

January 25, 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 – December 21, 2010
Item #2 1 Scarsdale Road Renew Banner
Item #3 115 Main Street New Sign
Item #4 29 Columbus Avenue Return

Item #1 Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2010
Member Nieminen motioned to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting. This motion was seconded by Member Pushkal and unanimously carried by the Board with a vote of 3-0.

Item #2 115 Main Street New Sign

Mr. Jasen Ruiz, the owner of Advanced Audiology of NY and Mr. John Cappabianca, representing San Signs, presented two new signs and one arm sign. The two signs will be acrylic pin letters. One will be with black background and gold letters and one will be gold vinyl background and black letters. The letter size for both signs are 6 ¾ inch high. The arm sign will measure 16 X 30 with twisted bracket that will match the others in the area and will be placed 10 feet above grade level. Chairwoman Ciaramella stressed that there be no San Signs logo on the sign. Discussion regarding numbers of signs to be placed on the building took place. In addition, there was also discussion regarding the exit door leading to the parking garage. Mr. Ruiz was advised before changing any doors, he needs to advise the Building Department.

Chairwoman Ciaramella made a motion to approve the two signs and one arm sign with a twisted bracket to be secured to the façade for Advanced Audiology of NY. Both signs measure 14 inches high and 87 ¼ inches wide. Letters are 6 ¾ inches high and the color of one pin letter sign will be gold and the other sign pin letters will be black. The color gold will be exact as presented. There will be no San Signs logo on it. The arm sign will measure 16 X 30 and the color of the letters will be in gold. Member Pushkal seconded the motion and unanimously carried by the Board with a vote of 3-0.

Item #3 1 Rivervue**Banner Renewal**

Mr. Neil Ritter, representing Classic Realty, presented an application to renew the banner that is attached to the façade of the building facing Main Street. Member Nieminen asked how many units have not been sold. Mr. Ritter replied there are 88 units in the building, 31 remain to be sold. However, some of these units are rented, and he believes 19 units are vacant. Member Pushkal asked if the sign benefits the sale and Mr. Ritter replied absolutely. Member Pushkal also commented that the sign has been there for such a long time and it may seem like a permanent sign and that people may not be aware that the units are still for sale. Mr. Ritter noted that sales have picked up in the recent months. Member Nieminen mentioned that the sign is in good shape and if it is helping in selling units, then we should approve the extension for one more year. Member Pushkal supported approval for one year and that Mr. Ritter bring their concerns back to his board.

Member Pushkal made a motion to approve the temporary banner for Rivervue for one year.

Member Nieminen seconded the motion and unanimously carried by the Board with a vote of 3-0.

Item #4 29 Columbus Avenue**Return**

Mr. Al Kawer, owner of Tuckahoe Paint and Glass, returned as per a letter received regarding the size of the letters of his sign are not as approved. Mr. Kawer was asked to present any suggestions as to how he was going to rectify the situation. Later, discussion regarding the size of the letters was never an issue since letter size was agreed upon during early discussions. The issue at the time was the colors being used. Mr. Kawer commented to replace the sign was going to cost a lot of money, which he was not willing to do. Chairwomen Ciaramella suggested he ask San Sign to come to the next meeting with suggestions or another alternative. Chairwoman Ciaramella stated that they did not want to make a decision that would hurt the business but they are obligated to live up to Village Code. The board has an obligation to be fair and follow the guidelines. There was also discussion to compromise and only replace the letters that are 21 inches to 18 inches. Mr. Kawer said he will ask San Sign what it would cost to change the sign to smaller letters, but that was not something he was willing to do. Mr. Kawer also expressed that change is good and his sign looks good for that location. Mr. Seminara explained to Mr. Kawer that the Village Board members gave the code to the Sign and Awning Board and told them they need to follow these guidelines. If variances is given, this is the first one given, and will set a precedent for the future.

Applicant was asked to return next month with an alternative solution.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 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 4:10 pm.