**SIGN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2023**

**APPROVED**

**Present:** Connie Sartini; Carolyn Perkins; Mark Haddad

**Also Present:** Kara Cruikshank, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Bruce Easom, Community Preservation Commission Member; Olin Lathrop, Conservation Commission Member; Michael Spengler, UC Retail, LLC; Jon Barber, Representative from Exxon Mobil

Mr. Haddad called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

**APPLICATIONS**

1. Name or Title on Sign: Mobil

Property Address for Sign: 6 Boston Road

Applicant: Kayrouz Petroleum

Ms. Sartini moved to open the public hearing. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haddad read aloud the Public Hearing notice into the record. Jon Barber, representative from Exxon Mobil, was present for the public hearing. The proposed signage was considered to fall under Unique and Special Circumstances due to its size. Mr. Barber explained that Exxon Mobil wanted to rebrand and remove the Pegasus. He said several wedges would be placed on the canopy poles, and they would like to wrap the current white canopy in blue. The proposed signage would be in the size of 73 inches by 22 inches.

Public Comments/ Suggestions

None

Members Comments/Suggestions

Ms. Sartini said she looked through the plans, and the signage appeared illuminated. Mr. Barber confirmed that it wouldn’t be illuminated.

Mr. Barber said they would add Synergy on the pumps and remove the Pegasus.

Ms. Sartini asked if a sign would be on the other side of the canopy for people traveling westbound. Mr. Barber confirmed that there would be.

Ms. Sartini moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve two proposed non-illuminated signs for Mobil at 6 Boston Road. The signs should be 6 feet by 2 feet and no neon. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

1. Name or Title on Sign: Groton Conservation Commission-Bixby Conservation Area

Property Address for Sign: West Main Street

Applicant: Groton Conservation Commission

Mr. Haddad reviewed the application. Mr. Lathrop from the Conservation Commission was present for the discussion. Mr. Haddad stated that the proposed signage was similar to the previously approved signage from the Conservation Commission.

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the proposed signage for the Groton Conservation Commission at the Bixby conservation area on West Main Street, as shown on the plan with the permit. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

1. Name or Title on Sign: United Cultivation

Property Address for Sign: 489 Main Street, Suite A

Applicant: UC Retail, LLC

Mr. Michael Spengler was present for the discussion. The proposed signage would be the same design and size for the front and side gable end entrances. Mr. Spengler stated that there would be goose-down neck lighting and would be on an auto timer from dawn to dusk. The front entrance signage would be 19 inches by 20 inches, and the second sign would be 20 square feet. Mr. Spengler stated there would also be a marque sign located by the street; there would be three signs in total.

Ms. Perkins asked if this would replace the previous signage. Mr. Spengler confirmed that it would.

*Ms. Perkins moved to approve the proposed signage for United Cultivation at 489 Main Street, Suite A, three replacement signs with the current gooseneck lighting. Ms. Sartini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

1. Name or Title on Sign: Community Preservation Act

Property Address for Sign: Lovers Lane

Applicant: Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Easom said that he received a temporary sign permit but was present to seek approval for a permanent sign at the pickleball courts located on Lovers Lane. The signage would be up year-round.

*Ms. Perkins moved to approve the proposed sign for the Community Preservation Act to be located at Lovers Lane. Ms. Sartini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**MINUTES**

*Ms. Sartini moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 15, 2023 as presented. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kara Cruikshank, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Approved: