

APPROVED**LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE
26 OLD POST ROAD
OCTOBER 17, 2012
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

Board members present: Robert Mastrantoni - Chairperson, Patricia Dow, Patty Kirkpatrick, Chuck Luke, Dan Wolfeld

Board members absent:

Others present: Doug Frost (Enforcement Officer), Carol Sullivan (Secretary) Liz Papa, Mohammad Tariq, Lisa Giknis, Brett Lange

REGULAR MEETING

Robert opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

TAX MAP: 251.18-4-3

OWNER/APPLICANT: MOHAMMED TARIQ/MOTEL 6

ADDRESS: 99 CANADA ST

ZONE: COMMERCIAL MIXED USE

SITE PLAN APPLICATION #1251

Applicant is installing a peaked roof on the main building of the motel. The peak is about 5.6 feet from the current flat roof and will be less than 40 feet high. The material will be shingles which will match the shingles on the cottages which are north of the main building. The Board discussed stormwater runoff. The peaked roof will be guttered. There is a stormwater drain located right near the current office.

Mohammad explained he would like to remove the stairs on the outside of the office that go to the second floor over the restaurant. If he removes these stairs he would also like to move the handicap ramp closer to the building in the area of the stairs and create a separate entrance for the restaurant.

MOTION: Patricia Dow made a motion to approve the installation of a peaked roof on the main motel building which is located on the southern side of the property. The roofing material will be shingles which will match the other roofs on the property. Regarding the restaurant outdoor stairs, Patricia made a motion to approve removal of the stairs and repositioning the ramp as indicated in the plans.

2ND MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfeld |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried

TAX MAP: 251.14-3-4

OWNER/APPLICANT: PEACE LOVE HAPPINES - LIZ PAPA REPRESENTED BILL MASSRY.

ADDRESS: 271 CANADA ST

ZONE: COMMERCIAL MIXED USE

SIGN PLAN APPLICATION #1249

Store name change to DILLIGAF. The sign is the same size and design presented and approved at the July 15, 2012 Planning Board meeting. 25 square ft. White background. Navy blue lettering and border. Navy blue and gold emblem.

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Patty mentioned the sign should be placed above the door on the building which will require trimming the sign to fit in the area above the doorway and underneath the current lighting. The sign should be redesigned to fit in the area and not simply trimmed at the bottom to fit in the area.

As an alternative the Board discussed the option of leaving the sign the current size (25 Sq. Ft.) and moving the lighting up so that the sign fits above the doorway and does not overhang into the space of the doorway. The Board agreed this would be an acceptable alternative.

Liz mentioned the owner may want to install new gooseneck lights which would be the same style and design as the gooseneck lights approved at the July meeting. The Board agreed this would be acceptable.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made the following motion:

As individuals we each object to the sign change at Peace Love Happiness. However, after looking into the current ordinances and codes and consulting with our Planning Board Attorney, Mark Schachner, and knowing that denying the application would result in costly litigation and further front page exposure for the store and the applicant's platform, we have no choice but to approve this application. Despite our personal objections to promoting this brand, I make the motion to approve the sign with the changes in size as discussed so that the sign is placed 2 to 4 inches above the door trim. As an alternative the existing lights can be removed and the 25 square foot sign with no size adjustment can be installed above the doorway trim with two new gooseneck lights above the new sign. The gooseneck lights will be identical to those approved in July 2012 for the other Dilligaf store.

2ND MOTION: Patricia Dow

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfeld |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried

TAX MAP: 251.14-3-1

APPLICANT: LISA GIKNIS

ADDRESS: 32 MONTCALM ST

ZONE: COMMERCIAL MIXED USE

SIGN PLAN APPLICATION #1252

Applicant is moving her shop from its current location on Beach Road to 32 Montcalm St. The window sign is vinyl and similar to what was approved in May 2011. Applicant has also submitted a sign rendition for the door.

Lisa asked the Board if she could transfer her existing hanging sign, the one she is currently using at her Beach Road shop, to the new location. This sign was approved in May 2011. The Board agreed that she can transfer the sign to the new location.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the "Dog Cabin" window sign, door sign and the previously approved hanging sign.

2ND MOTION: Patricia Dow

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfeld |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried

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Applicant's neon sign was damaged during the hail storm in May 2012. The new sign is 2 feet by 10 feet = 20 square feet and will be installed in the same space as the current sign. The new sign will have a white cedar background. The red lettering and graphic (sombrero and mustache) are raised foam board. Four new silver-tone goose neck lights will be installed.

MOTION: Patricia Dow made a motion to approve the sign as presented with a white cedar background with foam-board lettering and graphic. Patricia mentioned this motion also includes 4 silver-tone goose neck lights above the sign.

2ND MOTION: Chuck Luke

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfeld |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried.

MINUTES

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the September 19th 2012 minutes with the correction as mentioned.

2ND MOTION: Dan Wolfeld

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfeld |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried.

PURSE PARTY SIGN

Carol mentioned that she did look at the Purse Party sign approval as the Board requested. She presented to the Board the rendition that was approved and made mention that the motion for approval was not specific as to the location of the sign. The rendition and pictures of the building did not actually show where the sign was going to be placed. The Board asked if the store operator can be approached and asked to move the sign up. Carol mentioned she will look at the sign to determine if it was designed as presented when approved. If it is as approved then a letter can be sent asking the store operator if she would be willing to move the sign up above the door trim.

DILLIGAF (AKA STORMIN NORMAN'S)

Dan mentioned the DILLIGAF sign (aka Stormin' Norman's) appears to be in a different spot from the Stormin' Norman sign. Carol mentioned either she or Doug would look at it.

OBSENIITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

In light of the recent conversation with Mark Schachner regarding the use of the term Dilligaf on signs, Carol asked if the Board is still interested in having a meeting regarding Obscenity Laws. The Board agreed they would like a meeting. The Board suggested:

1. Having the meeting before or after a Planning Board meeting.
2. Determine what timeframe the presenter has available.

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3. Determine from the presenter's perspective how long this meeting could be. The Board also suggested the date and time be worked with their timeframe. Members from other Boards who may be interested in this topic can make the date and time or read the minutes; it's too difficult to get large groups together.

SIGN GUIDELINES

The Board discussed a plan of action for reviewing the sign ordinance. Patty asked about signs and gooseneck lighting that encroach on Village property; she mentioned lighting has been approved that encroaches on Village property. Carol explained to the Board that the Village Board has approved items on the Village sidewalk providing a license to encroach is secured from the Village Attorney. She added that the Village has also allowed licenses to encroach for such items as stairs, porches and buildings which encroach onto Village property and there are several of those licenses which are currently active. Regarding lights and signage on a building Carol mentioned she believed this has just been an oversight but would look into it.

Chuck mentioned the Planning Board should always consider the cost in making a sign; it's difficult to require all wood carved signs, for instance. He added that creating guidelines which will ensure approval creates an atmosphere where all signs look alike and he is not in favor of this. He likes the variety of signs and prefers to approve them separately as this current process allows for creativity and allows each store operator to work within their budget.

Patty spoke about the guidelines that could be developed. The guidelines could include very generic information about the shape, lettering and colors and then perhaps the sign could be approved by Carol and Doug and all other signs would have to be approved by the Board. Carol mentioned that granting the Zoning Office the authority to approve signs would have to be stated in the Village Code. As an alternative Carol suggested developing the guidelines but not amending the Village Code, just yet. Over the next year the Board can continue to review signs just as they have been doing however, they will be able to see which signs are developed within the guidelines and which are not. Then they can decide if they want to recommend changing the Village Code to allow for the Zoning Office to approve certain signs. The Board liked the idea of developing guidelines and seeing how new signs are designed based on the guidelines as they continue to review signs. They suggested the guidelines and the sign application should all be one document so when an individual is filling out the application they can have the guidelines included in the application packet.

The Board agreed to start working on this at the next Board meeting.

MOTION: Patricia Dow made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

2ND MOTION: Robert Mastrantoni

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| Robert Mastrantoni | Patricia Dow | Patty Kirkpatrick | Chuck Luke | Dan Wolfield |
| Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye |

Aye = 5 Nay = 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sullivan

October 29, 2012