



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
127 Hartwell Street - Amended Site Plan Review
September 11, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Miles (Chair), Marc Frieden, Barur Rajeshkumar, Vincent Vignaly

Members Absent: Paul Anderson

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

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The Chair opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m. Joe Buckholtz (Sunshine Sign Company) was present. At the last meeting, the board asked Mr. Buckholtz to prepare a mock-up with a 50 square foot size and an 85 square foot size so the members can visually view it. He provided photos tonight with a 30 square foot size and an 85 square foot size. He said there is a certain aesthetic they want to have and does not feel it is excessive. Mr. Vignaly was not in favor and said there is a standing sign out front to direct interested visitors to the site and only one way to go when they get there. Mr. Rajeshkumar said it is a large building and it is in an industrial area so the bigger sign looks better. Ms. Miles agreed with the larger sign even though it is almost three times that allowed in the bylaw. Mr. Frieden was also in favor of the larger sign. The justification for granting the larger size is the size of building and the large setback of up to 167-feet off the street.

Dave Femia's concern is that if you do it for one, more are going to want it. He doesn't think it should be allowed beyond the bylaw. Ms. Miles said it was proportional to the building. Mr. Frieden thinks the Planning Board should be able to waive strict compliance for signs. Mr. Vignaly said strict compliance can be waived, but almost three times larger? Mr. Rajeshkumar asked how would it adversely affect other businesses; Mr. Vignaly said it will probably not impact the others. Mr. Frieden made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Vignaly seconded; all voted in in favor; motion approved.

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____
Vincent Vignaly, Clerk

Submitted by: _____
Melanie Rich