

## VILLAGE OF ATHENS PLANNING BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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

**Absent:** Kurt Parde

There was a valid quorum for voting purposes.

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

#### ***New Business:***

1. **Carol Bove (Owner, not present), 35 S. Washington (former ELCO Building), Schaum/Shieh Architects (present), and Rondack Construction Inc. (present):** submitted an application for general repairs, interior demo, window repairs, and roof replacement in "Athens Yards". Repairs will occur in three (3) buildings: Workshop (A1), Studio (A2), and Office (F) as detailed in the application. Applicant intends to restore and repair; no exterior changes in lighting or signage are contemplated at this time. Architects indicated there is no intention to put heat into the buildings. Board members validated the type of fire suppression system that is intended to be used. A motion to approve the exterior repairs and restoration as detailed in the application was offered by Chair Moree, seconded by Bill Tompkins, motion carried. Planning Board advised that the Code Officers should have presented a completed and approved Flood Plain certification prior to PB review. CEO Ruso will review and provide Applicant with the Flood Plain certification.

2. **Jeff Ruso (Owner), 20 N. Washington St:** submitted an application for a series of repairs including (i) replacement of 18 windows with Majesty Wood Double Hung windows 2x2 or 6x6 windows (Applicant will research 6x6 windows); (ii) removal of chain link fence from front yard; (iii) repairs and stabilization to north facing brick wall; and (iv) scraping loose paint from all buildings. A motion to approve as detailed in the application was offered by Chair Moree, seconded by John Miller. All in favor, motion carried. Applicant will return for approval of exterior color choices.

3. **Barbara Surrano (Owner), 16 N. Washington St:** submitted an application to (i) replace existing windows with Anderson Sprague windows: 1 picture window and 8 2x2 windows; (ii) replace vinyl siding with Hardie Plank artic white cedarmill siding; (iii) replace existing metal fence on north side of property with wooden privacy fence; and (iv) repaint front door. Details and photos provided in the application. A motion to approve (i) and (ii) above as detailed in the application was offered by Bill Tompkins, seconded by John Miller. All in favor, motion carried for the window and siding replacement. Applicant was asked to return for approval of fencing and front door color.

4. **Charles Taylor (Owner, not present), Spoorenburgh Road:** submitted an application for a site plan review to build a small, off-the-grid cabin for personal use on Parcel 122.13-1-1 in the RL district. Details and photos provided in the application. A motion to approve as detailed in the application was offered by Chair Moree, seconded by John Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

#### ***5. Other Business:***

1. Bill Tompkins questioned unpermitted work @ N. Franklin St. (behind Stewart's Shops), and 27 S. Franklin St. and work not complying with Planning Board approval @ 8 N. Washington St. CEO Ruso will investigate. Bill also suggested that the building permit should be reviewed and revised to include various updates for the AVFD.

***Minutes***

A motion was offered by Bill Tompkins to approve the October 20, 2021 meeting Minutes, seconded by Carrie Feder, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Moree at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Poylo, Board Secretary