

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT**

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A **public hearing** of the *Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission* held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Richard H. Smith Town Hall was called to order by Chairman Bruce Edgerton at 7:10 p.m. Members present: David Basilone, Anthony Bolduc, Bruce Edgerton, Janet Edgerton, Jane Samuels, Ben Whelan, and Alternate Jonathan Kastner. Absent: Sara Denegre and Alternate Christopher Desrosiers. Also present: Nancy Howard (recording secretary), and audience members. Chairman Edgerton seated Alternate Jonathan Kastner for an absent member.

PURPOSE: To accept evidence for or against, written or oral, approval of Application #111, Application for Special Permit by Robert P. Sassi for the purpose of a restaurant at 181 Main Street (Map 57, Lot 115).

Correspondence: Janet Edgerton noted receipt of the following correspondence: (a) Memo dated 10/31/18 from ZEO Cathie Jefferson regarding review of Application #111; (b) Approval dated 11/13/2018 from the Fire Marshal.

Presentation by Applicant: Robert Sassi.

The application is for a restaurant, Uncle Joe's Pub Bar & Grille, on the second floor of the building. The application is the same as the one submitted and approved in 2010. The property is now classified as the Village District. The applicant needs to go before the Design Advisory Board for the sign.

Questions from Public:

Philip Schaller, owner of 83 Main Street, asked how the parking situation is resolved. The Chairman noted that the parking would be used at Walgreens and Adams. Ms. Schaller expressed concern regarding safety of individuals crossing the road. Ms. Sassi noted that a handicap parking space will be designated.

An audience member raised the question of handicap access to the second floor. Mr. Sassi and Commission members noted a ruling was made by the state that handicap access to the second floor restaurant is not required.

A motion was made by Janet Edgerton and seconded by Jonathan Kastner to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary