



**TOWN OF VESTAL
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
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Attorney: Matthew Butler

Sign Review Board Decision.

Hearing Date: February 10, 2022

Hearing Time: 6:00 PM (re-scheduled)

Business / Applicant Name: Harry Harrington, Allbrite Sign Services / Dollar General

Person(s) appearing on behalf of applicant: Marc Harrington, Allbrite Sign Services

Business Address: 2304 Owego Road, Vestal, NY 13850

BCTM#: 172.71-2-4

Town Code Section Appealed: Chapter 5, Article V, Division 3, Section 5-124 (f)

Narrative of the Code: Pertaining to requesting a ground sign on a vacant parcel.

Current Permitted Sign Sq. Footage: 0 sq. ft.

Current on-site Sq. Footage: 0 sq. ft.

Requested Sq. Footage Increase: 50 sq. ft.

Total Sq. Footage Requested: 50 sq. ft.

Requested Interpretation/Determination: Request to install a ground sign, similar to the one out front on Vestal Parkway West, on a vacant lot that the Dollar General owns and front Owego Road and a second entrance to the property.

Points of discussion by Board Members:

The sign Review Board must take into account the following:

- Are there other means to achieve the goal or benefit requested?
- Is this difficulty self created?
- Will the visual impact have an adverse effect on the environment?
- Is this a minimal or substantial request?
- Will the variance produce an undesirable change for the neighbors?

Discussion:

The applicant is requesting to install an approximately 50 sq. ft. lighted sign 16 foot in height, similar to the one that is in front of the Dollar General store that front the Vestal Parkway. This lot is currently vacant and owned by the Dollar General and is used as a second entrance to the store from Owego Road. Currently many people driving on Owego road end up passing the entrance as there are no signs directing people to the store and many cars are turning around in peoples driveways once they pass the entrance. They feel this is a safety hazard for the public. The request for the sign was made to replicate the one out front as that had already been approved in the past. The Board members questioned whether the sign was 20' vs. 16' in height based on the submitted drawings with 20' crossed out and replaced by 16' written in. The question was also raised about the possibility of changing the sign to a monument style sign and making it smaller as this is in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Harrington stated that if this is what the Board was more comfortable with he would take that back to the company. When questioned what the standard stock size signs were for this applicant, he asked to make a call to his company. After the call, Mr. Harrington informed the Board that the standard stock sizes were 5' x 10' and 4' x 8'.

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Decision:

Motion by: Jerry Schultz

2nd by: Tom Jackson

Motion: To approve a ground/monument sign of 4' x 8' at BCTMP # 172.71-2-4 a.k.a. 2304 Owego Road, Vestal, NY 13850 with the following conditions;

Conditions to Motion:

- #1 That the sign be fitted with a timer to turn the sign off at night once the store closes.
- #2 Should the property be sold, the sign is to be removed from the property.

Vote:	Aye	Nay		
CE:	<u> X </u>	___		
MT:	<u> X </u>	___		
JS:	<u> X </u>	___		
TJ:	<u> X </u>	___		
EB:	<u> X </u>	___		
JT:	___	___	Passed: <u> X </u>	Failed: <u> </u>

Dated: February 13, 2022

The Code Enforcement Officer is herewith authorized to take the necessary action to carry out the provisions of this Decision.

Dated: February 13, 2022

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OF THE TOWN OF VESTAL

BY: 
Mark Tomko, Acting Chairman