

Office of Outdoor Advertising
Public Meeting

July 8, 2021

11:00 AM

State Transportation Building

10 Park Plaza

2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02116

(via Webinar)

Present:

John Romano, Executive Director

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 JOHN ROMANO: Good morning, everybody.
4 My name is John Romano. I am the Director of Outdoor
5 Advertising for MassDOT. We are here for our June --
6 I mean, excuse me -- July 2021 Office of Outdoor
7 Advertising hearing.

8 This meeting is being held virtually by
9 the June 16th Act extending certain COVID-19 measures
10 adopted during the State of Emergency through April 1,
11 2022.

12 We are running this hearing by Zoom
13 platform.

14 Please note that this meeting is being
15 recorded, and we have our stenographer in attendance
16 who will be providing a transcript of this meeting as
17 always.

18 This meeting is accessible to people
19 with disabilities and individuals with limited
20 proficiency. If you filed a request to be available
21 today and did not receive it, please contact MassDOT's
22 Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at 857-368-8580
23 or massdot.civilrights@dot.state.ma.us.

24 Please note that accessible versions of

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1 the meeting materials have been previously posted to
2 the OOA website and will be referred to in the
3 meeting. And those links are posted in the chat box.
4 Also, the link for the meeting minutes for the June
5 hearing are also posted in the chat box.

6 We are going to try to run this meeting
7 as close to our regular Outdoor Advertising hearing as
8 possible and it will be run in the same manner. I
9 will go through the agenda, the sign-in sheet, which
10 obviously can't be physically signed, but we will have
11 an attendance record by those who signed up for the
12 actual webinar. So that will also be part of -- the
13 sign-in part of the agenda will be the actual sign-up
14 for the Webinar.

15 In a moment on the screen, we will have
16 the agenda. And what we will do is I will go through
17 each item. I will ask the questions of the
18 proponents, just like I do at the hearing at the
19 office at 10 Park Plaza.

20 Just so you know, everybody in the
21 public is currently muted and cameras turned off. If
22 you would like to speak at some point during the
23 meeting when public comment is requested, you can use
24 the raise your hand function, which we will describe

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1 how to do that in a minute. You can also put your
2 questions or comments into the chat box.

3 You will have a chance to make
4 comments, just like you do in our regular public
5 hearing over at 10 Park Plaza. So, we will,
6 obviously, do the same type of thing.

7 Also, please note that you can provide
8 comments in writing to us by email as always.

9 For anyone who may be new, we do not
10 make any decisions at this actual hearing. Every item
11 is taken under advisement and decisions are made
12 usually within a few weeks, sometimes as early as a
13 week, but we will give time for write-in comments to
14 our email address, which is
15 OOAInformation@dot.state.ma.us.

16 You can send your comments in writing
17 there.

18 Also, we will have, as stated
19 previously, we will have public comments at the end of
20 each item as we always do. And then there is always a
21 final chance for overall comments at the end of the
22 agenda.

23 I do want to state that starting with
24 this hearing, we did switch from the GoToWebinar to

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1 the Zoom platform. So, if we have a glitch or two,
2 please bear with us. It may take us an extra minute
3 or two to switch between slides or items as we are
4 getting up to speed with this what we feel is a better
5 platform.

6 So, Gerry, with that, could you put up
7 the slide with the Zoom controls so we can explain
8 those?

9 GERARD KELLEHER: Yeah. You got it?

10 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. So, for the Zoom
11 controls, drop-down menu to check your microphone and
12 speakers.

13 You know, in the bottom lower-left,
14 low-hand part of the screen, is the mute and unmute,
15 the turning your camera on and off.

16 Ask a question is the little chat box
17 icon at the bottom.

18 Raise your hand is, obviously, the
19 little hand icon.

20 And if you cannot access the internet
21 or have technical problems, you can call into the
22 meeting that was on the initial screen with the call-
23 in number and the Web ID.

24 Gerry, we can put that number back up

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1 in a minute if anybody needs that.

2 Gerry, can you go to the next page?

3 GERARD KELLEHER: Yeah.

4 JOHN ROMANO: This is just the
5 questions and comments.

6 Raise your hand will be unmuted for
7 verbal questions when prompted.

8 You can submit your questions and
9 comments using the chat panel.

10 State your name before your question.
11 Please try one question at a time and limit it to two
12 minutes so we can allow others to participate.

13 If you want to ask a question if you're
14 calling in from your cell phone or home phone, you
15 dial *9. Gerry, who is our moderator, will call out
16 either the last three or last four digits of your
17 phone number, and he will unmute your audio when it's
18 your turn so we can identify you.

19 All right. I am hearing, Gerry, that
20 people are not hearing that.

21 GERARD KELLEHER: Okay.

22 JOHN ROMANO: Can you raise the volume?

23 How about now? Can people hear us now?

24 Can you put something in the chat?

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1 GERARD KELLEHER: I asked if anybody
2 could hear us.

3 Ed Palmer says, "Yes, I'm able to hear
4 just fine." So, that's good.

5 JOHN ROMANO: All right. I'm going to
6 keep going then.

7 So, with all that said, Gerry, can you
8 put the agenda up?

9 GERARD KELLEHER: Sure.

10 JOHN ROMANO: Gerry, go over to page
11 two. We already went through that.

12 Okay. So, we talked about the sign-in.

13 Next is the meeting approval, minutes
14 approval from the June 10th public hearing.

15 Does anybody have any questions on the
16 June 10th regular session minutes?

17 LYDIA QUICK: Excuse me, John. I'm
18 seeing a raised hand from one of the call-in
19 attendees. The last three digits are 590. And it's a
20 413 area code. I just see a raised hand.

21 JOHN ROMANO: Oh, they're going to have
22 to wait. We're not taking questions at this time.

23 LYDIA QUICK: Okay.

24 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Anybody -- see if

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1 they have a question -- actually, so, Gerry, can you
2 unmute them? Can you see if they have a question?
3 I'm sorry. If there's any questions on the minutes, I
4 apologize. Gerry, unmute that phone number and let's
5 see if they have a question on the minutes.

6 GERARD KELLEHER: Okay. Go ahead, 590.

7 PETER MCCLARY: Hello. This is Peter
8 McClary. Ed O'Sullivan cannot hear. He just called
9 me to tell me that he cannot hear what John or you are
10 saying, Gerry. And I don't know how --

11 GERARD KELLEHER: He's logged in, but -
12 -

13 PETER MCCLARY: He's what?

14 GERARD KELLEHER: He keeps logging in
15 and out.

16 JOHN ROMANO: He should unlog himself.
17 He's logged in like four different times on the
18 screen, Peter. And I don't know if he's causing
19 himself a problem.

20 PETER MCCLARY: Are you there?

21 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah, we're here.

22 PETER MCCLARY: Oh. I couldn't find a
23 link to register or get onto the Zoom call myself.

24 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah.

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1 PETER MCCLARY: But I could participate
2 by phone. That's fine. But this is me. So, if I
3 raise my hand to assist Ed --

4 JOHN ROMANO: For whatever reason --

5 PETER MCCLARY: I'll just call -- I'll
6 call him and tell him to just log back in and he
7 should be okay.

8 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah, he's logged in on
9 our screen like four different times.

10 PETER MCCLARY: Oh, okay. He just
11 texted me.

12 JOHN ROMANO: He should log himself out
13 and then relog in. I don't know if he's causing
14 himself --

15 PETER MCCLARY: He says the Landmark
16 team is logged in under him, that's why there's so
17 many people.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Oh, I didn't know that.

19 PETER MCCLARY: I mean should I -- can
20 I also log in under his.

21 JOHN ROMANO: You're on the phone. You
22 don't have to keep logging in. Stay in there. You
23 can hear us. We can hear you.

24 PETER MCCLARY: Okay.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: All right?

2 PETER MCCLARY: Yeah.

3 JOHN ROMANO: Okay.

4 GERARD KELLEHER: He could do the same.

5 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah. All right.

6 GERARD KELLEHER: Okay.

7 JOHN ROMANO: Someone said chat is
8 disabled. I don't see that because people are
9 chatting.

10 Gerry, can you make sure the chat is
11 not disabled?

12 LYDIA QUICK: Chat seems to work fine.
13 It was just frozen for a moment for me.

14 JOHN ROMANO: Okay.

15 LYDIA QUICK: But it is appearing now.

16 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. So chat was frozen
17 but it seems to be appearing now. The Q&A button is
18 also working. We're getting questions there.

19 We apologize. We're trying to work
20 through these technical difficulties, but we are
21 getting there.

22 So, does anybody have any questions
23 with the meeting minutes from the last meeting?

24 (No response.)

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1 JOHN ROMANO: So, I'm seeing that the
2 chat is still disabled. But she said, "No worries."
3 But the Q&A works. I don't know why chat would just
4 be stuck. Okay. So, chat is working because I just
5 got a chat from somebody ten seconds ago. So the chat
6 seems to be working.

7 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Hey, John, I logged
8 out and logged back in and that seemed to work.

9 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. We've got you live
10 and in color, Ed.

11 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: I'm here, but,
12 again, maybe somebody can if they want to log out and
13 log back in that might help.

14 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. So, Gerry, my chat
15 appears to not -- oh, wait a minute. Here we go. Now
16 it's good. I see it. So, chat is working now. I see
17 that, too. So, okay. Very good. All right. We seem
18 to have everything going. Sorry about that,
19 everybody. We're working through it.

20 Okay. So, I see no comments or
21 questions on last month's meeting, so I'm going to
22 mark those approved. Today is July 8, 2021. Okay.
23 There we go.

24 All right. So, we are going to move on

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1 to the first item in the agenda, which is an
2 application for new license for W.N. Realty, LLC, 109
3 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, MA.

4 Is there anybody here representing W.N.
5 Realty?

6 STEVE GUARD: Yes, John, it's Attorney
7 Steve Guard, 1165 Washington Street, Hanover, MA. I'm
8 here for W.N. Realty.

9 JOHN ROMANO: Steve, could you just
10 spell your last name, please for the record?

11 STEVE GUARD: Sure. G-u-a-r-d.

12 JOHN ROMANO: Great. Thanks.

13 Okay. Mr. Guard, we reviewed the
14 application. It appears that all the appropriate
15 paperwork is in order. We have the Certificate of
16 Good Standing and Tax Compliance from the Department
17 of Revenue. We have the W-9. I received your fee.
18 Everything seems to be in order.

19 Do you have anything that you would
20 like to add to your application at this time?

21 STEVE GUARD: No. No, thanks.

22 JOHN ROMANO: Great. Does anybody in
23 attendance have any questions on this application for
24 a license for W.N. Realty, LLC?

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1 Gerry, Lydia, can you monitor to see if
2 any phone number hands are raised?

3 GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any.

4 JOHN ROMANO: I don't see anything in
5 the question and answer, Q&A. I don't see anything on
6 chat. All right. Okay. So, no questions or comments
7 on that.

8 Mr. Guard, we will take this
9 application under advisement and we will get back to
10 you.

11 STEVE GUARD: Thank you very much, sir.

12 JOHN ROMANO: You're welcome.

13 Okay. Next on the agenda, we have an
14 application from Upfront Media, LLC, 8 Cranberry Road.
15 This is in Kingston. These are Application Numbers
16 2021D019 and 020.

17 Notification was sent to the town
18 administrator and the town clerk on May 25, 2021, a
19 notice of this hearing. They were also sent a
20 subsequent notice on July 1st with the link for them
21 for the hearing. This was sent by my office.

22 Is the applicant present?

23 ANGELA RUFO: Yes, Angela Rufo from
24 Outfront Media.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Hold on one
2 second. Sorry. I've got to do this like this
3 because, otherwise, I'm going to hit a wrong button on
4 my computer and probably close myself out. Sorry.

5 Is there anyone here representing the
6 municipality?

7 (No response.)

8 GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any.

9 JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing anything.
10 I'll check here. Okay.

11 Are there any abutters present here
12 today for this application?

13 (No response.)

14 JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing anything.
15 Gerry or Lydia?

16 GERARD KELLEHER: We don't have any
17 hands raised. There's a person raising their hand,
18 Susan Sherman.

19 JOHN ROMANO: Okay, Gerry, you want to
20 unmute?

21 All right, Ms. Sherman.

22 SUSAN SHERMAN: Okay. Can you hear me?

23 JOHN ROMANO: Yes, we can. Could you
24 please state your name for the record, please?

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1 SUSAN SHERMAN: Susan Sherman, 215 Main
2 Street, Kingston.

3 Just curious. Is this going to be any
4 -- other than being lit, will it be blinking or --

5 JOHN ROMANO: So, per our regulations,
6 digital billboards are not allowed to be blinking,
7 having video, moving ads contained no less than every
8 ten seconds, and they have to be instant change from
9 one ad to the next. They can't have any moving
10 images, no blinking lights, no video, no animation.

11 SUSAN SHERMAN: Okay. Thank you.

12 JOHN ROMANO: You're welcome.

13 Okay. Is anybody here from the MassDOT
14 District Office?

15 (No response.)

16 GERARD KELLEHER: There's no hands
17 raised.

18 JOHN ROMANO: We did, Angela, just so
19 you know, we did receive an email from the District
20 Office. And we did have an earlier question regarding
21 some additional photos, which you did provide to the
22 District and resolved their question, which we
23 appreciate.

24 They also did just mention if there is

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1 any requirements for tree-trimming or anything of the
2 such that you need to contact them directly, that
3 there is a separate permit for that, which I'm sure
4 you are aware of. That is to be done through them and
5 not through us.

6 ANGELA RUFO: Yes.

7 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great.

8 Is there anybody from MassDOT Traffic,
9 State Traffic Office, in attendance?

10 (No response.)

11 JOHN ROMANO: None.

12 GERARD KELLEHER: No hands raised. No
13 hands.

14 JOHN ROMANO: No hands raised, right.

15 We did receive a memo from the state
16 traffic engineer, James Danila. And they reviewed
17 this application, as they do with all digital
18 applications. And they have provided a memo that says
19 that it is their judgment that a detailed traffic
20 study at this location will not be required. So, we
21 have that memo in the file.

22 Okay. Angela, was certified mail
23 notice to abutters sent out by you at least 30 days
24 prior to submitting your application to my office?

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1 ANGELA RUFO: Yes.

2 JOHN ROMANO: And I have the post
3 office receipts that you submitted them with your
4 application, correct?

5 ANGELA RUFO: Yes.

6 JOHN ROMANO: Also, you did send a copy
7 of the letter. I have that as well.

8 Have you received any written comments
9 in support or opposition for this application?

10 ANGELA RUFO: No, no comments.

11 JOHN ROMANO: Neither have we.

12 And, it is our understanding, based on
13 the sign-off from the town, that per the town
14 administrator, this sign is in conformity with
15 municipal zoning ordinances and or bylaws and did not
16 need a special permit or a variance, is that your
17 understanding?

18 ANGELA RUFO: Yes.

19 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. With that, I am
20 going to have Marc Plante, my inspector, give his
21 report, field report.

22 GERARD KELLEHER: All right. Let me
23 turn that over to Jason.

24 Jason, do you have it?

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1 JASON BEAN: I believe so.

2 GERARD KELLEHER: Okay.

3 JASON BEAN: It's just saying that I'm
4 the host now. So is my screen shared?

5 GERARD KELLEHER: You can share it.
6 Down below there, it says -- the green arrow.

7 JASON BEAN: Gotcha. There we go.

8 JOHN ROMANO: Gerry, you have to unmute
9 Marc I think, right? Or, Marc, did you unmute
10 yourself?

11 MARC PLANTE: Trying to.

12 GERARD KELLEHER: There you are.

13 JOHN ROMANO: We can hear you.

14 MARC PLANTE: Thank you. Okay.

15 This application is for a single
16 monopole in the Town of Kingston facing Route 3, one
17 panel to the north, one panel to the south.

18 There are two businesses within 500
19 feet of the location. There are no parks,
20 playgrounds, or recreational areas within 300 feet.
21 And there's no spacing issues with any other signs.
22 So, the location is conforming to the regulations.

23 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Thank you very
24 much, Marc.

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1 MARC PLANTE: Thank you, John.

2 JOHN ROMANO: Angela, is there anything
3 you'd like to add to your application at this time?

4 ANGELA RUFO: No, I don't have anything
5 to add. Thank you.

6 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Are there any
7 comments, questions, or concerns from anybody in
8 attendance regarding this application in Kingston?

9 (No response.)

10 GERARD KELLEHER: I'm not seeing any
11 hands raised.

12 JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing any hands.
13 I don't see -- let's see the chat. I don't see
14 anything new in the chat. I don't see anything in
15 Q&A. Okay.

16 Angela, with that, we will take this
17 application under advisement and we will get back to
18 you.

19 ANGELA RUFO: Thank you very much.

20 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Next on the
21 agenda, I have applications for Cove Outdoor, LLC.
22 This is Permit Number 2018D006 and D007, 611 Pleasant
23 Street, Weymouth, Massachusetts. These are amendments
24 to these existing applications. The amendment is to

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1 change the height of the existing sign, to also
2 replace the face of the existing sign from the current
3 phase to one with light-blocking technology, and also
4 to submit a drawing that gives the current location of
5 the sign, which was several -- 20 to 30 feet from the
6 original drawing in the original application.

7 Is the proponent here?

8 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Yes, the proponent
9 is here, John.

10 JOHN ROMANO: Can you just state your
11 name for the record, please?

12 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Edward O'Sullivan,
13 Cove Outdoor, LLC. And with me, also, is Peter
14 McClary from Metrovision, who is a consultant to Cove.

15 JOHN ROMANO: Ed, you got me a little
16 nervous. Your name appears like six times on the
17 screen.

18 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: My apologies.
19 There's a crew of supporters who are watching in
20 tonight.

21 JOHN ROMANO: No problem.

22 So, Ed, if we've got this right, so the
23 three things that you will be doing, or you are
24 requesting to do with this, is to lower the height of

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1 the sign, which, technically, you're lowering the
2 height that's out there, but as far as for the permit,
3 you're actually changing the initial height of the
4 initial permit was for 50-something, 50 feet, and this
5 is going to be 67 when it's built, but it's currently
6 at like 87. So, you will be lowering the sign by 20
7 feet from what it exists today.

8 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: That's correct.

9 JOHN ROMANO: All right. So, when this
10 is -- if this should get approved, what we will be
11 expecting is a sign that is, from top to bottom, 20
12 feet lower than it is today.

13 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: That is correct.
14 Yes.

15 JOHN ROMANO: And it will have two new
16 faces that have the light-blocking technology instead
17 of the faces that it has today.

18 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: That is correct.

19 JOHN ROMANO: Those are the physical
20 changes that we will see on the site.

21 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: That is correct.

22 JOHN ROMANO: For paperwork.

23 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: That is correct.

24 JOHN ROMANO: All right. That's how we

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1 understand it. So, we just wanted to make sure that
2 we got that all.

3 And it is also my understanding that
4 you needed a special permit in order to do this from
5 the Town of Weymouth. We received a copy of that
6 special permit several weeks ago. And, yesterday, we
7 received the signed-off copy from the clerk attesting
8 that there were no appeals filed within the
9 appropriate appeal period of the Town of Weymouth. So
10 that has been submitted to us by you as signed off by
11 the Town of Weymouth. Is that your understanding?

12 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Yes, it is.

13 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. With that said,
14 I'm going to have Marc -- excuse me -- Chris Chaves
15 just give a quick report. I know he went out there in
16 the last day or two.

17 Chris, just, basically, has anything
18 changed out there? Is it basically the same as what
19 I've read here is what you understand?

20 CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: Yes, that's what I
21 understood, John, to this amendment to lower the sign
22 to the original height the proponent -- the original
23 proposed height, also adding the light-blocking
24 technology. There is no issues from a field

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1 standpoint on that.

2 The only thing I noticed yesterday
3 going out there was that the sign was powered off on
4 both sides. So, I'm sure that's part of the agreement
5 as well. But that's the only thing that was different
6 from the last time I was there.

7 JOHN ROMANO: And that's correct.
8 That's an agreement between Cove, the Town, the
9 residents, that the sign has been powered off for a
10 while.

11 CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: Awesome.

12 JOHN ROMANO: And just to be clear,
13 this will be, again, 67 feet when it's done per the
14 drawings that were submitted.

15 And I just wanted to mention, you did
16 submit all of the appropriate drawings that go with
17 these changes that you're proposing. We do have those
18 as part of the package.

19 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Yes, you do.

20 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. O'Sullivan, is
21 there anything that you want to add to your
22 application at this time?

23 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: I just want to add
24 a thanks, a note of thanks to the neighbors in that

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1 Century Road area, which is across the Route 3
2 highway, and the mayor, and the mayor's staff for the
3 Town of Weymouth for working with us for over a year-
4 and-a-half to bring this proposal forward today. It's
5 been an arduous process for a lot of reasons. But the
6 neighborhood group, at times, stated their position
7 strongly and we tried to accommodate everything that
8 was asked of us. And we just are very grateful that
9 they were able to work with us as was the officials of
10 the Town.

11 And it's sort of a caveat to the
12 application, it's nothing official, but I just wanted
13 it to be on the record like that.

14 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Also, I did want
15 to note that we did show this to the State Traffic
16 Engineer's Office. Of course, as stated with the
17 previous application, they review all digital
18 applications. And while there was no change in the
19 location for this sign, that they were being lowered,
20 we, as a courtesy, ran it by them, and they had no
21 change. You know, there was no traffic studies at the
22 time this was installed and no change with the
23 amendment that you're seeking at this time. I just
24 wanted to get that on the record as well.

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1 At this time, I will ask for any
2 comments, questions, concerns from anybody in
3 attendance.

4 GERARD KELLEHER: I have one question
5 from Amy Kabilian. So, I'll allow her to talk.

6 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah.

7 GERARD KELLEHER: Go ahead, Amy.

8 AMY KABILIAN: Hi. My name is Amy
9 Kabilian. I live at 7 Kipling Road in Weymouth.
10 I am an abutter of the billboard. I've
11 been working with the Town of Weymouth and Cove since
12 April 2019 to remediate the negative effects this
13 billboard has had on our neighborhood. I've also been
14 assigned as the neighborhood liaison, so I'm speaking
15 for our entire neighborhood.

16 So, I just wanted to take a quick
17 minute to just let you know that we are in support of
18 this and that we hope that it gets passed. We have
19 been working really hard, as Ed said, for a while to
20 get this done. And we are very hopeful that this will
21 be approved so we can move on from this.

22 So, I just wanted to publicly say that
23 we are in support of this application.

24 Thank you.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great, Amy. Thank
2 you for your comments.

3 Is there anybody else who would like to
4 add anything at this time?

5 (No response.)

6 GERARD KELLEHER: I'm not seeing any.

7 JOHN ROMANO: Do you see anything in
8 the chat, Gerry?

9 GERARD KELLEHER: No.

10 JOHN ROMANO: Nothing new on the Q&A.
11 And I don't see any other hands raised. We've got
12 that. All right.

13 With that said, Mr. O'Sullivan, we will
14 take this under advisement and we will get back to
15 you.

16 EDWARD O'SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr.
17 Romano. Thank you, staff.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Thank you.

19 Okay. The next item on the agenda is
20 application for the renewal of outdoor advertising
21 permits, Bristol Place Investments renewing for four
22 permits.

23 Does anybody have any questions or
24 comments on that renewal?

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1 (No response.)

2 JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing anything.

3 I'm not seeing any.

4 The next item, For the Record, Actions
5 Taken Since Last Public Hearing.

6 Does anybody have any comments or
7 questions on that list of items?

8 There was a question in the chat
9 earlier about 820 Morrissey Boulevard, whether any
10 action will be taken at this hearing. The answer is
11 no. That board is still under advisement. So, I hope
12 I answered my question for whoever put it in the chat
13 earlier today.

14 I do not see any other questions or
15 chats at this time, and no raised hands.

16 Do you guys see any raised hands?

17 GERARD KELLEHER: No, I do not.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. So that takes us
19 to public comment.

20 Does anybody have any other public
21 comment related to the agenda or anything else Outdoor
22 Advertising-related?

23 GERARD KELLEHER: I see a hand raised,
24 John Bookston.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: Mr. Bookston, go ahead.

2 Can you unmute him?

3 GERARD KELLEHER: Well, it says he's
4 using an older version, so I have to promote him to a
5 panelist. So, just give me a second.

6 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Sure.

7 GERARD KELLEHER: Is the last three
8 numbers 747, John?

9 JOHN BOOKSTON: No, it's -- that's
10 fine.

11 JOHN ROMANO: We can hear you, John.

12 JOHN BOOKSTON: I believe that all --
13 well, the current acting mayor of Boston and all of
14 the candidates for mayor of Boston have expressed
15 their opinion that no electronic billboards should be
16 allowed outside the three designated areas in Boston.

17 JOHN ROMANO: Okay.

18 JOHN BOOKSTON: Thank you very much.

19 JOHN ROMANO: Just making a note.

20 JOHN BOOKSTON: I would be pleased if
21 you would advise me of any action that's about to be
22 taken on billboards outside those three areas.

23 JOHN ROMANO: We post them on the
24 agenda when they get approved or denied, Mr. Bookston.

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1 That's how we do it.

2 JOHN BOOKSTON: So, you may approve the
3 Morrissey Boulevard one without notifying me? Because
4 I know that city officials and state officials both
5 would like to be heard on the issue.

6 JOHN ROMANO: We already had the
7 hearing. There will be no more testimony or any other
8 comments accepted on that item.

9 JOHN BOOKSTON: Thank you very much.

10 JOHN ROMANO: But we will let people
11 know.

12 Any other comments, questions?

13 (No response.)

14 GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any.

15 JOHN ROMANO: I don't see any. Okay.

16 Thank you all very much. The meeting
17 is adjourned. Enjoy the rest of the -- I don't know
18 if it's that nice or not outside. It's hard to tell
19 here. But enjoy the rest of the day.

20 Thank you all. Have a good one. The
21 meeting is adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
23 concluded on July 8, 2021 at 11:38 a.m.)

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I, Judith Luciano, do hereby certify that the foregoing record is a true and accurate transcription of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to the best of my skill and ability.

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