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

MINUTES

15-Aug-01

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIRMAN
M. BRADY
P. EVANS
J. FORTUNA
N. STAMLER

Absent

D. BROWN
N. GOFF
B. KRONENBERGER
B. PLUMLEY

Also Present

M. JOHNSON
R. CARELLA
W. ZIEGLER
C. ZIEGLER
T. HUBBARD

The meeting commenced at 5:15 PM.

Minutes from the meeting of 25 July 2001 were approved upon a motion by N. Stamler, seconded by P. Evans.

M. Johnson briefed the Board on Old Business. A photograph of the proposed National Guard sign in Metro Plaza that M. Johnson approved, with permission from the Board, was shown to members. Another photograph of the proposed porch renovations at the Wesleyan High Street property was shown to members. Thirdly, Liberty Bank's Main and North End branches' sign proposals have not yet been given approval.

Under New Business, Architect Tom Hubbard presented plans for a shed to go on W. & C. Ziegler's "Wild Bill's Nostalgia" property on 1003 Newfield Street. Questions posed included height and color (answers: 16 feet and tan). Positioning and scale of the shed, combined with proposed landscaping will minimize visual impacts.

Upon a motion by P. Evans, seconded by N. Stamler, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Next, Attorney R. Carella presented plans for Citgo signs to be installed at a convenience store on 619 Saybrook Road. Board members M. Brady and P. Evans expressed concerns over the impacts of the illuminated canopy on residents in the neighborhood. Members consensed on a recommendation that only the letters C I T G O be illuminated, and only those facing North and East.

Upon a motion by P. Evans, seconded by M. Brady, the Board unanimously approved the proposed wooden signs, and the canopy per the recommendations stated above.

Board members then discussed further strategies for improving signage on Main Street. P. Evans recommended suggesting to Liberty a free-standing sign as an alternative to their proposed box lights for their main branch. Members discussed the possibility of holding a workshop for sign makers to encourage their adoption of more high quality sign making materials and techniques.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Munro W. Johnson
Community Development Specialist