February 27, 2020

The New Canaan Library
RE: Pending Special Permit Application – Planning & Zoning Commission
Installation of Temporary Structure – Section 3.4.C.5 “Other Structures”

To Whom it May Concern,

I have applied to the Town of New Canaan Planning & Zoning Commission for a special permit (under regulation section 3.4.C.5) in order to allow for the installation of a temporary structure. The proposed location would be in the green space at the intersection of Maple Street and South Avenue, where the Summer Theater of New Canaan (Christina’s Garden) held their events last year. Please see attached surveys that depict this location.

The proposed temporary structure would be approximately 230 square feet (11’ wide, 21’ long, 11’ high) and serve as a preview for visitors to experience the upcoming New New Canaan Library project using an interactive 3-dimensional tour from inside the structure. From the outside the look of the structure is that of a “mirrored glass house” due to the fact that it has very highly reflective surfaces on three sides running the full height. Essentially, it’s a mirrored box, no gables. From the interior one can see out as though it’s clear glass, but from the outside it appears as a mirror. The creators of this house are award-winning designers from Estonia and this would be their first U.S. installation. You can see their products at www.oodhouse.com.

As one approaches the structure the effect would be very intriguing as it reflects virtually every bit of its surroundings. This Mirrored Glass House would serve as an on-site announcement to the world of the upcoming New New Canaan Library project, and to help facilitate the public fundraising phase. Also, it would be an homage to New Canaan’s mid-century modern movement.

This proposed installation would have one open interior space and no kitchen, no bathroom – this is strictly a “visitor center”. This is not a dwelling. There are no wetlands on this parcel. There is no planned exterior lighting on the structure. When the major Library building project begins, then this structure would be removed.

Sincerely,

Paul Stone
Owner’s Agent