

Village of Athens Planning Board
Athens Village Office, 2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Meeting April 17, 2018

Members Present: Kurt Parde, Carrie Feder, John Miller, Bill Tompkins and Peggy Snyder, Secretary

Absent: Margaret Moree

There was a valid quorum present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Member Kurt Parde

Minutes

Motion was made by Bill Tompkins and seconded by Carrie Feder to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Tim Albright for Lois Ballinger, 2 North Water Street, Mr. Albright presented adjusted paint colors from the previously approved color choices. All Benjamin Moore paints, body of main building to be painted Matte finish of Sandy Hook Gray, Trim of main building in semi-gloss Briarwood, Shutters in a semi-gloss Essex Green, addition body to be painted in matte finish Briarwood, trim and gingerbread in semi-gloss Briarwood and trim in semi-gloss Sandy Hook Gray. A motion was made by John Miller and seconded by Carrie Feder to approve the paint colors as described in the application, all in favor, motion carried.

Silas Basham, Sleepy Hollow, resident had previously come before the Board regarding the ability to use the accessory apartment at his home in Sleepy Hollow as a B&B on weekends. The Sleepy Hollow Homeowners Association has now approved short term rentals. Mr. Basham is inquiring if he now needs a special use permit from the Planning Board to operate a B&B occasionally at his home. Mike Ragaini, Village Code Enforcement Officer stated that the Village does not enforce Sleepy Hollow zoning or rules and since Sleepy Hollow Homeowners Association has now approved short term rentals Mr. Basham has the ability to use his accessory apartment as a B&B. Kurt Parde stated that he will further check on this inquiry and get back in touch with Mr. Basham.

Robert Wyant, 112 Second Street, presented with a complete application including photos, drawings and dimensions to install a 6' spruce wood privacy fence on the East side of his property. The fence will set back 30' from the sidewalk and continue 136' setting back 1' from the property line. The fence is to be left natural in color and have the good side facing his neighbor's property. 4" X 4" treated wood posts will be used as supports and the fence will run continuously with no visible posts. A motion was made by Bill Tompkins and seconded by John Miller to approve the installation of the fence as described in the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Joshua Lipsman, 35 South Franklin Street, presented with an application complete with photos, drawings and dimensions to install a cupola on his home. The dimensions would be 12'L X 11'W and the average roof height would be 8' 4". The corbels would match those existing on the house, color to be the same as existing including trim. Railings to mimic those on first floor back porch. Roof shingles will match those existing on house. The cupola will be open, an unenclosed structure. There will be a trap door located inside the structure floor for access. This application will require a zoning board approval due to the height being 8' 4" above approved height. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by John Miller and seconded by Bill Tompkins for approval of the concept of a cupola as described in the application pending zoning board approval for an area variance is required and applicant must return to Planning Board should variance be granted. John Miller,

Bill Tompkins and Carrie Feder in favor with Carrie Feder stating her vote is with reservations. Kurt Parde opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

James Gaudette, 19 Second Street, presented with an application to place a sandwich board sign near his home on Saturdays, not to obstruct traffic on the sidewalk. The sign will not be affixed or permanent. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini stated the sign does not need Planning Board approval. No action taken by Board.

Other Business

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Tompkins and seconded by John Miller. Meeting adjourned by Member Kurt Parde at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Snyder
Secretary, Village of Athens Planning Board

- Member Kurt Parde was notified through email by Silas Basham that upon further thought he has decided not to pursue the matter further of using his accessory apartment as a B&B on weekends.