

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN
 PLANNING COMMISSION
 SPECIAL MEETING – July 3, 2009

Commission Members Present

MEMBER	X = HERE	MEMBER	X = HERE
Rebecca Audet		Nicholas Michael	X
James Coombs	X	Bonnie Rosati, Clerk	X
Kevin Durkee	X	George Stannard, Chair	X
Dave Eighmey, Vice Chair	X		

Others Present: Phil Adams - Zoning Administrator; Brett Blanchard-Principal Fair Haven Union High School - Applicant; Lorraine Brown - Property Owner, Elpi Blanchard

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm by George Stannard – Chair

BUSINESS

Fair Haven Union High School - Application A2009-029

Request for approval of an educational use. Property owners Jay and Lorraine Brown. Location 73 Main Street. Tax Map # 24-51-30.

Mr. Blanchard proposes to begin using the former Heritage Credit Union location on Main Street on August 26, 2009 as an off site learning annex for Fair Haven Union High School. There would be a maximum of 10 students until January 2010. The annex will be used for students that do not need to be in school for 7 1/2 hours per day. He explained that he has been working on this project for about 9 months. He believes the location is ideal because Fair Haven has the majority of businesses that he can connect students to. Mr. Blanchard also indicated that not all school board members are in favor of the location.

Mr. Blanchard assured the Commission that parking for the annex would be across the street and the bus would drop students off at the town green near Dunkin Donuts.

The building is for sale. The school would enter into a 1 year lease and the long term plan is to have a building to house the special ed students working on life skills in an apartment.

Chairman Stannard stated that this would be a change in use only.

There will be no physical alterations to the building. They don't know if there will be signage. Washington Street will be closed.

Mrs. Brown indicated that traffic will be much less with this proposal than it was with the credit union.

Jim Coombs moved the Commission to consider the application minor development. Nick Michael seconded. Motion carried with five (5) Yes votes and one (1) abstention.

Nick Michael moved the Commission to approve the application for change of use as presented with the condition that parking be across the street from 8am to 6pm and buses will not stop and unload students on the east side of Main Street. Jim Coombs seconded. Motion carried with five (5) Yes votes and one (1) abstention.

Signworks Neon Corp - Application A2009-30

Request for two replacement commercial signs. Property owner- DG Fair haven, LLC.. Location 111 North Main Street.

The proposed signs are to replace the former Ben Franklin signs. The proposed signs will be similar in size and look. The signs will be internally lit with black letters and yellow background. The wooden free standing sign will be removed and replaced with a small box sign that will be internally lit.

Dave Eighmey moved the Commission to approve the two replacement commercial signs as presented. Bonnie Rosati seconded. Motion carried. Commissioners present endorsed the sign application.

Public Comment

No public present.

Bonnie Rosati moved the Commission to adjourn. Dave Eighmey seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2:33½ PM – Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Rosati