

Minutes  
Design Review Board  
December 14, 2011

Present: Juan Cruz, Deborah Kruskal, Dan Martin, Chris O'Halloran, Jane Roddy

***Sign Review: Lavender  
519A Boston Post Road***

Tim Fong presented an application for a sign to be placed immediately below the existing sign for Lavender restaurant. The sign is sized such that, even if considered as part of the primary sign, the combined areas comply with the bylaws for a single primary sign.

The board voted unanimously to approve the sign as presented in the application.

***Sign Review: Sudbury School of Music  
348 Boston Post Road***

Peter Wiernik presented an application for a wall mounted sign at 348 Boston Post Road, in a historic district. The application is for a sign of identical size and color to the other signs at the location and complies with the bylaws as presented.

The board discussed with the applicant the layout of the elements on the sign. The applicant noted that a revised drawing of the sign had been filed with the name of the store above the graphic. The board was not in possession of the revised drawing, but supports the revision as described by Mr. Wiernik.

Members of the board discussed the illegibility of some of the other signs at the same business center, and suggested that the name of the business be carved or raised to provide some depth to the sign and improve legibility. The applicant is in favor of such treatment but was of the opinion that this would not be allowed by the Historic Districts Commission. The board opined that signs at Mill Village and at Citibank/Joy Cleaners/Ace Jewelers were not required to be of such a uniform nature albeit they are also located in the same historic district. Members of the board consider that restricting the sign size, dictating the color scheme, and materials to be an overly onerous burden on the applicant and suggest that modest modifications to the sign would be appropriate for the nature of the site and beneficial to the applicant.

The board voted unanimously to approve the sign as presented with the recommendation of using either engraved or raised lettering for the name of the business pursuant to approval of the Historic Districts Commission.

***Miscellaneous***

The minutes of November 30 were approved.