

September 20, 2021

TUCKAHOE SIGN AND AWNING BOARD

Online meeting due to Covid-19

Regular meeting – 2:30 pm

Present: Chairwoman Laura Raffiani
Member Barbara Nieminen

Also Present: Carolina Fonseca
Bill Williams

Item #1	Approval of Minutes June 21, 2021	
Item #2	Wellness & Skincare	Adjourned
Item #3	Mobil Gas Station	Adjourned
Item #4	Sweet Treats	Return
Item #5	Juice House of Tuckahoe	New Sign
Item #6	Martine's Fine Bake Shoppe	New Sign
Item #7	ODO Restaurant	New Sign
Item #8	Bargello Needlepoint	New Window Sign

Item #1 Approval of Minutes June 21, 2021

Chairwoman Raffiani motioned to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Member Nieminen and was carried by the Board with a vote of 2-0.

Item #2 2 Fisher Avenue New Sign

Chairwoman Raffiani stated that she was at 2 Fisher Avenue to take pictures of the as-is conditions, as she does with other applicants. Chairwoman Raffiani asked the applicant if the sign was already fabricated and Mr. D'Armetta replied "No". There was discussion regarding the reduction of the sign from 12 feet to 10 feet and that it appeared the letters remained the same size. There was also discussion regarding the placement of the sign on the façade and installing goose neck lighting. Chairwoman Raffiani advised the applicant that the application did not include lighting and that an electrician needs to file for a permit to install the lighting once approved. Mr. D'Armetta stated that he has a letter from the landlord allowing him to remove the keystone from the building to accommodate his sign. Mr. Williams advised Mr. D'Armetta in order to remove the keystone he will need site plan approval from the Planning Board.

There was also discussion of placing the sign where "YogiLife" sign is. Mrs. Fonseca stated that signs above the second floor floor is not allowed by code.

Chairwoman Raffiani suggested that they might think of placing a blade sign on the façade. Chairwoman Raffiani feels that the blade sign will be the most effective and most visual for foot pedestrian traffic.

On a separate issue, Mr. Williams advised Mr. D'Armetta that the Building Department received a call from the Fire Department and said they received a notification from BBC Security that there was an activation on 9/16/21 which was caused by an oven. Mr. Williams said that there are no permits for an oven. Mr. D'Armetta replied that the Building Department will be receiving drawings by Thursday. His architect was having some personal issues but the Building Department will have the drawings by the end of the week. Mr. D'Armetta said he was just testing the oven. Mr. Williams advised him to remove the oven.

Member Nieminen noted that photos submitted were photo shop and was not an accurate rendering of the existing conditions. Chairwomen Raffiani said that they are trying to work with what has been given to them and that the board is not here to design or suggest where the sign should be placed. Chairwoman Raffiani said that Mrs. Fonseca is not here to design their sign and that she should go back to their sign company and have them design the sign. They need to submit an accurate drawing to scale of the sign proposed.

Mrs. Fonseca suggested to the applicant to have their sign company refer to Chapter 3 – *Advertising*, Section 3-21 *Sign Application and Approval #2 Permit Applications* and address each of the line items.

The applicant was advised to return next month with new renderings.

Item #3 2B Columbus Avenue New Sign

Mr. Haraj Lulu, of New York Printing and Sign Making Inc. representing "Juice House of Tuckahoe" presented a sign measuring 8 feet by 2 feet with green background and gold metallic letters. These letters will not be shiny. This sign is similar to other signs in the mall. The letter size for "Juice House Tuckahoe" is 6 inches and "of" is 4 inches. There was discussion regarding the window signs. Mrs. Fonseca noted that the application did not include window signs and that he will need to submit drawings regarding the window sign. Chairwoman Raffiani advised the applicant to resubmit the window decals, including all measurements, photos and color sample. It was also suggested to reduce the bold letters on the sign by 30 percent.

Mr. Haraj mentioned that the window signs are already installed. He was advised to remove the window signs until he gets approval. Mr. Haraj was advised to amend his application to include the window signs. Chairwoman Raffiani gave a verbal approval for the orange stripe on the front of the bottom of the window with 3.5 inch letters.

The applicant was advised to return next month with new renderings.

Item #4 10 Fisher Avenue New sign

A representative from Martine's Fine Bake Shoppe, presented a sign on a new overhang. The overhang measures 20 feet by 20 inches. Member Nieminen asked if the overhang can be reduced to 18 inches. Mrs. Fonseca noted that this structure does not fall into the categories of our code. Mr. Williams

believes this is a building code issue and that if it is a structure it may possibly need Planning Board Approval. The letters for “Martine’s Fine Bake Shoppe” are 12 inches and made of white PVC material.

Member Nieminen made a motion to approve the letters for “Martine’s Fine Bake Shoppe” with a condition to get approval for the overhang from the Planning Board. This item remains open, because the board did not vote on it.

Item #5 72 Main Street

New Sign

Mr. Nickolas Odoardi, owner of ODO Restaurant, presented a new sign. Mr. Odoardi is refacing the existing sign. The sign measures 20 inches by 5.1 feet sign and will have ½ thick black aluminum letters. The letter size for “ODO” is 15 inches.

Chairwoman Raffiani made a motion to approve the application as presented for “ODO”. This item remains open, because the board did not vote on it.

Item #6 24 Columbus Avenue

New Window Sign

Ms. Lesley Myers business owners of “Bargello Needlepoint” presented an application for a window sign. The window sign measures 48 inches by 18 inches. The sign has purple vinyl letters with a clear background. The letter size for “bargello” ranges from 6.2 inches to 10.6 inches, and the size of the letters for “needlepoint” is 1.2 inches.

Member Nieminen made a motion to approve the application as presented for “bargello needlepoint” with a variance for the letter size exceeding the maximum allowed by code. This motion was seconded by Chairwoman Raffiani noting that the largest letter is 10.6 inches and was unanimously carried by the board with a vote of 2-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 2:30pm.

There being no further comments from the public or business before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.