

**SIGN COMMITTEE
MINUTES JULY 15, 2014
APPROVED**

Present: Mark Haddad, Tracy Heighton, Carolyn Perkins
Also Present: Dawn Dunbar, Michelle Collette

Mr. Haddad called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

1. Luth Karate Studio

Mr. Luth said that he would like to place a sign by the road and on the building at his karate studio. He said that the size of the signs was what was allowed by zoning and briefly talked about the location of the sign by the Road adding that he had worked closely with Dr. Decoteau to make sure both Mr. Luth's sign and Dr. Decoteau's signs were visible to those driving by. Mr. Haddad asked if it was going to be a 2 sided sign on the street. Mr. Luth said yes, with white posts. Ms. Heighton asked if a pillion was allowed for in the bylaw and if that was an option. Ms. Collette said that it was an option in the bylaw. Mr. Luth said that he had approached the other businesses and it was not well received. Both Dr. Decoteau and Workers' Credit Union both had fairly new signs.

Ms. Perkins moved to approve the sign as presented by Michael Luth on an application dated June 27, 2014. Ms. Heighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. The Tavern at the Groton Country Club

Mr. Haddad recused himself as he was the applicant. He said that the Town had taken over operation of the "Tavern" in the spring and leased the building to the Kenney's, owners of Blackbird Café. He said that they had placed a sign on the building but needed a permit. He said the design size complies with the bylaw.

Ms. Perkins moved to approve the request made by the Town of Groton for a sign for the Tavern at the Groton Country Club as presented in an application dated July 15, 2014. Ms. Heighton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0-1 with Mr. Haddad abstaining.

3. Other Business

Ms. Collette said that she had been taking Stop the Pipeline signs down off town property and conservation land adding that there had been some pushback. She said it was a good thing they had such strict standards and that they were holding to those standards. She added that 3 attempts had been made by various organizations against the pipeline to put signs on town property, all of which had been denied due to rules and regulations of the sign bylaw.

4. Sargisson Beach

Mr. Lavalley of Broadmeadow Sign Studio said that her design for new signs at Sargisson Beach included covering the existing posts and installing a large panel and 2 smaller panels. Ms. Lavalley said that a Unique and Special Circumstances request was not necessary as she was replacing what was there with vinyl signs instead of wood which would last longer.

Ms. Perkins moved to approve the sign as requested by the Sargisson Beach Committee to replace existing signs as presented in an application dated July 15, 2014 at Sargisson Beach. Ms. Heighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. The Residences at Rivercourt

Ms. Lavalley said that Rivercourt would like to replace the sign they have presently but make it much smaller than it is now. They would also like to move it up to the street closer so that it is more visible. Ms. Collette asked about site distances. Ms. Lavalley said that it wouldn't hinder the site distances adding it would be placed back far enough to not cause any issues.

Mr. Haddad said that he would entertain a motion to approve the replacement sign at Rivercourt Adult Care Center. Ms. Perkins made the motion. Ms. Heighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Perkins moved to adjourn at 9:35am. Ms. Heighton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 8/6/14