**Town of Harwich**

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**Historic District and Historical Commission**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**Griffin Room**

**Public Hearing**

1. **Call to Order**

Members Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Brendan Lowney, Bob Doane, & Jeanne Steiner

Members Absent: Vice Chairperson Gayle Carroll, Bob Bradley, Julia Eldredge, & Angelo Kryiakides

Chairperson Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**II. Public Hearing**

1. **Hearings**
2. **HH2019-19 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for 711 Main Street, Map 41, Parcel D8, in the C-V Zone and the Harwich Center Historic District. The application proposes new or modifications of features relating to doors, lights, parking and signage. The application is pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40C, §6, 711 Main Street LLC Owner, Saumil Patel, Applicant.

*EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Application and Certificate Form for 711 Main Street and associated documents dated July 2, 2019*

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

Howard Cahoon Saumil Patel

Mr. Cahoon presented updated documents dated July 2, 2019 has addressed some of the concerns of the commission. The gutters will be enclosed in wood and drain into a filtration system in the rear, the sign will be wood and wrought iron and not illuminated, the top of the dumpster enclosure will now be flush rather than spiked, the utility pole has been removed, and the windows will have grills on both sides.

Ms. Maslowski asked about the placement of the large sign in front. Mr. Cahoon responded that it will be on the left side of the driveway, between the two properties, ten feet from the property line in line with the surrounding businesses.

Mr. Doane asked if there will be lighting on the sign. Mr. Cahoon responded that there will be no lighting on any of the signs.

Ms. Steiner asked for clarification on the placement of the hanging sign. Mr. Cahoon explained that it will be facing the street, hanging perpendicular to the building.

Mr. Doane asked to confirm that all of the lighting will be designed so as not to spill off of the property. Mr. Cahoon confirmed.

Mr. Greg Winston, Harwich resident, asked how the sign would be visible if not lit. He also expressed concern that interior lighting such as neon signs located inside the building could be visible from the sidewalk. Mr. Patel responded that they will come back to the Commission if the sign needs more lighting after it is in place. Ms. Maslowski explained that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over what is inside the building.

**Ms. Steiner moved to close the Public Hearing. 2nd by Mr. Lowney and approved 4-0-0.**

**Mr. Doane moved to approve the application HH2019-19, 711 Main Street, based on the plans dated 9/6/2019 with the additional statements from this Public Hearing, including grills on both sides of the windows, all signs not being illuminated, the gutters being enclosed in wood and draining towards the back of the property, the dumpster enclosure having a flat top without spikes, the utility pole being removed, the ground sign being at least 10 feet from the property line, and no lighting spilling off of the property. 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 4-0-0.**

1. **New Business**
2. **Review HDHC CPC application**

Mr. Lowney will file a disclosure stating that he owns one of the properties in the cluster.

**Ms. Steiner moved to approve the changes to the CPC application and authorize the Chairperson to sign the application and send it to the CPC with a cover. 2nd by Mr. Doane and approved 4-0-0.**

**III. Adjourn-** The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**Mr. Lowney moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., 2nd by Ms. Steiner and approved 4-0-0.**

Submitted by:

Amy Banford, Recording Secretary

Adopted on: \_\_\_October 16, 2019\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_