

**TOWN OF HINESBURG  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD  
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS & ORDER**

**NOTICE OF DECISION  
Chittenden South Supervisory Union  
Tax Map # 16-20-46**

This matter came before the Hinesburg Development Review Board (DRB) on the application of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, hereafter referred to as the Applicant, for approval of an events sign (Public Bulletin Board) and accompanying school sign for the School site. The DRB reviewed the site plan application on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 and on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Bob Mason, Sally Mead, Jeff Tobrock, and Deb Rehbein were present at the first meeting and Sally Mead and Jeff Tobrock, represented the Applicant at the final meeting.

Based on the above-mentioned public hearing and the documents contained in the "document" file for this proposal and the minutes for the meetings the DRB enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Applicant is requesting approval install a combination sign consisting of an LED lit events board on the bottom portion and an internally lit school sign above it in the location identified on the previously approved site plan.
2. The sign plan application consisted of various designs for the message board and school sign, and a cover letter, all available in the document folder for this application.
3. The lists of members of the DRB that were present on the various meeting dates are available in the minutes for on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 and on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005
4. This project is considered a public bulletin board under 5.4.1 (2) d. and therefore needs DRB approval as well as approval under Section 5.4.5 (1) of the Zoning Regulations as an internally lit sign. That section states, "Internally illuminated signs with dark lettering on light background are not preferred." The applicant explained that the bulbs inside the school sign could be managed to reduce glare and they are willing to work with the Town to accomplish this.
5. At this time, the applicant plans to have the sign on from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and only when there are events to announce.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The public bulletin board conforms to the requirements of section 5.4.1(1) d. The internal lighting will conform to the requirements of Section 5.4.5 with appropriate conditions.

**ORDER**

Based on the Findings of Fact set forth above, the Hinesburg DRB gives public bulletin board approval to the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, subject to the conditions listed below.

1. The events sign will be a dimmable Daktronics Outdoor Galaxy Display sign with red lettering and shall be constructed according to the sketch design titled New Name and Event sign, CVUHS and dated 2/15/05.
2. There will not be any moving, flashing or streaming lights or animation displayed on the event board. The events board shall used only to display event messages in a timely manner and shall not be used for messages that remain in place over extended vacation periods.

3. The School Sign shall be constructed according to the sketch design titled New name and Event Sign and dated 2/15/05 and specifically the name sign shall be 12'' X 6'10''.
4. The internal illumination of the school sign shall be no brighter than is necessary to adequately read the message from the road.
5. The lighting for both the school sign and the events board shall be timer controlled to come on at 7 AM dusk and to shut off at 10 PM.
6. The sign and message board shall be maintained in a neat and attractive manner.
7. This project shall be completed, operated, and maintained as set forth in the plans and exhibits as approved by the DRB and on file in the Town Office, and in accordance with the conditions of this approval.
8. If the lighting of these signs becomes an issue the applicant shall return to the Development Review Board with a plan to resolve the issues.

George Munson  
Development Review Board

5/10/05  
Date

Board Members participating in this decision: Howdy Russell, George Munson, Tom McGlenn, Robert Gauthier, Lisa, Godfrey, Clint Emmons and Jessica Barber.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

30-day Appeal Period:

An "interested person", who has participated in this proceeding, may appeal this decision to the Vermont Environmental Court within 30 days of the date this decision was signed. Participation shall consist of offering, through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern related to the subject of the proceeding. See V.S.A. Title 24, Chapter 117, Section 4465b for clarification on who qualifies as an "interested person".

Notice of the appeal, along with applicable fees, should be sent by certified mail to the Vermont Environmental Court. A copy of the notice of appeal should also be mailed the Hinesburg Planning & Zoning Department at PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Please contact the VT Environmental Court for more information on filing requirements, fees, and current mailing address.