

PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Planning Board was held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 in the Civic Center, Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Prahl
James Corbett
David Trithart
Will Siegfried
Bob Josephson
Hugo Attemann

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 17, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

MOTION MADE by Jim Corbett to approve minutes as written.

MOTION SECONDED by David Trithart.

ALL IN FAVOR – ATTEMANN ABSTAINED - MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: (Order of Business was modified by Chairman)

Site Plan Application #2014-7-25.1 submitted by Evans & White Ace Hardware for 1 Maple Street.

John White, representing Evans & White, stated they are proposing a basic shelter roof to protect their rental equipment that is stored outside.

Siegfried commented that he was worried the structure would obstruct the view from the proposed riverwalk. Hanss stated there would not be a problem with the view due to the placement of the riverwalk.

MOTION MADE by Jim Corbett to classify Site Plan Application #2014-7-25.1 as a Type II under SEQRA.

MOTION SECONDED by Hugo Attemann.

ALL IN FAVOR – NONE OPPOSED – MOTION CARRIED

MOTION MADE by Jim Corbett to approve Site Plan Application #2014-7-25.1 as submitted.

MOTION SECONDED by Hugo Attemann.

ALL IN FAVOR – NONE OPPOSED – MOTION CARRIED

Sign Permit Application #2014-7-24.1 submitted by Wayne Allan Salon for 1 Market Street.

There were no issues with this application.

MOTION MADE by Hugo Attemann to approve Sign Permit Application #2014-7-24.1 as submitted.

MOTION SECONDED by Will Siegfried.

ALL IN FAVOR – NONE OPPOSED – MOTION CARRIED

Sign Permit Application #2014-6-6.1 submitted by Northeastern Sign representing Hampton Inn for 167-169 Market Street.

Thompson stated the road sign meets the setback requirement. The applicant received a variance for the size of the signs.

MOTION MADE by Jim Corbett to approve Sign Permit Application #2014-6-6.1 as submitted.

MOTION SECONDED by Will Siegfried.

PRAHL, CORBETT, ATTEMANN IN FAVOR – SIEGFRIED OPPOSED – TRITHART ABSTAINED – MOTION CARRIED

The Planning Board stated they would like to have a say prior to the Zoning Board of Appeals request for variance since once a variance is granted the Planning Board has no other option than to pass the sign application. Thompson stated there is nothing in the Code that requires the Planning Board to have a look at an application that needs a variance. The original permit application was denied because of the size which gives the applicant the option of going to the ZBA for a variance; that was the course of action.

OTHER BUSINESS: Hanss spoke to the Planning Board members on an overview of the Maple Island Bridge project. Hanss talked about the lighting fixtures and that they would be the Village's since the Village is requesting a specific light design. Hanss also informed the Board that one lane of the bridge will always be open for traffic.

Scott Dotszan, news reporter, asked if there was a time line for this project. Hanss stated the project will be done during the 2015 construction season. Hanss added that it was unknown if St. Lawrence Gas will be providing money for sidewalk repairs. Siegfried asked why the bike lane

could not be curbed. Corbett explained that snow removal prevented the installation of a second curb.

Hanss also spoke to the Board about the storm water issue at 59 Lawrence Ave. Hanss stated that he and Greg Thompson met with Rebecca Storing from the DEC and she stated the property owners are already in violation because of work already done with no storm water plan in place. Hanss added that a storm water plan is necessary because of the amount of present and future development at this site regardless of each project being less than one acre.

Hanss briefly discussed options for how the storm water plan could be completed.

MOTION MADE by Jim Corbett to adjourn.

MOTION SECONDED by Hugo Attemann.

ALL IN FAVOR – NONE OPPOSED – MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.