

MINUTES
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Simsbury Public Library FSPL Room
725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Secretary Rice called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Anca Dragulski, Doug McKown, Elaine Lang, Polly Rice, Andrew Tarpill

Absent: Joleen Benedict

Also Present: Planning and Community Development Director George McGregor; Code Compliance Officer Joseph Hollis

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 3, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner McKown moved to approve the January 3, 2023 minutes for the regular meeting of the Design Review Board. Commissioner Dragulski seconded. Commissioner Tarpill abstained. The motion carried. (3-0-1)

III. OLD BUSINESS

Application ZC #23-38 of SL Simsbury LLC, Owner, Holden Sabato, Applicant, for a Type 4 Master Site Development Plan (MSDP) pursuant to Section 5.0.B.4 of the Hartford-Simsbury Form-Based Code (HSFBC) for the construction of a 580-unit residential development at 200 Hopmeadow Street (former Hartford Insurance property - south) (Assessor's Map F17, Block 154, Lot 009-2) Simsbury, CT 06070. Zone HS-FBC.

- Mr. McGregor noted that the applicant has requested to defer this presentation until the next meeting of the Board on February 5, 2024.
- Mr. Donohue, representing SLC Simsbury, Owner, of the Ridge at Talcott Mountain, addressed the Board and noted that they are in the process of making revisions to the Master Site Development Plan. As the application is going in front of the Zoning Commission tonight, they would like to defer their presentation to the Design Review Board to the next meeting on February 5, 2024.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Compliance Review of Ensign Bickford Aerospace & Defense Co., Owner, Gus Jasminski, Applicant, for the installation of a +/- 42 sq. ft. back-lit wall sign at the property located at 100 Grist Mill Road (Assessor's Map G11 Block 103 Lot 005-25) Zone – I2.

- Gus Jasminski, Applicant, addressed the Board and presented an overview of the proposed sign, noting that the sign is not visible to neighboring properties or from public roads. It is only visible on the property itself.
- Secretary Rice inquired what the building is being used for. Mr. Jasminski replied that the building is being used for electronic manufacturing.
- Chair Lang inquired if this is internally lit or halo. Mr. Jasminski responded that this is a halo light.
- Commissioner Tarpill inquired if the light would be on all night. Mr. Jasminski noted that the sign would be turned off at some point.
- Mr. McGregor noted the sign regulations do not allow the panels or the box to be lit internally.

MOTION: Chair Lang made a motion that the Design Review Board submits for positive referral of the Zoning Compliance review of the Ensign Bickford Aerospace & Defense Co., Owner, Gus Jasminski, Applicant, for the installation of a +/- 42 sq. ft. back-lit wall sign at the property located at 100 Grist Mill Road (Assessor's Map G11 Block 103 Lot 005-25) Zone – I2. Commissioner Tarpill seconded. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

IV. ADJOURMENT

MOTION: Secretary Rice moved to adjourn. Chair Lang seconded the motion. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Blackaby
Commission Clerk