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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
BURLINGTON, MA
September 21, 2021**

Chairman Michael Murray 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: Michael Murray Jr. Charles Viveiros John Sullivan, Mark Burke and Joe Currier

Absent:

New Hearing

21-24

Common Craft

The petition of Common Craft Holdings, for property located at 75 Middlesex Turnpike, aka Burlington Mall, Burlington, MA 01803, as shown on the Burlington Assessor's records, Map and Parcel reference: 46-24-0. The applicant is seeking a Special Sign Permit to paint a sign on the exterior surface of the wall to read "COMMON CRAFT". The sign is in violation of general By-laws, Article XIV, section 3.2.4.5, "no sign shall be painted on the exterior surface of any wall, window, door or roof." It is also in violation of previously issued decisions which read in part, "all new/additional signage on the main Burlington Mall Building, even if allowed/permitted by right, are subject to Zoning Board of Appeals approval.

Documentation in support of this proposal is available for public inspection as shown on plans filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's office and on the Board of Appeals website (application #21-24).

Larry Leibowitz introduced himself stating he was the Manager of Common Craft Holdings and provided an explanation why he was in front of the Board. He explained they were looking to come into the Burlington Mall and they would like to have a sign painted directly on the building. He described Common Craft has an industrial feel and he believes the painted sign would continue that feeling. He stated it was in violation of the zoning by-law.

Mr. Burke asked about the lighting and was informed there would be gooseneck lighting.

Mr. Murray confirmed the location and was told it was to the right of legal seafood.

All members did not see a problem with the sign.

Open to the public. No one present to speak for or against. Motion made and seconded to close the public hearing. 5-0 in favor

Motion made and seconded to grant a Special Sign Permit to Common Craft Holdings to paint a sign to say COMMON CRAFT on the building as shown on plans submitted with the application dated 7-23-2021.

5-0 in favor.

New Hearing

21-25

Burlington High School

The petition of Signverse for the Town of Burlington, for property located at 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01803, as shown on the Burlington Assessor's records, Map and Parcel reference: 35-85-0. The applicant is seeking a Special Sign Permit to erect a Free-Standing Sign to be 6'-0" in height by 10'-0" in width including the brick pedestal. The proposed sign box is to be internally illuminated and to read "Burlington High School". Along with an 18" school "B" logo will be mounted to the brick pillar. The sign is in violation of a previous Board of Appeals decision, Case # 11992, "With the condition that the sign be externally lit and that there be no changes to the sign or additional signs installed, even if by right without prior approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals."

Documentation in support of this proposal is available for public inspection as shown on plans filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's office and on the Board of Appeals website (application #21-25).

Bob Cunha, Director of Operations introduced himself and Drew Juliano from Signverse. Mr. Cunha explained the application had previously come in front of the Board and was approved, but due to circumstances the sign was not constructed and the time has elapsed, therefore they needed to come back for new approval. He provided a description of the sign.

Mr. Sullivan asked about the previous sign's illumination and Mr. Cunha responded the sign would be internally lite with 90 lumens and added if the Board requires a timer, they would prefer it to be too turned off at 11:00 verses 10:00, because some events are lasting until then.

Mr. Currier asked if the sign was smaller than the original and was told it was slightly.

Open to the public:

Margarette Poillucci from 2 Birch crest introduced herself and stated she lives directly across from the school and the lights from the sign and the field may be on a timer, however the timer does not work and many nights the lights are on all night long, making it difficult for her to sleep. She asked if there was a way to have better control over the timer.

Mr. Cunha stated he was unaware that this was an issue and that they are on a timer. He stated they were on remote shut off therefore he has the ability to shut them down if the timer is not shutting them off and he is aware of it.

Mr. Juliano described the sign's illumination is only being the letters, the background at night is black.

Mr. Murray asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the light and was told the recreation department, but Mr. Cunha stated he also can adjust it. He stated that they are supposed to go off after events such as the football games. Ms. Poillucci wanted to know the contact person so neighbors can call directly because it is not just happening on Friday's. She added neighbors have contact police in the past.

Mr. Sullivan pointed out the renderings show how the sign will look at night. Mr. Juliano provided her with the renderings.

Mr. Burke stated the neighbors should document the times it is on and asked who they can contact besides the police. Mr. Cunha state that they could contact him, and noted many people use the field besides the high school, and he will contact the police to keep communication open and let them know who to contact if complaints came in.

Ms. Poillucci stated she was fine with the sign if the lights are off at 11:00. Motion to approve to close the public hearing. 5-0 in favor.

Motion made and seconded to grant a sign Permit to the Burlington high school as shown on sheets 1 and 2 with the condition 90 lumens and the timer will turn off the lights at 11:00.
5-0 in favor.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes 5-0 in favor

Motion made and seconded to adjourn 5-0 in favor