

Town of New Paltz Planning Board

FINAL Minutes

July 11, 2016

Workshop Meeting

Agenda:

Discussion on sign law review

Discussion on streamlining agricultural site plan reviews

PB 2015-02, Taliaferro Subdivision, 90 day extension request

Present: Lyle Nolan, Amy Cohen, Lagusta Yearwood, George Lithco, Amanda Gotto

Board Member(s) absent: Mike Calimano, Adele Ruger, Tom Powers

Others Present: Stacy Delarede, Building Inspector; Stana Weisburd, alternate member

Vice Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

There is a discussion on the fact that there is currently not a quorum present, so the Taliaferro extension request will have to be addressed at the next meeting.

Stacy Delarede discusses digital signage. Our current code doesn't allow for these types of signs at all. Lyle Nolan likes the way our current code reads, as he doesn't like digital signs. Lagusta Yearwood doesn't particularly like them, but in order to be progressive, the Town may need to adjust our code within reason; thus allowing for this type of signage with many restrictions. There is a conversation on the building permit process and enforcement. There is a discussion on where they may be beneficial, as in with gas station pricing, etc.

There is a discussion on the movie theater marquis as well as drive-thru restaurant menu boards. These are not addressed in our current code at all.

There is a conversation on off premise signs being illegal in the town, including sandwich boards.

Amanda Gotto arrives to the meeting.

Stacy Delarede mentions that she is not looking to dissect this code, she is just looking for areas that the Board feels may need to be amended as well.

Lagusta Yearwood would like to discuss the issues with the current sign code. Stacy Delarede goes through some issues she sees with our current sign code.

There is a continued conversation on sandwich signs and potential dangers with those types of signs. Temporary signs are discussed as well. It is noted that agricultural signs are allowed during the growing season.

George Lithco discusses Supreme Court rulings wherein the court has ruled that you can't restrict signs based on content.

Stana Weisburd arrives to the meeting.

There is continued conversation on off premise signs.

Lagusta Yearwood wonders if there are particular areas in our sign code that directly contradict the Supreme Court ruling.

There is a conversation on large billboard type advertising on buses.

There is a conversation on real estate signage and way-finding signs.

There is a discussion on campaign signs and signage that express political opinions, and if they qualify as temporary signs. There is a conversation on informational kiosks.

There is a continuation of the discussion on political signs and campaign signs. There is a discussion on occasional yard sale signage, and someone buying and reselling from their home every weekend for 6 months. It is in essence running a retail business out of their home.

Stacy Delarede suggests the Board members go through the code, and note any specific changes or issues that they see with our current sign code. They can email their thoughts/ideas to the Planning Board Secretary to be addressed at a later date.

Lagusta Yearwood would like to discuss digital signage guidelines being addressed on a case by case basis. Amanda Gotto mentions how distracting they are and how they can slow traffic down. Lagusta Yearwood does like the Lloyd code. Amy Cohen agrees that there is not a large need for these signs.

There is a discussion on how the gas stations would like to have these signs. The Stewarts in the village does have this type of sign to advertise their gas prices.

It is noted that there are several Board members absent, and there would really need to be a consensus on whether as a Board they would like to recommend this code be added to our sign code or not.

Lyle Nolan discusses the fact that the Taliaferro's have yet to secure someone to hold their conservation easement, and have yet to settle that. They are requesting another 90 day extension of their approval.

Lyle Nolan makes motion to extend this application for 90 days.

2nd by Amy Cohen.

Lyle Nolan, Amy Cohen, Lagusta Yearwood and Amanda Gotto all vote in favor.

Motion passed.

The Board members next move on to a discussion on streamlining agricultural site plan reviews. George Lithco goes over Lloyds Agricultural overlay district zoning code. The Town of New Paltz also has a Simplified Site Plan review option. Possibly this could be revised and modified to fit agricultural uses.

George Lithco suggests that the Board looks at this information, especially with regards to permitted accessory uses. Lagusta Yearwood does like the Town of Lloyd code.

There is a conversation on the definition of farm, as well as farm stands, and how Ag and Markets is looking at these things.

Lyle Nolan would like the Board members to continue to review this, as well as look at the definitions of farm and farm markets. Stacy Delarede will get the Ag and Markets definitions. This could possibly be addressed after August since we only have one August meeting.

There is a discussion on creating special event permits as well.

Motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Amy Cohen.

2nd by Lyle Nolan.

All others present in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Kelly O'Donnell