

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Village Hall & ZOOM

Call to Order:

Chair Eric Buskirk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Planning Board Members – Chair Eric Buskirk, Tim Goyette, Jeff Parry, Jesus Santiago, Attorney Lydia Marola, Board of Trustees Liaison George Solotruck

Voting members: Eric Buskirk, Tim Goyette, Jeff Parry, Jesus Santiago

Excused: Gregg Zeman, Building Inspector Luis Aguero

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held May 2, 2022:

Tabled

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held July 11, 2022:

Motion: by Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Jeff Parry;

That the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Planning Board meeting are hereby approved.

All in favor.

ROW 301 Mohawk Avenue – Verizon Wireless

Representatives David Brennan, Esq. of Young Sommer for Verizon Wireless, Rick Andres of Verizon Wireless and Nathan Keenan of Tectonic were in attendance to present the application and site plan for the ROW located at 301 Mohawk Avenue. The applicant is proposing the installation of a micro cell unit on top of a utility pole at the location. The existing 20' poll will be replaced with a 34' poll which will house the micro-cell unit on top, with a total height of approximately 37'. This proposal is comparable to other micro cell units that have previously been installed throughout the Village. The micro cell will provide improved cellular coverage to approximately a 15,000' radius. The proposed unit is for 4G service, but is capable of being replaced with 5G. The applicant discussed rumored concerns with possible, future 5G service and assures that the frequencies are well under the FCC's regulation limits.

Verizon has an agreement with National Grid to share poles. A permit has been obtained by NYSDOT, as the ROW in this location is officially owned by New York State. Per Village Code, the existing pole will be removed upon removal of all hardware. The Planning Board has no additional concerns with this proposal.

SEQR Motion: By Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Jeff Parry;

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 Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Tim Goyette;

That the Planning Board hereby approves the application for site plan and architectural review dated October 26, 2022 titled "Verizon Wireless – Scotia Museum" for the property located at ROW 301 Mohawk Avenue; and whereas, "Scotia Museum" is no longer in existence and is solely used for reference by Verizon.

All in favor

Overview of Fire Station Project – Napierala Consulting

Representative Matt Napierala, Site Civil Engineer for Napierala Consulting was in attendance to present the current plans and elevations for the Municipal Fire Station. The Municipal Facilities project is not subject to Site Plan Review, however the opinion of the Planning Board is being sought by the Village and the consultants.

Planning Board Comments:

- As per the Village Design Guidelines, the entrance into the parking lot should be “Enter Only” and the exit should be out to the rear onto John Street.
- Water run-off plan. Developers are in communication with DPW and additional drywells are being considered.
- Massing- Per the Village Design Guidelines, Erick Buskirk suggests breaking up the East side elevation of the building to avoid the look of “massing”. Currently, a portion of this wall is dedication to a mural space.
- Landscaping/greenspace should be incorporated in the front and rear.

Chair Erick Buskirk will be issued a courtesy copy of future plans and will also be included on the phase of the project involving relocation of the EV Charging Station.

Training Status Report:

Current Training Hours: Eric Buskrik: -3
 Jesus Santiago: 3
 Gregg Zeman: .5
 Tim Goyette: .5
 Jeff Parry: -5.5
 Alternate Bryan Reed: 2

New Business: None.

Old Business: There will be a change to the billing for the Electronic Vehicle Charging Station due to the volume of use.

Adjournment:

Motion: By Eric Buskirk; seconded by Tim Goyette;
To adjourn meeting at 8:21 pm.
All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Newe Haile
Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk