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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF FREETOWN

PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9 and the Town of Freetown Protective Bylaws, Article 11 Section 18, Article 11 Section 20, Article 11 Section 23, and Article 11 Section 30, the Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Site Plan Review Authority, will hold concurrent public hearings on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. to review the applications of DEVCON Innovation Way LLC for property located at 0 Innovation Way Assonet, MA (Assessors Map 236, Lot 6.02, Owner: RM Innovation Realty, LLC) as per the attached notice:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, these public hearings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Members of the public attending this hearing virtually will be allowed to comment during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment. Instructions for attending and participating in the hearing can be found at: https://www.freetownma.gov/planning-board/pages/planning-board-virtual-meeting-information

The applicants are requesting a **special permit** for sign illumination outside of the hours allowed by the Sign Bylaw. Article 11, Section 11.20 D (7a) states that no sign shall be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except sign on premises open for business and then only upon issuance of a Special Permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority. In addition to seeking special permits for illumination outside allowed hours, the applicant is also seeking a permit for a sign that is internally illuminated.

The same applicant has also submitted a site plan review application and plan entitled Neon-Innovation Way, which proposes redevelopment of the site. The plan proposes to develop a gas station, with 3 buildings. One Building will be a convenience store and Dunkin Donuts, the second building will be a restaurant use, and the third building will be either a restaurant or retail use. The project will need Site Plan approval from the Planning Board in addition to special permits for restaurants open past the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a special permit to operate a retail fuel establishment involving storage and distribution, both pursuant to Zoning By law 11.18 H. 1 Table of Use regulations.

The legal notice is also available on <u>www.masspublicnotices.org.</u> All persons, parties or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Town of Freetown Planning Board

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