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**LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE
26 OLD POST ROAD
OCTOBER 21, 2009
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

Board members present: Robert Mastrantoni – Chairman, Dan Garay, Patty Kirkpatrick, Chuck Luke,

Board member absent: Patricia Dow

Others present:

Doug Frost (Enforcement Officer), Carol Sullivan (Secretary), Dan Brown (Architectural Consultant)
Brian Collins, Dan Wolfeld.

Chairman Mastrantoni opened the meeting at: 7 PM

LUIGIS

462 CANADA ST.

TAX MAP: 251.10-3-43

ZONE: COMMERCIAL RESORT

APPLICANT: VINNI LAREGINA

SIGN APPLICATION: #0953 – COLOR COPIES OF THE SIGNS AVAILABLE AT BOARD MEETING

Applicant has submitted a freestanding sign and wall sign for approval.

- Applicant did not attend the meeting; the Board tabled his application until the next Planning Board meeting.

MOTION: Robert Mastrantoni made a motion to table this application until the next Planning Board meeting.

2ND MOTION: Chuck Luke

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Aye – 4 Nay - 0 Motion carried.

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SANDY FEET

149 CANADA ST.

TAX MAP: 251.18-3-39

ZONE: COMMERCIAL MIXED USE

APPLICANT: BRIAN COLLINS

SIGN APPLICATION: #0956 – COLOR COPIES OF THE SIGNS AVAILABLE AT BOARD MEETING

- Brian Collins discussed his application for an A-frame sign with the Board.
- The colors are as presented; this is a mock-up. The sign has not yet been made.
- Patty asked the applicant if he would be willing to reduced the size of the lettering for “Pipe Shop” and switch the colors – make “Pipe Shop” yellow and “Gift Shop” green – as a way to make “Pipe Shop” less prominent. The applicant agreed to switch the colors and reduce the lettering of “Pipe Shop” by 20%.
- The size of the display area is 36 inches high and 20 inches wide.
- The applicant asked about installing an awning and whether or not there are guidelines. Carol will e-mail awning requirements to Brian.
- Applicant agreed to submit a revised copy of the sign showing the changes agreed to tonight.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the A-frame sign for Sandy Feet as presented in size, with “Pipe Shop” reduced by 20% and the colors reversed for “Pipe Shop” and “Gift Shop”.

2ND MOTION: Chuck Luke

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Aye – 4 Nay - 0 Motion carried.

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May 20, 2009

MOTION: Robert Mastrantoni made a motion to approve the minutes for May 20, 2009.

2ND MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Not a bd. member in May

Aye – 3 Nay – 0 Motion carried.

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MINUTES****June 17, 2009****MOTION:** Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes for June 17, 2009.**2ND MOTION:** Robert Mastrantoni

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Not a bd. member in June

Aye – 3 Nay – 0 Motion carried.

July 15, 2009

For minute approval – members attendance - Robert Mastrantoni, Dan Garay, Patricia Dow

Did not review – no quorum due to Patricia's absence.

August 19, 2009**MOTION:** Dan Garay made a motion to approve the minutes for August 19, 2009.**2ND MOTION:** Chuck Luke

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Aye – 4 Nay – 0 Motion carried.

September 16, 2009**MOTION:** Dan Garay a motion to approve the minutes for September 16, 2009.**2ND MOTION:** Patty Kirkpatrick

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick- Acting Chairperson	Chuck Luke	Ed Kokalas (Alternate)
Absent from 9/16/09 mtg.	Aye	Aye	Aye	Not present at tonight's meeting.

Aye – 3 Nay – 0 Motion carried.

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OTHER

- Robert spoke to the Board about making motions – the motion should include everything that was discussed and agreed to. One person should make the motion. Board can discuss criteria for motion before the motion is made; the person making the motion should not be interrupted and other discussions should not be taking place.
- Robert mentioned the Board should be aware when someone is speaking and there should be no other conversations going on or interruptions.
- Carol – There are new members - reminded everyone of the attendance rule – a board member can miss up to 4 meetings a year or 3 consecutive meetings whichever comes first.
- Carol – also discussed the use of Alternates – can only be used if a member has recused themselves. Therefore members should let Carol know ASAP when they know there is a topic they will not be participating in.
- Planning Board discussed signage and how little control the Village and they have (when reviewing a sign) regarding content. Patty mentioned she recently attended the NYCOM conference and a class regarding the first amendment. There is a lot of information in the packet Patty received (Exhibit 1 – attached). The discussion turned to the possibility of adding an “Obscenity Law” to the Village Code. Patty, mentioned, as she understands the topic there is a way to enact obscenity laws without infringing on people’s first amendment rights. The Board recommends, using the information Patty received, that the Village Board explores the possibility of adding an Obscenity Law to the Village Code.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that they follow up with the information provided at the 2009 NYCOM Conference. The Planning Board recommends adding an obscenity law to the Village Code.

2ND MOTION: Dan Garay

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Aye – 4 Nay – 0 Motion carried

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- Planning Board discussed the merits of a BID. They are aware that establishing one has been tried before with little success. The Board wasn't sure why trying to establish a BID was unsuccessful and admitted they know little about what the purpose of having a BID is. Patty suggested having Luisa Craig-Sherman come to the next Board meeting to discuss the BID, what it is, how it works, etc. The Board agreed this would be a good idea before they make a decision and possible recommendation to the Village Trustees. Dan Wolfeld, (attending as a citizen of LGV), suggested exploring the possibility of establishing a Business Improvement Committee.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to invite Luisa Craig-Sherman, the Director of the Lake George Chamber of Commerce, to attend the next Planning Board meeting to discuss with the Planning Board the possibility of forming a BID in the Village so that the Planning Board can determine if it would be worthwhile to make a recommendation to the Village Trustees to pursue the idea.

2ND MOTION: Robert Mastrantoni

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick-	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Aye – 4 Nay – 0 Motion carried

ADJOURN

A motion by Robert Mastrantoni, seconded by Chuck Luke carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Sullivan