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DRAFT Minutes of January 21, 2015 ZBA Meeting

Attendees: Bill Francis, Jim Ferguson, Carl Slusarczyk, Donald Schubert and Marisa Roy

Also present: Andy Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Debra Sterling, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the opening statement was read by Bill Francis, Chairman of the Board.

Jim Ferguson, Board Secretary, read the agenda:

1. TIMOTHY A. WRIGHT, TATTOOS BY TIM WRIGHT, 216 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, seeking a Special Exception of the Town of Vernon Zoning Regulations section 4.9.3.3, Personal Convenience Services, to allow a Tattoo Studio in the Commercial Zoning District.

Andy Marchese explained that the applicant, Tim Wright, was seeking a Special Exception of Zoning Regulation section 4.9.3.3, personal convenience services, to open a new business, a tattoo studio, (Tattoos by Tim Wright) at 216 Hartford Turnpike, in a Commercial Zone.

Tim Wright was present and came forward to speak on his application. Mr. Wright explained he was currently renting space in Ellington, Connecticut and would like to expand his clientele and open his business in Vernon. He would like to be in a better location and possibly share space with others.

Carl Slusarczyk questioned the amount of people who would work within the studio, the utilization of space and payment of rent. Marisa Roy questioned the certifications required. Mr. Wright stated there would be up to three people, including himself in the studio and they would all provide the same services, tattoos only. He further stated he had applied for his license through the State of Connecticut and that he was certified in CPR, blood-borne pathogens, first aid, and had taken other skin care courses.

Marisa Roy questioned what Health Department approvals were needed.

Andy Marchese stated the first step is obtaining the Special Exception for the business and then the approvals of the State/Health Department would follow.

Bill Francis questioned the applicant's present business and rental agreement in Ellington.

Carl Slusarczyk questioned why the applicant thought this business would be needed in Vernon. Mr. Wright stated he believed another tattoo studio was closing down in town, and that opening his business at the discussed location may help other surrounding businesses such as the local restaurants.

Further discussion of signage, parking and hours was had.

Bill Francis asked Mr. Marchese if all abutters were notified and Mr. Marchese responded that all abutters had been properly notified. There was no one in the audience to come forward and speak in favor of, or in opposition of, the application.

The hearing was closed and discussion held.

Jim Ferguson made a Motion to approve the Special Exception of the Town of Vernon Zoning Regulations section 4.9.3.3, Personal Convenience Services, to allow a Tattoo Studio in the Commercial Zoning District, with a Condition that the business is for tattoo use only, not approved for piercing. Marisa Roy seconded the Motion. All Members in favor (Bill Francis, Jim Ferguson, Carl Slusarczyk, Donald Schubert and Marisa Roy) for a unanimous vote.

Next item on the agenda, review draft minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting.

Bill Francis stated that the minutes of October 15, 2014 need to be Amended to reflect how each Member voted after hearing the Talcottville Development Co. LLC Application. The signature of one Member, Marisa Roy, was executed in the wrong column of the "Action of the Board" form contained in the Application as it was handed to the Board Members for signature. Member, Marisa Roy, during this meeting of January 21, 2015, in our presence, has affixed her signature in the proper column, said correction being noted and initialed by Andy Marchese. The Amended Draft Minutes will be filed with the Town Clerk's Office within seven business days by the Recording Secretary, Debra Sterling. Said Amended Draft Minutes will be placed on the next Agenda and reviewed at the next ZBA meeting.

Donald Schubert made a Motion to Amend the October 15, 2014 Minutes. Jim Ferguson seconded the Motion. All Members in favor (Bill Francis, Jim Ferguson, Carl Slusarczyk, Donald Schubert and Marisa Roy) for a unanimous vote. Note: Carl Slusarczyk was not present at the October 15, 2014 hearing and will abstain from voting on the approval of those minutes if present at the next ZBA meeting.

Next item on the agenda, other business. No other business to discuss.

Carl Slusarczyk made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Marisa Roy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Debra Sterling

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