

**WETHERSFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

MAY 20, 2013

The Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on May 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Police Station, 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Thomas J. Vaughan, Jr., Chairman
Daniel Logan, Vice Chairman
Morris Borea
Robert Cobb, Alternate
Paul J. Leblanc, Alternate

ABSENT: Mark Rudewicz, Clerk
Eugene Ziurys, Jr
David Gustafson, Alternate

Also Present: Fred Valente – Building Official

Chairman Vaughan, Jr. opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He explained the procedures of the Meeting and Hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak on something other than what was on tonight's Agenda. There was no one from the audience who wished to speak.

Application No. 6120-13 Joseph Moruzzi, (renewal) seeking a variance to maintain a temporary sign exceeding the maximum square foot area permitted located on the building at 1290 Silas Deane Hwy, East side, RC Zone, (§6.3.G.1)

Mr. Joseph Moruzzi, 5 Hidden Place, Cheshire, CT appeared before the Board representing 1290 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield, CT seeking a variance renewal to maintain a temporary sign.

Mr. Moruzzi explained the occupancy of the building has gone from zero to over 60%. He stated the jobs in the building have brought approximately 300 new employees into Wethersfield. He would like to be able to keep the sign up in hopes of filling the building and bringing another 50-100 employees into Wethersfield. He stated the current sign can be easily seen from many directions. Mr. Moruzzi presented photos of the current sign to the Board Members.

Chairman Vaughan, Jr. asked if there were any stipulations on the previous variance beside the time limit. Mr. Moruzzi stated there were not. The variance was for a temporary sign.

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Chairman Vaughan, Jr. asked if there have been complaints from anyone regarding the sign. Mr. Moruzzi stated he has not received any complaints and has only heard good things about the sign.

Commissioner Leblanc asked if he believes the sign helps. Mr. Moruzzi stated it is a big help. It is easy to see and when he came before the Board last year he was at 0% occupancy and will be at 62-64% by the end June. He believes the visibility of the sign has helped.

There were no further questions from the Board.

There were no audience members who wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application.

Application No. 6119-13 Elvis Celebic, (renewal) seeking a variance to keep birds (pigeons) not in the required setback location and exceeding the permitted amount at 62 Saxon Road, North side, B Residential Zone, (§3.5.4).

No one attended to speak on behalf of this application.

Chairman Vaughan, Jr. asked what happened last month when this application was withdrawn from the agenda. Mr. Valente stated Mr. Celebic had failed to send out the abutters within the time restrictions last month.

Commissioner Borea asked why Mr. Celebic wasn't in attendance. Mr. Valente stated he did not know.

Chairman Vaughan, Jr. asked if the Building Department has received any complaints regarding the pigeons. Mr. Valente stated he has not received any complaints. Mr. Valente stated there needs to be better maintenance of the coops.

Chairman Vaughan, Jr. stated he would not be willing to vote on the application in absentia because it is of a controversial nature. A discussion ensued regarding the option to table until the next meeting.

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DECISIONS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

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Upon motion made by Commissioner Cobb, seconded by Vice Chairman Logan and a poll of the Board it was unanimously voted that the above application **BE APPROVED** as submitted.

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Commissioner Morris asked if this was the first time Mr. Celebic was on the Meeting Agenda. Mr. Valente stated that it is. A discussion ensued.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Leblanc, seconded by Commissioner Morris and a poll of the Board it was unanimously voted to extend the application for 1 month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes has been tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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CHAIRMAN VAUGHAN, JR.

Vice Chairman Daniel Logan, Acting Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals on

Vice Chairman Daniel Logan, Acting Clerk