



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Zoning Board of Appeals

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Northborough Zoning Board of Appeals

Zoom Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023

Approved January 23, 2024

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9, the Northborough Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 3:15pm to consider the application below. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on March 29, 2023, this meeting was conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance by members of the public was permitted. **The meeting was live streamed with the link provided on the agenda, but with no option for public participation.**

Members (Remotely): Paul Tagliaferri, Chair; Fran Bakstran, Suzy Cieslica, Mark Rutan, Brad Blanchette; Jeff Gribouski, Alternate.

Staff (Remotely): Laurie Connors, Planning Director.

Special Meeting to Finalize the Decision for the petition of SALIII 305-309 Main Street, LLC for a Special Permit for use, Special Permit per Groundwater Protection Overlay District, and Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for the operation of a drive-through food service at the existing structure at 305 & 309 Main Street, Map 47, Parcels 7 & 8, in the Business East Zoning District and Groundwater Protection Overlay District Area 3.

Chair Tagliaferri said Town Counsel had reviewed the Decision and suggested some changes, which were incorporated into the document. He asked if members had comments or questions. There were none.

Chair Tagliaferri felt the Board had done its due diligence in forming their decision. He acknowledged that the vote was split 3-2 and that a super majority was required for approval. He appreciated having had Town Council provide a review.

Ms. Bakstran said she appreciated the way the Decision was written; it shows the motion was made to approve the Special Permit, which was denied as it didn't receive a super majority vote. She wanted it noted for the record that the Decision she voted in favor of had findings of fact and conditions for approval, not that she voted in favor of the finding of facts in the decision of the denial.

Ms. Connor said she'd wanted confirmation from the Board in an open session that they were satisfied with the changes made to the Decision and that it accurately reflected their decision. The vote was taken at their last meeting, so this meeting is just a matter of putting the conversation on record.

Mr. Blanchette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rutan seconded. Roll call voted followed, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Michelle Cilley, ZBA Board Secretary