

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Chairman D. Herrick; Members L. Korda, L. Ponter, and R. O'Mara-Garcia, Village Deputy Clerk P. DeLong, Building Inspector E. Reis, Residents T. Curran and S. Piazza and Dog House Holdings, LLC Representative D. Foote.

- 1) Application # 2019-021: 25 Main Street, Chatham, NY; Dog House Holdings, LLC Applicant; Application/Historic District/Site Plan - Approved**
- 2) Application # 2019-015: 1 Center Street, Chatham, NY; Thomas Curran Applicant; Application/Historic District/Site Plan - Approved**
- 3) Application # 2019-040: 2 Main Street, Chatham, NY, David Birch Applicant; Application/Historic District - No representatives attended the meeting – Tabled to next meeting on June 17, 2019. Approved by all.**

Other Business:

- 1. Application # 2018-025: 9 Jones Avenue, Chatham, NY; Stephen Piazza Applicant; Area Variance / Zoning Board needs a recommendation from the Planning Board.**
- 2. Application # 2018-025: 29 Center Street, Chatham, NY; Maria DeAmorim Applicant; Area Variance / Zoning Board needs a recommendation from the Planning Board.**
- 3. Application # 2019-050 : 63-67 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, NY; RR Town Properties, LLC Applicant; Area Variance / Zoning Board needs a recommendation from the Planning Board.**

Planning Board Members discussed plans submitted for the proposed façade work to 25 Main Street. D. Foote explains the old brick flower boxes are beyond repair and cannot be fixed. He would like to put in flower boxes of the same size that are attached to the building and off the side walk.

Motion to amend the application to include the option of the flower boxes being wooden and of the same dimensions. Motion made by L. Ponter and seconded by L. Korda. Approved by all. Public Comment – None. Motion to approve the application made by D. Herrick and seconded by L. Korda. Approved by all.

Planning Board Members discussed plans submitted for proposed fence at 1 Center Street. T. Curran explains headlights shine in his home from cars parking the juxtaposed lot. There are shrubs there now but, he would like to put up a fence to clean up the area and neaten up the view. Motion to approve the application made by L. Korda and seconded by D. Herrick. Approved by all. Public Comment – None.

Planning Board Recommendations to Zoning Board:

Planning Board Members recommend variance for 9 Jones Avenue to the Zoning Board of Appeals. S. Piazza explains the fence would act as a screening due to neighboring property which the homeowner has neglected to clear of rubbish. Due to grade, the 7-foot fence would look like a 6-foot fence. He stresses that the fence would never need to be higher than 7 feet. Other fences with in the Village limits have similar variance and L. Ponter states there is a precedence with in the village of this type of fence; ie: Fairgrounds, Destino's and Co-op. Motion to approve variance movement to Zoning Board made by D. Herrick and seconded by L. Ponter. Approved by all. Public Comment – None

Planning Board Members recommend variance for fencing located 29 Center Street to the Zoning Board of Appeals. R. O'Mara-Garcia expressed concerns about the fence being too tall for the roadside. L. Korda expressed concern over the location of the fence and D. Herrick expressed concern over the visual appeal when driving through the Village. Public Comment – S. Piazza noted that the fence is very nice but, was put up before getting approval. If the fence is approved, it may encourage others to act in a similar way. Which is not conducive to what we are trying to achieve in the village. Motion made not to approve variance and move to the Zoning Board made by D. Herrick and seconded by L. Ponter. Approved by all.

Planning Board Members recommend plans for 63-67 Woodbridge Avenue to the Zoning Board of Appeals. D. Herrick expressed concern over setbacks and if they would match the current trailers in place. E. Reis explained that the 3 houses will be built by the current owner as he is a contractor. He will also live in one and rent the other 2 units. E. Reis goes on to explain that all construction will be new and old slabs will be torn out and replaced with new ones. Motion made to approve moving to the Zoning Board with no recommendations made by D. Herrick and seconded by L. Korda. Approved by all.

Motion to approve Minutes of the March 18, 2019 - Motion made by D. Herrick and seconded by R. O'Mara-Garcia. Approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: So moved by Chairman D. Herrick and seconded by L. Ponter at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeLong