**Sign Committee Meeting**

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Approved**

**Present:** Connie Sartini, Carolyn Perkins

**Absent:** Mark Haddad

**Also Present:** Eric Brambila, Olin Lathrop, Kara Cruikshank

The meeting of the Sign Committee opened at 5 p.m. with the review of six sign applications.

**APPLICATIONS**

1. Name or Title on Sign: Tequila’s Mexican Cantina

Property Address for Sign: 755 Boston Road

Applicant: Masa, Inc.

The applicant, Mr. Eric Brambila, was present. Ms. Perkins said they received an application from Tequila’s Mexican Cantina to install a New Sign. Mr. Brambila said the signage will be 48 inches in width by 60 inches in length. The new signage will replace what is currently there. Ms. Perkins and Ms. Sartini both liked the proposed signage and see no issues.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the sign as presented, seconded by Ms. Perkins. The vote of approval was unanimous.*

The Sign Committee received four Sign Permit Applications from the Groton Conservation Commission. Three of these signs permit applications are identical in appearance and dimension, but the name or title on each sign differ. Ms. Perkins suggested reviewing the three similar applications then consider approval. The application that differs in appearance will be reviewed separately. These applications were presented individually by Mr. Olin Lathrop on behalf of the Groton Conservation Commission.

1. Name or Title on Sign: Martins Pond Conservation Area/Groton Conservation Commission

Property Address for Sign: Martins Pond Road
Applicant**:** Groton Conservation Commission

Mr. Lathrop advised the signage will be 6 inches in width by 4 feet in length. The new signage will be placed approximately 6 feet up off the ground and will be located on Martins Pond Road. An ariel map image was provided to the member to view the location of the proposed signage.

1. Name or Title on Sign: Best-Fitch Woods/ Groton Conservation Commission Property Address for Sign: Longley Road Application from Groton Conservation Commission

Mr. Lathrop said the signage is the same in size, 6 inches in width by 4 feet in length and will be placed approximately 6 feet up off the ground. An Ariel map image was provided again t the members to view the location on Longley Road.

1. Name or Title on Sign: Patricia Hallet Conservation Area/Groton Conservation Commission

Property Address for Sign: West Main Street near the center

Application from Groton Conservation Area to install a new sign Conservation Area

Mr. Lathrop said the signage will be 6 inches in width by 4 feet in length. The new signage will be placed approximately 6 feet up off the ground. An ariel map image was provided to show the location of the signage to be placed on West Main Street.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the proposed sign applications for Martins Pond Conservation Area, Best– Fitch Woods, and Patricia Hallet Conservation Area as presented, seconded by Ms. Perkins. The vote of approval was unanimous.*

1. Name or Title on Sign: Priest Family Conservation Area/ Groton Conservation Commission Property Address for Sign: Martins Pond Road-Groton Conservation Commission

Applicant: Groton Conservation Commission

Mr. Lathrop said this new proposed signage is different in appearance from the previous reviewed three applications. This new signage will be located on Martins Pond Road. An aerial view of the proposed location on Martins Pond Road was again provided to the members.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the proposed sign application for Priest Family Conservation Area as presented, seconded by Ms. Perkins. The vote of approval was unanimous.*

1. Application from Mr. Nicholas Kiernan to install a new sign, Welcome to Cow Pond Baseball, at Cow Pond Brook Road Fields was reviewed. Mr. Kiernan was not in attendance to present the application. The proposed signage will be 5.98 square feet in size to be made out of a PVC and mounted between the 4 by 4 posts. The posts to me made out of either granite, wood, or PVC. Granite would be the preferred choice and is depicted in the provided drawing. The top arc of the signage will be 60”+/- above ground with 33” +/- from the bottom of the sign to the ground. Ms. Perkins stated she does not feel comfortable approving this signage without knowing if it has been reviewed by the Park Commission. Ms. Sartini suggested the call Parks Commissioner Chair, Mr. Don Black. The members called Mr. Black and spoke to him via speaker phone. Mr. Black stated he is aware of the new proposed signage but the Park Commissioners have not reviewed or approved the Sign Permit Application yet. He advised they will be holding a meeting the following evening. Administrator, Kara Cruikshank said she would give the application to the Parks Administrator to add to their agenda for the Tuesday, February 7th meeting.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the application conditional upon approval from the Parks Commission on February 7th, seconded by Ms. Perkins. The vote of approval was unanimous.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Sartini suggested the Sign Committee to meet jointly with the Historic Districts Commission in the future. She thought meeting quarterly is something they Sign Committee may want to consider and she thought it would be a good idea. Ms. Cruikshank, as the former HDC Administrator, said the Historic District Commissioners discussed wanting to meet with the Sign Committee in the past. There has been some trouble with sandwich boards on Main Street, which is the Historic Districts jurisdiction. The wanted to get the Sign Committees input on this. Ms. Cruikshank said she would discuss this with Mr. Haddad.

Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Sign Committee meeting were approved.

**MINUTES**

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2022 as presented. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting of the Sign Committee adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Kara Cruikshank