

SHARON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sharon Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Second Floor conference room at the Sharon Community Center, 219 Massapoag Avenue. The following members were present: Seth Ruskin, Abe Brahmachari, Joe Garber, and Barry Barth.

7:04 P.M. Carroll Advertising, LLC, 9 General Edwards Hwy, Case No. 1835 – New Hearing

Mr. Ruskin read the Legal Notice. Case will be continued until March 27, 2019.

7:08 P.M. Carroll Advertising, LLC, 1180 General Edwards Hwy, Case No. 1386 – New Hearing

Mr. Ruskin read the Legal Notice, a letter from Greg Meister, Conservation Administrator, dated March 6, 2019, and a letter from Kevin Davis, Agent of the Board of Health, dated March 6, 2019.

Atty. Joel Fishman, Stoughton, MA, Counsel for the applicant, Carroll Advertising, LLC, brought a handout including: Decision on Application for Sign Permits, Case No. 1744, dated April 18, 2014; a color print out of Location 2: 1180 Providence Highway; and criteria for 5.4.4 Billboards.

Mr. Fishman explained that the Board previously approved four billboards. Along with four already built there are signed permit and approvals for four more. Mr. Carroll stated that 1200 General Edwards Hwy. made more sense at the time and they withdrew application for 1180 General Edwards Hwy. but now they are asking board to reapprove 1180 General Edwards Hwy.

Applicant's counsel, explained that the application filed is the same as the application from last time. Trees will be cut to ground in order for the board to be installed. The billboard in the same location as proposed before and measures the same as well. Billboard is 14 x 48 feet, so 672 sq. ft. Billboard is 6 feet from road, and allowed to be up to 5 feet from road. Billboard will be no higher than 50 feet and allowance is up to 60 feet.

Public service announcements are allowed to run by town and state and also in public emergency situation digital billboard will comply.

Any Sharon business gets a 15 percent discount on advertisements per prior agreement.

Legally there is no limit to number of billboards based on the town, but the state has different limits between digital and static billboards. The proposed one is 575 feet from 1200 General Edwards Hwy.

Discussion that anyone can put billboards anywhere as long as they meet the state requirements.

Mr. Ruskin asks if there have been any safety concerns to date and Mr. Fishman and Mr. Carroll say no. Next billboard to north from 1180 General Edwards Hwy. is about 1,000 feet. Next southern billboard is 780 feet.

Discussion about how billboards are taxed by the town. The sign is taxed as personal property and if the billboard is there it is still residential.

Mr. Ruskin confirmed applicant's counsel will write decision.

Applicant asked to close the hearing.

Mr. Ruskin moved to close the hearing. Mr. Garber seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of closing the hearing (4-0-0).

Mr. Ruskin moved to approve Case No. 1836, Carroll Advertising, LLC, 1180 General Edwards Hwy. permitting the Applicant to construct a Billboard with two faces, each of which may be digital or static, as determined by the Applicant, subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit A in previous Case No. 1744 Carroll Advertising Company, Inc., 1180 General Edwards Highway dated April 18, 2014. The plans include a plot plan from Legacy Engineering, Millis, MA, dated February 2, 2019 and Preliminary Drawing from RMG Outdoor Inc., Phoenix, AZ, dated October 21, 2013.

Mr. Bramachari seconded the motion.

The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the plans (Ruskin, Brahmachari, Barth).

Minutes:

Mr. Ruskin moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019. Mr. Brahmachari seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted