

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long, Vice Chair; Lorrie Dunham; Chris Weisz

ABSENT: Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Sal Canciello

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #004-16 – KB Jewelers, 68 Great Road, for awning sign.

Robert Bogdasarian, one of the owners of KB Jewelers, introduced himself and explained that he and his father were opening a jewelry store at the Blake Block building and hoped to have the name of the business on the large awning sign over the storefront. He presented a rendering that showed two variations of the gold letters, one with a white border around the letters and one without.

The Commission talked about the size, spacing, and location of the letters on the awning. Mr. Bogdasarian commented that the letters would be centered on the awning and would match the letters from the Ken's NY Deli sign; he provided an exhibit approved for the Ken's sign to show the size and location of the words. Mr. Moonan noted that the letters could not, under the Sign Bylaw, be taller than 12 inches. Mr. Bogdasarian said that was not a problem.

Mr. Moonan said that he had no objection to the gold letters, but sometimes gold lettering on a dark blue background can be difficult to read, so he suggested that the applicant choose the version in which the letters were outlined in white. The other Commission members agreed.

MOTION:

Mr. Weisz moved to grant to KB Jewelers, 68 Great Road, an awning sign as shown on Exhibit A, to match the Ken's NY Deli awning sign in terms of size and spacing, and using one of two fonts shown on Exhibit B. The letters shall be centered top to bottom and left to right on the awning, as shown on Exhibit C.

Mr. Long seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, and Weisz
Voting against: None
Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

Mr. Bogdasarian thanked the Commission and Mr. Moonan wished him luck with the new business.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #005-16 – First Parish Church, 75 Great Road, for storm windows.

Reverend John Gibbons, of First Parish Church, greeted the Commission and stated that there was a great need for new storm windows on the original meetinghouse portion of the church. He stated that, as Bedford was a “green community,” the Church was hoping to obtain a net zero in energy efficiency, and he believed that replacing these storms would go a long way in achieving that goal. He said that the ultimate goal was to have 26 windows replaced with storms, but the request before the Board tonight was for two large storm windows on the first floor.

There was extensive discussion about the dimensions, style, and maintenance of the storm windows, and also conversation about the advantages and disadvantages of storms.

Mr. Weisz asked whether the applicants had considered the possibility of wood clad storm windows. Mr. Gibbons replied that they had not, mainly because wood needed much more maintenance. Mr. Weisz said that he would not vote against an application for aluminum clad, but he hoped that the Church would at least look into the option of wood.

After further discussion, Mr. Moonan called for a motion.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to grant First Parish Church, 75 Great Road, approval for aluminum storms with two fixed panels, not movable, for two front storm windows on either side of church, as shown on Exhibit A. Windows will be double hung, painted white. The Commission requests that the Church look into the option of wood clad before moving forward with aluminum.

Mr. Weisz seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, and Weisz
Voting against: None
Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

Mr. Gibbons thanked the Commission members for their time.

Adjournment

With no new business to discuss, Mr. Moonan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Ms. Dunham moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Weisz seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, and Weisz

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



William Moonan, Chair

12/2/15
Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant