

**SIGN COMMITTEE
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
APPROVED**

Present: Mark Haddad, Gineane Haberlin
Absent: Carolyn Perkins
Also Present: Dawn Dunbar, Michelle Collette

Mr. Haddad called the meeting to order at 11:15am.

Fitness your weigh – 495E Main Street

Mr. Haddad said that this was a request for a brand new sign on a building in the B-1 district. He said that it fits the size allowed by the bylaw.

Mr. Haddad moved to approve the sign for Fitness Your Weigh as submitted. Ms. Haberlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sign Bylaw

Ms. Haberlin asked about jurisdiction of signs on town property. Mr. Haddad said that he spoke to Town Counsel who said if it was under town's jurisdiction it would go to the Sign Committee. Ms. Haberlin said that she didn't want all sports teams leaving sign-up signs up for months on end. Ms. Collette said that they should have similar guidelines like signs on the town commons. She said that they were very well controlled. Mr. Haddad said that if they put all temp signs approved by property owners and for designated time period as set by Land Use Director under section 196-9(a) and revise 196-9(e) – to include BOS, Park Commission, Water Commission, etc. he thought that would take care of any issues.

Ms. Janine Lavalley said that she had no concerns with updated by-law proposal. She did ask about the dark sky association. Ms. Collette said that Town Counsel had some concerns with it adding that the Planning Board regularly deals with the dark sky association adding it was also in zoning.

Mr. Haddad moved that the draft of amendments to the sign bylaw as approved by Town Counsel with changes made that day be the proposal for Town Meeting adding that Ms. Collette be the one to present them to Town Meeting. MS. Haberlin seconded the motion. Ms. Collette said that she heard from Ms. Perkins prior to the meeting who was happy with the proposed changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Enforcement

Ms. Collette said that AL Prime had a mass lottery sign in the window she was going to ask be moved. She said that Boston Road Liquors had shut off their ATM sign and the Mobil Station also had a sign lit she asked be turned off.

Ms. Collette said that 274 Main Street - Serendipity Massage now had a sign that says EBS net. Ms. Lavalley said that they were going to do all new panels

Ms. Collette asked about Kindred Smiles adding they had applied for a temp sign last November. Ms. Lavalley said that this sign was in progress.

Mr. Haddad moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2015 as submitted. Ms. Haberlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved to adjourn at 11:35am. Ms. Haberlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 4/11/16