

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY FEBURARY 15, 2022**

Chairperson Carol Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. *Members Present:* Chairperson Carol Long, Vice-Chairperson Sara Sweeney, Linda Moser, Natalie Mose, and Scott Race.
Staff Present: Reiley Stanley, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Linda Moser, second by Natalie Mose to approve the meeting minutes of the January 18, 2022, minutes.

Docket No. BZA22-02

To hear a Special Exception Request by Richard DiPietro II, appellant, to establish a brewery (Sec.305. G.82), located at 7700 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, and zoned General Commercial (GC).

The Zoning Administrator denied the request under Sections 305 of the Zoning Ordinance, which does not specifically state a permitted use.

Testifying For:

The Appellant, Richard DiPietro II along with the applicant, Jonathan Staples both testified under oath for this hearing. Mr. Staples began the meeting by explaining that he currently has a brewery operation in Northern Virginia called Vanish. He explained that this is a farm brewery that has been voted top in the county for many years. He has aimed this to being a very family friendly atmosphere that has many activities for any group to enjoy.

Mr. Staples stated that he will be hiring from within the Town first before offering any positions to out of Town citizens. He also stated that they spoke to State Highway Administration, and they were fine with what they were planning there and did not need to do a traffic study.

Lastly, Mr. Staples stated that he did some research and did not need to run the sewer line out to the property, he would be able to utilize the septic system that is already in place.

Testifying Against:

No one testified against.

Board Discussion:

The Board had a short discussion and all members agreed that this would be a great opportunity for the Town.

Action on BZA Case No 22-02:

Chairperson Long asked for a motion, Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the special exception. Member Race seconded the motion. Chairperson Long asked for all in favor, the application was approved 5-0.

Adjourn

There being no more business to come before this meeting of the Board of Appeals, Chairperson Long declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF APPEALS
FOR THE TOWN OF BOONSBORO
Linda Moser, Secretary
May 17, 2022