

VILLAGE OF ATHENS PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Attending: Margaret Moree - Chair, Carrie Feder, John Miller, Kurt Parde, Bill Tompkins, Nancy Poylo - Board Secretary, Jeff Ruso - Code Enforcement Officer

There was a valid quorum for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order by Margaret Moree at 6:30pm; meeting was convened in the Athens Community Meeting Room at 2 First Street, Athens.

New Business:

1. John Miller (Owner), 10 N. Water St: Application to remove and replace the aluminum siding with Eastern White Pine primed ½ x 6 bevel horizontal siding. Exterior will be painted in Sherwin Williams Golden Plumera, white semi gloss on trim. Replace windows on south and north side with vinyl double hung 30 x 36 as detailed in the Application. A motion to approve the siding and window replacement as detailed in the application was offered by Kurt Parde, seconded by Bill Tompkins. John Miller abstained, motion carried.

2. Chris Sharpe (Owner), 8 N. Washington St: Submitted a modification to an application submitted on April 20, 2021 for fence replacement at the rear of the property. Modification is to use rough cut hemlock in place of pine for a privacy fence on the north boundary in a horizontal pattern. 2 gates mimicking the fence design with a diagonal crossbar will be installed at the SW corner of the garage and front to north of the house. Details and photos provided in the Application. A motion to approve the modification was offered by John Miller, seconded by Bill Tompkins. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Lindsay Bowen, (Owner), 4 Third Street: Application presented to (i) replace the roof and repair box gutters as detailed in the application; and (ii) repair back porch/bathroom and restore foundation. Details and photos provided in the Application. Carrie Feder asked Mr. Bowen to consider vertical siding on the exterior wall of the bathroom to be consistent with the age of the structure. Exterior paint will be the same colors approved in the July 21, 2020 application. A motion to approve (i) the roof and box gutter replacement was offered by Bill Tompkins, seconded by Kurt Parde. All in favor, motion carried for replacement of roof and box gutters. Mr. Bowen was asked to return for approval of (ii) the exterior wall pattern (vertical vs. horizontal).

4. Other Business:

- 1. JMMJ-2 LLC (Joe Melino, Owner), 279 N Washington Street:** The major subdivision application (the "Concept Plan") for an 18-lot subdivision on the 88.68 acre parcel owned by Mr. Melino that was submitted to the Planning Board March 16, 2021 was officially withdrawn. Chair Moree clarified for Mr. Melino that the definitions of major vs. minor subdivision: Major is greater than three (3) lots in accordance with the Major Subdivision section of the Village Code Article III, Section 205-13. A minor subdivision is no more than 2 lots.
- 2. Bill Tompkins raised a question regarding the new construction on 90 N. Franklin,** which is nearing completion and getting ready for a certificate of occupancy. This new house is not located in the Historic District and therefore didn't require a site plan review by the Planning Board. Bill also mentioned that a significant portion of the sidewalk was removed and should be replaced. It's not clear if the removal of the sidewalk was authorized. Chair Moree sent questions regarding sidewalk removal and authority to do so to the Mayor and the Village attorney for clarification.
- 3. Carrie Feder inquired again about the dumpster law,** specifically with regards to Amici Deli. CEO Ruso has not been able to get in touch with the current owners of the Deli.
- 4. CEO Ruso asked if the renovations @ Rivertown Senior Apartments** require an Engineer's report. The property is not located in the Historic District and falls outside scope of Planning Board. All documentation shall be managed by Code Enforcement.

5. Kathy Jackson (Board of Trustees President), D.R. Evarts Library, 80 Second Street: Presented details and photos of the rear addition for the Library. The 2nd grant was approved by SHPO for this addition. Building permit application will likely be submitted December 2021 and the project will go out to bid in March 2022.
6. Brandon Place, (Owner), 30 N Washington: Conceptual discussion regarding options with the property located in the RM district. The couple also owns 28 N. Washington. Discussions included combining the lots, condemn and level the house, pest control, and basic property use per the Village Code.

Minutes

A motion was offered by Bill Tompkins to approve the August 17, 2021 meeting Minutes, seconded by Kurt Parde, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Moree at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poylo, Board Secretary