

FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

City Hall - 316 Central Street

- ❑ **Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.**
- ❑ **Salute to the Flag – Led by Tim Stangroom**
- ❑ **Roll Call: Chairman Glen Feener, Councilor Paul Trudel, Colby Morrill, Bob Lucas, Tim Stangroom, Alternate Leigh Webb (not seated), Alternate Joya Pinkham Clark (not seated)**
- ❑ **Approval of Minutes of the September 12, 2021 Public Meeting of the Board.**
Member Morrill made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Lucas. **Motion carried 4-0-1** with Member Stangroom abstaining due to not being present for that meeting.
- ❑ **New Business:**

H 22-15: “Fournier’s Barber Shop”, tenant at 420 Central St, is applying to install a wall-mounted blade sign and façade improvements. The property is located at Map/Lot 117-157-00.

Joe Fournier, tenant, spoke to the application. He explained that he is looking to remove the white vinyl siding above the doorway and replace it with pine shiplap boards that have been wood-burned for an industrial effect. He will incorporate a blade sign, 36” round, 2-sided, hanging from a frame of 4 x 4 posts that have also been burned to match. He explained it is similar to the signage for Vulgar Brewing and Outdoor New England (ONE) which are on the same side of the street. The metal sign will be created by Brass Art Powdercoating.

Councilor Trudel asked about the color of the sign. Mr. Fournier said it would be white with maroon lettering. Alternate Webb shared that blade signs do have historical precedence and asked if he knew what was behind the white vinyl. Mr. Fournier said it is unknown but the vinyl appears to be nailed or screwed in so he assumed it would be wood. Councilor Trudel asked if Mr. Fournier would be willing to keep brick if that was discovered behind it. Mr. Fournier said that he would consider it if it was in good shape. It may be damaged from the attachment of the vinyl. Councilor Trudel asked about the sign holder. Mr. Fournier explained it would be cut from 4 x4 posts, similar to ONE.

Alternate Clark asked if he had considered a traditional Barber pole in the design. Mr. Fournier explained that he has one inside the shop but they are very expensive and did not intend to put one outside. Ms. Clark asked about possibly less burning of the wood so it is lighter than the ample he brought. Mr. Fournier explained that on bigger pieces, you can see more of the grain and it is less uniform so it appears lighter. Member Morrill shared that he has seen this effect in other places and that the sunlight bleaches it so it lightens over time. He thought it was a very good design and offered his support of the application. Member Lucas agreed that he would

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prefer to see variations in the color. He also expressed concerns about the color on the sign fading if it was a decal and would the applicant consider painting it. Mr. Fournier confirmed that it could be and he would look into it.

Councilor Trudel clarified where the wood would be and asked about the metal framing, whether it would be strong enough to hold up or would it need to come down. He explained that should be part of the proposal. Mr. Fournier said he had planned to paint it but would need to speak to the property owner about it.

Member Morrill made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilor Trudel. Councilor Trudel then made an amendment to the motion to include the following conditions:

1. All of the existing white vinyl siding is replaced with the shiplap presented.
2. The mounting bracket/sign holder be 4x4 posts, wood-burned to match the shiplap.
3. Round metal sign is powder-coated white with maroon lettering.
4. Existing sign is removed.
5. Metal header above the current siding is painted black.

The amendment was seconded by Member Stangroom. **Motion on the amendment carried 5-0-0. Amended motion on the application carried 5-0-0.**

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Member Stangroom, seconded by Member Lucas. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bibbins
Administrative Assistant for Planning & Zoning.