

Minutes of the virtually held Village of Williamsville Planning Board meeting of April 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

*This meeting was held via Zoom due to the NYS on Pause Executive Order by Governor Cuomo.

Present: Amy Alexander, Chairperson
Kevin Lester, Member
Walter Pacer, Member
Larry Zasowski, Member

Also Present: Deborah A. Habes, P/T Clerk
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney
Tim Masters, CEO
Matthew Etu, Trustee

Excused: Ron Trigilio, Member
Charles Rizzone, Member
Wesley Stone, Member
Matthew Carson, Alternate Member
Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, Alternate Member

Chairman Alexander opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ON MOTION by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Pacer, it was moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 1, 2021, as submitted.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Chairman Alexander asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of the memory of recently passed family members of long-time Planning Board Member and Alternate Member Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, and former Planning Board member Mr. Paquet.

Chairman Alexander announced that The Irishman Pub & Eatery (Log #2021-PB-01), 5601 Main St., requested their application be tabled and therefore would not be on tonight's agenda.

Old Business

Log #2021-PB-02
Architectural Review

Oculofacial, 5800 Main St.

NOTE: This application was tabled at the March 1, 2021 Planning Board meeting. It subsequently was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals (*Log #2021-ZBA-03*) on March 17, 2021, to request a variance for the front yard setback of the building. At that time, the ZBA granted the area variance, as requested.

Christa Trautman of Stieglitz Snyder Architecture was present on Zoom to represent the applicant.

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Ms. Trautman indicated that the ZBA granted an area variance on 3/17/21 for the location of the building. The owner wishes to update the building's exterior to reflect a single commercial tenant and to update the building's signage and lighting. The new horizontal siding material is a fiber cement which is meant to mimic natural wood. Goose neck light fixtures are to be either black or dark bronze. They will be affixed to the 3 brick front elevation columns to provide lighting for pedestrians. They will also add gooseneck fixtures above the 2 rear entry doors. No lighting is proposed for the rear wall signage.

Mr. Zasowski commented that he found the "orangey" tone of the proposed horizontal siding to not be in harmony with the "Village" look of Main Street as he understood the code to read. He would prefer more of a wood-tone look. Mr. Masters commented that the tone of the color-rendering of the submitted computer-generated plans was not representative of the actual product's color. The actual product is indeed a wood-tone fiber cement. Mr. Grieco added that our code does not reference "color" preferences. Ms. Alexander and Mr. Lester found the color to be attractive. Mr. Zasowski was in agreement.

With no further comments from the Board members, Ms. Alexander asked for a motion to be made.

ON MOTION by Mr. Zasowski, seconded by Mr. Lester, it was moved to approve the proposal for Log # 2021-PB-02, for exterior renovations and lighting fixtures at 5800 Main Street, as reviewed at this meeting of April 5, 2021, as per the drawing dated 1/28/21, including the gooseneck lighting fixtures on the three columns, as per the cut sheet presented and reviewed by the Planning Board on 4/5/21.

Unanimously carried. 4 – 0.

In other business, Mr. Pacer commented that he would like to see drawings that are submitted to the Planning Board for review in the future be marked "Exhibit A, etc." so that all references and motions made, clearly reflect for the record which drawings are actually approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Grieco added that approved drawings should be added to the minutes for the record. Mr. Masters was in agreement.

There being no other business, Ms. Alexander asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Zasowski, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Submitted by:
Deborah A. Habes, P/T Clerk

**The next regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting will be held on:
Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (Work Session starts at 7:00 p.m.).
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