

December 20, 2011

**TUCKAHOE SIGN AND AWNING BOARD
TUCKAHOE VILLAGE HALL – 2:30 pm**

Present Chairwoman Ann Marie Ciaramella
 Member Barbara Nieminen
 Member Nicole Pushkal

Also present: Bill Williams Building Inspector
 Michael Seminara Code Enforcement Officer

Item #1 Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2011
Item #2 29 Columbus Avenue Adjourned
Item #3 40 Marbledale Road New Sign
Item #4 72 Main Street New Awning
Item #5 25 Main Street New Sign

Item #1 Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2011

Member Pushkal motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting. This motion was seconded by Member Nieminen and unanimously carried by the Board with a vote of 2-0, with Chairwoman Ciaramella abstaining due to her absence.

Item #2 25 Main Street New Sign

Mr. Fredrick of Unique Signs representing 25 Main Street, proposed three pin letter signs to be placed on the walkway arches. One sign will be on the front of the walkway arch facing Main Street. The pin letters will be made of cast aluminum in Metallic Gold and 6 inches in height. The other two signs will also be on the walkway arch, one will be facing the Main Street parking lot and the other will be facing the train tracks. These sign will also be in pin letters, cast aluminum in Metallic Gold and 5 inches in height. In addition, the address number “25” will be placed on the front pillar facing Main Street made of the same material and is 8 inches in height. The other “25” will be placed on the building façade also facing Main Street and is 16 inches in height. Mr. Fredrick also proposed a directory sign to be placed on the Main Street side of the property. The directory sign measures 34” by 30” inches and is 4” inches deep. This directory sign was approved prior at the Planning Board meeting.

Member Pushkal made a motion to approve the signs as presented, Chairwoman Ciaramella second the motion and was unanimously carried by the board with a 3-0 vote.

Item #3 40 Marbledale Road New Sign

Mr. Cappabianca of San Signs, representing CubeSmart was informed that the temporary signs on the building either be removed or file for a temporary permit with the clerk's office. Mr. Cappabianca informed the board that he will relay the message back to the corporation. Mr. Cappabianca proposed four new signs made with aluminum material using red and white colors to replace the existing signs in size that already exist on the building. Chairwoman Ciaramella commented that the colors are an issue. Mr. Cappabianca said that the colors are their corporate colors and didn't think they would change their colors. There was discussion regarding the colors of the building being blue and orange and then placing a red and white signs. It was suggested that they possibly paint the building removing the orange color and replacing it with red color. Mr. Seminara advised that the building could not be painted it would have to be re-stuccoed. It was also suggested that they change the colors of the sign to black and white.

Applicant was advised to submit new rendering of the colors via email to change the orange to red or change the colors of the sign and return next month. Mr. Cappabianca stated he will speak to the owners of CubeSmart and return next month.

Item #4 72 Main Street New Awning

Ms. Scannell, owner of Café 72, presented a new awning. The awning measures 15 feet 6 inches long and extends 18 inches over the sidewalk. The letter size for "CAFÉ 72 is 10 inches and "ESPRESSO WRAPS DESSERTS" is 6 inches. The awning is Sunbrella in red with black and wheat color stripes. Member Nieminen commented that the awning is eye catching and was wondering if the "ESPRESSO WRAPS DESSERTS" could be in a simpler font. Chairwoman Ciaramella commented that the letters are much too large and the fabric was very loud. Letters on the Pope Building are 9". If you stand at the post office, they are clearly read. Main Street is narrow and the sizes of the letters submitted are too large for this site. Member Pushkal also commented that the stripes were not classy. Chairwoman Ciaramella also commented that we have not approved stripes on any awnings. They do not fit into the designs on Main Street. Ms. Scannell responded that she wanted to do something that would stand out, because her awning next door "Aspire" is plain, people have a hard time finding her place. There was discussion regarding changing the color of the awning and the letters. It was pointed out that given the nature of the business a more classy color and design would be more appropriate and communicate the nature of the business...a classy coffee house.

It was suggested that the awning be all red with "Café 72" in 9 inch black letters with the arch wheat color background, and "ESPRESSO WRAPS DESSERTS" 5 inch letters in black.

Member Nieminen made a motion to approve the awning in red color, with "Café 72" in 9 inch black letters in a wheat color arch background and "ESPRESSO WRAPS DESSERTS" in 5 inch letters also in black, using wrought iron hardware. Fabric is Sunbrella and fire resistant. A condition was added that a fax be sent to the Building Department showing details as to how the awning will be attached to the façade for approval. The awning will be stationery with open end sides. Member Pushkal second the motion and was unanimously carried by the board with a 3-0 vote. Chairwoman Ciaramella amended that a new rendering of the awning be submitted to reflect what is approved was second by Member Pushkal and was unanimously carried by the board with a 3-0 vote.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 2:30pm

There being no further comments from the public or business before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.