

Village of Canton

Planning Board Meeting

May 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

11:00am

Members Present

Chairperson Barry Walch; Jessica Sierk; John Hill; Charles Rouse

Recording Secretary Jeni Reed

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Moderator Carol Pynchon; Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray; John & Jessica Putman (Canton Dairy Queen); Gayle Crabtree (Canton Dairy Queen)

Call to Order

The meeting of the Village Planning Board was called to order at 11:00am by chairperson Barry Walch.

Approval of Minutes

It was determined to table the approval of the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Planning Board Meeting, to give more opportunity for review. Minutes will be distributed to the board for additional review, and will be approved at the next meeting.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion of Dairy Queen Sign

John & Jessica Putman discussed the current sign; they would like to leave the existing pole sign by the road as is. An additional sign will go on the front of the building. This is the same as from 3 years ago prior to the fire. It was discussed that the sign out front is technically too tall for current code, however the sign dimensions were approved by the board at the time it was installed, approximately 3 years ago.

The current sign board is 4'x8' (32 square feet). Current code requirements state it must be no taller than 12 feet to the top of the sign. However, they would need to put the reader board too close to ground to be readable in order to meet these requirements. The Putmans are requesting that they be permitted to leave the sign the same height as it is and keep as it has been.

The top of the sign as it stands now is approx 20 feet. Currently all signs for the rest of the area are much smaller or shorter. However, no other signs exist on that end of the street. To move the sign is impractical. It was

discussed to grandfather the sign in; it is the same sign and would not be changed. No changes are needed, as it was all brand new 3 years ago. The only new sign will be on the front of the building which will meet code. The board recalls that Rusty issued the permit originally.

General discussion among board members determined that as everything stays the same, and no changes are being made, it should therefore remain approved. The sign has been there all along even though the business has not been operating. It was also later noted that if the property should change ownership the sign will have to be brought into compliance, as the approval is for the owner of the property and not the property itself.

A motion was made by Charles Rouse to allow the sign to stay as it is; if changes are later requested then it will need to be brought to code. John Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. Discussion of Bagelry Sign

A conceptual drawing for a new Bagelry sign was presented to the board by Jeff Murray via email. The new sign would be circular, say “Bagels made the right way - the NY way,” and be placed on the Court Street side of the building between the 2nd and 3rd window. John Hill asked about problems with a projecting sign that was previously proposed. This new proposal is a painting that will be done on the side of the building and it meets all code qualifications for percentage coverage of building requirements. Jeff Murray sees no issues with the new sign against the code.

It was noted that this sign will be in what has been designated the Historic district, and will need to meet certain requirements like Historic district colors. Jeff Murray stated he would discuss the requirements with the owner of the Bagelry, but doesn't expect any issues as the color anticipated will just be an off-white which matches the current color scheme.

The question arose of if there is a limitation on signage for protruding and flat signs? But it was determined that this only applies on the same side of the building. The new sign would not be on the same side as the current sign. No lighting is indicated or requested, just the painted sign. It was noted that the owner is no longer requesting the “Park Bros” sign.

The board determined that the proposed sign for the Bagelry meets all their requirements as long as the color is right. There are no additional concerns.

A motion was made by John Hill to allow the new sign for the Bagelry as long as it conforms to all codes; Jessica Sierk seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Other Items

McDonalds proposal - there has been no new news in the last 3 months per Jeff Murray. He indicated he will bring it to the committee as soon as he hears anything.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Rouse, seconded by John Hill, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.