



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

**NOTICE OF DECISION & VOTE**

**Applicant Owner:**

Reverend Stanley J. Aksamit  
90 Seventh Street  
Turners Falls, MA 01349

**Case No.:** #24-11

**Date:** December 11, 2024

**Property Owner:**

Reverend Stanley J. Aksamit  
76 Elliot Street  
Montague, MA 01349

**Premises Affected:**

90 Seventh Street  
Turners Falls, MA 01349  
Assessors' Map: 30 Lot: 054  
Franklin County Registry of Deeds: Book 00457 Page 317

Special Permit	(X)
Site Plan Review	( )
Variance	(X)

The hearing on this Special Permit was closed on December 11, 2024.

**THE BOARD OF APPEALS VOTED:**

The Montague Zoning Board of Appeals granted a *Special Permit* for **Reverend Stanley J Aksamit** to allow an internally illuminated electronic sign to be installed underneath the existing ground-mounted wood carved sign in the front of the property under Sections 7.1.4 and 9.2 of the Zoning Bylaws, located at **90 Seventh Street (Map 6, Parcel 74), in the NB (Neighborhood Business) District**, with the following findings:

1. The internally lit sign adheres to the dimensions of 29" by 94", is single-sided facing the road, and should be installed directly underneath the existing wood carved sign on the front lawn of the property, under section 7.1.4 and 7.1.7b of the Montague Zoning Bylaws.
2. The relocation of the sign decreases the nonconformity of the signs.

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

Joshua Lively, Chair - YES

Bob Obear – YES

Richard Ruth - YES

Zaharia Nichita – YES

David Jensen – YES

The Montague Zoning Board of Appeals granted a *Variance* for **Reverend Stanley J Aksamit** to allow an internally illuminated electronic sign to be installed underneath the existing ground-mounted wood carved sign in the front of the property under Section 7.1.6 (c) of the Zoning Bylaws, located at **90 Seventh Street (Map 6, Parcel 74), in the NB (Neighborhood Business) District**, with the following findings:

1. The board grants the Variance with findings that the installation of the sign does not cause significant or substantial detriment to the public good, and that strict enforcement of the zoning bylaws would cause an undue hardship to the applicant.

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

Joshua Lively, Chair - <b>YES</b>	Bob Obear – <b>YES</b>
Richard Ruth - <b>YES</b>	Zaharia Nichita – <b>YES</b>
David Jensen – <b>YES</b>	

The Zoning Board of Appeals hereby certifies that a copy of this decision and all plans referred to in this decision have been filed with the Town Clerk on: **December 30, 2024** .

An appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals may be made by any person aggrieved pursuant to MGL chapter 40A, section 17 as amended within twenty (20) days after the date of filing of a notice of decision in the Office of the Town Clerk (**January 19, 2025**). Notice of the appeal and a copy of the complaint shall be given to the Town Clerk within the twenty-day appeal period.

Board of Appeals:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua Lively, Chairman

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Jamie Carey, Zoning Board Clerk

cc: Applicant, Property Owner, Abutters, Public hearing attendees requesting notification, Planning Board abutting Towns - Gill, Erving, Wendell, Leverett, Sunderland, Greenfield

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**Certificate of No Appeal**

[This section is filled out by the Montague Town Clerk]

Received for filing by Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date

Twenty-day appeal period ends: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date

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

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