

*To: Planning Board, Town of Acton, Ma. (Public Hearing ) 7\19\16*

*Date: 6\20\2016*

*Re: Special Sign Permit and Business in Acton, Ma.*

*From: Yabin Zhai Barry –Michael D. Barry*

*Owner "Joyful Feet, Foot Reflexology"*

*We would like to thank you very much for the opportunity to address you regarding this Special Permit.*

*I would first like to introduce ourselves to you with a brief history.*

*My name is Yabin, I was born in Shenyang China, I had a successful clothing business there before I decided to migrate to the United States and fulfill a dream of opening a business here. I landed in Los Angeles some twelve years ago. When I reached the west coast I did not know anyone and had no predetermined lodging.*

*I reached out to the Asian community there and soon found work and lodging. I went to school in Los Angeles while working and I received my California License for Therapeutic Massage. I worked briefly for an independent owner, but decided I wanted to go to Boston where I had some friends from Shenyang.*

*At this time I met my husband Michael and we were married in October 2011.*

*I wanted very much to have my own business here in Massachusetts, but soon found out the California license had very little value in Massachusetts. I enrolled in The Teoma School of Massage in Quincy, Ma. and soon received my Massachusetts license.*

*I opened a small but successful Therapeutic Massage and Foot Reflexology business in West Medford, Ma. This business is thriving and will continue on.*

*My husband had been residing in Acton for several years. I joined him at his home once we were married. His past experience with business is former Director of*

*Operations for the Westford Regency Hotel for 9 years and currently Food and Beverage Director at Nashoba Valley Ski Resort and creator of Sunset Tiki Bar.*

*We had been in search of another location for more than a year. In September of 2015 we purchased a newly built home in Maynard. While residing there we continued to search for a new location, we looked at approximately 22 vacant locations and finally found one here in Acton, I was so excited when I met John Karamaris and his father George the building owners, they were so friendly and accommodating, we signed a 4 year lease immediately.*

*The location of the building is 436 Great Rd. Acton, Ma.*

*There are 3 businesses on the property, 2 are in the front and "Joyful Feet" is located in the back left rear. We understand and respect the Planning Board and the towns responsibilities to control signage in Acton. We feel we need an additional free standing sign for visibility because of the rear location and the speed of traffic on Great Rd. We hope you will give us careful consideration for this request. The photo shopped picture of the sign size is 7ft tall and 48" wide, the print itself will be 36" x 48" and the sign itself would be recessed 30ft back from Rte 2A \ 119 roadway.*

*We have invested over Sixty thousand dollars for this venue and we feel we need every benefit we can possibly get to insure our success and become a vibrant part of this community. We will be opening soon and would like to invite you all to tour our new business, Thank you for your consideration.*

*Yabin Zhai Barry*