

MINUTES
DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room #1, Basement Level

- 1) **Call to Order** – Mr. Bockstael called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call** - Members in attendance: Bruce Bockstael, Andrea Boyle, Jay Hallinan, Joe Hickey and Steve Hine.

Also present: Denise Bradley, Assistant Planner

- 3) **Public Comments** - There was no one from the public in attendance.
- 4) **Minutes** – Minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting. Mr. Hallinan made a motion to approve said minutes, Mr. Hine seconded, and the vote showed all in favor.

5) **PROJECT REVIEWS**

5.1 APPLICATION NO. 135-09-DR – TD Bank is seeking approval of a façade modification at 25 Wells Road. Ms. Bradley indicated that this Application is on hold, as the Applicant has not yet finalized their changes to the façade modifications. Rebranding on the glass portion of the entrance may not require a review from this Commission.

5.2 APPLICATION NO. 137-09-DR – The Applicant is seeking approval of exterior improvements eligible for the Wethersfield Façade Loan Program. The location of the property is 322 Silas Deane Highway, and the Applicant will be closing on the property in the near future.

The Applicant, Mr. John Porriello, appeared before the Committee and described the exterior improvements to this property. This property will be utilized as office space for his investment management business.

The building would be vinyl-sided in one of the three colors -- cream, tan or taupe, and the building would have white trim. New windows and doors would be installed, and a new parking lot, pursuant to completion of a survey, would be made in the rear of the building. The Applicant plans to make landscaping improvements to the property. These improvements may include Blue Hydrangea plantings and granite cobblestone edging in front of the building.

Mr. Hickey made a motion for a positive referral to the Economic Development Commission for the Wethersfield Façade Loan Program. Ms. Boyle seconded the motion, and the vote showed all in favor.

5.3 APPLICATION NO. 138-09-DR – Mr. Harvey Sprung is seeking approval of proposed signage at 974-976 Silas Deane Highway. Mr. Kevin West of Prescott Construction

Management, LLC, addressed the committee regarding this application on behalf of Harvey Sprung of Hesa, LLC, the property owner of record.

The lettering for both signs (New England Patio & Hearth; Mila Fabric and Design Center) will appear in a gold reflective color.

Letter sizing for the “New England Patio & Hearth” sign is changed to specified sizing (caps 24”, Lower 14.5”, New England 4”, Ampersand = 28.5”H x 24.5”W).

Letter sizing for the “Mila Fabric and Design Center” sign is changed to specified sizing (caps: “M” in Mila is 21” with “ILA” in Mila as 17”; caps: F, D, C in the Title “Fabric And Design Center” are 6.75”; the remaining letters in caps as 5.75”). The word “AND” would appear in caps at 5”.

The colors, size and square footage of the signs conform to the guidelines set forth by the site requirements.

Mr. Hickey made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mr. Hallinan seconded the motion. The vote showed all in favor.

6) Other Business:

Ms. Bradley informed the Committee of the well-attended groundbreaking ceremony of the Hartford Hospital Medical Office Building at 1025 Silas Deane Highway.

7) Upcoming Business:

In the near future, the Committee may review a new signage proposal for the property located at 486 Silas Deane Highway (n/k/a Tim Hortons). The application received by the Planning & Zoning Commission details a new freestanding sign facing the Silas Deane Highway for Tim Hortons/Cold Stone Creamery. The freestanding sign would appear with 50/50 split of each brand logo.

8) Adjournment – Mr. Bockstael made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Hine seconded, and the vote showed all in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Goslicki
Committee Recording Secretary