

Village of Athens Planning Board
2 First Street, Athens, NY
Meeting Minutes: July 26, 2022

Attending: Margaret Moree, Chair; Carrie Feder; John Miller; Kurt Parde; Bill Tompkins; Nancy Poylo, Secretary

Absent: Code Enforcement

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes. Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Moree.

1. **Dominic and Deborah Gallo (owner), 26 Debbie Drive, Sleepy Hollow:** submitted a site plan review for new build on Lot L-082, (tax map 105.19-3-33). Surveyor map presented. Lot size and set back are consistent with requirements. A motion to approve the application as presented was offered by John Miller, seconded by Kurt Parde. Motion approved.
2. **Alexander Rubin and Sarah Kandos (owner, present), 20 South Franklin St:** presented application to paint home Crown Point Sand, Narragansett Green trim and Lancaster White molding. Photos and paint samples provided. After discussion, Carrie Feder asked homeowners to consider less use of green paint more consistent with home style. Homeowners agreed. A motion to approve the application as presented with the recommendation for reduction in green trim was offered by Chair Moree, seconded by Carrie Feder. Motion approved.
3. **Matt Rosales and Cate Collinson (owners, present), 38 N. Franklin Street:** presented application to replace 15 exterior windows and 1 rear entry doorway. Windows to be replaced with Renewal by Anderson (Huff N' Puff) 6x6 and 2 jalousie windows in the kitchen and bathroom. Rear entry door to be replaced with a fiberglass, full view, single French patio door in honey oak wood tone. Application included photos of the current windows and specs of the Anderson windows and door. A motion to approve the application as presented was offered by John Miller, seconded by Bill Tompkins, motion failed. After discussion, Ms. Feder suggested 2x2 windows and exterior grilles to be consistent with the style of the house. The Applicants agreed to modifications. A motion to approve the application for 2 over 2 windows with external grilles and if not feasible, internal grilles, was offered by Kurt Parde, seconded by John Miller. Carrie Feder abstained. Motion approved as amended for 2 over 2 windows with grille to be external if feasible.
4. **Surrano (owner, present) 16 N. Washington St:** Applicant presented additions to a previously approved permit application on November 16, 2021. Additional property improvements include an application for a fence, addition of an awning over front door, and color choice for the front door. The applicant did not file a new permit application for this meeting and declined to complete a new application at this meeting. Chair Moree had the Applicant list the new requests. Applicant requested a 6 ft privacy fence in hemlock or southern pine, to be built in shadow box style, painted in flat black, to run east to west on the the north boundary of the property; a metal sloped awning over the front door in metal or copper, to paint the front door pink. Fence to be graduated down towards N. Washington St. Applicant was unprepared with photos or paint color samples but was able to provide some from his phone although they had not decided on which color they wanted. Bill Tompkins offered a motion to approve the requests as presented, the motion failed. Kurt Parde offered a motion to approve (i) the awning, and (ii) the fence as described to remain in natural state, motion seconded by John Miller. Motion approved. If applicant wishes to paint the front door and or the fence, applicant to return with paint samples of both for review and approval.
5. **Brandyn Place (owner, present), 30 N. Washington St:** presented application for demolition of the home. Applicant appeared before the Planning Board in March 2022 for discussion purposes only. Applicant presented photos of the home. Discussion with homeowner on dating the home and any historic significance ensued. A review of several different source documents could not date the home prior to 1940. A motion to approve the demolition of the home was offered by Bill Tompkins, seconded by Kurt Parde. Motion approved. Applicant was advised that a demolition permit is required from the Code Officers. Applicant will also remove the siding prior to demolition.

No Action Taken:

- *Michael Spier (owner, not present), 21 N. Franklin Street:* Owner presented an application for metal roofing. Applicant was approved for metal roofing at the May 2022 meeting and it was not clear what change(s) to the prior approval required a new application and review.
- *Donna Mongiardo, (owner, present) 55 Second Street:* Applicant was cited with 2 criminal offenses due to unpermitted installation of a painted fence in October 2021, citations issued by the Code Officers and Village. Chair Moree advised Owner that if a permit application had been presented to the Planning Board before installation the PB would have requested a color palette consistent with the historic district and the proper fence installation. This was also noted in the February 2022 Planning Board minutes when an application was provided to the Planning Board for review. A copy of this board minutes was provided to the homeowner. The homeowner presented a notice from the court which indicated she had 60 days to remedy the situation, although it was unclear what action was within the authority of the Planning Board to take. After a lengthy discussion, Chair Moree indicated she would reach out to the Village Attorney to seek some guidance on what the agreement was with the Court and the Village to facilitate compliance.

Minutes:

Chair Moree made a motion to accept the July 2022 Planning Board minutes. Ms. Feder seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted


Nancy Poylo, Secretary