

APPROVED

LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE 26 OLD POST ROAD DECEMBER 15, 2010 PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Board members present:

Robert Mastrantoni – Chairperson, Patty Kirkpatrick, Dan Wolfield.

Absent: Patricia Dow, Chuck Luke

Others present:

Carol Sullivan (Secretary), Doug Frost (Enforcement Officer), Dan Brown (architectural consultant to the Board), John Carr.

Robert Mastrantoni opened the meeting at 7 PM.

TAX MAP: 264.06-2-40

APPLICANT/OWNER: JOHN CARR

33 CANADA ST.

ADIRONDACK PUB & BREWERY

ZONE: CMU

SITE PLAN APPLICATION: #1060

- Applicant was granted a variance for a zero setback for the grain bin accessory structure at the November 3, 2010 ZBA meeting. Planning Board tabled this application at the September 15, 2010 meeting pending the outcome of the variance. Applicant is before the board tonight for review of the size, color, fencing, etc.
- John explained that the bin will be painted the same color as the building and that he hopes to grow hop vines up the side of the bin. These vines will be harvested but will camouflage the bin for approximately 5 months.
- John stated the height will be approximately 22 ft. high and the width 12 ft. in circumference.
- There is a slight slope in the area where John intends to place the bin. He will try to set the bin into the slope so it will not appear quite as high as it actually is.
- The bin will be placed behind the fence that is currently located on the south side of the building.
- Noise should be minimal. There is a motor driven augur that will draw the grain to the inside and only runs when the bin is being loaded.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the grain bin at Adirondack Pub. The bin will be painted the color of the building and enclosed behind a fence. It is anticipated there will be vines growing up the side of it to further camouflage it. It will be shorter than the highest roof and taller than the roof vent at the side of the building. It will be 12 ft. wide and no more than 22 feet tall. The necessary variance has been granted.

2ND MOTION: Robert Mastrantoni.

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

MINUTES

June 16, 2010 (RM, PK, CL) – delayed, Chuck Luke absent therefore there is no quorum for voting tonight.

July 21, 2010 (RM, PK, CL) - delayed, Chuck Luke absent therefore there is no quorum for voting tonight.

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September 15, 2010 (RM, PK, CL) - delayed, Chuck Luke absent therefore there is no quorum for voting tonight.

November 17, 2010 (RM, PK, CL, DW)

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17th, 2010 as presented.
2ND MOTION: Dan Wolfield.

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

WEST SIDE OF CANADA ST. RENOVATION.

Patty mentioned that in a previous meeting she brought up whether or not the Planning Board should make a recommendation the Village Trustees regarding the tree situation and concern about trees being removed. She made reference that the notes on the discussion appear in one of the minutes subject to approval. Carol mentioned the Mayor sees all the minutes and therefore he's seen the comments made during that previous discussion.

Patty expressed concern because at one of the Town meetings the Board agreed to have dissolution on the referendum and then at a subsequent meeting they decided not to. She used this reference because the previous minutes regarding the trees indicated that the trees to be removed had already been decided upon and she wants to ensure that they don't change their mind and take out any more than previously decided upon.

LED SIGNS

- Carol mentioned that the Georgian already has an approved LED reader board and that Surfside has gotten a variance to change the existing reader board to an LED reader board without having to bring the freestanding sign into compliance with today's code.

The board agreed to the following:

- Led/digital signs should be limited to reader boards on freestanding signs and inside window signs.
 - Reader board signs should be no larger than 15 square feet.
 - Inside window signs should be limited to 4 square feet.
- Do not allow as identifying signs, A-frames.
- Led/digital reader board signs must be below the identification sign.
- Only allowed in the commercial and commercial mixed use zones.
- No animation.
- Graphics are OK.
- No scrolling. Can be changed 3 or 4 times a day.
- White lights cannot be used as the primary lettering or background.
- Must be approved by the Planning Board.

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- Currently §220-24 B (1) addresses illuminated signs. The board feels this section should remain as is. (Inserted herein as a point of reference.)

The following signs are permitted, subject to the limitations provided below, in any use district, but require a permit as provided herein:

- (1) Illuminated signs.
 - (a) Any illuminated sign or lighting device shall employ only lights of constant intensity, and no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent or moving light or lights. The provisions of this section shall not be applied so as to prohibit a sign changing to show time, temperature, or event or tour schedules.
 - (b) In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed or directed as to illuminate a public street, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.

Other concerns and discussion.

- Brightness. Apparently the brightness of these signs can be controlled and the board discussed controlling the daytime brightness and allowing something less at nighttime. This would be difficult to enforce.
- Number of times a sign can be changed. The more frequently changes are allowed, the more difficult it becomes to enforce the number of changes. As more of these signs crop up on Canada St. the effect of scrolling can occur as one looks down/up the street as the signs will not be timed to change in unison.
- Window signs. The board felt the need to add the 4 square foot requirement because many of the "open" signs that we see in windows are LED/digital signs.
- Grandfathering. Only LED signs previously approved prior to regulation should be grandfathered (currently The Georgian and Surfside).
- Current code states freestanding signs are grandfathered unless any change is made to the sign, then the sign must come into compliance with the current code. The board feels this should be kept in place; if someone is adding a LED/digital reader board to a freestanding sign it should be brought into compliance with the code. If the owner doesn't want to comply with the current code a variance can be sought.
- Churches, schools and the like are typically located, within the Village, in more residential zones. Should they be allowed to have such signs? Doug pointed out that the school is not regulated by the Village and he was unsure about churches.

TVS IN WINDOWS USED TO DISPLAY MERCHANDISE

The number of TVs in Village store windows is expanding. These TVs are typically digital/LCD signage. They are illuminated, scroll and blink and are used as a means of advertising what is in the store. The Planning Board would like to ban the use of TVs as a means of advertising in store windows.

Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patty and unanimously carried.

Aye – 3 Nay - 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

December 16, 2010

Carol Sullivan