

**VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.**  
**Village Hall**

**Call to Order:**

Chair Eric Buskirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Planning Board Members – Chair Eric Buskirk, Jesus Santiago, Tim Goyette, Building Inspector Luis Aguero, Village Attorney Lydia Marola, Board of Trustees Liaison George Solotruck

**Voting members:** Eric Buskirk, Gregg Zeman, Tim Goyette

**Excused:** Gregg Zeman, Jeff Parry

**Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held July 12, 2021:**  
**Tabled**

**Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held August 2, 2021:**  
**Tabled**

**12 Sacandaga Road – Michael’s Automotive of Scotia**

Representatives Paul Fallati and Phil Defiglio were in attendance to present the site plan application for the property located at 12 Sacandaga Road. The applicant wishes to construct a 1,300 sq. ft. (32’ x 40’) addition to the property to house an automotive paint booth. The hours of operation are typically 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and will not have an impact on traffic flow. The addition will be vinyl sided with at consistent with the existing structure. The roof will be a flat, black metal to also match the existing. The application does meet setback requirements. Exterior lighting will be downcast. There will be no impact on parking. The owner of the property also owns the two adjacent parcels. The proposal does not cross over the lot lines; however, the Building Inspector discussed with the owner the possibility of combining the lots to avoid stormwater runoff issues. The applicant and the Building Inspector will review this option further. The site contains six parking spaces, which is in compliance with the requirement for parking. The dumpster will be located to the rear of the property. Ventilation and fire code requirements will be inspected by the Building Inspector. The proposed sign will be just a change to the lettering on the existing sign. Sidewalk and curb repair will be discussed with the Department of Public Works in the Spring.

**SEQR Motion:** By Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Jesus Santiago;

That this project includes a modern compliance paint booth contained within a structure and 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 Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Tim Goyette;

That the Planning Board hereby approves the application and site plan dated September 1, 2021 for the property located at 12 Sacandaga Road, as prepared by Sofia Engineering, PLLC.

All in favor.

**Training Status Report:**

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| Current Training Hours: | Eric Buskirk: 1         |
|                         | Jesus Santiago: -2      |
|                         | Gregg Zeman: 1          |
|                         | Tim Goyette: 1          |
|                         | Jeff Parry: -1.5        |
|                         | Alternate Bryan Reed: 6 |

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** The Mayor has attempted to contact Stewart's regarding the status of their application with no response.

Chair Eric Buskirk provided an update on the EV Chargers. The usage has steadily increased despite the implementation of fees by approximately 50% since September of 2020. There are between 120-150 uses per month with an average charge time of 1 hr., 12 minutes. He will be discussing signage with the Superintendent of Public Works.

Building Inspector Luis Agüero stated that the Village is awaiting possible funding for the Complete Streets concept.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** By Eric Buskirk; seconded by Tim Goyette;

To adjourn meeting at 7:32pm.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

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Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk