
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

June-14-2006

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIRMAN
P. EVANS
B. SHOEMAKER
J. FRAZER
J. FORTUNA
N. STAMLER

Absent

M. STEWART
B. PLUMLEY
B. KRONENBERGER

Also Present

M. WACKERS
A. CLARK
R. OLIVERAS
J. MILLER

The meeting commenced at 5:34 PM.

Jeff Bianco called for a review of the minutes. John Frazer motioned to approve the April and May minutes. Ben Shoemaker seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Jeff Bianco moved to Old Business.

First, seeing no one to represent the proposed sign for Empire Pizza at 324 Main Street. Seeing that the committee has questions and the proposed sign has internal illumination, which is prohibited in the Central Business Zone Therefore, Patricia Evens motioned to deny the proposal. Ben Shoemaker seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Jeff Bianco moved to New Business.

Second, Michiel Wackers reported that the owner is unable to attend due to a medical issue and relayed the information that he has received from the owner. The proposal is for Gateway Mortgage Services located at 124 Court Street and includes three signs, two mounted on the building and on the existing freestanding pole. The Board commented favorably to the fact that proposed signs are not internally illuminated and replacing signs in preexisting locations. Patricia Evens motioned to accept the proposal as presented. John Frazer seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Third, Rebecca Oliveras of O2 Design presented a new sign for Vinnie's Jump and Jive at 424 Main Street. The proposed sign has 3-d letters that are in three rows above the window. "Vinnie's" is in red, and the other two rows are block. There is no proposed illumination of any kind for the project. There are also some window graphics proposed. Ben Shoemaker motioned to accept the proposal as presented. Patricia Evens seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Fourth, Andy Clark of Expose Signs represented Northwood Apartments proposed new freestanding monument signs for 1 Dove Lane. The monument signs would require a variance since it exceeds the 12 square feet allowed and they want two signs when they are only allowed one by the Zoning Code. The signs would be externally illuminated with a stone base and green stucco with brass letters and colonial molding at the top. The board debated the scale and the look of the signs. Ben Shoemaker motioned to approve as presented and support a variance application. John Frazer seconded and the Board approved the motion by a vote 5 in favor and 1 against.

Fifth, Jennifer Miller of Solidus represented Seasons Federal Credit Union signage applications at 524 South Main Street and 635 South Main Street. The reason for the new signage is that the Credit Union has

changed its name and the new logo and signs will be replacing existing signs. The Board requested that staff check the sightlines since one freestanding monuments sign would be raised by one-foot. For this freestanding sign the Board preferred the solid sign. Ben Shoemaker motioned to accept the proposal as presented for 524 South Main Street. Patricia Evans seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously. Ben Shoemaker motioned to accept the proposal as presented for 635 South Main Street. Patricia Evans seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Sixth, seeing no one to present the proposed signage application for 650 South Main Street for a new Dunkin Donuts location, the Board agreed to table the application until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation & Development