

**Brandon Select Board Public Hearing  
Proposed Amendments to the Brandon Land Use Ordinance (BLUO)  
April 10, 2017**

**Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins and Douglas Bailey

**Others in Attendance:** David Atherton, Ricard Baker, Lee Kahrs, Anna Scheck, Linda Stewart, Arlen Bloodworth, Dick Kirby, David Cacciar, Steve Bisette and Bernie Carr.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Seth Hopkins – Chair at 6:30 PM.

Seth Hopkins advised that this hearing is being held by the Brandon Select Board to take public comments on the proposed amended Brandon Land Use Ordinance dated January 6, 2017. The changes, pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Chapter 117, Section 4441 included:

Section 407	Sign Regulations
Section 407(c)	Permit Required
Section 407(e)	Approvals from Administrative Officer
Section 407(g)	Standards for Development Review Board Review
Section 407(h)(11)	General Sign Standards and Restrictions (gas station canopies)
Section 407 (i)(4)	Cluster Signs
Section 407 (i)(8)	Sandwich board or portable signs (eliminated)
Section 407(j)(8)	Sandwich board or portable signs (moved here from (i)(8))
Section 1009	Powers of the Development Review Board (a)(4) and (5)
Section 1016	Setback Waivers

**Open Hearing to the Floor**

Bill Moore stated that there should be a less restrictive sign ordinance and not restrict the type of sign but only size. He said that currently each time an owner of a business wants to replace a sign they would need to get a permit even though the business was the same. He also stated that it was difficult to understand and new business owners have a great deal of difficulty in determining the amount of signage and the type of signage they could have.

Anna Scheck stated that she agreed with the less restrictive signs and would like to simplify Section 407 of the Ordinance. She did state that we do need to have information on the permitting and changes to business signage on file so that we will be able to know which businesses are in building and to include any new signs in the total amount of the calculated allowable signage.

Linda Stewart added that she had no additional comment other than what she had offered at the hearing of March 27, 2017.

Seth Hopkins asked if the Zoning Administrator had any further comment.

Anna Scheck stated that this was the second of the two Select Board hearings and if there were no changes the Select Board could adopt the amended Ordinance at the next meeting. The January 6, 2017 Brandon Land Use Ordinance would be effective 21 days from the date of adoption.

**Close Hearing**

The hearing was closed at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Scheck  
Recording Secretary