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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Roll Call

The Chair, E. Grochowski, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendant Members – E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, D. Leake, T. Rupp (sitting in for E. Armstrong), A. Laferriere (sitting in for K. Toolan)

Absent Members – E. Armstrong, K. Toolan

B. Minutes

The Chair moved to hear the agenda item “Minutes” after “New Business.”

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. “Pearls & Plaid”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs & Design Review of Façade 117 Main Street, Map 37/Lot 17, Central Business B-1 District
Applicant/Owner: Caroline Olson

C. Olsen presented. Applicant will be using the same signs from previous location, new windows, trim similar colors, painting entire building, additional lamps overhead on timers.

MOTION to recommend approval of Signs & Design Review of Façade 117 Main Street, Map 37/Lot 17, Central Business B-1 District **MADE:** A. Laferriere **SECONDED:** D. Leake **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, D. Leake, A. Laferriere, Tine Rupp **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

- B. “Driftwood”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 238 Main Street, Map 37/Lot 133, Central Business B-1 District
Applicant: Janet Antilla Agent: Andrew Vercillo, Computer Signs

A. Vercillo presented. Sign will be 20”x 16’, no plans for lighting.

MOTION to recommend approval of **“Driftwood”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 238 Main Street, Map 37/Lot 133, Central Business B-1 District with the following recommendations: 1) Applicant eliminate the “of Old Saybrook” part. 2) If desired, applicant could make the letters bolder or raised. **MADE** : E. Grochowski **SECONDED**: T. Rupp **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, D. Leake, T. Rupp, A. Laferriere **OPPOSED**: None **ABSTAINING**: None **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

C. **“Pasta Vita”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 225 Elm Street, Map 38/Lot 3, Industrial District

Applicant: Richard Cersosimo Agent: Andrew Vercillo, Computer Signs

A.Vercillo presented. Applicant is proposing an internally lit sign similar to the existing sign on the side of the building. The Board was concerned that the sign will be too high.

MOTION to recommend approval of **“Pasta Vita”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 225 Elm Street, Map 38/Lot 3, Industrial District with recommendation to 1) Applicant lower sign to roof line, flush so it is more in line with the dormer wall. **MADE**: E. Grochowski **SECONDED**: A. Laferriere **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, A. Laferriere, T. Rupp, D. Leake **OPPOSED**: None **ABSTAINING**: None **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

D. **“Guilford Savings Bank”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 840 Boston Post Road, Map 36/Lot 164, Shopping Center B-2 District
Applicant/Agent: David Hemming, CT Sign Co.

J. Morrison presented along with R. Pallenberg. R. Pallenberg from GSB explained that they are rebranding their signage in all towns. She explained that the trees and distance from the road contributed to their decision allowing for the sign to be seen and recognized. The Board had concerns regarding the new signage matching the style of the building by softening the rectangle and to be more proportional. The Board requested Applicant to show examples of other signs to re propose. Applicant would like to discuss further with Chris Costa who can forward information to Board.

MOTION: To continue “Guilford Savings Bank” Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs 840 Boston Post Road, Map 36/Lot 164, Shopping Center B-2 District: to the next ARB meeting on 3/14/2022 with alternate options for free standing sign and building sign on Route 1 based on discussion. **MADE**: E.Grochowski **SECONDED**: D. Leake **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, A. Laferriere, T. Rupp, D. Leake **OPPOSED**: None **ABSTAINING**: None **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

E. **“The Estuary Council of Seniors”** Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs. 875 Boston Post Road, Map 36/Lot 001, Shopping Center B-2 District
Applicant/Agent: Stan Mingione

Applicant presented. Proposed using the same sign which is against a white wall.

MOTION to recommend approval of “The Estuary Council of Seniors” Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs. 875 Boston Post Road, Map 36/Lot 001, Shopping Center B-2 District with the following recommendations: 1) To stretch the orange border along top and teal along bottom all the way to the left and to border the background blue color on the end to left side of the logo. 2) Add 3 gooseneck lamps. **MADE:** T. Rupp **SECONDED:** E.Grochowski **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E.Grochowski , A. Laferriere, T. Rupp, D. Leake **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** K. Caldarella **APPROVED:** 4-0-1.

IV. Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of Monday 2/14/2022 as presented. **MADE:** E. Grochowski **SECONDED:** A. Laferriere, **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, A. Laferriere, K. Caldarella, D. Leake, T. Rupp **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting of February 28, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via hybrid in the 1st Floor conference room. **MADE:** E. Grochowski **SECONDED:** A. Laferriere **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, A. Laferriere, T. Rupp, D. Leake **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Nordberg,
Recording Clerk

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED
HYBRID MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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