Zoning Board of Appeals - Minutes

October 11, 2022

Location: Town Hall Annex Conference Room

Time: 6:00 to 7:00pm

Board Member Attendees: Jeanne Russo Inter-Chairman, Tony Carmo Alt Member, &

Marc Oliviera Member

Board Member Out: Lucas Tourgee Alt Member - The board had a quorum.

Attendees: Thomas George- Bristol County Wine & Spirits

Topic	Discussion:
Mail & Minutes	6:00pm- J. Russo opened the meeting by introducing the Board and herself.
	6:30pm- M. Oliviera made a motion to move the minutes, bills, & correspondence until after the hearing. T. Carmo seconded
	The meeting minutes from 9/15/2022 were reviewed by the Board. M. Oliviera made a motion to accept the minutes as read. T. Carmo seconded.
	Bills: None
	Correspondence : Possible new business coming from Riverside Dr., tear down with a rebuild on the same footprint, waiting on application.
	No other New Business came in front of the Board at this time.

Sardinha Family 6:10pm- Interim- Chairman Jeanne Russo opened the 40A Public Hearing for Sardinha Trust/Thomas George-Family Trust/ Thomas George-Bristol County Wine & Spirits, 128 Myricks St. Map 23 Bristol County Wine Lot 5 requesting a variance for internally illuminated signs. The newspaper ad ran in the & Spirits- 40A Public Taunton Daily Gazette on 9/23/22 & 9/30/22. All certified mailings were mailed out to Hearing the abutters. Thomas George the owner of Bristol County Wine & Spirits came in front of the Board. No abutters were present. J. Russo presided. The petition, plan, and the submissions were reviewed by the Board. Mr. George introduced himself to the board. He told the Board he is planning to open Bristol County Wine & Spirits at 128 Myricks St. hopefully in the next couple of weeks. He came to the Board for a variance to illuminate the outdoor signage for Bristol County Wine & Spirits, due to the By-Laws a variance is needed for all internally illuminated signs. All the businesses in the area have illuminated signs. He feels they need the illuminated signs to be competitive in the area. He is not able to put a sign out by the street like Dunkin Donuts, so he needs the sign illuminated at the store front. The Board went through the plans of the sign with Mr. George. The sign is black lettering during the day and lights up white at night time. He tried the best he could to match the Dunkin Donuts type of sign to fit in with the plaza. The sign is up on the building now, just not lit up until the variance is finalized and the approval from the building inspector. The Board was very happy with the plans of the sign. There will possibly be small lit signs in the window from beer companies, but not flashing. Jeanne Russo asked about the store. Mr. George told the Board he is hoping to be open from 8:00am to 9:00pm during the week and maybe open until 10:00pm on the weekends. He will be selling beer, wine, lottery, tobacco, and small snacks. There were no abutters present at the hearing. T. Carmo made a motion to close the Hearing. M. Oliviera seconded. The Board further discussed. All agreed they have no problem with the illuminated signs, all other businesses in the area have light up signs. M. Oliviera made a motion to approve internally lighted signs for Bristol County Wine & Spirits. T. Carmo seconded. All Motioned the next meeting date will be tentative 11/15/22 @ 6:00pm Motion to adjourn was made by T. Carmo @ 6:37pm Signatures