

**FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 at 6:15 P.M.**  
**Bessie Rowell Community Center - 12 Rowell Drive**

- ❑ **Call to Order – 6:17 p.m.**
- ❑ **Salute to the Flag – led by Member Stangroom**
- ❑ **Attendance** – Chairman Glen Feener, Councilor Paul Trudel, Tim Stangroom, Colby Morrill, Alternate Joya Pinkham-Clark (seated for Bob Lucas), Alternate Leigh Webb (not seated), Planning Director Seth Creighton, Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Judy Bibbins.
- ❑ **Approval of Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Public Meeting of the Board.**  
Member Stangroom made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Trudel.  
**Motion carried 5-0-0.**
- ❑ **New Business:**

**H 23-06:** Maaz’s Chicken, tenant, is a new eatery that will be opening at the former “*Its the Pizzaman.*” They are looking for approval of a new façade sign and signage on the existing awning. The property is located at 169 Central Street, Map/lot number 117-267-00.

Akbar Hussain, applicant, presented the application. He explained the changes being made and that he will not be adding anything new, only replacing/covering the existing signage. Various members of the Commission asked clarifying questions about the colors, materials, method of adherence and plan for any necessary repairs once the old signage is removed. Mr. Hussain responded to all the questions.

Chairman Feener opened the meeting to any public comment; there was none. Public comment was closed and brought back to the Commission. Director Creighton explained the conditions of his suggested approval as outlined in the Staff Notes provided to the Commission. The members expressed concerns that the existing lettering on the awning might be visible through the new lettering when internally lit. Director Creighton suggested they add a condition that existing lettering be completely covered even when lighted from within.

Councilor Trudel made a motion:

*“I move that the Franklin Heritage Commission approve the proposed wall sign and awning at 169 Central St, Map-Lot 117-267, as presented and/or amended with the following conditions:*

- 1) The sign is to be constructed as proposed.*
- 2) The face of the wall shall, prior to October 15, 2023, be:*
  - a) patched to fill any holes left from removal of fasteners associated with the existing sign.*
  - b) repainted to cover any discoloration that may be visible once the existing sign is removed.*
- 3) A small vinyl logo/sticker of “Maaz’s Chicken” is to be added to the main entrance door.*
- 4) The address number “169” is to be mounted, in 4” black metal numbers, to the front façade near the entrance door.*
- 5) Existing lettering on awning must not be visible after new lettering is applied.”*

Motion was seconded by Member Stangroom. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

APPROVED 9/18/2023

**H 23-07:** V.I.B.E, tenant, is a new esthetician that will be occupying the vacant commercial space at 42 Franklin Street. They are looking for approval for window signage. Map/Lot #117-176-00.

Andie Dill, applicant, presented the application and explained the services offered at the request of Councilor Trudel. A few members expressed concerns that the vinyl decals may start to peel in the weather but were assured by others familiar with the product confirmed that they don't peel off even in the harshest conditions. Member Stangroom asked if there were plans for a blade sign; there are not. There was also some confusion about the numbering of the unit so Director Creighton offered to speak to the Franklin Fire Department for clarification on 911 numbering and suggested that proposed condition be removed until clarified by the Fire Department.

Chairman Feener opened the meeting to any public comment; there was none. Public comment was closed and brought back to the Commission.

Councilor Trudel made a motion:

"I move that the Franklin Heritage Commission approve the proposed window signage at 42 Franklin St, Map-Lot 117-176, as presented."

Motion was seconded by Member Morrill. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

□ **Other Business:**

• **Discussion regarding elected positions**

There was a discussion about the appropriateness of Councilor Trudel being the Vice Chair versus that position being held by a regular member of the Commission. Councilor Trudel asked to stay in the position until the end of his term (January 2024) as he will not be seeking re-election to the City Council and will no longer be the Council Representative to the Commission. There were no objections.

There was a discussion about the proposed Cumberland Farms and expiration of approvals. Director Creighton will review the dates and status of the project.

- **Adjournment:** Member Stangroom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Trudel. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bibbins  
Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant