

#2. Syed Yasin

3 St. John Street

Signage Application

Tax Map #: 6272-10-436749

Mr. Syed Yasin was present and apologized to the Board that he was misled about the previous signage size approval. Mr. Yasin said that the sign was bigger before being 27 sq. ft., but that the documents show that it can be no larger than 24 sq. ft. and was never approved for 27 sq. ft.

Chairman Pearsall asked if the sign had been cut down to 24 sq. ft. Mr. Yasin said yes but that he feels it now looks ugly because of the sides that stick out and being black. Chairman Pearsall advised that he did drive by and look at the sign. Mr. Yasin advised that the old background is black and shows through on the sides, but that he plans on painting it red. Mr. Yasin asked if he could add a light to the sign which would only shine down on the sign. Chairman Pearsall asked if the light would shine on the facade or just the sign. Mr. Yasin advised just the sign. Chairman Pearsall asked how many lights. Mr. Yasin said 2 lights. Chairman Pearsall asked if incandescent or LED. Mr. Yasin advised just regular lights.

Chairman Pearsall asked the Board members for any comment on the signage part of the application. Chairman Pearsall reminded that this application had been tabled from last month due to the size of the sign and this Board asking the building department secretary to check documents from prior approval. Member Pearson asked what the color of the building was. Mr. Yasin advised white. Member Pearson asked if the sides of the sign could be painted beige instead of remaining black. Mr. Yasin said that would be fine. No other comments from the Board.

Chairman Pearsall made a motion to approve the sign application for 3 St. Johns Street as depicted in the graphic submitted by the applicant not to exceed 24 sq. ft. with conditions that it applies to all building codes and that the applicant get a building permit as required by the building department. Motion seconded by Member Pearson. All in favor.

Chairman Pearsall asked the Board for comment with regard to the applicant's lighting request. Member Pagano said that we just made the previous applicant come back for lighting. Chairman Pearsall advised that he understood but that he does not necessarily agree that this Board should have made the prior applicant come back. Chairman Pearsall said that historically this Board did not ask for anything other than the applicant indicating that they want to light their sign and that it would not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Chairman Pearsall said his concern is that he does not want to become a Board that puts so much unneeded weight on an applicant to go get studies and other things to do the simplest of things, but completely understands that this Board needs to maintain a certain ascetic and be in compliance with the Building Code and he is for that, but does not want to make it too hard for

a business to operate in the Village. Mr. Yasin said he respects this Board and all their efforts. Member Pagano said she does not disagree, but that her only issue was that we begin to set precedence and then we end up legally having to eat our words and having to live with something we might not want down the road. Chairman Pearsall said he completely agrees, but that he has been on this Board for approximately 6 years and that the Board has never required a sign applicant to come in with anything more than to indicate they wanted to add lights on a sign and telling how they will function. Chairman Pearsall said there is no right or wrong, but that this historically how it has been done in the past, and that he is not diverse to getting into a little more in depth in looking at things, but does not want to be over-bearing with it. Member Pearson and Member Pagano referred to the IGA lighting issue. Chairman Pearsall indicated there is a huge difference between site lighting and sign application lighting. Member Hanson asked for clarification as to what we would be asking an applicant for with regard to lighting and if we were looking for a verbal and not a written and nothing on record. Chairman Pearsall said it would be on the record and that in the past we have asked a sign applicant if and how the sign would be lit and if it would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Member Hanson said that he has no problem. Member Pagano said her personal opinion is that when a person makes the decision to light a sign that person should come in with a description of the lighting. Member Pearson said it should all be one package. Chairman Pearsall said he agrees with that. Member Pagano said she feels going forward if the applicant wants lightings it should be indicated on their application. Mr. Yasin indicated that he just wanted more lighting than what they have now. Chairman Pearsall indicated to Mr. Yasin that the lighting he is asking for would be to only light the sign and not the area. Mr. Yasin said yes just to the sign and that there would be a switch to turn off if required. Member Pagano said she is willing to accept Mr. Yasin's statement on record that his lights will be standard exterior flood lights – inward pointing – facing the sign and not cast beyond that area. Member Pearson does not want to see too much of the sign. Member Hanson is in agreement.

Chairman Pearsall made a motion to approve the lighting for the south facing sign at 3 St. Johns Street using inward facing standard flood lighting to point in to the sign with no appreciable spill-over to either the ground or surrounding area, and that it will not interfere with pedestrians or vehicular traffic. Motion seconded by Member Pagano. All in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minute Acceptance. Minutes of Planning Board dated October 10, 2013.

Chairman Pearsall asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from last month. All members said yes and had no comment.

Chairman Pearsall made a motion to accept the minutes of the Planning Board dated October 10, 2013. Motion seconded by Member Pagano. All in favor.

Chairman Pearsall made a motion to close the Planning Board Meeting at 7:25pm. Motion seconded by Member Pearson. All in favor.

Submitted by,

LARA HART, Secretary
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