



Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – 5:00 pm

Board of Appeals members present: Gerry Mann, & Paul Kennedy

Public to speak to board: Mike Aquadro, Sergio Aquadro, Robert Ross, Suzanne Forman, Rusty Luce

Mike Aquadro

The Zoning Board of Appeals received a request from Mike Aquadro to speak with the board regarding a sign he has posted at the end of the access road (Rocks Road) by the reservoir on Mountain Street that Northampton uses for drinking water. Mr. Aquadro stated that Bill Turner had allowed him to install the oversized sign three years ago. Mr. Aquadro has been asked by the building inspector and the town to remove the sign. He stated it was not oversized and conformed to setbacks as required. Louis Hasbrouck spoke with him on the phone and told him the sign was on a county road and was not located on his property and he had to remove the sign. Mr. Aquadro noted it was in the town's right of way (ROW) but other businesses are allowed to have their signs in the ROW's. It was noted that this sign is located in a rural zone and a sign of 12 square feet is allowed. Mr. Mann noted that signs advertising a business should be on the business's property and not on public property. He noted that the sign should only be four square feet, but a 12 square foot sign is allowed for agricultural purposes and a sign may increase to 15 square feet with a special permit. It was suggested that Mr. Aquadro to set the sign back and receive permission from the City of Northampton who owns that land land or see if he can get permission from a neighboring property to relocate the sign out of the ROW.

Robert Ross

Robert Ross attended to discuss his special permit which required him to attend the meeting to update the board about his compliance in paying his taxes for 146 Main Street after a six-month review. Mr. Ross reported he is up to date and in in compliance. The board will confirm this with the tax collector.

Tangled Chocolate:

Suzanne Forman attended to report she has been talking with the owner of 3 North Main Street to possibly locate a retail business there. She would be selling chocolate and chocolate treats. The property is in a village mixed zone and would require a special permit for light industry and change of use if she pursues locating her business there.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lessard, Secretary