

**Village of Athens Planning Board
2 First Street, Athens NY
Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023**

Members Present: Margaret Moree, Chair; Tim Albright, Carrie Feder, John Miller, Kurt Parde, Nancy Poylo, Secretary

Code Enforcement: Jeff Ruso

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes. Chair Moree opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

1. ***Anthony Uzo, Catherine Censor, 24 South Franklin Street:*** Homeowners presented detailed plans to install (i) a 3'H x 36'L cast iron fence on SE side of the yard; (ii) a 1'H x 2'W bluestone/fieldstone wall to surround the base of the fence; and (iii) a self-closing gate. Photos, materials, and renderings all presented. Tim Albright made a motion to approve as presented; Carrie Feder seconded. All in favor, motion passed
2. ***Hagar's Harbor Marina LLC, 50 Brick Row, Marsha and Joe Puorro (owners, not present) and Charles Holtz, Holtz Surveying on behalf of owners:*** Mr. Holtz presented a revised map for the General Subdivision Application presented to the Planning Board in May 2023. Map changes cover the revised right of way for Lot #2. Maggie Moree made a motion to approve the revised map with the changes requested by the Planning Board and the village engineer, Kurt Parde seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The Preliminary Plat portion is now complete. The next phase, the notification of neighbors and public hearing, will now commence.
3. ***Taylor Calanano (owner, not present), 42 Debbie Drive, Sleepy Hollow Lake:*** Lot line adjustment. Survey maps presented to consolidate two lots (41 and 42) into one lot 41. Tim Albright made a motion to approve the lot consolidation, Kurt Parde seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
4. ***Alfondo Chiong (owner, not present), 23 Sleepy Hollow Lake Drive, Sleepy Hollow Lake:*** Lot line adjustment. Survey maps presented to consolidate two lots (22 and 23) into one lot 23. Tim Albright made a motion to approve the lot consolidation, Carrie Feder seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
5. ***Geoff Howell (owner), 38 South Washington St:*** Homeowner presented an application to paint the exterior of the house Benjamin Moore Clarksville Gray HC-102 and the trim, soffits, columns Benjamin Moore Abingdon Putty HC-99. Photos and color samples were presented. John Miller made a motion to accept the application as presented, Tim Albright seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
6. ***Geoff Howell (owner), 88 Second St :*** Homeowner presented an application to paint the exterior of the house and the carriage house: (i) body, windows, sashes & corbels Sherwin Williams Coriander Powder H65W9025; (ii) soffits and window trim Sherwin Williams Cardboard H65W6124; Window molding, frame tops, soffit pendants & crown Bear & Mission Brown N250-7; and (iv) shutters Behr Trailing Vine S390-7. Photos and color samples were presented. Tim Albright made a motion to accept the application as presented, John Miller seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
7. ***Christina Thyssen (owner), 59 Second St:*** Homeowner presented an application to install a 6' untreated hemlock fence along the south (alley) side of her property. Tim Albright made a motion to accept the application as presented, Carrie Feder seconded. Kurt Parde opposed. Motion passed.

8. **Christine Purcell (owner, not present), 53 Second Street:** An application was presented to install a 4' fence along the rear and SE side of the property. The fence has already been installed, without Planning Board approval. The fence exceeds 4'. In the April 2022 Planning Board meeting, Ms. Purcell presented an application to install the east facing fence and was advised that as her home is on a corner lot, the east facing fence bordering the street could not be approved without a zoning variance, as it exceeded 4' in height. Ms. Purcell agreed to pursue a zoning variance. The Planning Board is not aware of any action taken by the ZBA. The Planning Board noted that the fence posts need to be cut back. No action taken.
9. **Christopher Sharpe, (owner, present), 8 North Washington:** Homeowner presented modifications to the application that was approved in March as modified by an application presented in May, for the north facing side of the building. The placement of the window and door will be reverted to the first approval in March 2022. Application included additional requests to (i) remove the front porch stairs; (ii) choose from the Historic Nantucket Collection to paint the exterior doors; and (iii) replace the Sunroom storm windows with white 4 season windows and a french door, no grills. Homeowner did not provide the name of the window manufacturer. No renderings or photos were presented. After an extensive discussion to understand the various changes and requests, Tim Albright made a motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by John Miller. Motion carried.
10. **Sarah Kardos, Alexander Rubin (owners), 20 South Franklin Street:** Homeowner presented an application to paint the exterior of the house in Rockport Grey and the trim in Copley Grey. Porch treads and door will be mahogany. Photos and color samples were presented. Kurt Parde made a motion to accept the application as presented, Carrie Feder seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
11. **PF Benson, LLC (owners), and Joseph Murcell (Contractor), 31-33 South Washington St:** Homeowner presented an application to replace the existing roof with a black torchdown roof. John Miller made a motion to accept the application as presented, Tim Albright seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
12. **Zach Eichman (owner), 86 Second St:** Homeowner presented an application to (i) paint the exterior of the house to match the existing color scheme; and (ii) remove one chimney extension from the roof. Tim Albright made a motion to accept the application as presented, Kurt Parde seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
13. **Zach Eichman (owner), 82 Second St:** Homeowner presented an application to install a 16'x36' in-ground pool with 18" bluestone coping and a 4' treated wood fence to enclose the pool. Photos were presented. Kurt Parde made a motion to accept the application as presented, John Miller seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
14. **Kurt & Clare Parde (owners), 14 S Montgomery St:** Homeowners presented an application to remove the existing lean-to mud room and replace it with new pressure treated pine platform and stairs. Photos and renderings were presented. Tim Albright made a motion to accept the application as presented, John Miller seconded, and Kurt Parde abstained. Motion passed.
15. **Kurt & Clare Parde (owners), 15 Third St:** Homeowners presented an application to replace the roof with Timberline AH Architectural Shingle, color Appalachian Sky. Tim Albright made a motion to accept the application as presented, Carrie Feder seconded, and Kurt Parde abstained. Motion passed.

Other Business:

1. Rivertopia update: Chair Moree advised she had received a formal opinion from Code Enforcement indicating that the application for a campground are consistent with the definitions for "recreation" found within the Code and consistent with the permitted uses within the Waterfront District. That opinion was provided to the applicant, in addition to the Planning Board. Chair Moree advised the application of provisions within the Code that prohibit RVs from hooking into the water and the sewer systems and advised applicants that, if they wish to pursue their application, they would need to revise the application to reflect how they intend on addressing water and sewer needs for the RV sites, and any additional certifications that might be needed to accommodate such a change. No action will be taken further on the application until such time that a revised plan is submitted.
2. Union Street subdivision: Chair Moree shared that the village engineer has responded with a number of concerns on the proposed subdivision, as there is not access to water and sewer. Those concerns have been shared with the applicant to determine whether applicant wishes to proceed as proposed, or wishes to modify to based on concerns raised.
3. Code Enforcement Officer Ruso advised that upon his review, modifications to the structure located at 11 N Water St will need to be brought into flood plain maps per the DEC.
4. Carrie Feder and Tim Albright took a 3 hour training course in Cairo.
5. John Miller submitted his resignation, effective immediately, Chair Moree sadly accepted.

Minutes: May minutes were not presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted

Nancy Poylo
Planning Board Secretary