



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Architectural Review Board

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MINUTES
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Roll Call

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

Members present: Emily Grochowski (virtual), Edward Armstrong (virtual), Kathryn Toolan (in person), and Andre Laferriere (virtual)

Members absent: Kate Caldarella, Donna Leake, Tina Rupp

Others present: Joel Gargano (by phone), Stephen Norton (in person), Chris Dubord (by phone)

Andre Laferriere was seated for Kate Caldarella.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. “Gargano Pasta & Italian Market” Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs

75 Main Street, Map 37 / Lot 36, Central Business B-1 District

Joel Gargano reported that he wants to keep the same color, material and size of sign that was present when Denali occupied the building. There will be no change in illumination and no window signs. Signs were presented for the front and side of the business as well as for a freestanding sign listing other occupants of the complex where the building is located. After discussion members agreed that there was no objection to the two signs planned for the building but they recommended that for readability and to streamline the look of the freestanding sign that it should only say “Gargano Pasta” and not include the entire logo of the business. Mr. Gargano inquired about the possibility of a sign on the third side of the building to possibly be added at a later date. Since more than two signs is not allowed, Ms. Grochowski recommended that he speak to Chris Costa in the Land Use Department about his options. Mr. Gargano left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

MOTION by Edward Armstrong to recommend approval of “**Gargano Pasta & Italian Market**” **Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs** on the front and south-facing sides of the building with approval of the freestanding sign as recommended to read “Gargano Pasta” 75 Main Street., Map 37/Lot 36, Central Business B-1 District; **SECONDED:** K. Toolan; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, E. Armstrong, K. Toolan, and A. Laferriere; **ABSTAINING:** None. **OPPOSED:** None. **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. “Able Planning/Saybrook Wealth Group” Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs

288 Main Street, Map 30/Lot 66, Central Business B-1 District

Applicant: 288 Main Street, LLC

Agent: Edward M. Cassella, Esq.

Stephen Norton appeared with Chris Dubord from One Look Signs to discuss the changes made to his proposed signs since the September 27, 2021 meeting of the ARB. He noted that Able Planning is a web-based company and therefore needs to have its URL on the sign. He proposed that sign be 96” x 18” and that the version of the Saybrook Wealth sign without the URL be 120” x 18”. Members agreed that the new versions of the sign looked consistent and uniform and that Mr. Norton had accomplished what they had suggested at the previous meeting. Mr. Norton asked if the addition of gooseneck lighting could be considered at a later date and Ms. Grochowski recommended that he speak to Chris Costa about this when he is ready to see if it could be approved administratively. Mr. Norton and Mr. Dubord left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

MOTION by Andre Laferriere to recommend approval of “**Able Planning/Saybrook Wealth Group**” **Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance for Signs** as presented with no further modifications 288 Main Street., Map 30/Lot 66, Central Business B-1 District; **SECONDED:** K. Toolan; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, E. Armstrong, K. Toolan, and A. Laferriere; **ABSTAINING:** None. **OPPOSED:** None. **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

B. Minutes

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2021 as presented; **MADE** by E. Grochowski; **SECONDED:** A. Laferriere; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, E. Armstrong, K. Toolan, and A. Laferriere; **ABSTAINING:** None. **OPPOSED:** None. **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference; **MADE** by E. Grochowski, **SECONDED:** K. Toolan; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** E. Grochowski, E. Armstrong, K. Toolan, and A. Laferriere; **ABSTAINING:** None. **OPPOSED:** None. **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Donahue
Recording Clerk