

# AGENDA ITEM 6.B.3.

January 7, 2021

Re: Request for Special Permit for front lawn use of 31 N. Main St

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a Special Permit for the use of the front lawn in front of my Shops, Chestnut Woodworking & Antique Flooring Co. and Tarot in Thyme at 31 N. Main Street.

Looking ahead we feel it is in our customers best interest to be able to enjoy the option of an outside shopping experience. By Spring, we feel many people may still not be comfortable with shopping indoors. We would like to give our clientele healthy options in 2021. Our lease does not allow us to be open past 8 PM so all events would have ended by then and most likely much earlier.

We would like to be able to set up tables on the lawn each weekend. Rows of tables would be spaced 6 feet. We would follow closely to State of CT laws on Covid-19. Various (non food truck) vendors would share their wares so we can continue to support local vendors during these hard times along with some of our own inventory. Ideally, if we could have permission to leave a vending tent up for Friday and Saturday evenings that would be much appreciated as it is very bulky to take up and down.

We would also like to be able to have live music events as we did in 2020 with Zonings permission. The events in 2020 were small and easily managed. Our landlord has agreed to let us have these music events once per month. We are flexible on dates. We would continue to seat people in chair "pods" of 4 chairs max separated by 6 ft. Masks use will continue to be enforced as per state law. One of our staff will always be present outside during live music to oversee the event.

We ask for your cooperation in these modifications that we feel will really help us to be able to survive this pandemic and keep Main Street alive!

Thank you,



Gina Olson  
Owner