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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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### **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES - August 7, 2018**

#### **CASE # 18-5; EXPOSE SIGNS & GRAPHICS- 57 LITTLEFIELD ST.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:12 PM by Kevin Foster.

The Public Hearing is the result of the Petition of Expose Signs & Graphics at the property located at 57 Littlefield Street, Avon, Ma.

The following were present:

Appeal Board Members- Carl Walker, Edward Mekjian, Gerald Picardi, Kevin Foster, Charles Comeau

Visitor's- Robert Borden (Building Inspector), Andrew Clark (Expose Signs & Graphics), Matthew Connolly (of East Spring Street), Mike Viles (Equipment 4 Rent)

The members of the board and visitors introduced themselves and the board noted that the Public Hearing Notice(s) had appeared in The Enterprise on July 24th and July 31st in the Legal Notice section.

Case #18-5; Expose Signs & Graphics- 57 Littlefield St.

All business conducted regarding this Petition will here and forever be known as Town of Avon, Board of Appeals Case # 18-5, Expose Signs & Graphics will be referred to as the **"Petitioner"**.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Offices, Town of Avon, Massachusetts on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM to hear the following petition(s) requesting a Variance from the Avon Zoning By-Laws. Case # 18-5 Petitioner, Expose Signs & Graphics of 13 Airport Road, Hopedale, Ma, request relief in the form of a Variance under Section 10-3 #5 to place a secondary sign at the property located and known as 57 Littlefield Street, Map/Block/Lot E5/3/6, Avon, Massachusetts. A copy of the plans can be obtained at the Avon Town Hall located at 65 Main Street, Avon, MA. The Board of Appeals further advised the attendants that all abutters, as certified by the Town Board of Assessors, to the property located at 57 Littlefield Street, Map/Block/Lot E5/3/6,

Avon, Massachusetts and concerned parties had been notified of the intent of this hearing. All the requirements had been met with reference to notifications, publications, and postings, as mandated by Laws Governing the action of Public Hearings and the Board of Appeals (*Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 40A § 11*); and, Town of Avon Board of Appeals Procedures for Applicant(s)/Petitioner(s), effective January 1, 2001.

The Board of Appeals advised the attendees of the format of the Public Hearing as follows:

1. Petitioner's Presentation
2. Comments, Open Discussion, Questions and Answers
3. Decision and Vote of the Board of Appeals

1. Petitioner's Presentation: The Chair recognized the Petitioner, Andrew Clark of Expose Signs & Graphics who requests a Variance per Section 10-3, #5 and presented his plan to place a secondary sign at the property located and known as 57 Littlefield Street, Map/Block/Lot E5/3/6, Avon, Massachusetts. The Petitioner states that they are requesting to change the existing sign to make a more formal-looking sign per the plans provided by Expose Signs & Graphics of 13 Airport Road, Hopedale, MA dated July 16, 2018. The new sign will provide more information that is clear and easy to read.
2. Comments, Open Discussion, Questions and Answers: The Board of Appeals reviewed the plans and requested clarification as to the height and size of the sign. Robert Borden, Building Inspector, encouraged the petitioner to change the position of the arrow to be on the left side of the sign to help minimize truck confusion when arriving at the location. He states that this will help truck traffic and reduce resident complaints. Matthew Connolly of East Spring Street suggested that the new sign be reflective and have larger lettering. This will make the sign easy to read for night time truck traffic. Everyone agreed that public safety is the one of the main concerns.
3. Decision and Vote of the Board of Appeals: Edward Mekjian made a motion to grant a Variance per Section 10-3, #5 of the Town of Avon Zoning Bylaws to place a secondary sign at the property located and known as 57 Littlefield Street with an additional three conditions added to the plans filed with the Board of Appeals, seconded by Carl Walker. The three conditions include reflective lettering, enlarged lettering, and moving the arrow of shipping and receiving to the left side of the sign. Voted Unanimous.

**VOTED: to grant the Variance, as stipulated.**

Public Hearing closed at 7:35 PM.

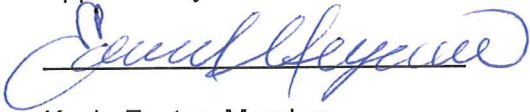
Correspondence:

The Board reviewed correspondence from Equipment 4 Rent. Mike Viles representing Equipment 4 Rent, explained to the board that they would like to change the name of the company on the special permit issued on January 31, 2017. The board scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 to meet with the representative of the buying company.

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by Gerald Picardi, to approve the change of the Variance/ Special Permit certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

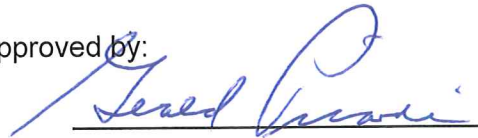
Approved by:

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Kevin Foster, Member

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Approved by:

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Gerald Picardi, Clerk

