



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Planning Board

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

April 13, 2020

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Chair statement for virtual public hearing

Vice Chairman Miksic read the following statement: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public hearing of the North Adams Planning Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but the public can listen to this meeting while in progress via teleconference. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by teleconference.

Members present virtually Lisa Blackmer, Lynette Ritland Bond, Robert Burdick, Kyle Hanlon, Brian Miksic, Paul Senecal, and Larry Taft

Members absent Chairman Michael Leary and Kayla Hollins

Others present virtually William Meranti, Building Inspector

Public hearings new business

- **Case No: SPA2020-13** Application of Kristi and Ken Cooper for property located at 65 (49-61) Main Street. Special permit requested for a change of use for a retail space in a CBD zone.

Vice Chairman Miksic opened the public hearing to Kristi and Ken Cooper. Mr. Cooper explained that they are just moving up the street. They sell clothes to the local schools. There are no changes to the business itself.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested questions or comments from the board. Member Senecal inquired about two rooms on exhibit A-1 that are labeled massage room one and massage room two. Mr. Cooper stated that that was from the previous tenant of their location.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested questions or comments from the board. Member Ritland Bond inquired about alternate plans for the business during the pandemic. Mr. Cooper stated that as soon as the governor allows them to open, they will. They are only allowing scheduled pick ups individually at this time.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested questions from the board or the gallery. No questions from the board or the gallery.

Member Hanlon made a motion to close the public hearing. Member Blackmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Case No: SPA2020-14** Application of Rojo Wine Bar, LLC for property located at 28 Holden Street. Special permit requested for a change of use to operate a restaurant/wine bar in a CBD zone.

Vice Chairman Miksic opened the public hearing and stated that the applicant requested to withdraw the application without prejudice.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to close the public hearing. Member Blackmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Member Hanlon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

- Planning public hearing – March 9, 2020

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning public hearing for March 9, 2020. Member Blackmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Senecal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Regular meeting – March 9, 2020

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning public hearing for March 9, 2020. Member Blackmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Senecal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New business

- **Case No: SPA2020-13** Application of Kristi and Ken Cooper for property located at 65 (49-61) Main Street. Special permit requested for a change of use for a retail space in a CBD zone.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to approve. Member Hanlon made a motion to approve. Member Blackmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Case No: SPA2020-14** Application of Rojo Wine Bar, LLC for property located at 28 Holden Street. Special permit requested for a change of use to operate a restaurant/wine bar in a CBD zone.

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to accept the withdrawal of the application without prejudice. Member Burdick made a motion to accept. Member Blackmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other business

- **Request from DragonWell Tea Shop for property located at 149 Eagle Street to revise hours of operation.**

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to approve. Member Hanlon made a motion to approve. Member Burdick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Request from Action Sign Company on behalf of Walmart for property located at 1415 Curran Highway to update signage.**

Vice Chairman Miksic requested a motion to approve. Member Hanlon made a motion to approve. Member Blackmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Ells
Planning Board Secretary