

**Zebulon
Joint Public Hearing
Minutes
February 8, 2021**

Present: Robert S. Matheny, Beverly Clark, Annie Moore, Glenn York, Shannon Baxter, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Stacie Paratore-Deputy Town Clerk, Michael Clark-Planning, Sam Slater-Attorney

Planning Board Present: Laura Johnson, Michael Germano, Jessica Luther, Gene Blount, David Lowry

Absent: Stephanie Jenkins

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. QA 2021-01 Sign Regulations

Mayor Matheny opened the public hearing.

Michael Clark explained staff was proposing a text amendment to UDO Sections 3.5.3.E, 3.5.4.E and 5.11.9 to allow ground signs in the DTP (Downtown Periphery) and DTC (Downtown Core) districts. This would amend the maximum height of ground signs and provide clarification to the type of measurement for maximum size of a ground sign.

A local business within the Downtown Core (DTC) zoning district submitted an inquiry to install a ground sign. Staff discovered one section of the UDO permitted these signs while another section prohibited them. The proposed amendments provided a correction and the proposed amendments established maximum heights for ground signs based on the district in which they are located and clarify the type of measurement pertaining to the maximum size of the proposed ground signs.

Ground signs were defined as any free-standing sign connected to the ground.

Staff recommended approval of the text amendment.

There was discussion about vehicle visibility around signs.

Mayor Matheny asked for Table 5.11.9 to be amended to show the maximum sign face area was 36 square feet.

Commissioner Loucks asked if signs could be illuminated. Michael Clark stated signs in the DTC had to be externally illuminated only. Signs also needed to be constructed of comparable materials to the building.

Mayor Matheny asked if either Board had any more questions. There were none.

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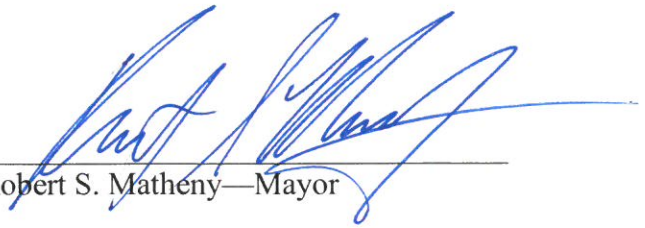
Mayor Matheny asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. There was none.

Mayor Matheny asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. There was none.
Mayor Matheny closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Planning Board for their recommendation.

Commissioner Loucks made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adopted this the 1st of March 2021.




Robert S. Matheny—Mayor


Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk