricia McTague

Also present: First Selectwoman Denise Raap, Zoom host and applicants Roberta Andruliss, Jeremy Schaller, Write Way Signs, and Susie Pregno. Danielle Restive listened to the meeting but was unable to participate as she is not yet sworn in as a regular member.

Call to order: 9:15 a.m.

C. Bramley was appointed regular member.

B. Jones recused himself as a member of the Community Center board.

1. Write Way Signs & Designs, Inc. – (Litchfield Community Center) – 421 Bantam Rd. – Sign replacement Way Signs

J. Schaller presented the proposed sign. The purpose of the change in the sign is to have greater visibility from the road and to provide space for acknowledging events. Discussion revolved around the number of colors being used and the lack of posts on the proposed sign. It was noted the colors on the interiorly lit signs, like the one proposed, appear brighter and bolder than on submitted photographs. The red and white in the True Value sign recently approved was mentioned as an example. J. Schaller noted the colors will appear different in a mock-up facsimile of the sign than when applied to the actual sign material but noted it was cost prohibitive to mix a small amount of color to provide actual samples of the colors.

The proposed sign is internally illuminated with only the letters lit at night. The base will be high density urethane, sign letters 8" and 5-6" with the exchangeable event letters 4".

There was discussion noting the existing sign does not conform to the current zoning dimensions for a monument sign and the proposed 29 sq.ft. excludes the 12 inch base in the square footage calculation. Litchfield's maximum size for a monument sign is 24 sq. ft. R. Mette stated there was a first version of the sign they preferred with posts but concern for maintaining the maximum sign size eliminated the posts. With the support of R. Mette, B. Jones, as a member of the Community Center board, spoke suggesting the wavy lines of the horizontal multi tone green segments be straight lines. It was also suggested the pale olive green in the "Litchfield" letters at the top of the sign be the background with white letters so all

the sign letters are white with the three greens in the background, matching the Community Center's new color logo. Existing ground mounted light will be removed.

The Community Center will come back for the May 6th meeting with revisions to the sign based on the discussion and the May Design Review meeting will be held on site at the Community Center.

2. Pregno (West Shore Seafood) – 442 Bantam Lake Rd. – Addition of 10' x 20' walk in cooler on north side of building.

The 10' x 20' walk in cooler will sit adjacent to the north side of the building as shown on the submitted drawing due to the need for the cooler to be outside the required septic system setback. It will have a flat, rubber roof and siding will match that on the buildings. The structure is 8' tall and will come approximately to the level of the horizontal trim board at the widest portion of the gable. The cooler will sit on a concrete base. There will be a gate access to the area between the two existing buildings on the west end, just beyond the cooler.

B. Jones made a favorable recommendation for the plans as submitted, J Savage seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Copeland – (Bohemian Pizza) – 342 Bantam Rd. – Lighting, half roofs over booths on new patio.

No one was present to explain the new drawings submitted on 3/31 with changes to lighting and coverings for tables. The application will be deferred to the May 6, 2021 meeting.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business – None

6. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2021

The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by J. Savage, seconded B. Jones.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by J. Savage, seconded B. Jones and unanimously carried.

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Date