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MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance: Chairman John Alfonzetti, Mark Brown, Rich Nash, and Joe Paiva.

Soon to be appointed new Board member John DeMase and Building Inspector Efrem Citarella were also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Nash and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

TOWN CODE - CHAPTER 118

Assistant Building Inspector Tom Tooma and Somers Litter Task Force member Suzy Moravick met with the Board to share some proposed changes they had to Chapter 118 of the Town Code. A discussion ensued. This will be addressed again after the members have had time to review further.

APPLICANTS

366 Route 202 – Nest Floral Design

APPROVED

The Board met with owner Maryann Ianniotti of Nest Floral Design regarding a sign proposal for her business located at 366 Route 202. An oval shaped sign will be hung from the front of the building. It is 6.88 square feet. The background is light blue with the word "Nest" in brown letters. The placards for the double sided pylon directory are 38" wide by 18" high. The background is also light blue with brown lettering that reads

“Nest Floral Design”. A motion was made by Mr. Paiva and seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the proposal as submitted. All were in favor. A resolution will be sent to the Building Department, with a copy to Ms. Ianniotti.

80 Route 6 – M&T Bank

APPROVED

NW Sign Industries representative Dominick Paparella addressed the Board regarding a sign proposal for the M&T Bank located at 80 Route 6. They would like to replace the three existing “Hudson City” signs for three internally lit signs that will read “M&T Bank” in green channel lettering, with the logo in white and green. The signs on both the east and south elevations are 1’9 1/16” high by 10’3 3/16” wide. That on the west elevation is 1’4 7/8” high by 8’2 9/16” wide. After researching and consulting with the Town Attorney, it was determined that the existing “Hudson City” bank building already has a variance for three internally lit sign, therefore the proposed signs are grandfathered in. However the Architectural Review Board would like to urge the bank to consider, changing at least one of the internally lit signs (preferably the one over the main entrance) to an externally lit (gooseneck style) sign. A motion was made by Mr. Alfonzetti and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the proposal as submitted. All were in favor. A resolution will be sent to the Building Department, with a copy to Mr. Paparella.

289 Route 100 - Seasons

APPROVED

The Board met with Seasons owner Joe Tesone regarding some renovations he would like to make to the front elevation of his business located at 289 Route 100. The existing surface is stucco and Mr. Tesone would like to cover it with stone. He would also like to replace the two front doors. A motion was made by Mr. Paiva and seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the renovation with the following stipulations: the average height of the stone used will be 4” and 16” in length; the window and door trim will be brought forward to project out from the proposed stone veneer and it should be constructed in the same style as the existing trim; the front doors will be replaced with ones made of wood, with windows on the top half, and the color will be determined. A resolution will be sent to the Building Department, with a copy to Mr. Tesone.

OLD BUSINESS

155 Route 202 – Sun and Moon Health Spa

DENIED

Last month, the Board met with Sun and Moon Spa owner Dawn Wan regarding a sign proposal for her business located at 155 Route 202. The proposal was approved. A discussion also ensued about an existing lit sun and moon that is hung in the storefront

window pane to the left of the directional lighted sign, in terms of whether or not it too is considered a sign. The Town Attorney was consulted for an interpretation. It was determined by the Town Attorney that it is clearly a device attached to a structure and is in the nature of an announcement of the location and/or an advertisement for same. Therefore it is a sign. The applicant may request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, but in the meantime, it must be removed. A motion was made via email on February 5 by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Nash to deny this third sign approval. All were in favor. A resolution was sent to the Building Department, with a copy to Ms. Wan.

261 Route 202 – Charmaine’s Dog Salon Update

The owner of Charmaine’s Dog Salon located at 261 Route 202, placed “Dog Salon” followed by the phone number on the window of her business. She was informed that a ruling by the Town Attorney determined that is in fact a sign and requires approval by this Board, as well as a sign permit fee. A violation notice was issued to either remove the sign or process an application for approval. The sign was removed.

261 Route 202 – Cross County Locksmith Update

It was determined quite some time ago that the owner of Cross County Locksmith located at 261 Route 202 never had his signs approved. When approached regarding this situation, he indicated that he would take the signs down because he was going out of business. The signs were removed, but the business never closed. After a time, the signs were rehung and the owner told they had to be approved and a permit secured or they had to be removed. As none of the aforementioned was done, a violation notice was issued. The signs have been removed.

164 Route 202 – Salon D’Avanti Update

An application to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals to get their sign that is larger than what is allowable as per Town Code approved has been processed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

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