

Village of Deposit Planning Bd. Mtg.
January 12, 2022

Attendees: Sarah Evans, Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Mike Musante, Gail Musante, Peter Carson, and John O'Connor were present from the board. Joe McQuade was absent. Jim Durning, Bryan Moore, Harry Warner, Dean Price, John Brown, Eric Eberlin, and Anne Lawrence were visitors. Mtg. was called to order at 7:02 pm by Sarah Evans. She declared a quorum.

Old Business:

- Sarah checked that everyone had read the minutes from the November meeting. They were accepted without a vote because they were more than 30 days old.
- It should be noted that any motions or actions initiated by John O'Connor in the October and November minutes will not be counted because he had not been officially appointed by the Village Board at that time. He is now officially appointed by the Village Board as a Planning Board alternate - he is acting as a voting member tonight.
- Sarah opened the meeting up to public participation prior to discussion of the site plan application and the SEQR for this application. No one had any input at this time.

New Business:

- The board reviewed an application for a new business, "Mile High Accessories, LLC" to occupy the former Police Dept. offices. The applicant, Eric Eberlin, of Mile High Accessories, LLC, and the building owner, Anne Lawrence were present. Sarah added information from the tax map to the application and noted that the business would be going into an existing building. A question was raised about the floor plan submitted, which doesn't show the full building or the dimensions of the spaces. Questions were brought up about aspects of the plan: a rear exit is indicated, but this goes into another room - Shelly said that whether this is acceptable is a fire code issue. However, since Pete Hathaway, the fire inspector, has signed off on this, the arrangement was accepted.
- A drawing of the sign was included with the application - the sign, to be placed on the window, was within regulated limits.
- Hours for the business will be 9am to 9 pm, seven days a week. Parking will be in the public lot across the street. There was a discussion of handicapped parking availability.
- SEQR, part 1, was reviewed; some changes were made and approved by the applicant. SEQR, parts 2 and 3, were filled in by board - as read by Shelly. The board recommends that the Village designate a handicapped parking space in front of the building for the use of the entire building (where the police had a reserved parking spot).
- A negative finding of environmental impact was made by the board: Mike made the motion and Peter seconded; the board approved and Sarah signed the SEQR document.
- The application was approved for the use of the space previously occupied by the Police Station as a retail business: the motion to accept the project was made by Peter, seconded by Mike, and approved by board. Sarah signed the application.
- Sarah opened the meeting to public comment and questions. Anne asked if the hours could be changed after the business opened. Sarah said the hours could be changed without notice to the board.

Sarah asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm. John made the motion, and Peter seconded. All approved.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9, at 7:00. The January through March meetings may be held on Zoom (to be confirmed 2 weeks before the meeting).

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Musante
Recording Secretary