



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Architectural Review Board

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Roll Call

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

Members present: Emily Grochowski, Kate Caldarella, Edward Armstrong, Robert Hansen (seated for Susan Missel) and Donna Perrotti Leake

Members absent: Susan Missel, Kathryn Toolan

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. “Art Emporium of Old Saybrook” Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs

Free Standing Street Sign & Wall Sign

578 Boston Post Road, Map 40/Lot 39, Shopping Center Business B-2 District

Applicant: Robert Jerome

Owner: Five Seventy Eight Boston Post Road, LLC

Mr. Jerome was present and explained that he is seeking approval for the “Turn Here” sign because people keep missing his driveway. There was previously a sign there and the posts still remain. He would like to replace what was there with his sign, and wants to make sure it complies with the regulations. He will lower the sign to meet the 10 ft. height limit and has no plans to add any lighting. There was a discussion of the design and configuration of the signs.

MOTION to recommend approval of “Art Emporium of Old Saybrook” Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs, as presented, with a recommendation for a maximum height of 10 feet, at 578 Boston Post Road, Map 40/Lot 39, Shopping Center Business B-2 District; **MADE** by E. Armstrong; **SECONDED**: K. Caldarella; **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, E. Armstrong, D. Leake and R. Hansen; **ABSTAINING**: None. **OPPOSED**: None. **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Design Review Awards

E. Grochowski read the votes that were submitted for the design awards, which will be given for the 2010-2014 and 2015-2019 time periods. The nominated projects were discussed, as well as how and when to acknowledge the winners. The awards could be presented in conjunction with another Town event to increase awareness. E. Armstrong suggested submitting an article to the local newspaper or magazine. E. Grochowski will contact C. Costa regarding the votes and asked members to contact C. Costa with any suggestions for the awards presentation.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2020 as presented; **MADE** by E. Armstrong; **SECONDED**: K. Caldarella; **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, E. Armstrong, D. Leake and R. Hansen; **ABSTAINING**: None. **OPPOSED**: None. **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm; **MADE** by E. Grochowski; **SECONDED**: K. Caldarella; **VOTING IN FAVOR**: E. Grochowski, K. Caldarella, E. Armstrong, D. Leake and R. Hansen; **ABSTAINING**: None. **OPPOSED**: None. **APPROVED**: 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynette Wacker
Recording Clerk

