

ALFRED VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING—VILLAGE HALL

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Members present: A. Wenslow (Chair), P. Prisco, S. Clarke, M. Katz, P. McClain, L. Cronin

Others present: V. Rasmussen, C. Cagle, Jason Rodd, ^{Christel}Crystal Rodd

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

I. Approval of the minutes

A motion was made by S. Clark and seconded by P. McClain to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Correct the spelling of Wisniewski
- Add ~~Crystal~~ Rodd to the "others present" list
- Add Kory Schick to the "others present" list

Motion was approved

II. Applications

An application for a sign permit was submitted by Brett Hunter, Assoc. Professor of sculpture at the NYS College of Ceramics. This is a student art project and will be put up within the week on the lawn adjacent to the Terra Cotta tile company office on Main Street and will be removed by April 23. The moveable sign will be approximately 4 by 8 feet, free standing, not illuminated and with a message or "poem" on both sides. The content will be changed daily by the students.

After brief discussion, Clarke made a motion seconded by Cronin to thank Brett Hunter and the students for a very complete description of the art project for the Board's information. A sign permit is not needed as it is "art", a student project and temporary. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair will write Brett Hunter a letter thanking him for the information and the advance notice of the project.

III. No public comment

IV. Other Business

A. CEO report, C. Cagle

1. 8 Church Street, formerly The Hot Spot, has been sold to John Ninos. A new kitchen and bath have been installed. He hopes to eventually return the property to be a single family home.
2. A concern has been expressed that village property owners are not shoveling snow from their sidewalks as required by village law. The police will issue tickets in cases of impassable or dangerous violations.
3. There are still problems with tenants parking on and driving through front lawns instead of designated driveways. The police will issue tickets.
4. 80% of village businesses have been inspected. Inspection of rental properties will be completed this summer.

B. Trustee Report, V. Rasmussen

1. The February 10th Monday night meeting of the Village Board will be a work session on the proposed congregate housing law. Time for public comment will precede the work session. The semi-annual public forum will be held at 7pm on February 11th.
2. A stop sign will be placed on Glen Street at the entrance to Hillcrest in order to reduce speeding in the residential neighborhood.
3. Rather than raise taxes, the Board is looking at other options such as "pay as you throw" method of handling municipal trash and recyclables.
4. The village crew will be leveling areas in the sidewalks that continue to have standing water and ice.

V. Reviser

5. David Slotje is working on amendments to the zoning law relating to hydrofracking. When completed she will pass it along to the Village Planning Board. There will be a public hearing before the March 11 meeting at the Village Board on the proposal to extend the moratorium within the village.

6. The public meeting on January 28, relating to congregate housing was well attended by both students and members of the community. At small group sessions the following concerns were expressed:

- a. special use permits versus registration
- b. need a "chain of authority" within each house to address safety issues. Who will do it?
- c. zone is too small and concentrated...a possible "student ghetto". Students want to be part of the community
- d. eliminate east side R-3 section as it would set a precedent for congregate housing in R-3.
- e. why not make the entire village an overlay zone?

C. The discussion of congregate housing continues

D. P. McClain requested that board members respond to him by Email before the March meeting on their suggestions and thoughts on possible revisions needed in the Zoning Code.

V. Announcements and concerns

A. The Chair has requested \$1,120 to be included in the Village Budget 2014-2015 for Planning Board use. The money will be used for membership dues in the NY Planning Federation and professional training and development for board members.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be March 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted.

Peg Prisco, Acting Secretary