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## **Public Hearing**

### **Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw 6.2 Signs**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7:30 PM**

### **TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Planning Board Members Present: James T. Collingwood Jr., Chair  
Anthony Gulotta  
Daniel Watson  
David Smith Sr.

Planning Board Members Absent: Marie Massini-Reynolds

Members of the Public present: Rene Wood  
Jeff Waingrow  
Matthew Darling, New England Retail Properties CT  
Ken Smith  
Stephen Ullrich  
David Smith Jr.  
Dominic Lydon

At 7:30, Chair J. Collingwood Jr. opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw 6.2, Signs. He said that notice was published, pursuant to chapter 40A Section 5 of MA General Laws, in the Berkshire Record on March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair explained that this Amendment would make three proposed changes to the existing Sign Bylaw 6.2. 1) definitions 2) prohibited signs and 3) add new section 6.2.8.1e.

He further explained the three proposed changes to the sign bylaw:

1) Under 6.2.2 definitions, we have proposed to amend “electronic message sign” to “an electrically activated sign whose variable message capability can be electronically programmed. The copy can be changed by remote electronically energized on-off switching combinations of alphabetic or pictographic components arranged on a display surface. Illumination may be integral to the components such as characterized by lamps, or other light emitting devices, or it may be from an external light source designed to reflect off the changeable component. These signs are permitted by Special Permit in all Districts.” That is the proposed change to the definition.

2) The second proposal is 6.2.5 “prohibited signs” delete strike-through language and re-number 1-10. That would be in the definition part.

3) In 6.2.8, “Signs considered by Special Permit of the Planning Board” add “electronic message sign.”

Ken Smith asked if are there any size requirements for the signs? The Chair said, yes. Ken Smith asked if what the school district asked for last year would be permitted? The Chair answered, yes.

Rene Wood mentioned a black and white antique sign in Great Barrington and asked if there criteria that the Planning Board is going follow in the Special Permit process? J. Collingwood Jr. and D. Watson both said Yes, those criteria are already in the Sign Bylaw.

***A. Gulotta made a Motion to close the Public Hearing for Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw 6.2 Signs. His motion was seconded by D. Smith Sr. and approved unanimously.***

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadia Milleron".

Nadia Milleron  
Secretary to the Planning Board