

## **WHITEHALL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

The Whitehall Planning Commission meeting of January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Terry Anderson at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Anderson asked for a roll call.

Terry Anderson—Present

Mike Brown—Present

Zach Woodruff- Absent

Paul Jordan- Absent

Denny Roberge—Present

Barb Blake-Present

Chuck Underwood- Present

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to excuse the absences of Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Jordan. Ms. Blake motioned and Mr. Brown seconded. Voting was unanimous and all absences were excused.

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to approve minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Underwood motioned to approve and Ms. Blake seconded. All voted in favor to approve the minutes.

Mr. Joe Ryan introduced motions for nomination of Chairman. Mr. Brown made a motion to elect Terry Anderson as Chairman. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mr. Anderson was elected Chairman.

Ms. Blake made a motion to elect Mike Brown as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. All Voted in favor and Mr. Brown was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Roberge made a motion to elect Casey Thomas as secretary. Mr. Brown seconded. All voted in favor and Casey Thomas was elected secretary.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to adopt the rules and regulations. Mr. Brown motioned and Ms. Blake seconded. Rules and Regulations are approved.

Mr. Anderson introduced Case #750, Branham Sign Co., on behalf of ALDI Inc., is seeking a sign variance 1124.10(N)(8) on Property located at 3831 E. Main St.

Mr. Stanley Young presented the case. He noted that the current building will be expanded to add approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of retail space. With that expansion, they will be able to add more space for products. He noted that the remodeling has begun on the existing building. The current "food market" lettering signs will be removed from the front and side facings. ALDI is requesting to replace the existing signs with 120 sq. ft. cabinet signs. Both signs are to be the same exact size on each side of the building. The goal of ALDI is for both signs to be balanced with the building.

Mr. Joe Ryan presented the staff report. He noted that the staff did not see a hardship for this variance and so staff does not recommend the approval of the variance.

Mr. Stanley went on to offer an alternative solution to the signage. He suggested that ALDI will remove the current signs and carry on with current renovations. Once renovations to the building are complete, they will replace the sign faces, but use the old cabinet bases.

Mr. Ryan noted this could be a possibility and may not require a variance. He suggested that this case be tabled and the applicant should meet with staff to discuss the options further. The case will be revisited during the February Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Anderson asked if there was any further business. Mr. Ryan requested that the February Planning Commission meeting be moved to February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

All members of the commission confirmed.

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Roberge motioned and Mr. Underwood seconded. All were in favor to adjourn. Meeting was closed at 7:03pm.

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_, **2018** Respectfully submitted,

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Terry Anderson, Chairman

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CASEY THOMAS, SECRETARY