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**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26, 2012**

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman John Alfonzetti, Mark Brown and Bruce Prince.

Building Inspector Efrem Citarella was also present.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Alfonzetti and seconded by Mr. Prince to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting. All were in favor.

**APPLICANTS**

**356 Route 202 – Westchester Health Podiatry**

**APPROVED**

The Board met with Westchester Health Podiatry employer Diana Markowitz to discuss a sign proposal for their new location at 356 Route 202. One is a wall sign to be placed on the façade of the building between the entrance door and the window. It is 21" wide by 13 ½ " high and reads "Westchester Health Podiatry, John Viscovich, DPM, Larrie K. Rockmacher, DPM" in teal green letters on a white background with a small logo. The second is an aluminum placard that is 32" long by 6" high and reads "Westchester Health Podiatry", also in dark teal letters on a white background with a small logo. The letters on the first line are 1.2" high and 3" on the bottom. A motion was made by Mr. Alfonzetti and seconded by Mr. Prince to accept the sign proposal as submitted. All were in favor. A resolution will be sent to the Building Department, with a copy to Dr. Viscovich.

## **63 Route 6 – Greek American Grill**

### **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

Steve Chester, owner of Signs Ink, and Michael Spyropoulos, owner of the Greek American Grill located at 63 Route 6 met with the Board to discuss a sign proposal. Last month, there were some overall concerns with the design of the signs and the overall aesthetics of the colors used to repaint the building. The panels on either side of the front door have been painted white to match the exterior of the building. All the trim is chocolate brown.

The sign to be placed on the façade of the building is internally lit with individual channeled letters. It is 2' high by 18' wide and reads "Greek American Grill" in red letters and "Greek" is in a different font than "American Grill". In addition, some of the lettering is not consistent with the other letters that are 2' high. Members of the Board suggested that the word "Grill" also be in the same font as "Greek" and requested that all the letters be 2' high.

With regard to the sign on the road side, it is internally lit, but the overall dimensions are needed. The top band has a Greek flag on either side of "Greek" in blue letters on a white background, again in a different font. "American" is in red on a blue background in the middle band, also with an American flag on either side. The bottom band says "Grill" in red letters on a white background. The very bottom of the sign reads "Coffee Breakfast Lunch Dinner" in white letters on a red background. It was suggested by the Board that the top band have a horizontal Greek flag in one corner and a horizontal American in the other. The word "Greek" can remain with the same color letters and background. The middle band should simply read "American" in red letters on a white background, and the third "Grill" in red letters, but in the same font as "Greek". The very bottom of the sign can remain as is. Mr. Chester will make the recommended changes, which were agreeable by all and send a new rendition to Mrs. Schirmer via email that will be circulated to the Board for review. A memo will be sent to Mr. Chester.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1 Lovell Street – Update**

The sign located at 1 Lovell still has to be reduced by 1' – 2". The owner would like to build the area up from the ground so that the sign doesn't have to be removed to reduce the height. It was suggested that this be done with a landscape plan, which would also mask the electric work around it that provides the lighting. All agreed that they were willing to review and comment on a rendition of a landscape plan. Owner Karl Thimm appeared before the Board and informed them that his landscaper, Mr. Cambareri of Mt. Kisco was away and as soon as he returned, a plan would be secured and Mrs. Schirmer notified, so arrangements could be made for the Board to review the plan. A memo will be sent to Mr. Thimm.

### **Checklist for Submissions and Applications**

Mrs. Schirmer submitted the proposed sign application and checklist to all of the members and Mr. Citarella for review and comment. Mr. Citarella made some changes applicable to procedures and the Town Code of Somers. A \$25 sign application fee is being proposed and \$50 minimum fee for applications concerning additions, alterations and new construction. The permit fee for signs being proposed is \$150 for one, and \$50 for each additional sign allowable by Town Code. These proposed fees are subject to Town Board approval. The application process would begin in the Building Department, with the applicant submitting the application and fee. Then, the application would be given to Mrs. Schirmer who would follow up with the applicant in terms of additional information required. Once received and in order, the applicant will be placed on the meeting schedule. Board members would receive all applicant material via email the week before the meeting. Collecting a fee is the only new procedure added to this process, and if need be, Mrs. Schirmer is able to collect, deposit and report on the fees collected as she does for the Fire Permit Applications for the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Mr. Citarella will send his final versions of the application/checklist to Mrs. Schirmer, who will email them to the Board for further review and comment.

### **Somers Chase**

At the August 4, 2011 Architectural Review Board meeting, it was reported that a committee has been created by Somers Chase to work on a new plan for the entryway, including signage. Once a plan is decided upon, arrangements will be made for Somers Chase to present their proposal to the Architectural Review Board. At the request of the Board, Mrs. Schirmer will contact them for an update as it has been almost 6 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

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Somers Architectural Review Board

cc: Architectural Review Board  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Planning and Engineering  
Building Department

