

Office of Outdoor Advertising  
Public Meeting

November 10, 2022

11:00 AM

State Transportation Building

10 Park Plaza

2<sup>nd</sup> 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, everyone.

4 My name is John Romano. I am the Director of Outdoor  
5 Advertising for MassDOT. We are here for our November  
6 2022 Office of Outdoor Advertising public meeting.

7 This meeting is being held virtually by  
8 the Governor's Act extending certain COVID-19 measures  
9 adopted during the State of Emergency, which now runs  
10 through March of 2023.

11 We are running this hearing by Zoom  
12 platform.

13 Please note that this meeting is being  
14 recorded by our stenographer, who is in attendance.  
15 He will provide a transcript of the meeting that will  
16 be posted on our website as soon as it is available.

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

23 I'm going to have Jerry Kelleher of my  
24 staff go through the Zoom controls for this meeting.

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1                   Please note that accessible versions of  
2 the meeting materials have been previously posted to  
3 the OOA website and will be referred to in the  
4 meeting. And we've posted those links in the Q&A box  
5 as well.

6                   So, Jerry, if you could read the Zoom  
7 controls that would be great.

8                   GERARD KELLEHER: Okay. Can everyone  
9 see that?

10                  JOHN ROMANO: Yes.

11                  GERARD KELLEHER: Okay. Good.

12                  So, just a few things. The microphone  
13 is only on if you turn it on. Check to make sure your  
14 speakers are working.

15                  The panelists are the only ones that  
16 will be on camera for this meeting, and the chat and  
17 interpretation features are not functional.

18                  If you'd like to ask a question, you  
19 raise your hand using the question icon.

20                  If you can't access the internet or if  
21 you have any technical problems as we go along, you  
22 may call into this meeting at the phone number shown,  
23 which is 301-715-8592.

24                  You can put written questions in the

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1 Q&A feature and we'll ask them as we go.

2 If you'd like to ask a question during  
3 the meeting, just raise your hand, and I'll unmute you  
4 at the appropriate time.

5 Please state your name before asking a  
6 question for the public record and only ask one  
7 question at a time. And please keep it relevant to  
8 the topic we're speaking about. There will be a  
9 chance for general comments at the end.

10 If you're listening on the phone and  
11 would like to make a comment, dial \*9, and I'll call  
12 out the last three digits of your phone number and  
13 unmute your audio when it's your turn to speak.  
14 Again, please identify yourself for the record.

15 Those are the basic outlines for our  
16 meeting today. Thank you. Back to Director John  
17 Romano.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Jerry, thank you.

19 We will go through the agenda.

20 Obviously, there is no physical sign-in  
21 sheet, but we do have a list of those who signed up  
22 for the webinar. We will -- Jerry, at this time, if  
23 you could put the agenda up on the screen.

24 Dave, for whatever reason the recording

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1 is off. Oh, I mean you have your own recording.

2 Jerry, could you please put the agenda  
3 up on the screen?

4 GERARD KELLEHER: Sure.

5 JOHN ROMANO: Thank you.

6 We will go through each item. I will  
7 ask questions of the proponent.

8 As Jerry mentioned, everybody in the  
9 public is currently muted and your camera is turned  
10 off.

11 When the appropriate time comes, if you  
12 want to ask a question, you can use the raise your  
13 hand function or the \*9 function if you're on the  
14 phone.

15 Please note that you can provide  
16 comments in writing to us by email, as always.

17 For anybody who is new to the hearing  
18 today, we do not make any decisions at this hearing.  
19 Every item is taken under advisement, and decisions  
20 are made usually within a few weeks, sometimes as  
21 early as a week. We will give time. Written comments  
22 can be sent into our email address, which is  
23 [OOAInformation@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:OOAInformation@dot.state.ma.us). That's where you can  
24 send your written comments.

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1                   Also, we will have public comments at  
2 the end of each item, as we always do, and then, as  
3 Jerry mentioned, a final chance for overall comments  
4 at the end of the agenda.

5                   So, Jerry, with that, we are going to  
6 start the meeting at the agenda.

7                   GERARD KELLEHER: Okay.

8                   JOHN ROMANO: So, the first item will  
9 be the minutes' approval from the October 13<sup>th</sup> public  
10 meeting, regular session minutes. Does anybody have  
11 any comments or corrections to the minutes as posted  
12 for October 13<sup>th</sup>?

13                   (No response.)

14                   JOHN ROMANO: I am not seeing any hands  
15 raised.

16                   Jerry, anybody?

17                   GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any hands  
18 raised.

19                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. With that, we will  
20 mark those approved.

21                   GERARD KELLEHER: I'm just scrolling  
22 through it for you.

23                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Yeah. Today is  
24 the 10<sup>th</sup>, right, 11/10/2022. Okay.

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1                   On to the next item, the first item we  
2 have on the agenda.

3                   All right, Jerry, you can take those  
4 down.

5                   The first item we have is an  
6 application for a new license. This is American  
7 Outdoor Advertising II, LLC. And that is 105 Sunset  
8 Rock Road in Andover, MA. The contact name is Stephen  
9 Ross.

10                  Mr. Ross, I know that you're here in  
11 attendance. Can you just please state your name for  
12 the record?

13                  STEPHEN ROSS: Stephen Ross.

14                  JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. Ross, we have  
15 reviewed your application. We have reviewed the  
16 paperwork that you've submitted. Your appropriate W-9  
17 has been submitted. Your Certificate of Good  
18 Standing, tax certificate, and certificate from the  
19 Commonwealth of MA Department of Revenue and all that  
20 paperwork is in place here. And so everything seems  
21 to be in order.

22                  Do you have anything you'd like to add  
23 to your application at this time?

24                  STEPHEN ROSS: No, sir.

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1                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. And I might add  
2 that the appropriate fee was submitted as well.

3                   Okay. Does anybody have any comments  
4 or questions on this application? For license only  
5 this is.

6                   (No response.)

7                   GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any  
8 hands.

9                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. Ross, we will  
10 take this under advisement, and we will get back to  
11 you.

12                  STEPHEN ROSS: Thank you.

13                  JOHN ROMANO: The next item, Item B, is  
14 an application for transfer of permits. And this is  
15 the transferor is 4 Hartwell Street, LLC, with a  
16 principal business address of 4 Hartwell Street, Fall  
17 River. Contact name, Anthony F. Cordeiro. And it's  
18 being transferred to Boo Corporation, Inc., 171  
19 Pleasant Street, Fall River. And, also, Mr. Cordeiro  
20 is the contact for Boo Corporation. And Boo  
21 Corporation is licensed with the Outdoor Advertising,  
22 my office, in the state of Massachusetts.

23                  The permit numbers, there's two permits  
24 that are being transferred: 2007016 and 2007017, both

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1 at 4 Hartwell Street in Fall River.

2 Mr. Cordeiro, are you here today?

3 ANTHONY CORDEIRO: I am. Anthony F.  
4 Cordeiro.

5 JOHN ROMANO: Thank you very much.

6 One second. Okay. Mr. Cordeiro,  
7 anything you'd like to add to your application today?

8 ANTHONY CORDEIRO: No, sir.

9 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. Marc Plante is  
10 my inspector.

11 Marc, any issues of note with this  
12 transfer?

13 MARC PLANTE: No. It's a current sign,  
14 actively running, and it is a static application.

15 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Thank you, Marc.

16 Any comments or questions on this  
17 transfer-only application?

18 (No response.)

19 GERARD KELLEHER: No hands raised.

20 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great.

21 Mr. Cordeiro, we will take this under  
22 advisement. We will get back to you.

23 ANTHONY CORDEIRO: Thank you, sir.

24 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. I just want to

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1 make sure I have the right package here in front of me  
2 because I keep switching these around. I don't want  
3 to have the wrong one. All right.

4 So, the next item on the agenda is an  
5 application for a new electronic permit. This is 578-  
6 600 Washington Street. It is new Application Number  
7 2022D009. It is a new structure facing south. It is  
8 a digital application.

9 Notification was provided to the  
10 municipality by my office on September 26, 2022, to  
11 the town administrator and the town clerk.

12 Is the applicant present? I don't know  
13 if -- Mr. Carroll, are you here? He must be having  
14 trouble with his microphone because I can see him.

15 John, you're muted. Still muted, John.  
16 We'll give him one more minute. I can see his name up  
17 on the screen, but we're not hearing him.

18 GERARD KELLEHER: Right.

19 JOHN ROMANO: Here he is. Hey, John.

20 JOHN CARROLL: I'm sorry. I'm drawing  
21 a blank here. I'm looking on the screen and it won't  
22 unmute. There was a software update on Zoom, so I'll  
23 try to do it.

24 GERARD KELLEHER: Want me to disconnect

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1 and then you sign back in?

2 JOHN CARROLL: Yeah.

3 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah, let's do that. All  
4 right.

5 John, I'm going to come back to you.  
6 I'm going to go to the next application and come back.

7 All right. So what we're going to do  
8 is, while we're trying to get his thing sorted out,  
9 I'm going to skip to the next application, and then  
10 I'm going to come back to him. All right? So we'll  
11 keep this moving.

12 So, I'm going to skip ahead to Item 2,  
13 which is American Outdoor Advertising Company, LLC.  
14 This is also a new application at 0 South Washington  
15 Street (Map 25, Lot 8-11), Norton, Massachusetts.  
16 This is a two-sided structure, new Application  
17 2022D016 and 2022D017 in Norton, Massachusetts. The  
18 company is American Outdoor Advertising Company, LLC,  
19 not to be confused by the new licensee that applied  
20 earlier.

21 The date notification was provided to  
22 the municipality by my office was October 11, 2022, to  
23 the town manager and the town clerk.

24 Is the applicant present?

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1                   STEPHEN ROSS:  Yes, sir.

2                   JOHN ROMANO:  Steve, can you just state  
3 your name for the record, please?

4                   STEPHEN ROSS:  Stephen Ross.

5                   JOHN ROMANO:  Thank you.

6                   Is anybody here representing the  
7 municipality where the sign is proposed?

8                   (No response.)

9                   JOHN ROMANO:  None.  Okay.

10                  Is there any abutters present today?

11                  (No response.)

12                  JOHN ROMANO:  No.  Okay.

13                  Is there anybody from the MassDOT  
14 District Highway Office present today?

15                  (No response.)

16                  JOHN ROMANO:  Okay.  Nobody is present  
17 from MassDOT District 5.  However, Steve, as we  
18 discussed before, there was an email from Bill Travers  
19 of District 5 that talked about any potential tree-  
20 cutting that may need to be done.  And I sent that  
21 along to you.  So, you'll need to contact the district  
22 office separately if any of that needs to take place  
23 should this permit be granted.  And separate permits  
24 for that is obtained directly from the district.

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1                   STEPHEN ROSS: Yes.

2                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Is anyone present  
3 from MassDOT Traffic Operations?

4                   (No response.)

5                   JOHN ROMANO: There are none. However,  
6 I did receive a memo from the State Traffic Engineer's  
7 Office. And the State Traffic Engineer's Office has  
8 determined that no detailed traffic study will be  
9 required for this location. That memo is in the file  
10 with this application. So, no traffic study required.

11                   Okay. Mr. Ross, some questions for  
12 you.

13                   Was certified mail notice to abutters  
14 sent out by you at least 30 days prior to submitting  
15 your application to my office?

16                   STEPHEN ROSS: Yes, sir.

17                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. And I have copies  
18 of the P.O. receipts. And I also have a copy of the  
19 letter that is part of the package you submitted.  
20 That's the one, right?

21                   (No response.)

22                   JOHN ROMANO: And, let's see. Has the  
23 applicant received any written comments in support or  
24 opposition to your application?

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1 JOHN ROMANO: No, sir.

2 JOHN ROMANO: Neither have we. Okay.

3 Special permit or variance. According  
4 to the application, and as signed off by the town, and  
5 as provided by you, you received a special permit from  
6 the Town of Norton -- excuse me -- yes, Norton. So,  
7 is that your understanding?

8 STEPHEN ROSS: Yes.

9 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. I just want to  
10 state for the record, just to confirm, based on the  
11 documents that you have sent us, your understanding  
12 and our understanding, but just to confirm with you,  
13 Mr. Ross, you have an easement that allows you 24-hour  
14 access to that site at all times, is that correct?

15 STEPHEN ROSS: That is correct.

16 JOHN ROMANO: Thank you. Okay.

17 At this time, I am going to have my  
18 inspector give his report.

19 Mr. Chaves, if you could give your  
20 report on this?

21 CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: Thank you, John.

22 As you mentioned, this is a proposed  
23 two-sided monopole facing Interstate 495 north and  
24 south.

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1                   There are two businesses within 500  
2 feet of that location.

3                   That location is situated far enough  
4 from the nearest off-ramp. There was no measurement  
5 to be taken. You know, well over a thousand feet  
6 away.

7                   The nearest billboard is to the north,  
8 and that's approximately 2,500 feet away.

9                   So there is no issues with this  
10 location from a field standpoint.

11                  JOHN ROMANO: Okay. And, Mr. Chaves,  
12 just to be correct, Chris, the ramp issue, we looked;  
13 it meets the ramp requirement for the federal-state  
14 agreement. As you said, it's more than a thousand  
15 feet away from what we call Point C, which is the  
16 critical point in the federal-state agreement  
17 measurement that we take.

18                  That's correct?

19                  CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: That's correct.  
20 And that's double what it needs to be. It needs to be  
21 500-foot. Like I said, it's well over a thousand  
22 feet.

23                  JOHN ROMANO: Okay.

24                  CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: So, just to

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1 mention it, but there is no issue.

2 JOHN ROMANO: All right. Thank you. I  
3 just wanted to double-check that. That's all. I've  
4 got that here.

5 Mr. Ross, just one thing I just wanted  
6 to note from the special permit from the town, and  
7 this is their item, not mine, but I'm just following  
8 it out. Item 8 in there mentions something about  
9 installing light-blocking louvers on each face.  
10 That's something that you'll have to, you know, meet  
11 per the town's requirement. I'm just pointing that  
12 out that that's their requirement as part of the  
13 special permit.

14 STEPHEN ROSS: Yes, I'm aware. Thank  
15 you.

16 JOHN ROMANO: Yeah. Is there anything  
17 that you'd like to add to your application at this  
18 time?

19 STEPHEN ROSS: No, sir.

20 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great.

21 Any comments or questions from anybody?

22 I see that we have Michael Yunits, the  
23 town manager from Norton.

24 Mr. Yunits, would you like to say

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1 anything or add anything to the application at this  
2 time?

3 Jerry, can you unmute him?

4 I see none in the chat.

5 GERARD KELLEHER: I asked him to  
6 unmute.

7 JOHN ROMANO: Mr. Yunits, you can  
8 unmute if you wanted to say anything.

9 (No response.)

10 JOHN ROMANO: Maybe not. No.

11 GERARD KELLEHER: I sent him a message,  
12 but maybe he stepped away.

13 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Well, he can  
14 always catch up at the end.

15 All right. Mr. Ross, we will take this  
16 under advisement, and we will get back to you.

17 STEPHEN ROSS: Thank you.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. All right. We  
19 will get back to Mr. Carroll. Hopefully, we've got  
20 him.

21 Oh, there you are, John.

22 Hopefully, we've got this back up and  
23 running here. All right.

24 Back to Item 3. Hold on. Item 1,

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1       rather, under Applications for New Permits. This is  
2       Carroll Advertising, LLC, 578-600 Washington Street,  
3       Wrentham, new Application Number 2022D009, new  
4       structure facing south.

5                   Date notification was provided to the  
6       municipality on 9/26/2022 to the town administrator  
7       and the town clerk.

8                   Is the applicant present?

9                   JOHN CARROLL: Yes, sir. John Carroll  
10       from Carroll Advertising.

11                  JOHN ROMANO: Mr. Carroll, nice to hear  
12       from you.

13                  Is there anybody here representing the  
14       municipality where the sign is proposed?

15                  (No response.)

16                  JOHN ROMANO: All right. I'm hearing  
17       or seeing none. Nobody in the chat at this time,  
18       right? Okay.

19                  Are there any abutters present today?

20                  (No response.)

21                  JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing any.

22                  Okay. Is there anyone here from the  
23       MassDOT District Office?

24                  (No response.)

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1 JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing any.

2 We did get an email from Mr. Bill  
3 Travers of District 5. He had no questions or  
4 objections from the District Office.

5 Is there anybody present from MassDOT  
6 Traffic Operations?

7 (No response.)

8 JOHN ROMANO: I am not seeing any.

9 I did receive a memo from the State  
10 Traffic Engineer's Office on this one. And they have  
11 determined that no detailed traffic study at this  
12 location will be required. That memo is in the file  
13 and will stay with the file. So, no detailed traffic  
14 study is needed for this one, Mr. Carroll.

15 JOHN CARROLL: That's good. Thank you.

16 JOHN ROMANO: John, some questions for  
17 you.

18 Was certified mail notice to abutters  
19 sent out by you at least 30 days prior to submitting  
20 your application to my office?

21 JOHN CARROLL: Yes, sir.

22 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. And I have copies  
23 of the post office receipts and the letters, I  
24 believe. They're in my package. I've reviewed them.

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1 And you submitted those.

2 Is that your understanding?

3 JOHN CARROLL: Yes. Yes, sir.

4 JOHN ROMANO: Mr. Carroll, have you  
5 received any written comments in support or opposition  
6 of this application?

7 JOHN CARROLL: No, sir.

8 JOHN ROMANO: We have not received  
9 anything either.

10 Okay. Special permit. According to  
11 the application, as signed off by the town, town  
12 administrator, you received the special permit from  
13 the ZBA approving this one-sided digital application.

14 Is that your understanding?

15 JOHN CARROLL: Yes, sir.

16 JOHN ROMANO: That's what we have.

17 With that, I will have my inspector,  
18 Mr. Plante, give his field report on this application.

19 MARC PLANTE: Thank you, John.

20 This is a proposed single monopole with  
21 digital application --

22 CHRISTOPHER CHAVES: Gerry, why is  
23 everybody muted?

24 GERARD KELLEHER: I wondered about

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1 that.

2 JOHN ROMANO: Hey, Marc, you're on  
3 mute.

4 MARC PLANTE: How is it now?

5 JOHN ROMANO: All right. Start over.  
6 Sorry about that.

7 MARC PLANTE: Where did I leave off?  
8 I'll start again.

9 JOHN ROMANO: Start right from the  
10 beginning.

11 MARC PLANTE: I will. The Town of  
12 Wrentham, 600 Washington Street, proposed single  
13 monopole billboard. It's digital application, one  
14 side. It is facing south Route 1.

15 There are no spacing issues with this  
16 to any other signs.

17 This is of business character, and  
18 there are two businesses within 500 feet of the  
19 proposed sign.

20 There are no parks, playgrounds, or  
21 recreational areas within 300 feet.

22 This site is conforming to the  
23 regulations.

24 Thank you.

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1                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. Carroll, do  
2 you have anything you'd like to add to your  
3 application at this time?

4                   JOHN CARROLL: No, sir.

5                   JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Thank you.

6                   Any comments, questions, or concerns  
7 from anybody on this application?

8                   (No response.)

9                   GERARD KELLEHER: I'm not seeing any.

10                  JOHN ROMANO: I'm not seeing any hands.  
11 Great.

12                  Mr. Carroll, we will take this  
13 application under advisement and we will get back to  
14 you.

15                  JOHN CARROLL: Thanks very much.  
16 Appreciate it.

17                  JOHN ROMANO: Okay. That's all of the  
18 new items for business today. One second and we'll  
19 finish up the rest of the agenda here.

20                  Okay. For the Record - Actions Taken  
21 Since the Last Public Hearing. The only new item  
22 really is from the last hearing. Lamar Central  
23 Outdoor had applied for digital permits in Holyoke.  
24 They have since withdrawn their application for those

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1 two permits. So, those are no longer in  
2 consideration.

3 Other than that, there are no other  
4 changes in the For the Record.

5 Are there any comments or questions in  
6 the For the Record section of the agenda?

7 (No response.)

8 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Seeing none, we  
9 will move on to the last section, overall public  
10 comments. Does anybody have any comments, questions,  
11 concerns, about anything related to the OOA?

12 GERARD KELLEHER: John, may I just say  
13 that Michael Yunits, the town manager, got back and  
14 said the town had nothing to add on that location.

15 JOHN ROMANO: Oh, okay. Great. Thank  
16 you. I will make sure I make note of that on that  
17 application.

18 Thank you, Jerry.

19 GERARD KELLEHER: Sure.

20 JOHN ROMANO: Any other overall  
21 comments, questions, whatever?

22 GERARD KELLEHER: There's one hand  
23 raised, John Bookston.

24 JOHN ROMANO: Okay, Mr. Bookston.

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1                   JOHN BOOKSTON: Thank you very much.

2                   JOHN CARROLL: How are we doing today,  
3 Mr. Bookston?

4                   JOHN BOOKSTON: Okay. But what I worry  
5 about is that these digital billboards are cash cows  
6 and that to not have any kind of input saying, "Well,  
7 you offered a permit to this one, so I'm a thousand  
8 feet away, you won't have any objection to mine." And  
9 somebody on the other side saying the same thing. And  
10 pretty soon our roadways, whether it be Route 1 there  
11 or 495 are going to be very, very seriously impacted  
12 in terms of the beauty that exists with the forests  
13 surrounding the road. And I don't know that it's any  
14 of your concern, but maybe you should be notifying the  
15 state representative and state senator who represent  
16 the area and the federal government in the case  
17 certainly of 495 -- I don't know what their role is on  
18 Route 1 -- because they built these roads for travel,  
19 not for advertising. And maybe it has to be some  
20 private citizen like me who goes out and says to them  
21 that they should take a look at what these digital  
22 boards look like and either contact you and say they  
23 have objections to them or propose regulations  
24 objecting to them because this will get out of hand.

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1                   And I thank you for making your  
2 meetings as public as they are. But when you only  
3 notify the city manager, who probably already had an  
4 application and might not be the objecting party, and  
5 abutters who can be either brought into the deal with  
6 this one saying, "Well, if they approve mine, you're  
7 welcome on top of your building to put one up as  
8 well," I worry about what will become of our beautiful  
9 travel throughout the state.

10                   Thanks very much for listening.

11                   JOHN ROMANO: John, thanks for your  
12 comments. But just so you know, we notify the city or  
13 the town through the chief municipal officer, right?  
14 So, the city or town then posts it on their website.  
15 We have it posted on our MassDOT website, right? We  
16 also send it to the Secretary of State's Office. We  
17 also then, you know, we have our own mailing list or  
18 email list that we send it out to. And prior to it  
19 even coming to us, the municipality has their own  
20 hearings, which the local elected officials I'm sure  
21 are all notified.

22                   So, it's not, you know, I don't want to  
23 sell ourselves short, us being the Office of Outdoor  
24 Advertising, that like kind of only the town manager

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1 and only the abutters are notified.

2 JOHN BOOKSTON: Thank you.

3 JOHN ROMANO: I think the notification  
4 goes a lot farther than that.

5 And as far as like the federal  
6 government or whatever, so Massachusetts regulations  
7 as the applicants on this hearing can attest and  
8 others, the Federal Highway does have regulations;  
9 ours are much more stricter than theirs. Their  
10 regulations for all boards along the highway are only  
11 500 feet. Our digital regulations are a thousand  
12 feet. So, ours are twice as strict as theirs are.

13 So, you know, I can't speak for every  
14 state in the union, but I can tell you that  
15 Massachusetts are at least as strict and, in most  
16 cases, more strict than the federal regulations.

17 JOHN BOOKSTON: Well, that's very nice.  
18 It would be nice if you posted that on the general  
19 comments at the beginning so that someone would know  
20 who actually was notified of these hearings because I  
21 can easily see them being snuck through if there are  
22 not enough people notified.

23 Thank you very much, John.

24 JOHN ROMANO: Have a good day.

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1 Any other comments or questions?

2 (No response.)

3 GERARD KELLEHER: No other questions.

4 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, I hope  
5 everybody has a nice Thanksgiving in a couple of  
6 weeks, and we'll see you all in December.

7 Thank you, all.

8 (Whereupon, the proceedings were  
9 concluded on November 10, 2022, at 11:34 a.m.)

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