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SIGN REVIEW BOARD

Jim Rubino
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There was a meeting held by the Village of Colonie Sign Review Board on January 28, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call:	Chairman Rubino	Present
	Mr. Levy	Present
	Mr. Michalski	Present
	Ms. Trifiletti	Present
	Ms. Pochily	Absent
	Ms. Dickinson	Absent
	Attorney Caponera	Present
	Code Officer Meservey	Present
	Coordinator Hart	Present
	Trustee White	Absent

Minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the present members of the board. Mr. Levy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Trifiletti seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to approve the minutes as amended from the October 22, 2020 meeting.

APPLICATION:

**1500 CENTRAL AVE
99 DOLLAR INCOME TAX SERVICES
(MONUMENT SIGN)**

Mr. James Pritchard from Fast Signs, Mr. Theo Nwyoe, applicant and Mr. Aron Newman, property owner were present on the zoom call. Mr. Pritchard stated that the applicant is proposing a freestanding, or monument, sign located out front of 1500 Central Ave. This building is a multi-tenant building and all front facing tenants have wall signs located on the front of the building. Mr. Pritchard stated that the applicant tenant suite is located in the back of the building and cannot be seen from the street, due to the unique character of under building parking. The building sits on the corner of Central Ave and Tanglewood Rd. The applicant proposes a 20 sq. ft. freestanding sign with a 15.6 foot setback from the curb line. Mr. Pritchard stated that the proposed sign is 5 feet shy from the setback requirement. Attorney Caponera stated that the applicant provided a stamped plan signed by Donald Adams from Creighton Manning. Attorney Caponera noted a discrepancy in the measurement on the

application form and the stamped site plan. Attorney Caponera explained that the sign is shown 12.6 feet from the curb on the Creighton Manning plan with the building 33 feet from the curb, however the Fast Signs application shows the sign is 15.6 feet from the curb and the building is 20 feet from the street. Attorney Caponera suggested that the Board consider the Creighton Manning plan measurements rather than the sign company measurements. Mr. Pritchard stated that he did a survey of the property as a sign professional and noted that the applicant himself did not provide the Creighton Manning plan when discussing the sign. Mr. Pritchard stated that he does not dispute the building setback on the Creighton Manning plan and would amend the sign drawings to match.

Chairman Rubino stated that the applicant is entitled to a wall sign and asked if the applicant thought of installing a wall sign instead. Mr. Newman stated that the option of a wall sign was never discussed with him. All the tenants have front facing wall signs on the building and would have no problem finding room for the applicant's signage, whether it's on the front or the side of the building. Chairman Rubino suggested that a directional sign be placed on the front of the building and then a wall sign with the applicant's logo be placed on the side or rear building closer to his tenant suite. Chairman Rubino stated that a directional sign is permitted through the building department and would not require a variance from the Sign Review Board unless the proposed directional sign exceeded the two square foot maximum allowed.

A discussion was held regarding the uniqueness of the building and how the applicant's office is located on the second floor above the drive thru overhang. Mr. Michalski proposed that signage be placed on the wall on the drive thru overhead in addition to a directional sign on the front of the building.

Chairman Rubino stated that the Board is not in favor of the freestanding sign and would likely not approve it. Chairman Rubino suggested that this application be tabled until the applicant, sign company and landlord can come to a resolution on the location and proposed signage. Mr. Pritchard stated that he thinks the wall signage on the front of the building would be favorable but will discuss with the applicant.

Chairman Rubino made a motion to table this application until more information is provided. Ms. Trifiletti seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor to table the application.

Mr. Levy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Michalski seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandra M. Hart
Sign Review Coordinator
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