

PRESENT Doreen Albee, Nick Schaefer, Josh Janese, Rick Haight, Shannon Fundis

EXCUSED Norman Machelor, Joe Sorce, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Candella

CALL TO ORDER Doreen Albee called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

MINUTES A motion was made by Rick Haight seconded by Josh Janese and passed unanimously to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes.

OLD **Chairperson Appointment**

BUSINESS A motion was made by Rick Haight seconded by Nick Schaefer and passed unanimously to table the chairperson appointment to a later date when all members are present.

A-Frame/Vertical Signs

Shannon Fundis gave an update on all businesses who currently use A-Frame/Vertical signs; all businesses with these signs have complied and submitted all required documentation, with the exception of one business who stopped in the office last week and said he is working on it and will submit the application soon.

NEW **444 Center – 3 Sisters Garlic & Oils Sign Application**

BUSINESS A discussion ensued on the sign application for a suspended sign and window sign for 3 Sisters Garlic & Oils. Doreen Albee mentioned that in the Village Code, the suspended sign allows for two lines of text, or one line of text and one line for an image. The sign proposed has two lines of text and a third line with an image on it. This sign is already in place, and this appears to be part of their logo. I would hate to see the business incur additional costs to have to change this.

Nick Schaefer said my only concern with the sign(s) is that they did something before getting approval. Josh Janese agreed with Schaefer.

Rick Haight inquired about the sign exceeding 8 SF, which is the maximum size permitted in the Village Code.

Clerk Fundis explained that the signs for this building were approved before the suspended law was created. All suspended signs on the front of the building were approved to be of this size, with the same color, and the only thing that would change would be a logo if a new business owner came in. Doreen Albee created the suspended sign law as a result of the unique situation for signs with this building.

A motion was made by Nick Schaefer seconded by Josh Janese and passed unanimously to approve the 3 Sisters Garlic & Oils sign application as presented. This motion includes a request to send educational material to the property owner about any new signs that will be added or changed on the building.

130 S. 5th – Coldwell Banker Sign Application

Jennifer Cooper of Cooper Signs explained the application for the ground sign at 130 S. 5th Street, and the need to apply for a variance for the sign to be placed on the property line. If the sign is placed within the 10-foot setback requirement, the sign will be at the building and will not be seen.

Doreen Albee addressed concerns with the property being zoned R-2, which is a residential zoning and does not permit a ground sign on the property.

Josh Janese said he was concerned that other businesses would want to be able to put their sign at the property line if this application was approved.

Nick Schaefer said this property is unique based on its location, granting a variance based on their hardship does not set a precedence.

A motion was made by Doreen Albee seconded by Josh Janese and passed unanimously to approve the sign application with the exterior post to be placed at the lot line, with a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant the requested variance.

A motion was made by Doreen Albee seconded by Josh Janese and passed unanimously to allow a business sign as previously approved in the above motion on the lot at 130 South Fifth Street, which is a R-2 zoned entity.

130 S. 5th – Esthetics by Cati Sign Application

A motion was made by Rick Haight seconded by Josh Janese and passed unanimously to approve the 2 square foot sign as presented for Esthetics by Cati.

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CHAIR
REPORT

Doreen Albee stated there will be a New York Planning Federation lunch & learn on drinking water source protection on October 25, 2023 at 11am.

Albee inquired about the construction underway for the addition at Tops. When the Planning Commission approved this, it was approved with an emergency exit on the east side of the addition. Fundis said that the Fire Inspector and Building Inspector said the emergency exit was not required. Albee requested to add this topic under old business on the November agenda, as the addition is being constructed with a variance from what was approved. Albee stated she would like something in writing from the Fire and Building Inspectors for our records.

DISCUSSION Josh Janese mentioned that some businesses have had multiple A-Frame/Vertical signs in front of their business. Fundis said she would speak to the Zoning Officer and have him check for these signs.

Albee indicated that the Joint Commission meeting with the Historic Preservation, Planning Commission and Village Board of Trustees on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6pm to review the Public Art Project art frame proposal.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Nick Schaefer seconded by Rick Haight and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm.

Shannon Fundis, Clerk