

A regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Village of Cooperstown was held in the Village Office Building, 22 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York on April 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Chair – Eugene Berman, Richard Blabey, Joe Membrino and David Pearlman. Member Paul Kuhn was absent. Interim Zoning Enforcement Officer Albert Keck and Zoning Enforcement Officer Sheila Serbay were also present. There were four members of the public present.

Mr. Berman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Berman, Membrino, Pearlman
ABSTENTIONS: Blabey

Motion carried

Agenda

147 main Street (Hui Mei Liao – May) — Proposed signage for a retail store

Mr. Berman asked if the “All About the Girls by MAY” sign would be located in the same place as the former "Christina's" sign. The applicant said that it would.

Mr. Pearlman stated that he was at the location and verified that there could be painting over the sign.

Mr. Membrino reviewed the application and stated that the sign would be at same location and be the same size.

Mr. Berman made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Berman, Blabey, Membrino, Pearlman

Motion carried

9 Railroad Ave. (Randy Smith) – Temporary sign under Spurbeck's Grocery sign

The Board reviewed the application to add a vinyl sign to be suspended directly below the existing Spurbeck's Grocery sign. The sign would state: “Celebrating 75 years.” The application seeks a sign permit for the period ending on December 31, 2016.

Mr. Berman stated that under the law's definitions, a suspended sign is defined as a wall sign.

Mr. Blabey asked whether the signs fit the dimensional criterion. He added that a sign is prohibited unless it is allowed by the Sign Law.

The Board discussed the definitions of "Banner", "Sign, Flag", "Sign, Suspended", "Sign, Temporary", and "Sign, Wall" set forth in Sign Law § 227-2, and the area limits for multiple wall

signs set forth in Sign Law § 227-3(A)(2)(f). The Board also discussed whether the sign was a banner or a suspended sign.

Mr. Berman stated that the application refers to the sign as a banner, but the Board must make that determination based on the Sign Law's definitions. He added that the definition of a banner refers to a sign of lightweight fabric or similar material, and questioned whether a sign made of vinyl fit that definition.

The Board discussed the sign's proposed location and position.

Mr. Blabey stated that the sign needs to be attached.

Mr. Membrino stated that the position of the sign is parallel to a wall. He referred the Board to the application that was presented and stated that the Applicant has a wall sign. He added that the proposed sign should be approved if it is within the allowable dimensions.

Mr. Blabey stated that the combined existing sign and the proposed temporary sign are within the allowable wall sign dimensions.

Mr. Membrino stated that it a suspended wall sing and suggested that someone needed to craft a motion.

Mr. Berman suggested the following language for a motion. "To approve the temporary vinyl sign set forth in the application, conditioned on it being securely fastened to either the building or to the existing wall sign, with the sign permit expiring on January 1, 2017 as requested in the application."

Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the temporary vinyl sign set forth in the application, conditioned on it being securely fastened to either the building or to the existing wall sign, with the sign permit expiring on January 1, 2017 as requested in the application. Mr. Berman seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Berman, Blabey, Membrino, Pearlman

Motion carried

165 Main St. (Laura Jane Alexander) – Hanging sign for LJ's Sassy Boutique to replace the existing Village Cobbler sign.

Wayne Alexander accompanied Laura Jane Alexander. The Alexanders explained that the business name was being changed based on the store's stock and its market.

Mr. Berman asked whether the sign's size or location would change.

Mrs. Alexander stated that the existing sign will be refaced and would remain in the same location.

Mr. Blabey, referring to the application showing the proposed sign as white and pink, asked what color tone the white portion would be.

The Alexanders stated that the color would match the business and would be white.

