

Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting

May 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Robert Fuster Jr, (RF), Albert Harper (AH), Ned Douglas (ND), Clayton Hambrick (CH), Cliff Snyder (CS)

Also present: Thomas Werman, Sukey Werman, Colin Toole, Luke Toole, James Callahan, Gwen Miller (GM)

Approval of Minutes

All approved

169 Undermountain Road: Stonover Public Hearing for a request to modify their existing cap of events they may hold in a given year. They requested an increase for 2021 due to Covid-19.

Members sitting: RFJr, ND, CH, CS, AH (SLC recusing herself)

Thomas Werman explained their request to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

AH asked for a clarification. Is this a Special Permit or a Variance?

Group discussed; they agreed that GM will look into the file to confirm, but they are comfortable granting as a Special Permit for the time being.

AH pointed out that even w/ living so close to Stonover, he has never known of a wedding happening unless he has been driving down the road or invited to the wedding.

AH moves to approve as a modification to a Special Permit as long as the safety requirements from the 2009 Variance are retained going forward.

AH finds they meet all the Special Permit criteria to increase the number of weddings for the calendar year of 2021 from 12 to 18.

CH in favor of motion. Speaks in favor of petition.

CS in favor of motion. Speaks in favor of petition. Notes extraordinary times and circumstances and is happy to support their business. Heartily supports business.

RFJr in favor.

ND in favor.

CS moves to approve petition.

GM to write decision and will have member sign it.

All in favor.

462 Pittsfield Road, Special Permit for a new sign at the Yankee Inn.

Petitioners were Larry Toole, Collin Toole, and James Callahan of Callahan Signs.

Explain they have done a lot of work on the interior of the hotel and would like the sign to reflect the renovations within as well. They described the sign to be installed. The overall graphic area will decrease.

Further description of the proposed sign.

Correspondence was received, the e-mail from Jim Nejaime was read into the record. It was in support of the new sign.

Colin Toole: hoping to tie new sign in with nature trails behind the hotel.

Motion to grant petition from AH: for same size, same base and same height based on the designs presented;

CS seconded;

SLC in favor

AH in favor

CH in favor

RFJr—in favor of sign;

All in favor.

No special conditions

AH to write decision