



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
ONE AVENUE A
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376

NOTICE OF DECISION & VOTE

Applicant & Owner:

Southworth Company (by Sign Pro Inc.)
265 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Case No. 16-18

Date December 29, 2016

Premises Affected:

36 Canal Rd.
Turners Falls, MA 01376
Assessors' Map 03 Lot 002
F Co. Registry of Deeds: Bk 5051 Pg 264

Special Permit	(X)
Variance Application (40A)	(X)
Section 6 Ch. 40A - Finding	()
Site Plan Review	()

After a public hearing held on:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The Board of Appeals finds:

- Southworth Company has adopted a new company name and retained its current product line and signs.
- The same or similar conditions apply as in Special Permit #12-03.
- There is a need to identify the company's proper name and location.

The Board of Appeals concludes:

- The requested sign area is required to remain proportional to the mass of the building.
- The additional east and west signs are deemed to be in a "back to back" orientation.
- As with the decision in case #12-03 The Southworth Co. lot is severely constrained by its narrowness, proximity to canal, river, bridges and road resulting in unique traffic constraints. Easy identification of its location is an important consideration in providing for the safety and convenience of Southworth (Turners Falls Paper) bound trucks and the traffic in the vicinity. The proposed signage promotes public safety and convenience. It is in the public interest to grant this variance and Special Permit.
- "Turners Falls Paper" and "Paperlogic" are not sufficiently distinct businesses as to allow additional signs by right. A variance is required and granted.

THE BOARD OF APPEALS VOTED:

To grant a Special Permit and variance to allow the placement of the additional building signs on the east and west side of the building so as to be visible from approaching directions. The additional signs are to be of the same general size (48 sq. ft.) and character as exists now.

The vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals was as follows:

Special Permit (Sign area)

1.	Ernest L. Brown, Chairman	YES	2.	John Burek, Vice-Chairman	YES
3.	Robert Sojka	YES	4.	Richard Ruth	YES
5.	Allen Ripingill	YES			

Variance (Number of Signs)

1. <u>Ernest L. Brown, Chairman</u>	<u>YES</u>	2. <u>John Burek, Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>YES</u>
3. <u>Robert Sojka</u>	<u>YES</u>	4. <u>Richard Ruth</u>	<u>YES</u>
5. <u>Allen Ripingill</u>	<u>YES</u>		

Modification and Approval: Any changes proposed shall be reviewed by the Board of Appeals or its designee. The Chairman or designee may approve changes if in conformance with the intent of the Special Permit or may refer it to the Board. Changes consistent with the purpose of this approval may be allowed by the Board without further hearings. Further hearings shall be at the discretion of the Board. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

IMPORTANT: Any appeal from the decision of the Town of Montague Zoning Board of Appeals can be made only to the Court and must be made pursuant to Section 17, Chapter 40A (MGL) as amended, and must be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days after the date of filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

Board of Appeals

By _____
Ernest L. Brown, Chairman
Clerk

Karen Casey-Chretien,

Received for filing by Town Clerk:

Time	Date
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Twenty day appeal period ends:

Time	Date
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT NO APPEAL HAS BEEN FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS
FROM THE DATE THAT THIS DECISION WAS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK:

Montague Town Clerk

Date

Notice to be recorded by Landowner