

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2015**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT: Alan Long, Vice Chairman; Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Lorrie Dunham

ABSENT: William Moonan, Chris Weisz, Sal Canciello

PRESENTATION: Ms. Kalil-Brown read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #001-16 – 7:30 P.M. – James Garabedian, 80 Great Road, for awning sign and sandwich board sign.

Mr. Long read the emergency evacuation notice.

James Garabedian greeted the Board. Mr. Garabedian explained that Wicked Good Frozen Yogurt at 80 Great Road in the Blake Block had been replaced by Bella Maria's Cucina Italian restaurant. He proposed signage saying "Bella Maria's Cucina" on the awning replacing the identical (and previously approved) awning for Wicked Good Frozen Yogurt, over the same doorway to the right of Ken's N.Y. Deli. Board members verified that the new awning would be the same color as the old one, matching the blue color of the Ken's N.Y. Deli awning, and that the signage had been approved by the Code Enforcement Officer.

MOTION:

Ms. Kalil-Brown moved to approve the new awning sign proposed by James Garabedian, at 80 Great Road, as shown on Exhibit B, location as shown on Exhibit A.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Long, Kalil-Brown, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

Mr. Garabedian then requested approval of a mobile free-standing sign for the sidewalk in front of Bella Maria's Cucina. The sign will be heavy plywood construction, bearing a chalkboard on either side for advertising the day's specials. Approximate dimensions are 18" wide at the bottom tapering to 24" wide at the top, approximately 36" tall. Jeff Cohen, a resident of 17 Houlton Street and the Planning Board's liaison to the Historic

District Commission (HDC), stated that Mr. Garabedian would be appearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) the next night to request a special permit to display the mobile free-standing sign, and that the ZBA would require compliance with the appropriate stipulations of the Sign Bylaw, including its dimensions, its hours of display, and its location. It was established that there were no other such free-standing signs in front of other establishments in the Blake Block.

MOTION:

Ms. Kalil-Brown moved to approve the new mobile free-standing sign proposed by James Garabedian, at 80 Great Road, as shown on Exhibit C.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Long, Kalil-Brown, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Dunham moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Kalil-Brown seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Long, Kalil-Brown, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Alan Long, Vice Chairman Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Long
Vice Chairman