



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

**January 12, 2017**

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by acting Chairman William Corkum. Other members present were:

Randy Kibbe

Kevin Quinlan

Cindy Donati

Doug Curving

Thomas Hansson was absent from the meeting.

Also present was Deborah Rosebrooks, Administrative Assistant.

A motion was made by Randy Kibbe to approve of the minutes of December 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Cindy Donati and the vote was 5-0 in favor.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: : Sunshine Sign Co., Applicant (10-V-16)**

consider the petition of Sunshine Sign Co, 121 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536 for a Dimensional Variance (10-V-2016) to allow a sign on the backside of the existing score board. The sign is larger than the by-law allows. This sign will be at the Northbridge Middle School located at 171 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588. This is pursuant to Section 173 -22B, Article 7 of the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-laws.

The property, shown on Assessor's Map 14 as Parcel 1, is located in a Residential-3 zoning district and is owned by The Town of Northbridge.

Kevin Quinlan Read the Hearing notice, participating in this hearing were William Corkum, Kevin Quinlan, Randy Kibbe, Cindy Donati and Doug Curving.

Sal Damato spoke on behalf of Sunshine Sign stating that they would like to put a sign on the backside of the existing scoreboard that is exposed to the elements. This sign will be sealed on all sides and will have an access panel.

Bill opened up the meeting to the public for comment.

Cheryl Tivnan of 201 Samuel Dr. works with the Northbridge Booster Club and states the sign is sponsored by Unibank and the sign will not bother any abutters it is not lit and there is a cemetery on one side, parking lot across street and a school on the other side. Cheryl said there was a sign on the back at one point but it had rotted out over time, she has worked hard with many committees' to get this sign completed, it will look much better, and be weather proof. John Doldoorian of 24 Willow Street has concerned for maintenance, who will maintain the sign if there is vandalism, or some other issue. Also he states the name Lasall has a true meaning to the town. The field was built by the Lasall Family and then donated to the town after their son was killed in the war. He feel this is important that people know. Richard Auger of 393 Linwood Ave. states there is a monument at the end zone for the Lasall family. Cheryl Tivnan states it will be maintained by the school and town owned.

Don Metcalf of 16 Willow Street asked if the bylaw has changed, the scoreboard has been there forever, before the bylaws.

Motion was made by Randy Kibbe to close the public hearing and take it under advisement, Seconded by Kevin Quinlan. Vote ; 5-0 in favor.

After a brief discussion a Motion was made by Cindy to approve the dimensional Variance, (10-V-16) , Seconded by Kevin Quinlan, Vote 5-0 in favor. **GRANTED**

**PUBLIC HEARING : Melody Nydam, Applicant (11-V-16)**

to consider the petition of Melody Nydam, 56 Dunleavy Brook Dr., Uxbridge, MA for a Dimensional Variance (11-V-2016) to replace the existing sign with a new sign that will be more professional, visible & functional for the Whitinsville Christian School. The sign is larger than the by-law allows. This sign will be at the Whitinsville Christian School located at 279 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588. This is pursuant to Section 173 -22B, Article 7 of the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-laws.

The property, shown on Assessor's Map 14 as Parcel 5, is located in a Residential-3 zoning district and is owned by The Town of Northbridge.

Kevin Quinlan Read the Hearing notice, participating in this hearing were William Corkum, Kevin Quinlan, Randy Kibbe, Cindy Donati and Doug Curving.

Melody Nydam explained to the board that the proposed sign will be more visible, very professional with traditional architecture. A huge problem for visitors coming to the school is they cannot see the sign and go right by. The sign will have a Whitinsville Christian School section with a LED light board underneath for information and events to be advertised.

The sign with electronic portion is going to be 5.25 feet tall by 6.83 feet wide per side, not including the base or finish top trim with the total 7.4 feet tall. This will be similar to the Koopmans Sign on Church Street. The LED display can be on a timer and shut off as needed.

Bill opened up the meeting to the public for comment.

Sal Damato of Sunshine Sign, who will be making the sign states this will not be a problem for line of site pulling in or out of the school parking lot.

Richard Auger of 393 Linwood Ave, feels the sign is too big and may be a hazard and distraction, there are a lot of kids on that street daily.

Jeff Deiana of 305 Linwood Ave. if this approved there will be more to come, this is a residential area , historical and he does not want this type of sign in this area. He feels that the children made signs are the better ones and he enjoys them.

Sal Damato states that there will only be amber colored LED lights Not Multi colored.

Sonia Zeyl 33 Cross Street, A employee of the Whitinsville Christian School states the sign will be multi functional with the name of the school and a message board that will allow the school to post events, She feels this is a positive addition that will be good for the community. They have many students from all over that attend their school and with the new theatre opening soon it will be a great asset.

A motion was made by Randy Kibbe to close the public Hearing, and to take under advisement  
Seconded by Kevin Quinlan, Vote 5-0 in favor

The board discussed the hearing and felt the sign is too large and not a good fit for a residential location. Motion was made by Randy Kibbe to allow, Seconded by Doug Curving , Vote 2-3  
Opposed. Variance Denied.

A motion was made by William Corkum to close the meeting an enter into Executive Session  
(Under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 #3) Discussion with David Doneski, Seconded by Randy Kibbe.

Deborah Rosebrooks  
Administrative Assistant

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD OF  
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