

Village of Athens Planning Board
Athens Village Office, 2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Meeting August 15, 2017

Members Present: Margaret Moree, John Miller, Kurt Parde, Bill Tompkins and Peggy Snyder, Secretary

Absent: Carrie Feder

There was a valid quorum present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Moree

Minutes

Motion was made by Kurt Parde and seconded by Bill Tompkins to approve the July 25, 2017 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Street Festival Committee, northeast corner of Market/Water Streets and Rt. 385, a sign application to install a wooden sign with removable letters was presented by Gail Lasher. The sign will be installed on property owned by the Village of Athens and maintained by the Street Festival Committee and the Athens Community Garden Club. It will be two sided constructed of wood with a wooden shingled roof covering it. The sign will be 4' X 6" and placed on 6X6 wooden posts left natural and will not be lighted. It will be placed at least 30' from the center of the road and is not more than 8' in height including the roof. The shingles on the roof are gray slate in color. Drawings were presented. A motion was made by Kurt Parde to approve the application as detailed in the application. The motion was seconded by Margaret Moree, all in favor, motion carried.

Frank Cuthbert, 10 South Franklin Street, presented with an application to paint the residence and install new Anderson windows, wood interior and aluminum clad exterior in forest green. All window replacements will be 3 over 1 except for the windows in the rear addition on the residence will be 1 over 1. He will be using Behr paint in a green color palette with a darker shade at the bottom going lighter at the top. Applicant will return with the color palette once decided. A motion was made by Margaret Moree and seconded by John Miller to the installation of 12 windows all Anderson aluminum clad in forest green of 3 over 1 with one window in rear of 1 over 1 and to return with color palette, all in favor, motion carried.

National Bank of Coxsackie, 1 North Washington Street, James Warren presented an application to repair the exterior front steps and stoop to their original appearance by replacing the front door with a double door consistent to original design; replace plywood half-rounds above windows and door with dark opaque glass and fan frames; install two "lollipop" lights on stoop; install new steel railing around reconstructed stoop with middle railing and steps. The stoop will be constructed of concrete, the door will be aluminum in light bronze, the railings will be steel, galvanized and painted black, the lights will be aluminum and in black and the windows frames will be painted Benjamin Moore Monroe Bisque. It was noted that the "lollipop" lights and stoop restoration had previously been approved on prior application. The applicant presented, and the Board reviewed in great detail, an analysis from the architect/engineer on accessibility options for entrance to the building. among conclusions drawn from the analysis; construction of a ramp on the front west façade would damage the contributing historic features of the building; construction of a ramp would necessitate relocation of the ATM, previously approved by the Planning Board and situated consistent with federal and state banking regulations; and construction of an accessibility ramp with current code setbacks, distance from state highway right of way, and platform at top of steps would be a challenge to design and construct given constraints of available space. The analysis presented, and the Board discussed at some lengths, alternative means of access

to the banking business through the grade level ATM and currently provided curbside service from bank tellers for its customers. Complete drawings, photos and samples of materials presented with the application. A motion was made by John Miller and seconded by Bill Tompkins to accept the architect findings that accessibility can be met with ATM and teller to car service; railings and half window replacements, door and stoop reconstruction. All in favor, motion carried. Chairman Moree will notify DOT of the determination regarding the ramp.

Brian Swardstrom & Peter Spears, 44 Second Street, Russell Francis general contractor for the building owners appeared with application to install a sign in dark blue painted canvas sign that will measure 3' in width and 4' in length and have a weighted bottom. Photos of the proposed sign and placement were provided. The fixture from which the sign will hang had been previously approved. A motion to approve the application as presented was made by John Miller and seconded by Bill Tompkins, all in favor, motion carried.

Howard Zar, 9 South Franklin Street, presented an application and photos for the installation of a pair of post to mark the entrance to the driveway at the residence. The posts will be 16" X 16" X 56" in height painted white. Mr. Tompkins asked for assurance that the posts be installed fully within the homeowner's property boundary and not encroach on sidewalk right of way. A motion was made by John Miller and seconded by Kurt Parde to approve the application, with condition that posts be installed fully within the property boundaries, for the installation of two white posts as described in the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Other

Chair Moree requested of the Code Enforcement Officer whether a permit had been issued to paint the Van Loon home located on Rt. 385 coming into the Village from the south. Mr. Ragaini advised that no application had been received, nor any permit issued.

Motion to adjourn made by Kurt Parde and seconded by Bill Tompkins, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Moree at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Snyder
Secretary, Village of Athens Planning Board