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**Historic District and Historical Commission Minutes  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
Small Hearing Room  
Public Hearing**

**I. Call to Order**

Members Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Vice Chairperson Gayle Carroll, Brendan Lowney, Julia Eldredge, & Jeanne Steiner

Members Absent: Bob Bradley, Bob Doane

Chairperson Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Due to the larger than normal number of members of the public present, Ms. Maslowski explained the process of the Public Hearings, and asked that everyone sign the sign in sheet.

***Recording and Taping Notification: As required by law, the Town may audio or video record this meeting. Any person intending to either audio or video record this open session is required to inform the Chair.***

**II. Public Hearing**

**A. Hearings**

- 1. Continued - HH2020-05 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for **721 Main Street**, Map 41, Parcel D5-1 in the C-V and the Harwich Center Historic Districts. The application proposes the installation of new signage. The application is pursuant to the MGL c. 40C, §6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article I., Alan Rogers as Owner, Saumil Patel as Applicant.

*EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application, photos of the proposed sign, miniature sample of proposed sign*

**Ms. Maslowski opened the public hearing at 6:01pm.**

Attorney Howard Cahoon and Saumil Patel were present. The Board members looked at the miniature sign sample provided by the applicant.

Ms. Steiner asked if the applicant had considered using a sign with carved lettering rather than the vinyl lettering overlay. Mr. Patel explained that the smoke shop business is only planned as a temporary stop-gap business to be open until June when the state regulations on vape products are finalized. They do not want to invest a great deal of money in the sign for such a short period of time.

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**Ms. Eldredge moved to close the Public Hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Steiner and approved 5-0-0. Ms. Carrol moved to approve the application as detailed, provided that the sign only remains up until June 30, 2020, and that the sign posts be repainted white. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lowney and approved 5-0-0.**

**III. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**

**Mr. Lowney moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Carrol and approved 5-0-0.**

Submitted by:

Melyssa Millett

Adopted on: January 20, 2021

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