

**CITY OF METHUEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

NOTICE OF DECISION - Site Plan Approval

125 Merrimack Street

Case No: 2021-2
Date of Application: 04-08-2021
Date of Hearing: 06-09-2021
Date of Decision: 06-10-2021

Petition of: Wan Yan, LLC
53 Mayflower Drive
North Andover, MA 01845

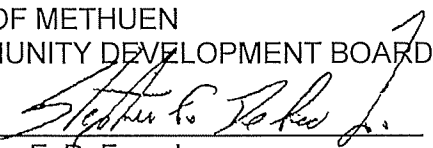
Premises Affected: 125 Merrimack Street
Assessor's Map 1113-109W-19
Business Highway (BH) Zoning District

Referring to the above petition for Site Plan Approval from the requirements of Section XII of the City of Methuen Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance so as to allow the construction of a **new building** in the Business Highway (BH) Zone.

At a public hearing held on June 9, 2021, the Community Development Board voted UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) to **APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS** this Site Plan Approval.

This is to certify that the above action was taken in compliance with the statutory requirements as set forth in Chapter 40A of the General Laws, and that a copy of this decision was filed with the City Clerk on **June 10, 2021**.

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by: 
Stephen F. DeFeo, Jr.
Chairman, Community Development Board

Any appeal of this decision shall be made pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws and shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the date the notice of decision was filed with the Methuen City Clerk.

I hereby certify that no appeal has been filed in the Methuen City Clerk's Office, within the twenty (20) day appeal period.

John J. Wilson, Methuen City Clerk

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Wan Yan, LLC filed an application for Site Plan Approval on April 8, 2021. The applicant submitted a complete application, which was noticed and reviewed in accordance with Section XII Site Plan Approval of the City of Methuen Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9.

The project site contains approximately 2.89 acres. The site is bordered by commercial and retail developments to the north, Merrimack Street to the west, commercial and retail developments to the south, and a wooded area and a wetland to the east.

The Applicant will renovate and expand the existing 2,475 SF former bank building to create a 4,640 +/-SF restaurant. Access to the site will be provided from a 24-foot-wide driveway which intersects Merrimack Street. The proposed building will utilize the existing public water, gas, and sewer services.

The existing parking area will be expanded towards the east side of the lot and the proposed layout will result in an increase in impervious coverage on-site of approximately 25,500 SF. Currently there is no on-site drainage. To mitigate increases in peak discharge rates of stormwater runoff as a result of the new impervious surface, the stormwater management system will include a subsurface infiltration system designed to comply with the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards and will significantly improve stormwater quality and quantity to the design points.

The Applicant received a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for this use as a restaurant on February 24, 2021. The project was also approved by the Conservation Commission.

A trip generation letter was submitted concluding that no additional project specific mitigation is warranted for the site. The Board reviewed the site plans including the lighting and landscape plans.

The project is shown on a plan containing entitled: Proposed Site Re-development Plans for Ye's Table Asian Cuisine, Methuen Parcel ID 1113-109W-19, 125 Merrimack Street, Methuen, Massachusetts, 01844; prepared for Wan Yan, LLC; prepared by GPI; containing 11 sheets, lighting plans, floor plan, ladder truck turn plan, trash truck turn plan; dated April 7, 2021, rev. 05/21/21.

The public hearing was opened by the Community Development Board on June 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM. David Jordan, GPI appeared on behalf of the Applicant.

On June 9, 2021, on a motion by Mr. Boes and seconded by Ms. Beshara, the Board voted to close public hearing. Upon a motion by Mr. Boes, seconded by Ms. Beshara, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to GRANT the Site Plan

Approval with Conditions. Board members Steve F. DeFeo, Jr., Chairman, Brian Boes, Neal Hunter, and Gisette Beshara were in attendance.

This approval is granted subject to the accuracy of the information, reports and data presented. In the instance where the Board is of the belief that this material was inaccurate as presented or has subsequently become unreliable the Board may conduct a determination hearing to consider requiring further review or mandating current and reliable data and information for subsequent approval.

As required by the City of Methuen Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Effective July 28, 2008 Section XII-C (3), based upon the applicant's testimony, plans submitted and information provided, the Community Development Board has determined that this project meets the requirements of this section.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

The Community Development Board finds that this project generally complies with the City of Methuen Zoning Ordinance requirements as listed in Section XII but requires conditions to be fully in compliance. The Community Development Board hereby grants an approval to the applicant provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) **Prior to the endorsement of the plans** by the Community Development Board, the Project Owner must comply with the following:
 - a) The final plans must be reviewed and approved for accuracy and conformance with the terms of this Approval by the City's Engineering Department, the City's Peer Review consultant (as may be required by the Board), and the Community Development Department. The final plans must be revised in accordance with comments received by the City of Methuen staff members and peer review agents including but not limited to the following.
- 2) **Prior to the start of any site work and Building Permit issuance:**
 - a) The Community Development Board must endorse the final site plans. These plans will then be attached to the decision and recorded as one document. One certified copy of the recorded decision including the attached signed plans must be submitted to the Community Development Department.
 - b) A bond in the amount of **five thousand (\$5,000) dollars** shall be posted for the purpose of insuring that the site is constructed in accordance with the approved plan and that a final as-built plan is provided showing the location of all on-site structures.

- c) Prior to any construction activity of any kind associated with the project, the Project Owner shall submit to the Community Development Department a proposed phased construction sequence schedule (timetable/bar chart), said schedule to be used as a guide to activities within the development including construction of roadways, utilities, drainage system, stabilization, earth removal and stockpiling. This schedule once established shall not be deviated from and may only be modified by agreement between the Project Owner and the Community Development Department.
- d) A pre-construction meeting must be held with the developer, their construction employees, Community Development Department, and other applicable departments to discuss scheduling of inspections to be conducted on the project and the construction schedule.
- e) The Project Owner will provide supervisory contact personnel along with emergency telephone numbers that are answered on a 24-hour basis (answering machines or voice mail are not acceptable).

3) During Construction:

- a) Construction activities on the site shall conform to the City of Methuen's Ordinances relating to such work.
- b) Construction activities shall be conducted in a workmanlike manner at all times. Blowing dust or debris shall be controlled by the Applicant through stabilization, wetting down, or other proper storage and disposal methods.
- c) It shall be the responsibility of the Applicant to assure that no erosion from the construction site shall occur which will cause deposition of soil or sediment upon adjacent properties or public ways, except as normally ancillary to off-site construction. Off-site erosion will be a basis for the Community Development Board making a finding that the project is not in compliance with the plan; provided however, that the Community Development Board shall give the Applicant written notice of any such finding and ten days to cure said condition.

4) Prior to the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy:

- a) The Project Owner must submit a letter from the engineer of the project stating that the building, landscaping, lighting, and site layout substantially comply with the plans referenced in this decision as endorsed by the Community Development Board.
- b) A final as-built plan showing final topography, the location of all on-site utilities, structures, curb cuts, parking spaces and drainage facilities,

including invert elevation of all storm water structures shall be submitted to the Community Development Department and the Engineering Department for review and approval.

- c) If all site related issues, including landscaping, have not been completed at the time the building itself is ready for occupancy, the Community Development Board may authorize the Project Owner to post a security sufficient in the opinion of the Community Development Board, to cover the cost of the City of completing the remaining site items.
- 5) **Prior to the final release of all funds:** The Community Development Board must, by majority vote, make finding that the site is in conformance with the approved plan and decision.
- 6) **Other Conditions:**
- a) The site must comply with Section 9-62 of the Municipal Code, Noise Pollution Control Ordinance of the City of Methuen.
 - b) To reduce noise levels the Project Owner shall keep in optimum working order, through regular maintenance, all equipment that shall emanate sounds from the structures or site.
 - c) Any plants, trees, or shrubs that have been incorporated into the Landscaping Plan approved in this decision that die within two years from the date of planting shall be replaced by the owner. All plantings and screening depicted on the approved plans shall remain in perpetuity over the life of the project.
 - d) Within five (5) days of the transfer of ownership of this site in whole or in part, the Project Owner shall notify the Community Development Department of the name and address of the new owner(s). The Project Owner shall provide the new owner(s) with a copy of these conditions.
- 7) The Community Development Board hereby reserves the right to serve notice on applicant of a cease-and-desist work order should a violation of the endorsement, the approval, the conditions, or the restrictions be found to exist. Such cease-and-desist work order, when served in writing, directing itself to the violation occurring, shall act to prohibit all work on the areas as mentioned in such order.
- 8) This Site Plan Approval shall be deemed to have lapsed two years after the date of the grant of this approval if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced, except for good cause. Such approval may, for good cause, be extended in writing by the Community Development Board upon the written request of the applicant.

- 9) The following documents and plans shall be deemed part of the decision:
- a) Proposed Site Re-development Plans for Ye's Table Asian Cuisine, Methuen Parcel ID 1113-109W-19, 125 Merrimack Street, Methuen, Massachusetts, 01844; prepared for Wan Yan, LLC; prepared by GPI; containing 11 sheets, lighting plans, floor plan, ladder truck turn plan, trash truck turn plan; dated April 7, 2021, rev. 05/21/21.
 - b) Trip Generation Letter, Proposed Ye's Table Asian Cuisine Restaurant, 125 Merrimack Street (Route 110), Methuen, Massachusetts; prepared by GPI; dated April 1, 2021.
 - c) Stormwater Management Report, Ye's Table Asian Cuisine, Parcel ID: 1113-109W-19, 125 Merrimack Street, Methuen, Massachusetts; prepared by GPI; prepared for Wan Yan, LLC; dated April 7, 2021.