Chairman John Alberghini called the meeting of the Burlington Board of Appeals to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Main Town Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, and 29 Center Street, Burlington, MA.

Present: Chairman: John Alberghini, Rob Paccione, Charles Viveiros, Michael Murray Jr., Kent Moffatt and Mark Burke

Absent: David Kelly

Continued Hearing

2017-166
119-125 Muller Road
Legal ad previously read into record.
Request for the hearing to be continued.
Motion made and seconded to continue the hearing until February 6th. All members voted in favor.

Millipore
2017-150
Review of the intensity of illumination and transition periods of the “M” and the Art Wall

Chairman Alberghini stated that on May 2, 2017 the Board granted a Special Sign Permit to Millipore for signage with the condition the Applicant come back in front of the Board to discuss the intensity of illumination and transition periods of the “M” and Art wall in six months. Mr. Alberghini read a letter from the planning Board into record. Planning is concerned with the intensity of the illumination of the “M” sign along with the “Millipore Sigma” signs as being too bright and recommended the illuminations be reduced. They also requested the Board of Appeals solicit feedback from abutters regarding the intensity of the illumination of the “Art Wall”.

Attorney Mark Vaughan introduced himself along with Dan Trinkle and Hank Lewis from Millipore. Attorney Vaughan stated Millipore is up and occupied and they had their grand opening and are back in front of the Board to discuss the signage.

Mr. Murray stated he had checked out the site and had no concerns with the illumination.
Mr. Paccione asked about the times the signs are on during the day and was informed the “M” sign was turned off at midnight and the Art Way is on from 7AM to 5:30 PM during days that Millipore is open for business.

Mr. Viveiros asked if there was a way to check the sign for the lumens because he feels it is too bright and was informed during the day the lumens are just under 90 lumens per square foot and at night it is lowered to 22.5 lumens per square foot.
Mr. Burke asked for clarification of the timing of the sign because he has gone past the building after 5:30 and the sign is still on, he showed a picture of the sign on after 5:30. Mr. Trinkle stated it was on a timer. Mr. Burke continued by asking what the distance is and the height when the measurement is taken. Mr. Lewis answered they use a NIT gun and it is pointed directly on the sign from the ground and would need to have to get a crane if they wanted to take it directly in front. Mr. Burke believes it is much brighter than other signs in town.

Mr. Lewis explained the intensity can be controlled from a computer within the building.

Mr. Alberghini asked if all the temporary signs had been taken down and was informed they had been removed. He added he agrees with the Planning Board’s opinion that the sign is too bright and he reached out to the building inspector to see if there was a meter available to measure the intensity of the sign and Mr. Clancy is trying to locate one.

Mr. Alberghini suggested they turn it down and the Board can view the change and then come back to discuss. Mr. Murray asked if there was flexibility in changing the intensity at a site visit. He was informed they would be able to adjust the brightness while they were at a site visit.

Mr. Paccione stated he felt the transitioning, especially the blue to red is too vibrant.

Mr. Lewis responded that a few weeks ago they did mute the coloring.

Open to the public.

Joe Desmond, 38 North Street, Lexington introduced himself and stated he was representing several of his neighbors and they agree with the Planning Board’s findings. He stated the neighborhood has lost woodlands because of the development, there has been numerous trees removed. He said there were concerns with the intensity, number of hours the sign is on along with the timing of the sign. He added the sign coupled with the office lights being on 24 hours a day is too much. He believes there are no other signs in town with this intensity and the signs are not a good precedent for the town.

Mr. Alberghini stated he would look into the office lights.

Public Hearing to remain open

Mr. Alberghini suggested we continue the hearing to February 6th and arrange a mutual time to complete a site visit to review the sign and view the other levels. He invited the abutter and the representatives from Planning Board to attend the site visit.

Motion made and seconded to continue the hearing to February 6, 2018. All members voted in favor.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes. All members voted in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor.