TOWN OF DEERFIELD

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

March 17, 2005

MINUTES

 Hearing convened at 7:00 p.m., Main Meeting Room, Municipal Offices, So. Deerfield. <u>Present</u>: S. Barrett, G. Friary, L. Grybko, Sr., F. Olszewski (Chair), R. Sadoski. <u>Absent</u>: R. Bohonowicz, R. Calisewski.

Chair Olszewski opened the hearing on the application of EBONAS, INC. for a special permit, variance or whatever relief is required to install a new GEORGIOS RESTAURANT sign 24" wide and 72" high to replace existing sign at 4B Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield, MA.

Petitioner George Mavroudis presented the information. The size of the existing sign versus the new sign was discussed. Mr. Mavroudis stated that the new sign will not be over the sidewalk as is the existing sign. It was asked if the current sign is lit. Mr. Mavroudis responded yes, it is lit as will be the new sign. The new sign will be double-sided so it will be visible from both the gas station side and the Cumberland Farms side of Georgio's Restaurant.

Grace Friary asked if the existing sign has an endorsement company on it. It was stated that the existing sign does not. The new sign will have a Pepsi endorsement on it. The new sign will be smaller and located on the corner of the building by Cumberland Farms. It was stated that the old sign will be removed.

Grace asked if the sign will be turned off at night. Mr. Mavroudis said that the sign will be illuminated only during regular business hours and will be turned off daily at the close of business.

It was then asked if it was internally lit or having lights shining down on it. It was stated that the sign will be internally illuminated.

Chair Olszewski read the March 10, 2005 memo from Brien Laporte, Deerfield Building Commissioner in support of the new sign.

A motion was made to accept this memo into the minutes (see attached). The vote was seconded.

The square feet of the sign was then discussed.

The hearing was closed to public comment.

Grace Friary made a motion to grant the applicant a special permit with the following conditions:

- 1) The existing sign must be removed before the new sign is installed,
- 2) The internal illuminating lights must be turned off daily at the close of business

The vote to grant the special permit with these two conditions was unanimous (5-0).

II. Other Business:

Leonard Grybko made a motion that the Zoning Board of Appeals request records of the judge's decision regarding two previous ZBA cases: (1) the Gochinski case and (2) the Magic Wings case. A letter will be sent from the ZBA to the Board of Selectmen making such a request.

Grace seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor (5-0).

Mr. Grybko also wanted it known that he was not informed about the March 4, 2005 Executive session. He voiced his concerns regarding this issue.

Grace made a motion to close the meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor (5-0).

Hearing adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kroll
Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals