

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.
Public hearing was web-based on Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Antonio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Barkowski, Code Compliance Officer; Steven Antonio, Lawrence Boardman, Mark Freeman, JoAnn Hogan, Ram Kaza, and Stacey Walczak.

Absent: Joshua Michelson, Ali Rice, and Sharon Thomas.

III. APPLICATIONS

1. Public Hearings

Application #22-10 Thomas Evans, Owner, Christopher Ramm, Poyant Signs, Applicant, for a variance pursuant to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Sections 9.3 for the installation of an ± 20 sq. ft. internally illuminated digital menu board located at 138 and 142 Hopmeadow Street (Assessors Map F18, Block 154, Lot 007A+8A). Zone B-1.

- Bill Gavigan of Poyant Signs stated that the board is a part of the new image of the Dunkin Donuts company.
- The new board is about half the size of the existing board, will be completely static apart from the little portion in the bottom of the screen that reads back the order confirmation, and will be self-illuminating adjusting to natural light.
- The new board will be turned slightly towards the canopy and facing the rear of the property.
- Commissioner Antonio inquired to Mr. Gavigan if any light would spill over onto any of the neighbors. Mr. Gavigan responded that with the sign facing the back of the property, which is lined with trees, and the closest residence about 240 feet away, there would be no visible light.

MOTION: Commissioner Antonio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to close the public hearing for **Application #22-10** Thomas Evans, Owner, Christopher Ramm, Poyant Signs, Applicant, for a variance pursuant to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Sections 9.3 for the installation of an ± 20 sq. ft. internally illuminated digital menu board located at 138 and 142 Hopmeadow Street (Assessors Map F18, Block 154, Lot 007A+8A). Zone B-1. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and Possible Action

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- Commissioner Antonio and Commissioner Hogan stated that the lack of visibility from the road and residential neighbors was important.

MOTION: Commissioner Antonio made a motion to approve **Application #22-10** Thomas Evans, Owner, Christopher Ramm, Poyant Signs, Applicant, for a variance pursuant to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Sections 9.3 for the installation of an ± 20 sq. ft. internally illuminated digital menu board located at 138 and 142 Hopmeadow Street (Assessors Map F18, Block 154, Lot 007A+8A). Zone B-1. With the condition of an administrative zoning permit being obtained. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

Approval of the 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting Schedule

- Ms. Barkowski proposed that the November meeting be eliminated, and a Special Meeting be scheduled if necessary.

MOTION: Commissioner Antonio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaza, to approve the meeting schedule with the meeting on November 22, 2023, being canceled. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 26, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Antonio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to approve the October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Antonio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Antonio adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amanda Blaze
Commission Clerk

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