

Town of Franklin



Design Review Commission

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Chair Mark Fitzgerald called the above-captioned meeting to order this date at 7:00 PM, at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Room 205, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members in attendance: Chris Baryluk, Ralph Niemi. Members absent: James Bartro, Sam Williams.

1. **America's Best Defense – 25 Grove Street** – Two single-sided 30" x 64" brushed aluminum sign panels installed back-to-back on black aluminum posts.

Trevi Berretta, representing the applicant, addressed the Commission. Chair Fitzgerald confirmed the posts are pre-existing from the previous owner, Gentle Giant. Ms. Berretta stated the new sign fits within the existing pylon. She confirmed they will use aluminum panels, there is no lighting, and it is double-sided. Chair Fitzgerald discussed the line of sight. Ms. Berretta noted a correction on the application. The applicant was listed as "United" Ventures; however, it is "Unified" Ventures, LLC.

Motion: To **Approve** the sign package as submitted. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0.

2. **RKM Flooring Solutions – 511 East Central Street** – Replace sign faces and letter doors.

Cam Afonso of Signs by Cam reviewed the proposed signage. He stated it is a new business using the old pylon which is lit. The sign has an opaque face with blue letters; it is very standard. They will also replace the band on the non-lit awning. He stated it is mostly a storage facility; however, there is a showroom by appointment only.

Motion: To **Approve** the sign package as submitted. Motioned by R. Niemi. Seconded by C. Baryluk. Voted 3-0-0.

Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2020

Motion: To **Approve** the January 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motioned by R. Niemi. Seconded by M. Fitzgerald. Voted 2-0-1. (Mr. Baryluk abstained.)

General Matters: Chair Fitzgerald discussed a new action item. He said he is going to send an email to Building Commissioner Gus Brown concerning the AT&T sign at the Stop & Shop plaza clock tower pylon. He believes they were before the Commission about two years ago. The sign is now bright white with blue letters; that is not something the Commission would have approved.

Motion to Adjourn by M. Fitzgerald. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi (ms)

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Recording Secretary