

Village of Liverpool Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 22, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Ostuni, Chairman
Michael LaMontagne
Peter Osborne
Ric Maar, Engineer
Sandra Callahan, Secretary

John Eallonardo
Jim Rosier
John Langey, Atty.
William Reagan, Codes Officer - absent

Call to Order

Chairman Ostuni called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes July 25, 2016

Motion was made by Mike LaMontagne, seconded by Jim Rosier to approve the minutes of July 2, 2016 as modified with changes. Motion Passed

Old Business

JT's Creamery – John Speno, business owner was present and presented a photograph of the walk up window.

Mr. Speno said that the plans originally called for a tea shop in this location and that is why the café seating was approved. It is now an ice cream shop and the picnic table is there to accommodate families. He plans to put the wrought iron café seating in next year.

He said the tables on the front porch belong to the ice cream shop but they are shared by all the tenants in the building.

Bill Reagan has spoken to the business owner and they plan to make the site as previously approved with the café seating.

Mr. Eallonardo suggested we put a time frame on allowing the walk up window to be open. The business owner said the end of November would be good.

Chairman Ostuni asked the Board members for their opinions on letting the walk up window remain open for the remainder of the season. The Board agrees to let the walk up window remain open until November 30th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The business owner will have to come back next year to resolve the site plan issues including the walk up window and seating.

For SEQR purposes this is a Type II action and no further environmental review is necessary. A motion was made by Mr. Rosier and seconded by Mr. LaMontagne to allow the window to remain open until November 30. Approved.

Dunkin Donuts

Bob Abbott - architect, Jim Napoleon – Traffic engineer, Terry Horst – landscape architect, the franchisee and Nick Saturno the real estate agent were all present.

Mr. Abbott said that NYS DOT wanted trees inside the curb to prevent site interference and this has been updated on the drawing. He said more landscaping has also been added.

Chairman Ostuni said that Mr. Abbott and his team have met with Greg Sgromo, Village Engineer and all issues have been addressed.

Mr. Abbott said that all issues from OCPB have been addressed in the letter of August 5th to the Planning Board.

Mr. Abbott said that this design is specifically for the Village, to keep in the character of the Village and comply with the design guidelines.

Chairman Ostuni asked for comments and questions from the Board.

Mr. Rosier said he thinks they did a good job addressing all of the concerns.

Mr. LaMontagne said he likes the green space improvements but still has concerns with the pedestrians crossing the traffic lanes. He also thinks the "no left turn" should be implemented from the opening, not down the road.

Mr. Napoleon – traffic engineer stated that he has said to NYS DOT he will go out on several occasions at different times to monitor the left turn situation. He would immediately require a no left turn sign if it appears to be a problem.

Mr. Abbott said we can put a stipulation in the approval with a time frame for reporting the findings of the left turn traffic monitoring. Mr. Napoleon said he will be notifying the NYS DOT to observe the left turn traffic with him.

Mr. Osborne was also concerned with the left turn situation and said the parking in the front of the building may need to be adjusted for site distance. He stated he likes the trees and landscaping changes.

Mr. Eallonardo said they should study the traffic patterns for 1 year to see what happens during each season.

Chairman Ostuni said that the prior businesses there had a total of 3 curb cuts and that Dunkin Donuts will only have 1.

Attorney Langey said that we need to address the SEQR proposed findings for environmental impact; i.e., traffic, streetscape, photo metrics and parking.

Mr. Abbott mentioned that the proposed signage is currently under the square footage allowed by the current Village Code.

Chairman Ostuni said all information requested has been received and thinks it is time to set and advertise the public hearing. He would like to hold a special meeting so any residents wishing to make comments will have enough time to do so.

Mr. Rosier moved and Mr. Eallonardo seconded the motion to hold a public hearing on September 8, 2016 at 6 p.m. Approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Osborne moved and Mr. LaMontagne seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Callahan
Planning Board Secretary