

Planning Board – Regular Meeting

Longmeadow High School Meeting Room A12 - 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA
Tuesday January 21st, 2020 7:00 p.m. after Joint Meeting with Select Board

Planning Board Members Present: Donald Holland, Chair; Walter Gunn, Clerk; Ken Taylor, Bruce Colton.
Others Present: Josh Levine, Robert Kuszpa, Eric Martins.

The *Planning Board Regular Meeting* was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Donald Holland.

Sign Application – People’s United Bank, 670 Bliss Rd., Case #20200121-1

Mr. Kuszpa explained that the existing “United Bank” sign is to be replaced with a new “People’s United Bank” sign made of push-through opaque acrylic lettering and a total area of approximately 16 sq. ft.. Bruce Colton made a motion, and was seconded by Ken Taylor, to approve the sign application for People’s United Bank at 670 Bliss Rd. All in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Documents presented: complete sign application and payment.

Sign Application – Dream Nails, 927 Shaker Rd., Case #20200121-2

Mr. Martins explain that the sign consists of a 32 sq. ft. backlit LED-lit box sign mounted vertically on the sloped roof. The rendering was presented for illustration purposes, thus sign location is merely approximate; however, it shows the top of the sign to be higher than the roof ridge, therefore mounting location must be verified prior to installation to ensure compliance with regulations. Bruce Colton made a motion, and was seconded by Ken Taylor, to approve the sign application for Dream Nails at 927 Shaker Rd., case #20200121-2, with the condition that the top of the sign is below the peak roof line. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

Documents presented: complete sign application and payment.

Planning Board Member Comments:

- a) Bruce Colton announced that earlier in the day MA’s Office of the Attorney General approved the zoning bylaw amendments that were adopted under Article 1 at the Special Town Meeting of August 20, 2019, which was aimed to regulate public utility facilities in the Town. There are still legal hurdles to consider as Columbia Gas is state regulated entity but Tennessee Gas Pipeline is a federally regulated entity and, therefore may preempt state or local law.
- b) Walter Gunn formally welcome Josh Levine to the Board.

Meeting Minutes Review:

1. Regular Meeting December 4th, 2019: Walter Gunn made a motion, and was seconded by Bruce Colton, to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
2. Special Meeting December 12th, 2019: Walter Gunn made a motion, and was seconded by Bruce Colton, to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
3. Special Meeting with Select Board January 6th, 2019: Walter Gunn made a motion, and was seconded by Bruce Colton, to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

Walter Gunn made a motion, and was seconded by Bruce Colton, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor 4-0 with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Damiano