

Village of Freeville Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015

Present: Chair Miles McCarty, Members Jim Krebs, Tom Cavataio, Ron Szymanski, & Diane Eaton, Mayor David Fogel, Zoning Board Member Holly Lockwood, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Fritz, Village Resident Jamie Parris, Village Property Owners Doug Albern & Joe Fisher, Attorney Dirk Galbraith, Bone Plain Road residents Lynn & Suzanne McMannis, & Clerk-Treasurer Ron Campbell

Call to Order: Miles McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Tom Cavataio moved to accept minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting. Diane Eaton seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Site Plan Review #1: Foundation Group, LLC, owner of property at 6 Main St. proposed to construct two off street parking spaces at rear of premises for use by residential tenants. Dirk Galbraith, attorney for Foundation Group, LLC, showed that the parking spaces would be in the footprint of what used to be an addition, therefore should not be restricted by Section 366 of the Land Use Code regarding Flood Hazard Zone. Tompkins County has submitted a letter stating that “it is their understanding that the proposed parking expansion area is located within the former footprint of the demolished building and not directly adjacent to Fall Creek. They’ve determined that it has no negative inter-community, or county-wide impacts” Space is roughly 25’ x 25’ (slightly short of Village Land Use Code) Seems to be a question as to whether a car can pull out without driving on neighbors lawn or possibly hitting neighbors garage.

Doug Albern and Dirk Galbraith agreed to defer Planning Board making a decision, to allow time to seek solution with current neighbor. Jim Krebs made a motion to defer decision to allow neighbors to come up with some sort of agreement. Diane Eaton seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Site Plan Review #2: Joe Fisher owner of 7-9 Main St. proposes to move EcoJarz into new location as primary tenant allowing them space to grow. Business is currently operating at 17 Railroad St. They hope to find other low-impact tenants to occupy the vacant portions of the building. This will help with the overhead of property and create the opportunity to improve the structure.

Currently use of business as storage and shipping/receiving. Would love to eventually manufacture the lids on site. The Village Shopper currently rents space & does paper sorting on Monday evenings. They have been doing so before building was purchased. A Wind Turbine assembly company may be interested in renting unused space. They will submit site-plan review if/when decided.

Ron Szymanski made a motion to approve the site-plan review submitted by Joe Fisher. Diane Eaton seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Ron Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Krebs seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 18th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Campbell