

**SOMERS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
335 Route 202, Somers NY 10589**

MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2009

Chairman Rick Morrissey opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance: Chair Rick Morrissey, Ken Bond, Mark Brown and Ken Field.

MINUTES

Mr. Field made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

APPLICANTS

Anytime Fitness - Towne Center at Somers

STATUS: Denied

The Board met with Steve Chester, owner of Signs Ink and Todd Douglas, owner of Anytime Fitness to discuss two directional signs proposed for the Towne Center at Somers. The owner of the shopping center, Urstadt Biddle indicated that they would support the sign. Unfortunately these signs are not permitted by Town Code. Rather than appeal for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Chester and Mr. Douglas asked if the Board would support a sign to be hung in the signage band over the breezeway to the lower plaza of the shopping center. The Architectural Review Board indicated that they would. A new proposal will be created by Signs Ink and arrangements made for this item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

Stone Springs - 361 Route 202

STATUS: Approved

The Board reviewed graphics for a sign to be placed at 361 Route 202 for Proactive Physical Therapy and Debra Weiss. The size of the sign cannot exceed 18" in height and 54" in length. Mr. Morrissey made a motion to accept the sign proposal as submitted. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor. A memo will be sent to the Building Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Best Plumbing

It was reported that the temporary sign proposal was not permitted according to

section 170-125 of the Town Code. The owner will be applying for a variance with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Signs at Entrances to Town

In 2001, the Architectural Review Board met with the Town and Steve Chester of Signs Ink to create signs for the entrances to Somers. About a year or so ago, a memo was sent to the Town Board due to concerns the Architectural Review Board had over the lack of maintenance and management of these signs. The concern still exists and it appears as though nothing has been done to refurbish, repair, or replace the Town signs. Mrs. Schirmer is in the process of working with the Town Supervisor and the Highway Department to resolve these issues.

Signs in the Business Historic Preservation District

In January, a memo was sent to the Town Board about the necessity to address the signage situation in the Business Historic Preservation District. It has become increasingly difficult to enforce the Town Code when variances continue to be issued. To date, there has not been a response.

Angle Fly Preserve

In October, the Architectural Review Board met at Angle Fly Preserve to conduct a walkthrough of the existing structures. A list of observations were made/noted and sent to the Town Board. Since there was no feedback, a follow up memo was sent reiterating some of the key points, with the original memo sent on November 3, 2008 attached. The Architectural Review Board would be dismayed if a decision was made to take down the existing structures without giving some serious consideration to renovating them to fulfill the needs of the Park Master Plan Update. The Board is of the opinion that this could be most cost effective as compared to new construction. Copies of this memo were issued to the Parks & Recreation Board, Open Space Committee, Historical Society and the Historic Properties Board. To date, there has been no update from the Town Board.

Somers Volunteer Fire Department

Last July, the Architectural Review Board met with Somers Volunteer Fire Department member Walter Krysevig regarding a campaign they had to recruit volunteers for the ambulance service. A request was made to hang five metal signs around Town, for a six month trial, beginning September 1, with the understanding that at the conclusion of the six month period an evaluation was to be done as to whether or not the signs would still be needed. On April 3, 2009, a memo was sent to the Somers Volunteer Fire Department to see if any decision had been made as to the status of the signs now that the six month trial period has ended. There was no response. Last month, Mrs. Schirmer wrote a letter to Walter Krysevig regarding this issue, and she has not heard from him either.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Permit Application and Instructions

A draft of an application with instructions for signage was prepared and reviewed by the Board. All agreed that it should be used moving forward. It will be available on the Town website and in the Building and Planning Departments. Signage as part of a site plan will be handled through the Planning Board process.

St. Joseph's Church at JFK High School

An updated site plan was reviewed and discussed.

DARE Signs

A memo, with a copy to the Town Board was sent to the Highway Department requesting that they be removed. They have not yet been taken down. This item will be placed on the July meeting agenda.

Reynolds House

The LION's will be replacing the roof on the Reynolds House and outbuildings in Angle Fly Preserve. Mr. Morrissey has asked Mr. Bond and Mr. Brown to bring roof shingle samples to the July meeting. They will have to be reviewed by the Historic Properties Board as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Architectural Review Board

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