

**LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JULY 20, 2022 – 6:00 PM
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
26 OLD POST ROAD - LAKE GEORGE, NY
MEETING MINUTES**

Board members present: Patricia Dow, Patrina Leland, and Dean Howland (Alternate)

Board members absent: Carol Sullivan (Chairperson), Walt Adams and Dan Wolfeld

Others present: Debonnay Meyers (Clerk), Darren Marino and Janice Fox

Patricia Dow called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

TAX MAP: 251.18-3-58

APPLICANT: MARINO'S CHARTERS, DARREN MARINO

ADDRESS: 182 CANADA STREET – CHRISTIE'S ON THE LAKE

ZONE: CMU

APPLICATION: SPR-7-2022

Applicant is seeking approval for additional use to the existing use of his boat charter. Marino's Charters is an existing business with the Village of Lake George under license number 29. Marino's Charters will remain to be operated by Darren Marino. Marino's Charters will be located at Lake George Beach Club and with approval, Christie's. The discussion with Brett Lange, owner of Christie's, was made clear that this charter will not have any interference with the existing businesses around the area. Both docks at Christie's and Lake George Beach Club will be used as pick up and drop off only. There will be no berthing at Christie's dock. Trash disposals are not located on the boat however, trash will be disposed in trash bins either on boardwalk, in front of Neptune's or at Christie's. No changes in the restroom location however, there are restrooms available at Christie's. Parking locations will not change as all clients will park in the Village and use parking meters.

Darren Marino was present to represent Marino's Charters. Reviewing the application and the photos brought to the Board by the applicant, questions started flowing in relation to the existing boat charter. Darren Marino started the discussion informing the Planning Board of the situation that occurred with the Lake George Beach Club. He advised that Jose and his partners had different avenues to share and advised Darren via email that he will no longer be able to do his business at the Lake George Beach Club. Darren Marino explained to the Board his plan of establishing at Christie's on the Lake with the permission of owner, Brett Lange. Patricia Dow questioned if the hours will remain the same. Darren Marino confirmed that everything will remain the same – the hours, the trash receptacles, the pick up and drop off. He advised the only part that is changing is where his business will be located at. Patrina Leland confirmed with applicant that the pick-up and drop off will be next door as Christie's and the Lake George Beach Club are in close proximity of each other. Dean Howland commented on the applicant's years of experience on the lake. Applicant informed the Board that his boat is berthed at Hall's. Applicant also informed the Board that he has a Class A Marina and has been on the lake for 35

years. Darren Marino added that he is a professional firefighter in Schenectady. Patricia Dow questioned the agenda where it states “additional use to the existing use of his boat charter”. Darren Marino explained Dan Barusch helped him with filling out the application. Per the applicant, he was advised that the additional use is meant for the transfer from one place to another. Applicant further explained that he has his business license already and has everything in place however, he just needs the transfer to go through. Dean Howland commented that maybe the additional use meant the fact that Brett Lange has the parasails already with his property. Patricia Dow advised Dean Howland that per the application, the applicant is the only seeking additional use. Debonnay Meyers informed the Board that per the small discussion she had with Dan Barusch, she was under the impression that the additional use was to add an additional location to the existing boat charter. There are no further questions in relation to the charter.

Dean Howland made a motion on Darren Marino’s application to approve the moving of his pick-up point on his fishing charters to 182 Canada Street at Christie’s. He’s just going to pick up at Christie’s although there’s restrooms and garbage facilities that he’s able to use from there as per the Christie’s owner and he’s been in business for three years. The boat is going to be berthed at Hall’s.

2nd MOTION: Patricia Dow

Dean Howland	Carol Sullivan	Dan Wolfeld	Patricia Dow	Patrina Leland	Walt Adams
Aye	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye	Absent

Aye = 3 Nays = 0 Recused = 0 Absent = 3 Motion carried.

Patricia Dow informed the applicant that he is good to go. Debonnay Meyers interjected the conversation and informed the applicant that a new business license is required. As the business license Darren brought in reflects the Lake George Beach Club, it wouldn’t be valid at Christie’s. Darren Marino inquired on her hours. Debonnay Meyers notified him her work schedule of nine o’clock to one o’clock, and she also included that if she isn’t present at the office when he comes through, her two colleagues can assist. She informed him that if he doesn’t get the updated license, Code Enforcement will catch it.

TAX MAP: 251.14-2-1

APPLICANT: LAKE HOUSE BISTRO, JANICE FOX

ADDRESS: 325 CANADA STREET

ZONE: CMU

APPLICATION: SC2-2022

Applicant is seeking approval for a sidewalk café to be added to their business, Lake House Bistro. The sidewalk café will be located at the front of the building surrounded by 24” by 24” by 42” tall wood framed planter boxes with wood sidings. There will be 2” rope between planter boxes to delineate between dining area and Village sidewalk. Ropes will be at 36” and 18” above the dining area walking surface. All exterior dining tables and seating will be metal with expanding metal tops and seats. All items will be set on existing concrete surface and will not be permanently attached. The hours of operation will be from 11am to 9pm. Alcohol will be served and the liquor license is in the process of being amended.

Janice Fox was present to represent Lake House Bistro. Reviewing the application and the plans brought to the Board by the applicant, questions started flowing in relation to the addition of the sidewalk café. Patricia Dow confirmed with the applicant that pictures of the tables and chairs are needed for the approval. Applicant understood. Applicant notified the Board that the floor plans were submitted in the past exactly the way they are currently except she took out the patio underneath that the original owner was requesting. Applicant advised that the reasoning why she took out the patio underneath was due to how expensive it was and the fact that the applicant is only looking for approval of six tables. She added that there currently is a slope where the patio was added however, she had made it clear that her goal is for the approval for the use of the six tables for the remaining season.

Applicant notified the Board if she has to come back next year with a developed plan that excludes the parts she isn't requesting for, she will do so. Patricia Dow confirmed if it was not the only ones underneath the arch. Applicant confirmed that it was not. She explained that she called the Town and asked if she could put anything out prior to approval of the sidewalk café. She further explained she didn't know the rules overall. Due to COVID, she knew her customers would want the option to sit outside. She advised below the under hang, there is only room for two two-tops. She got permission from Dan Barusch to temporarily have them there until the Planning Board Meeting. Applicant showed the Board using her map to explain her plan was to use the front tables instead of the other row of tables. Dean Howland confirmed with applicant that there will be six tables out on the sidewalk. Dean Howland commented that it will be coming out to 12 feet. Applicant explained that she doesn't mind cutting back. Dean Howland commented that the slope is about 6 feet away from the building. Applicant reconfirmed with the Board that she is not interested in doing the second row of tables shown on the plans at this time. She indicated that the second row would make it very crowded. The Board agreed. She concluded that her plan will be manageable for management and for employees.

Applicant inquired about the laws on possibly adding some shrubbery to block the DILLIGAF side. She would be interested in putting three pine-like trees with white lights under the hang to block the neighboring store. Patricia Dow and Dean Howland informed applicant that she should inquire with Dan Barusch about the shrubbery. Patrina Leland questioned the applicant on if the planters and the trees would tie in nicely together. Applicant reassured the Board that it would. Patrina Leland had a question for Patricia Dow about adding the shrubbery to the motion. Patrina Leland stated that if Dan Barusch approved it and they added it to the motion, the applicant wouldn't have to wait for the next Planning Board meeting to get the shrubbery approved. Patricia Dow and Dean Howland both agreed to include it in the motion however, Dan Barusch has the last word. Dean Howland asked the applicant if they were interested in adding two more to the front to make a beautiful entry-way. However, Dean Howland took the comment back indicating that it would take away the view. Patricia Dow reconfirmed the placement of the trees to be under the arch. Applicant stated around the poles that are there, she will try and incorporate it with something.

Applicant stated Dan Barusch and Ethan were very helpful on this transition. Dan Barusch being helpful on assisting her with what she needs for her business and Ethan developing the plans. Applicant re-advised the Board that she is only interested in the six tables. Dean Howland

inquired how the tables will be placed. Applicant advised due to the slope; the tables would be placed way out there on the sidewalk. Patrina Leland asked Patricia Dow if the Planning Board has to approve the tables and the chairs. Patricia Dow stated that the tables and chairs must be approved. Debonnay Meyers confirmed with the Board that she did not have pictures of the tables and chairs in her file. Debonnay Meyers also stated that Dan Barusch would not have the pictures as he brought everything he had to her prior to the meeting. Patrina Leland questioned for the motion if she would have to include the number of planter boxes. The Board confirmed there will be seven flower boxes as shown on the plan.

Applicant showed the Board via her phone the tables. Applicant explained that the tables will have tile on top with an aluminum base as well as a hole in the middle for an umbrella. Applicant then showed the Board the pictures of the chairs. Applicant stated that the chairs will be aluminum with sides and a tan back. Applicant confirmed that the umbrella will be red with no advertisements or wording on the umbrella. Applicant notified the Board that when she first started, the chairs she wanted she was unable to obtain. However, she did find chairs in Saratoga prior to the meeting. She did not have pictures on her person however, she found the chairs online to show the Board. Applicant explained that it's a rectangular telescope chair with mesh backing. The chair has a tan-coloring with aluminum arms. Applicant advised that the chairs are rust resistant. Dean Howland inquired if the tables and chairs would match. Applicant advised the chair will match the tile top perfectly.

The Board went back to discuss the number of planter boxes. The Board noticed that on the plan, it does show that the end planter boxes are taller than the other middle planters. Applicant advised she would need four smaller ones and three larger ones. Patrina Leland and the applicant were looking at the plan to answer Patrina's question regarding placement of the planters such as some planters being placed on the side. Applicant informed there will not be any planters on the side. The Board and the applicant were going back and forth as to how many planters she would want as the applicant wanted four larger ones and three smaller ones then three larger ones and four smaller ones. The applicant indicated the point of the planters is to guide the customer to the hostess stand and to have it parallel to Canada Street. The Board and the applicant had agreed to have three bigger planters and six smaller planters. Applicant informed the Board she will submit pictures of the tables and chairs to Dan Barusch to have on record. Applicant questioned the Board if later down the road she wanted to change the umbrella color from red to brown, if she could just change it without coming back to the Planning Board. Patricia Dow and Patrina Leland both indicated that the sidewalk café has to be renewed every year. Dean Howland questioned if that was true. Debonnay Meyers indicated that the business license is what gets renewed every year which would include the sidewalk café. Patricia Dow recalls that Dan Barusch might be the one who renews the sidewalk café at his office. Patricia Dow confirmed with the applicant if the façade would remain the same gray color.

Patricia Dow inquired on the business hours for the applicant's business. Applicant informed that this year, the business will close on Columbus Day weekend. Next year, it will reopen in May and will be year-round. Patricia Dow inquired if there were any plans on the lighting. Applicant questioned if it was possible to have solar lights under the umbrellas. Applicant further explained that the lights would point down and would be connected to the racks of the umbrella. Applicant notified one light would be in each umbrella. Applicant showed pictures of the umbrella lights to

the Board. After looking at the pictures, Patricia Dow indicated that the lighting would have to be discussed further with Dan Barusch. Applicant notified the Board she isn't looking to be a late-night restaurant. Patrina Leland commented that she doesn't recall the previous owner having lights on his business. Applicant notified the Board that those lights may not be the way she wants to go at this time as it would attract bugs.

Patrina Leland discussed with the Board about the motion to ensure everyone is on the same page prior to her announcing the motion.

Patrina Leland made a motion for approval for a sidewalk café to be added to the business of Lake House Bistro at 325 Canada Street Units 3 to 4. In front of the building 24" by 24" by 42" three planters with six 18" by 18" by 36" planters. Ropes will be two inches rope, white nautical will be at 36 inches high and 18 inches high above the dining room walking surface. There will be six rectangle tables with dark gray legs with tan tile with umbrellas. Six red umbrellas with no writing. The chairs will be dark gray, stackable with tan backs. She will send pictures shown to Dan and add to the file. We're approving two to four trees planters on the sidewalk under the overhang of the building of south-end if in agreement with Dan with lights. We're referring to Dan for any umbrella lighting, solar or electric.

2nd MOTION: Dean Howland

Dean Howland	Carol Sullivan	Dan Wolfeld	Patricia Dow	Patrina Leland	Walt Adams
Aye	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye	Absent

Aye = 3 Nays = 0 Recused = 0 Absent = 3 Motion carried.

MINUTES:

JUNE 15, 2022 (CS, DW, WA, PL, PD, DH)

The minutes were reviewed by the Board before a decision was made. Dean Howland indicated he didn't find any errors with the minutes. Patricia Dow indicated she had discussed with Debonnay Meyers about the minutes prior to the meeting. Debonnay Meyers indicated the portion of True North had been reviewed by Dan Barusch, and there were no errors. Dean Howland indicated he understood what was described in True North.

Patricia Dow made a motion to approve the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

2nd MOTION: Patricia Leland

Dean Howland	Carol Sullivan	Dan Wolfeld	Patricia Dow	Patrina Leland	Walt Adams
Aye	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye	Absent

Aye = 3 Nays = 0 Recused = 0 Absent = 3 Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Patricia Dow at 6:38 p.m., seconded by Dean Howland, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Debonnay C.M Meyers