

Village of Bloomfield Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of August 23th, 2018

Zoning Board of Appeals Members Present, Ron Newell, Joseph Ostrowski, Roslyn Duncan, Terry Hall, Emery J. Warden

Others Present: Laura Andolino (Secretary), Jim Kier (Code Enforcement Officer), Mike Macmillan, and Steve Murnan

Newell opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, the Public Hearing was opened.

1. 7:00 pm Sign Variance Review BV3-18-Mike Macmillan for East Bloomfield Holcomb Fire Department, property located at 105 Main St, tax map #67.19-2-22.110, has applied for a **Sign Variance for size of sign.**

- Newell read the Legal Notice. Newell asked for the certified return receipts for the public hearing notices; Macmillan gave them to the Secretary and she supplied them to the Board. Newell asked for any written comments, there were none.
- Newell stated that he and Hall must abstain from voting as there is a conflict of interest, as both are members of the Fire Department.
- Fire Commissioners (own the property) sent letter giving approval of project and for the Fire Department to represent.
- Macmillan reviewed what they were looking to do: it will be a double-sided LED sign, 24" off the ground for snow, will be building a brick façade for sign safety and aesthetics, pillars on side of façade will be capped, and the sign is self-dimming. They will be using the sign for fire prevention and promoting fire department functions along with possible community emergency notifications. At this time, they are only planning to use lettering but Keir advised them to request movement in case they want to use it in the future, i.e. waving flag.
- Warden asked if there were any concerns with pulling in and out of driveway, Macmillan stated that they made sure there were no issues with the location of the sign impeding the view when pulling in or out of the driveway or driving on the adjacent street.
- Newell stated that the Planning Board recommended approval with whereas; removing one level/course on side pillars

SEQR was reviewed

ZBA Decision:

Newell made a motion and Warden seconded the motion to declare SEQR as type II, no further action required, all Board members voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

Newell closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 pm.

The Board then reviewed the five (5) criteria:

- 1) Undesirable change to the neighborhood: The Board felt that there are already similar signs within the Village.
- 2) Alternate Method: The Board stated that they thought the proposed location for the sign was the best location.

- 3) Substantiality: The Board discussed other alternative; they felt that the request is not above and beyond what needs to be done to achieve the desired result.
- 4) Impact on the environment: The Board felt that there was no impact.
- 5) Self-creation: The Board felt that the request is self-created.

ZBA Decision:

Warden made a motion and Ostrowski seconded the motion to approve the Sign Variance –Mike Macmillan for the East Bloomfield Holcomb Fire Department, 105 Main Street, #BV3-18, tax map #67.19-2-22.110, for square footage and height of sign.

Whereas:

1. Accept request as given; do not take any rows/courses off pillars as suggested by Planning Board
2. No ancillary signs or plants will be placed next to the sign
3. Solid lettering and minimal movement allowed

Record of Vote:

Ron Newell **Abstain**, Joseph Ostrowski **Aye**, Roslyn Duncan **Aye**, Terry Hall **Abstain**, Emery Warden **Aye**.

All Board members present voted Aye, excluding Newell and Hall that abstained. Vote was carried by majority vote.

2. Minutes of July 26, 2018

Hall motioned and Ostrowski seconded and the January 25, 2018 ZBA minutes were approved as amended.

3. The Zoning Board has been asked to nominate a representative for the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Ron Newell volunteered
4. Newell stated that the Board is still looking for an alternate member.

Meeting Adjourned Hall motioned and Duncan seconded and it was carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Andolino
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary