

Village of Alfred  
Planning and Zoning Board  
Minutes of the May 7, 2015 Meeting

Members Present: Ellen Bahr, Sherman Clark, Karrie Edwards, Herb Ehrig, Lou Greiff, Artemas Steere

Non-Members in Attendance: Linda Handville, Peter McClain (Village Board liaison), James Ninos, John Ninos, Christel Rodd, Jason Rodd

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

1. A motion made by Sherman Clark and seconded by Artemas Steere was approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting as corrected.
2. The proposed renovation of 8 Church Street was discussed. John Ninos, owner and resident of the property, provided a large-scale site plan for the board's examination. Sherman Clark reported that the Historical Preservation Commission found no problems with the proposed renovation. In response to a question from Artemas Steere, John Ninos mentioned that the structure would be repainted white with black shutters. Lou Greiff noticed that no handrails appeared on the drawings of the front-entrance steps, and John Ninos explained that the handrails are in place on the structure but were omitted from the drawings. A motion made by Ellen Bahr and seconded by Lou Greiff was approved unanimously to grant the renovation project a zoning compliance certificate. A second motion made by Sherman Clark and seconded by Artemas Steere was approved unanimously to accept the large-scale site plan provided by John Ninos as final.
3. Lou Greiff and Peter McClain summarized the Local Government Conference they attended On May 6, 2015. Sponsored by the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, this year's conference offered a variety of useful and interesting presentations on a wide variety of subjects: e. g. water and wastewater management, downtown revitalization, local solar energy policy, public meetings and hearings, advice for newly elected officials.
4. Public Comments: Jason Rodd suggested that solar energy policy be included in the next Village of Alfred Comprehensive Plan. Christel Rodd requested that agendas for Board of Trustee meetings, and Planning and Zoning Board meetings be made available to the public in advance of the meetings.
5. The Planning and Zoning board and Peter McClain discussed preparations for drafting a new Village Comprehensive Plan. Peter summarized his efforts to involve 120 or more village residents in the project and to organize them into small working groups, with each group focusing on a specific item within the overall plan. Peter distributed a handout describing this structure in greater detail. So far, only a few village residents have chosen the items they wish to work on. As mentioned at a previous PZB meeting, Karrie Edwards, Justin Grigg, Fion MacCrea, and Bill Cleveland will attend a comprehensive

planning school established by the MRB Corporation. Presently Justin Grigg is attending the Alfred Town Board meeting to encourage the town's full participation in the comprehensive planning project. Peter will email the PZB with the results of this meeting. The target date for completion of the new Alfred Village Comprehensive Plan is December 31, 2015.

6. As the new trustee-liaison person to the PZB Peter McClain reported that the village budget was approved, also that he was appointed Deputy Mayor. The Alfred Community Coalition met to discuss Hot Dog Day 2015. This group is made up of Alfred police personnel along with safety and security personnel from both colleges. The many changes made since last year's Hot Dog Day resulted in a safer and less problematic event. These changes included open health centers at both colleges, a larger law-enforcement presence to augment the Alfred Village Police, and the relocation of the daytime activities from Main Street to the AU campus where public-safety personnel and AU faculty and staff were present in large numbers. Finally Peter announced that on Tuesday, May 12 an open public forum would be held at 7:00 PM in the village hall, just prior to the Village Board Meeting.

7. At Herb Ehrig's request, Planning and Zoning Board members agreed to move their next meeting from June 4 to June 11.

8. Karrie Edwards mentioned that several cars have been parking in the yard at 29 Hillcrest. This should be reported to CEO Chuck Cagle for his investigation.

9. A motion made by Lou Greiff and seconded by ? was approved 4 in favor, 1 against to request that the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees resume providing copies of CEO reports to the Planning and Zoning Board.

10. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis K. Greiff