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**CITY OF PEEKSKILL
HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

January 26, 2023

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The Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board (the "Board" or "HLPB") held a meeting on January 26, 2023 at 7:30 pm at City Hall in Council Chambers

Members present: Catherine Martone, Kayte Handler, Christian Larson and Mary Ellen O'Brien. Applicants and Planner were also in attendance.

Catherine Martone called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion made by Member O'Brien and seconded by Member Larson to adopt the minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting garnered unanimous support.

The approval of the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes was postponed until all those that attended that meeting can vote with a quorum present.

II. APPLICATIONS

Applicant	PT Work Physical Therapy
Occupant	PT Work Physical Therapy
Address	216 S Division Street
Owner	Paul Guillaro
SBL	33.37-4-6
RE:	Certificate of Appropriateness review signage in commercial storefront on the edge of Downtown Historic District.

Rodas Printing represented the applicant for the signage at the corner commercial property, 216 South Division Street and 2nd Street. The Board noted that the text of the sign seems oversized in the space above the window, with a height of 21 inches. The applicant was asked to reduce the size to 12 inches, made possible by the brightness of the letters proposed.

A signage plan was presented that was a part of the approval of the COA for the entirety of the building, issued in May 2022. It noted that the letters of the signage must all be "Dark Bronze" and the font, Times New Roman. The Board also pointed out that said requirements may not be entirely practical in implementation; namely, that the narrow nature of the lettering cannot accommodate the lighting proposed.

The Board discussed the other part of the application, which is vinyl, frosted signage on the windows of the façade, blocking view into the commercial space to provide privacy to the clients.

The Board expressed concern that having the view obstructed into and from the windows would not be ideal and it is generally better to have some continuity between what is happening inside a commercial space and its exterior, the sidewalk and street. It was also noted that the frosted decals may not easily be removed in the event that the applicant wants to change their façade or a new use moves in. The windows at Sun River Health Inc on Main Street (downtown) designed and installed by Rodas Printing were looked at for an example that gives some privacy but does not cover the entire window. Other methods of concealment were discussed include partition walls and curtains.

A motion made by Member Larson and seconded by Member Handler to table application until an amended application can be presented garnered unanimous support.

Applicant	Adbab Nawaz
Occupant	Puff Puff Don't Pass Smoke Shop
Address	1014 Park Street/2 Bank Street
Owner	Tom Mannino
SBL	33.30-1-2
RE:	Certificate of Appropriateness review for signage of retail storefront in Downtown Historic District

Rodas Printing represented the applicant for retail signage at 2 Bank Street/1014 Park Street. It was noted that the storefront has had several unapproved changes in the paint color and that the building owner will be notified that the current conditions are not acceptable. Also noted that at the time that this project last appeared in front of the HLPB, it was suggested that the wall sign be switched to a projection sign to match the barber shop next door, with another sign in the window.

The style of the sign was discussed and the applicant was asked to consider changing the font; make the whole sign smaller and "less busy" with one color and a darker green; make the text two lines instead of one; and eliminate one or both graphics. The applicant noted their emphasis on keeping some continuity between the signs at their various locations in the area but agreed to change the design to fit the aesthetic of downtown Peekskill.

A motion made by Member O'Brien and seconded by Member Larson to table application until an amended application can be presented garnered unanimous support.

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to made by Member Larson and seconded by Member Handler to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm garnered unanimous support.