

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2012**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long; Kevin Latady

ABSENT: Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Carol Carlson; Lorrie Dunham

Mr. Moonan read the emergency evacuation notice.

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

PETITION #007-13 – John Wardley, 29 Elm Street, for tree removal.

Mr. Wardley greeted the Historic District Commission (HDC) members and explained that he was requesting the removal of four trees on his property. He went over his application packet and stated that two of the trees had been standing dead for over a year and the other two haven't leafed for over a year. He said he hated to see the trees go but unfortunately they were a safety hazard and were all past saving. He said that he planned to replace the trees in the future, and would be back before the HDC at that time to discuss a landscaping plan.

Mr. Latady asked whether the applicant knew what kinds of trees they were.
Mr. Wardley said he wasn't entirely sure, although he thought two of them were ash.

Mr. Moonan asked whether the trees were on private or public property. Mr. Wardley replied that Adrienne St. John, of the Department of Public Works (DPW), came to the property and determined that all of the trees were on his own private land.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to approve the removal of four trees, marked as trees A through D on Exhibit A, with detailed photographs as shown on Exhibit B.

Mr. Latady seconded the motion.
Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Latady
Voting against: None
Abstained: None
The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

Mr. Wardley thanked the Commission members for their time.

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

PETITION #007-13 – Ginger Japanese Cuisine, 88 Great Road, for signs.

Meiling Khoo, the owner of Ginger Japanese Cuisine, greeted the Commission members and reminded them that she had been before them the previous month, and they had made some suggestions regarding the aesthetics and placement of the sign. She said she and her signmaker had taken those suggestions into consideration and have provided an updated sign proposal for the Commission this evening.

There was extensive discussion about the font, color, and design of the signs. Mr. Long noted that he found the proposed ivory color to be much more attractive than the originally-proposed white sign. The other members agreed.

Mr. Latady said that, at the last meeting, the applicant had requested to hang the sign between the two columns on the front of the Blake Block building, and he had initially gone along with that request; however, as he drove by the site over the past month, he has reconsidered his thoughts on the matter and agreed with the other members who wanted it placed on the wall. He said that it would look more attractive on the wall and would be easily visible from the street.

There was more conversation about the placement of the signs on the front and side of the building.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to approve the application for Ginger Japanese Cuisine, at 88 Great Road, for front signage as shown on Revised Exhibit A, depicting the sign placed on face of building rather than suspended between pillars. Attachment to wall shown on Exhibit B. Material to be aluminum, shown on Exhibit B. Details of graphics shown on Exhibit B. Background of sign will be ivory, specified on www.metalusa.com and lettering for “Ginger” will be www.metalsusa.com color bright red, with “Japanese Cuisine” lettering in black. The Commission approves two or three fixtures suspended from ceiling of portico, either gooseneck or suitable. Sign may be as large as 84” x 28”, centered over the door.

Mr. Latady seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Latady

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

Mr. Moonan said that at the last meeting there had been conversation about the whether the sign on the side of the building should be placed over the door or one of the windows. The Board members talked with Ms. Khoo about the placement of the sign. Ms. Khoo stated that she would prefer the sign placed over the far window, as it is more visible

from the street, but she would be willing to place it wherever the Commission members deemed most appropriate.

Mr. Latady said that he often suggests to his clients that they print out a paper rendering of the sign that is the same size as the proposed, and hang it in various places on a building to get an idea how it looks in those locations. He said he would be happy to meet with Ms. Khoo any day and help her hang sign renderings so that they can make a decision together about what might look most appropriate.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to approve to Ginger Japanese Cuisine, at 88 Great Road, the placement of the east side sign in one of two locations, shown on Exhibit A, with final approval made in consultation with a Board member. Sign will be aluminum panel lettering, as previously specified. Illumination provided by two gooseneck fixtures mounted on the wall, as shown on Exhibit B.

Mr. Latady seconded the motion.
Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Latady
Voting against: None
Abstained: None
The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Latady seconded the motion.
Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Latady
Voting against: None
Abstained: None
The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

William Moonan, Chairman Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant