

Planning Board

January 14, 2015

Present: Chair Jeff Helmuth, Members Mike Karashay, Marilyn Daley, Mary Leahy and Gary Newkirk
Others Present: Alex Betke, Ed Quirk

Chairman Jeff Helmuth called the Planning Board to order at 7:00pm.

Mr. Helmuth presented the minutes of the November 12, 2014 Planning Board (there was no meeting in December 2014). Motion was made by Mary Leahy, seconded by Marilyn Daley, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Attorney Alex Betke presented proposed Local Law #1/2015 to the Planning Board for comment. The proposed law makes several changes to the Zoning Map including rezoning two properties from R2 to B1; one property from R1 to R3; the creation of a new Zoning District – the BR (business residential district) and a new Historic Overlay District. After discussion, motion was made by Mike Karashay, seconded by Gary Newkirk, to support the passage of proposed Local Law #1/2015 by the Village Board. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Betke then asked the Planning Board for comment regarding the combination of the Planning Board and the Historic Review Board. Mr. Betke explained the revised Planning Board could consist of 7 members, perhaps taking two members from the existing HRB. The Building Department would create a standard for the Historic Overlay District to make decisions easier for the Planning Board. Mr. Helmuth was concerned that current Planning Board members might need help to gain a historical perspective. Mr. Betke said the Board could hire an expert to help with decisions. Mary Leahy said current members of the Planning Board should be provided with training for historical decisions and is in favor of combining the Boards. Gary Newkirk said he attended the Public Hearing of the Village Board meeting when this was merger was proposed. He said he took offense that some members of the public said the Planning Board would not care about historical properties. He would not be opposed to the combining of the Boards as long as training is provided. Both Marilyn Daley and Mike Karashay are comfortable with a merge. Motion was made by Jeff Helmuth, seconded by Mary Leahy, that the Planning Board would support the Village Board combining the Historic Review Board with the Planning Board provided that proper training is provided to the members of the Planning Board and the 2 new members of the combined Board have “historic credentials”. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Helmuth proposed that the meeting time of the Planning Board meetings be changed to 630pm. No member of the Planning Board objected. The new meeting time of the Planning Board will now be 630pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

The Clerk reminded the Board that it is time to think about their annual training. Please think about subjects for Mr. Betke to present for training.

The next Planning Board meeting is February 11, 2015 at 630pm.

Motion was made by Mary Leahy, seconded by Mike Karashay, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Planning Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
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