

Chicopee Planning Board Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for **Thursday, February 3, 2022** at **7 PM** Chambers Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 and via video conference (Zoom).

Meeting was brought to order at 7:03 PM.

Planning Board Attendance

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X		
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X		
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X		
Cynthia Labrie	X		
Tom Reniewicz			X
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X		
Samuel Shumsky	X		

Planning Department Staff Attendance

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Director	Lee Pouliot	X		
Development Manager	James Dawson			X
Associate Planner	Nathan Moreau			X

ITEM 1: Liquor License for a New Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License. Location: The Elixir, 27 Grove St., Chicopee. Applicant: The Elixir, LLC. D/B/A The Elixir, c/o Lisa Jablonski, 11 Balfour Dr., Springfield, MA 01118

Notes: The Applicant and her Attorney presented the request for the liquor license to the Board. They explained the property had a liquor license in the past, has 880 SF of interior space with an occupancy load of 97 people. The property also has some on-site parking. The Applicant obtained a Special Permit in January 2022. Hours of operation are expected to be noon to 2 PM and food would consist of snack type foods. Staff reviewed the location and there does not appear to be any sensitive uses i.e. schools, playgrounds or churches in the immediate area.

Motion to recommend approval was made by Melissa St. Germain and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 6-0 to recommend approval to the License Commission.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 2: Zone Change request from Residential A to Business A for 42,967 SF of property located at 0 and 523 James St., Chicopee (Assessor Map 690, Parcels 44D and 48). Applicant: Sherri Fanti, 189 Atwater Rd., Springfield, MA 01107

Notes: The Applicant requested to withdraw the Zone Change request.

Motion to accept the withdrawal was made by Melissa St. Germain and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 6-0 to accept the withdrawal.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 3: ANR – Granby Rd. – Thomas Alexopoulos

Notes: Staff explained the ANR to the Board noting it was simply a transfer of property from one lot to another. Both lots will remain legal sized lots.

Motion to approve was made by Melissa St. Germain and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 4: Minutes from January 6, 2022

Motion to approve was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 5: New Business/Discussion

Notes: There was no new business or discussion.

ITEM 6: Adjournment next meeting Thursday, March 3, 2022

Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Hoess-Brooks and seconded by Michael Sarnelli. Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.