Town of Lee - Planning Board

MINUTES November 23, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Virtually via ZOOM

Present: Matt Carlino (Chair), Peg Biron (joined at 6:05PM), Peter Bluhm, Buck Donovan, and David Forrest

Others Present: Gordon Bailey, Jeff Cohen, Shawn Leary, Jim Scalise, Dave Renner, Jon Rudzinski, Elton Ogden, John DeKraker, Patricia Carlino, Kathy Hall, Sean Regnier, Janet Warner, Bill Matthews,

This meeting was conducted virtually via ZOOM in accordance with Governor Baker's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law (MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20).

Call to Order

Chairman Carlino called the meeting to order at 6PM. For the record he informed those in attendance that the meeting was being recorded.

Sign Permits

815 Pleasant Street — A discussion ensued regarding an application and photos for 815 Pleasant Street. Several concerns were raised with respect to size, shape, setback, non-conformance, and location. Member Bluhm moved, Member Donovan seconded, and the Planning Board voted unanimously (4-0) that the Board table this matter until the Board can get further information about location.

Member Biron joined the meeting at 6:05 PM

Water Street (Outlets) – Member Biron moved, Member Bluhm seconded, and the Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) to endorse the Prime Outlets application.

Roadway Inn, 200 Laurel Street – The Board members had a brief discussion regarding the treatment of non-conforming signs. Specific to this application is both the size and internal illumination. Member Bluhm moved, Member Biron seconded, and the Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) to disapprove the sign permit on the grounds that the proposed sign is too large and is impermissibly illuminated internally.

After the vote, Member Bluhm stated his hope that this bylaw could be amended soon as he feels it is too harsh in its current form.

241 Main Street, O'Connell Oil (2) — After a substantial discussion regarding the permissibility of the sign, it was agreed that Chairman Carlino would reach out to the applicant to attend a Planning Board meeting and explain the request. The second application for a canopy sign will also be discussed when the applicant

Donovan – aye, Carlino – aye. Chairman Carlino noted that he was unable to "unmute" Member Biron, though she remained in the meeting via telephone.

Member Bluhm left the meeting at 8:34PM.

Member Forrest moved, Member Donovan seconded and the Planning Board voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Ketchen Town Administrator

Meeting materials included as attachment:

- Sign applications (4)
- Eagle Mill Plan Modification