

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Call to Order:

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

Attendance: Planning Board Members – Eric Buskirk, Tim Goyette, Carl Yanoch, Gregg Zeman, Alternate Member Jesus Santiago, Board of Trustees Liaison George Solotruck, Building/Plumbing Inspector Luis Aguero, Village Attorney Lydia Marola,

Voting members: Eric Buskirk, Tim Goyette, Carl Yanoch, Gregg Zeman, Jesus Santiago

Excused: Bryan Reed

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held May 4, 2020

Motion: by Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Carl Yanoch;

That the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Planning Board meeting are hereby approved.

All in favor.

270 N. Ballston Avenue – John Korniak

Representative John Korniak was in attendance to present the application for 270 N. Ballston Avenue. Frank & Sons has purchased the neighboring building, formerly Cornell's. The applicant is proposing renovations to the existing 1-story building which include adding a second story and raising the ceiling height in the rear section of the building. The footprint remains the same. The rear section of the building will include 3 garage bays to perform mechanical/electrical work on vehicles. The applicant has no immediate intended use for the approximate 3,800 sq. ft. second story; however, it will remain commercial space. There will also be two additional retail units on the first floor which will be renovated. The exterior of the building will be finished with hardy board with a brick skirt. Awnings are also proposed. The rear will be paved and the existing wood fence will be replaced with vinyl. The applicant will return with additional details including lighting, dumpster with enclosure, signage, parking and snow removal. This application will also be deferred to the Traffic Safety Committee for consideration.

Training Status Report:

Current Training Hours:	Eric Buskirk: .5
	Bryan Reed: -8
	Carl Yanoch: -4
	Gregg Zeman: 5
	Tim Goyette: 0
	Alternate Jesus Santiago: 0

New Business:

Representatives Christopher Longo of Empire Engineering and Pastor Sean Lawton of Converge Community Church were in attendance to present a preliminary plan to renovate the property located at 217 Mohawk Avenue, the former Rolling Greens. The applicant is proposing renovations in phases to accommodate for time and budget constraints. The first phase of renovations includes refurbishing the façade and replacing fire escape and signage. New roof and door on shed, ramp, lighting and window covers will also be installed. The second phase will include replacement of sidewalk, street trees and lighting. Interior repairs will also be done in phases to allow for congregation and potential community programs. Parking is currently shared with the 1st National Bank parking lot. The Planning Board discussed the massive amount of work that would be involved to get the building suitable for use and the applicant will return with official plans for further review.

The Building Inspector brought up the topic of Airbnb properties. It is apparent that there are a number of Airbnb rentals in the Village of Scotia and there are currently no Village codes relating to these types of properties. Complaints have been received by neighboring residents regarding these rentals. Attorney Marola will review other legislation and specifics for Board action.

Old Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion: By Eric Buskirk; seconded by Jesus Santiago;

To adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Newe Haile
Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk