

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD
Special Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Eric Buskirk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Planning Board Members – Eric Buskirk, Bryan Reed, Gregg Zeman, Village Attorney Lydia Marola

Voting members: Eric Buskirk, Bryan Read, Gregg Zeman

Excused: Carl Yanoch, George Solotruck, Alternate Member Deanna Hitchcock, Building/Plumbing Inspector Luis Agüero, Board of Trustees Liaison Thomas Gifford

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held April 2, 2018

Motion: by Bryan Reed; Seconded by Eric Buskirk;

That the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Planning Board meeting are hereby approved.

All in favor.

217 Mohawk Avenue – Tartan Lanes

Representative Daniel Cole was in attendance to present the sign application for the property located at 217 Mohawk Avenue. The applicant plans to re-open the existing bowling alley as a community center with bowling, pool, food, drink, etc. He intends to complete the project in phases, beginning with the installation of a new sign. The awning will remain with new letting to replace the existing. No change to exterior lighting at this time. New siding and sidewalks will be proposed in the near future. Applicant has been given a copy of Village of Scotia Design Guidelines. Proposed sign meets code. The Planning Board has no concerns.

SEQR Motion: By Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Bryan Reed;

That this project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore an environmental statement need not be prepared, and to issue a negative declaration under SEQR.

All in favor.

Motion: by Gregg Zeman; Seconded by Eric Buskirk;

That the Planning Board hereby approves the application and sign plan dated August 23, 2018 as prepared by Olson Sign Co.

All in favor.

402 Meriline Avenue – Hometown Pub & Grub

Representative John LeClair was in attendance to present the sign application for the property located at 402 Meriline Avenue. The applicant wishes to install a 3' x 8' LED message board below the existing sign to announce specials, entertainment, etc. No additional lighting is proposed. The proposed message board is dimmable and shall be set to 30% at night. The applicant also intends to turn off the sign at close of business. The Planning Board has no concerns with the application.

Motion: by Gregg Zeman; Seconded by Eric Buskirk;

That the Planning Board hereby approves the application and sign plan dated August 2, 2018 as prepared.

All in favor.

New Business

Chair Eric Buskirk announced to the Planning Board that the Mayor has asked them to attend a Complete Streets training session on October 17, 2018 from 10 am – 2:30 pm. Eric will review the Complete Streets material that the previous Planning Board members have prepared.

The Electronic Vehicle charging grant has been approved. Installation is expected to begin in October. This will be the first “Fast” charger in the Capital Region.

The Planning Board Chair has asked the board to review the current code relating to Parking. The current code does not address the building use, street parking, or nearby public parking. The members feel that certain uses should require more parking spaces than others and that the code is too general. The members will review and make recommendations at a future meeting.

Attorney Lydia Marola informed the board that a future application for a micro cell transmitter will come before them in the next month.

The Village has recently implemented an LED Street Light project for energy cost savings.

Old Business

Current Training Hours: Eric Buskrik: (-1.5)
 Bryan Reed: (-4)
 Carl Yanoch: 0
 Gregg Zeman: 3
 George Solotruck: 0
 Alternate Deanna Hitchcock: .75

Adjournment:

Motion: By Gregg Zeman; seconded by Eric Buskirk;
To adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm.
All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Newe Haile
Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk