

MINUTES
Town of Essex Planning Board
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order Chair DeWolff opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Present: Chair Catherine DeWolff, Anh Thu Cunnion, Jonathan Pribble, David Hislop, Janellen Fortune, Mark Walker, Cheryl Sprang (Secretary)

Absent: Thomas Stransky

Others present: Susan Olsen, Michael Olsen, Jim Kinley, Clay Reaser, Gladys Person, Anita, Shapiro, Lauren Murphy, Paul Flinn, Joe Becker, Merrell Leavitt, Julia and Cole Starkey, Dennis Trombley

Review and Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes On a motion to accept the regular minutes of May 16, 2019, by Mr. Hislop, seconded by Ms. Cunnion, the motion carries, Aye-6 (DeWolff, Cunnion, Fortune, Pribble, Hislop, Walker) No-0 Absent-1 (Stransky)

New Business

Tax Map #40.65-3-6.000 – Adirondack Arts Association – or the property owned by Richard Humphrey and located at 2748 Essex Rd, in the town of Essex – Special Use w/ Site Plan.

Application for new sign to hang on the property, 2-sided, 4 x 4.

Merrell Leavitt was present and explained the project. Some concern over the size of the sign, and Mr. Leavitt was directed by the board to make the sign rectangular to match the other signs in town. Mr. Leavitt reiterated that he will make sure the plans are provided to Planning Board before final production.

On a motion to deem the application complete and waive the public hearing, by Chair DeWolff, seconded by Mr. Pribble, the motion carries, Aye-6 (DeWolff, Cunnion, Fortune, Pribble, Hislop, Walker) No-0 Absent-1 (Stransky)

Tax Map #49.3-2-13.200 – Hillary and Thomas Stransky of 1420 Whallons Bay, Essex, NY for the property located at 1455 Whallons Bay Road, in the town of Essex – Special Use w/ Site Plan. Permitted to demolish existing and replace with new modern structure in September 2018. Footprint to remain the same. Paul Flinn was the representative for this project and shared the final plans and drawings.

On a motion to approve the final design of the replacement cabin, by Chair DeWolff, seconded by Mr. Hislop, the motion carries, Aye-6 (DeWolff, Cunnion, Fortune, Pribble, Hislop, Walker) No-0 Absent-1 (Stransky)

Tax Map #48.76-1-5.000 and 6.000 – Whallonsburg Grange Hall, Inc – for the property formerly known as Whitcomb Garage located at 1578 NYS Route 22, in the town of Essex – Special Use w/ Site Plan. Application for change of use to include factory/industrial and businesses (per NYS building codes.) James Kinley is the representative for this project and went over the project in detail. It was determined that Mr. Kinley would meet with Dennis Trombley to discuss the structural capacity of the building for its proposed change of use.

A short Environmental Assessment Form was completed, the Planning Board conducted a SEQR review in conformance with the NYS DEC SEQR law on June 20, 2019 where no significant impacts on the environment were determined. A Negative Declaration was issued on the application by majority vote of the Planning Board.

On a motion to deem the application complete and schedule for public hearing on July 18, by Chair DeWolff, seconded by Mr. Hislop, the motion carries, Aye-6 (DeWolff, Cunnion, Fortune, Pribble, Hislop, Walker) No-0 Absent-1 (Stransky)

Report of the Zoning Officer

Dennis Trombley was present and spoke about ongoing projects

Report of the Chair

Gladys Person was welcomed to the Planning Board as an alternative member of the Board.

Other Reports and Communications

Chair DeWolff read an email from a concerned citizen regarding the importance of keeping the Historic District, truly historic. It was determined by the board that a letter will be sent to all homeowners in the Historic Hamlet with information about the laws in the district and when they need to come to Planning Board.

Public Comment

Attendees spoke about the current situation in town with renovations and the historical time period of homes

Adjourn On a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. by Ms. Cunnion seconded by Mrs. Fortune, Motion carries, meeting is adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cheryl Sprang
Secretary