

Alfred Village Planning and Zoning Board
Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting

Members Present: Sherman Clarke, Liz Cronin, Barry Eckstein, Karrie Edwards, Herb Ehrig (Chairperson), Lou Greiff

Non-Members Present: Peter McClain (Village Board liaison)

1. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting, made by Sherman Clarke and seconded by Barry Eckstein, was passed unanimously.
2. There were no new applications.
3. No CEO reports were available.
4. Peter McClain reported on recent Village Board business. The summer Olympics were a great success, concluded by an outstanding picnic. The Village Board has received legal advice from the Harris-Beach Law Firm regarding updates to certain statutes and practices as well on the status of tiny homes. Their advice will be reviewed at a public meeting followed by modification of the Alfred zoning code. Relative to the village zoning code, Herb Ehrig requested changes to the definition of use and area variances. Herb and Larry Greil will work on these proposed changes. Peter McClain requested that code changes regarding frontage also be considered. One food-truck owner has requested an extension of allowable hours of operation, which at present are from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Barry Eckstein commented on the need for maintenance and repair of certain village streets, which at present are hazardous for pedestrians. These include Glen Street and the alleyway behind the business block. Karrie Edwards will mention this issue to Jim E. Ninos.
5. Other Business:
 - A. The Alfred Mayor asked for clarification of the origin and present duties of the Historical Preservation Commission. The Commission's documentation states only one duty for the HPC, which is to decide if a tax exemption is warranted for work done within the village Historic District. This suggests that other village governing bodies are relying on the HPC for broader considerations, although the HPC remains a recommending and not a deciding body.
 - B. No other students have volunteered to serve on the PZB, but Austin Bower is willing to continue serving for another year.
 - C. Not all PZB members love to take minutes, but it's possible that a paid secretary will be hired to do this job.
 - D. A suggestion was made to simplify Alfred's permit application forms. They all should include a site plan for which the village could provide graph paper. Karrie

Edwards suggested that the village could also create and distribute a sample of a properly completed application. There is sufficient blank space on our present application forms for drawings of proposed projects. Sherman Clarke suggested the need for consistency in the wording and titling of permit applications.

E. Lou Greiff announced that his new email address for PZB business only is lkplanningboard@gmail.com

6. A motion to adjourn, made by Liz Cronin and seconded by Lou Greiff, was passed unanimously at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Louis K. Greiff
Acting PZB Secretary