



## **ClerkEAST LONGMEADOW PLANNING BOARD**

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

**6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Zoom Webinar**

### **MINUTES**

Chair Russell Denver opens the meeting at 6:00 pm and called the roll.

Present: Russell Denver, Chair  
George Kingston, Vice Chair  
Jonathan Torcia, Clerk

Absent: Peter Punderson

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Planning & Community Development Director  
Rebecca Jones, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 20, 2021

**Motion to approve as amended made by Vice Chair George Kingston; second by Board Member Jonathan Torcia and approved by roll call vote three (3)-zero (0).**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Case SP 2021-7: 45 Baldwin Street** - The Step Sister Café - Request for Special Permit for a restaurant at 45 Baldwin St (Parcel ID 27-11-C) in an existing structure in the Industrial zoning district. Applicant: Georgianna Brunton, 45 Baldwin St, East Longmeadow, MA.

Applicant and business owner, Georgianna Brunton, was present for discussion. Ms. Brunton explained the café would be operating within and in conjunction with the recently approved brewery at 45 Baldwin Street. Vice Chair George Kingston commented on correspondence from the Town Council regarding the need to note that when the bar is open, food must be available.

The public hearing was opened for comment:

Joe Ecklerle, Brew Practitioners owner and operator spoke in support of the café and explained breweries do not have to serve food as Farmers' pouring permits operate differently than liquor licenses. Mr. Ecklerle explained this difference was conveyed to the Town Council at their July 13, 2021 public hearing. The Board recognized the clarification.

**Motion to close the public hearing was made by Vice Chair George Kingston; second Clerk Jonathan Torcia and approved by roll call vote three (3) – zero (0).**

No further discussion by the Planning Board.

**Motion to approve made by Vice Chair George Kingston and seconded by Clerk Jonathan Torcia; approved by vote three (3) – zero (0)**

**ADJOURN Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair George Kingston; second by Clerk Jonathan Torcia and was approved by roll call vote three (3)-zero (0) at 6:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted.

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