Minutes accepted and approved.

Motion made by: Member Lane

2nd by: Member Jordan

In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0

Signed and Dated: Sandra Allen 9/1/2022

Town of Windham Architectural Review Board Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Board Members Present: Acting Chairperson: Lisa Jaeger

Members: Claudia Lane, John O'Grady, Matthew Jordan,

Recording Secretary, Sandra Allen

Board Members Absent: Thomas Poelker

Also Present: Joe Charbonneau, Scott Quimet, Robert Giordano, Olivia Giordano, Gail

Quan, Dusan Popovic, Russell Fink, Danielle Frank, John Carrey, Frank Hull, Sherry Hull, Leonard Belvavia, Pavel Trzepaczka, Chuck Holtz

A motion to open the ARB at 7:19 Pm was made by Member Lane, seconded by Member O'Grady with 4 in favor and 1 absent.

<u>SIGN PERMIT</u>: Hull-O-Farm Mitchell Hollow Rd & Main St. Applicant wants to update permit for existing sign, 3ft X 6ft, yellow background with green and red lettering. Requested updating the sign, showed samples was new signs in the Town. Also, the existing sign is larger than the requirements within the ARB.

Motion to recess the ARB at 7:29 PM was made by Acting Chairperson Jaeger, seconded by Member Lane with 4 in favor and 1 absent

Motion to reopen the ARB at 7:55 PM was made by Member Lane, seconded by Member Jordan with 4 in favor and 1 absent.

<u>SITE PLAN</u>: John Carey 5337 Main Street. Proposed project is a 40ft storage container behind the home. Reviewed documents and photos. It will be behind the fence, Mr. Carey stated that they will be rebuilding the fence. It is an 8ft container and the fence is now 6ft, but Carey said it will be replaced with an 8ft fence. This Board needs to do research regarding storage containers as structures, and who owns the trailer in the parking lot which is presently an eyesore.

<u>SITE PLAN</u>: Lilly's Deck 5335 Main Street Proposed project is to remove the shed attached to the back of the building and adding a two-level deck. The top level is existing and will be adding the lower deck directly on the ground.

O'Grady stated that they have been on the agenda for months and asked why haven't they been back? Carey stated that he was told not to return by his lawyer. Ms. Frank wanted to say for the record that she feels "they are consistently having to fight and fight, we are not trying to bring any harm

to the Town. We have a business here; we're trying to do everything by the rules, and it seems like everywhere we turn we're met with objections. So, I just want to clear the air and say that there's nothing that we're trying to do to skirt around the rules. We respect this Town, and the community has been nothing but welcoming since we came here, since we started the business. If there is any kind of preconceived notion from the prior owners of the restaurant, I would really like to be disassociated with that. Because we don't operate that way, we're trying to be fair and do things the way we're supposed to. We were told not to show up to the other meetings. The one time we did come to the meeting I was told that we were not on the agenda, I did not know that was how the process worked. We're not trying to do anything sneaky or go around you guys."

Ms. Frank was answered that there are sign laws that they ignored, and with the deck Mr. Carey presented the project, he was told all the steps that were needed to complete the project and get approval but, then he never returned, and the deck was built without approval and being used for business. No one is against them but, the rules and procedures must be followed by everyone, and they are consistently jumping the gun or ignoring the procedures. And if they had the courtesy to contact this Board saying their lawyer advised them not to show up this could have been cleared up months ago.

Frank said that "when Tom showed up at our business unannounced and decided to get loud with me many times that day, I thought what are we supposed to do now?" It should have been the Code Enforcement Officer who informed you. "Maybe we can wipe the slate clean."

Motion to set Public Hearing for Sept 1, 2022 at 7:10 pm was made by Acting Chairperson Jaeger, seconded by Member O'Grady with 4 in favor and 1 absent.

<u>MINUTES REVIEWED:</u> Motion to approve Aug 4, 2022, minutes was made by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Lane with an all-in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM on a motion by Acting Chairperson Jaeger, seconded by Member Lane with 4 in favor and 1 absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Allen, Recording Secretary