

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**TOWN OF CLINTON  
WILLIAM STANTON ANDREWS MEMORIAL TOWN HALL  
54 EAST MAIN STREET  
CLINTON, CONNECTICUT 06413  
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
August 10, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – Via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Sandy Allen, DRB Chair, John Allen, DRB Member; Alan Kravitz, DRB Member; Paula Tunney, DRB Member; Dara Onofrio, DRB Member; Gloria McQueeney, Clerk

**Members Absent:** Chris Burke, DRB Member; Adrienne Loth, DRB Alternate Member

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sandy Allen, Chair at 6:01 pm.

**Visitors:** Applicant, Volta Charging LLC; Kristen Motel, Maximilliam Mahalek, Esq., Guilherme Prado; Cuddy & Feder, Attorneys for Volta; Paul Ayotte, J. Mack Realty; John Allen, Town of Clinton

Allen Kravitz, raised a **motion to flip Item #2, DRB 22-11, Town Business Sign with Item #3.DRB 22-12, 215 East Main Street, Volta Charging.** Dara Onofrio **seconded** and without further discussion, the motion **passed**.

In favor: S. Allen, J. Allen, A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0-0

**Applications:**

**DRB 22-10:** 145R East Main Street, J. Mack Realty; Applicant/Agent: H. Paul Ayotte; Project: New signage for existing sign.

Location of the business is way back off Route 1. The new sign would replace the current signs at the business location and on Route 1.

J. Allen, **motioned to approve DRB 22-10 145R East Main Street to replace existing sign.** Dara Onofrio **seconded** and without further discussion, the motion was approved.

In favor: S. Allen, J. Allen, A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0-0

**DRB 22-12:** 215 East Main Street, Stop and Shop, Volta Charging LLC; Applicant/Agent: Volta Charging LLC/Cuddy & Feder LLP, Attorneys for the Applicant; Project: Informal presentation regarding proposed zoning amendment to support electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The applicant provided a presentation to the Board covering EV Charging Stations to be installed at the Stop & Shop parking area. These Volta chargers will charge all electric vehicles and offer free charging to customers of the retail stores. The chargers will have a flashing image that will change every 8 seconds. This will offer an opportunity for retail stores in the plaza to advertise on the EV stations and would only operate during store hours. The Board stated some concern about the type of advertising that would be promoted. After a brief discussion, the Board thanked the applicant for their time and presentation. Volta will return for an update as the project continues.

**DRB 22-11:** 2 East Main Street and the corner of route 1 and Grove Street, Town business sign; Applicant/Agent: Town of Clinton/John Allen; Project: Exact size replacement of 2 town signs with list of businesses and attractions (aluminum and PVC) 12' x 4'

John Allen, applicant, has recused himself from voting on this application.

The applicant explained the need to update the current signs to be more uniform and modern.

A **motion** was made by A. Kravitz to approve aesthetics, size, materials, and placement as presented in **DRB 22-11: 2 East Main Street and the corner of route 1 and Grove Street, Town business sign.**

P. Tunney **seconded**. After no further discussion the **motion passed**.

In favor: A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio  
Opposed: S. Allen  
Abstentions: J. Allen  
Motion Carried: 3-0-0

Discussion followed regarding overall concern with using taxpayer funds to promote private business. While the application was approved, a **motion** was made by D. Onofrio **to strongly register the Board's disapproval of the precedent for future Town funded signage**, A. Kravitz **seconded**, and the **motion** was **approved** unanimously.

In favor: A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio, S. Allen  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: J. Allen  
Motion Carried: 4-0-0

**Old Business:**

- S. Allen stated that she spoke with Kathy King, ZEO, regarding the Growing Together sign that is being placed in front of the American Legion Auxiliary regarding distance from Route 1.
- S. Allen and K. King discussed updating the signage pamphlet that was written several years ago.
- S. Allen also followed up to Board that members notify both Gloria McQueeney, Clerk, and Sandy Allen, Chair, regarding attendance at meetings.

**New Business:** None

**Compliance Concerns:** None

**Minutes:**

- Approval of minutes from the July 13, 2022, regular meeting.

P. Tunney **moved** to approve the **July 13, 2022, meeting minutes**. A. Kravitz **seconded**. There was no further discussion and the minutes were **approved**.

In favor:	S. Allen, J. Allen, A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None
Motion Carried:	5-0-0

**Adjourn**

- A. Kravitz **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. P. Tunney **seconded** and the motion passed.

In favor:	S. Allen, J. Allen, A. Kravitz, P. Tunney, D. Onofrio
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None
Motion Carried:	5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

*Gloria McQueeney*  
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Clerk, Design Review Board