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PLANNING BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016

The Village of Central Square Planning Board met at the Village hall on November 17, 2016 at 7:00PM. Members in attendance were Chair Maryellen Commisso, Zita Bookman, Elizabeth Rotundo, Craig Wilson and Tom Rinefierd. Guest Present was Ed Cusato, Paul Brissette, Tom Colabufo and Mayor Kenneth Sherman.

Called to Order:

Maryellen Commisso called the Planning Board to Order at 7:00PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

Maryellen Commisso tabled the minutes from the October 20th meeting. In December the board will approve the minutes from October.

New Business:

The new sign for the Central Square School:

Maryellen: A packet was provided to all the Planning Board members with the picture, dimensions, where it is going to be placed and a letter from Joe Wiedenbeck. Has the board had a chance to look it over? Do you have any questions for Paul Brissette or Tom Colabufo?

Craig Wilson: From the previous information that was going around, I saw on a piece of paper that indicated a dollar paid to Joe Wiedenbeck for the right of way.

Maryellen: that was the tax information from the county that was sold to himself or to 210 Parcel Street, in which this caused some confusion on who owned the property.

Ken Sherman: The way it worked, he owned the property Joe Wiedenbeck sold the property to his corporation 210 Parcel Street, LLC.

Ken: He is still the owner of 210 Parcel Street, LLC.

Maryellen: To cover the school: We received a letter from Joe Wiedenbeck. I would like to see if the letter could have the corporation name on it. I want to make sure they are covered, if next year it comes back and something happens they could say, well you put that on the letter, who gave you permission to do that?

Ken: The Village code requires the consent of Joe Wiedenbeck. The Village drafted a brief letter up; he just asked if he needs it on his letter head, it's a minor detail.

Maryellen: I just wanted to make sure the school was covered for the future. However, for the record, I would like to get it on his letterhead; however he wants to do it.

Tom Rinefierd: My question: is the sign physically bigger than what the current code allows for Village business district, which almost means that we cannot approve this because the sign is so big. It is six times the permitted size. If you are permitted nine square feet it is almost fifty five.

Ken: That is definitely a question for the school you can see what currently is there, the issue that we discussed is the font when you are driving.

Tom Colabufo: the current sign we have now is that people cannot see it, they just drive right past. Everyone agreed on the sign that is up now is too small.

Maryellen: Is this the Village Business district though? I am not sure if it is the middle of town.

Tom Rinefierd: Well because it kind of split so east of the railroad tracks is the East Avenue business district and west of the tracks is the Village business district.

Ken: Discusses all the other business signs and their sizes. The School sign that is up there now is four foot by four foot, which is sixteen square feet.

Craig: How do we determine what the district is?

Maryellen: Look at the zoning map, it will show on the map.

Ken: Ask Liz Rotundo about Handle Bars and Cars size of sign.

Tom Rinefiord: Was some of the signs been grandfathered in?

Maryellen: Not the motorcycle place, he is relatively new.

Liz: We should check with codes Ed Cusato that it falls within the rules. Ken Sherman:

Ed, codes officer joins the Planning Board meeting.

Maryellen: The question we have been the school wants to put that sign we cannot remember is it in the Village Business district?

Ed : I believe it is.

Maryellen: We were thinking it was more in the middle of town.

Ed: I would actually have to look at the map.

Maryellen: Could you let us know? If it is in the Business district the sign is over the size that it is allowed.

Ed: What street is this on?

Ken: US Route State 11 and Hillcrest Drive.

Maryellen: Does anyone have any other questions while Ed is looking up the zoning?

Tom Rinefiord: With the size of the sign will that pose a traffic hazard?

Ken: This was a question for D.O.T. We were out at the site yesterday watching traffic; it is two cars back so your site line allows two vehicles to stop behind so you can see. This was an important element. D.O.T restriction allows one car; we are backing up for two cars so they safely see both ways.

Tom Rinefiord: The only reason I ask is because when I went to the site yesterday, I saw where there had been some white paint put on the ground and it was around the foundation of the old sign.

Ken: The white was for the 811; they come out and mark the utilities for that sight.

Ed: According to the map that I have upstairs it is zoned commercial.

Maryellen: So that is the Business District. Ed Cusato: That is a Business District. That is the way it is outlined.

Craig: Where does the Business District end?

Ken: I would think the Laundromat up the road.

Ed: I am thinking that would be central.

Maryellen: The sign with Dave Grasso was more than nine square feet and it was approved. It didn't go to the zoning board.

Ed: Last year with Bernie there had been some suggested sign changes whether they have been adopted or not.

Maryellen: No they have not been adopted.

Ken: I suggest a work shop with all parties.

Zita: It would be a good idea.

Maryellen: Have you seen the application?

Ed: Yes I have. What do you think of the sign? I have not seen the new drawings. Yes, I would approve the sign. I have no problem with it and it sets back far enough where it is allowed.

Ken: I talked with Mr. Wiedenbeck the access with the fire lane on the Hillcrest Road.

Ed: I have no problem with it. I would approve it on the out dated requirements you have and the importance you have on changing the sign to a more realistic size.

Ken: brought back the lightening aspect of the sign

Ed: I was going to explore just what the intensity of it was going to be but I have not had the chance to get it to you.

Maryellen: I believe that a light needs to put on the sign because people are so use to cut in threw there so they don't hit the sign.

Ken: With the landscaping the Village wouldn't have to maintain it, girl scouts, boy scouts, project bloom, helping hands to establish in the community and a good way of dressing it up.

Ed: No matter what you put there the illumination will not be a problem anything smaller than that you would miss the sign, you would want lighting on it cause of the sign, first impression or last impressions, you would want to recognize the sign and see that sign from a good distance.

Ken: Mudd Murphy and I had talked, we were checking out the different lighting aspects of the sign, because lightening can become a whole different architectural element. Maybe a solar panel on the side of the column would be a great solution. Are we going to want small lights casting down? Halogen lights will draw too much juice for what the solar lights will produce.

Tom Rinefierd: That's the other question- How long would you have power for to illuminate the sign?

Liz: As long as it's until around nine o'clock, this would cover most of the activities.

Zita: There are no street lights around there so it wouldn't cancel the solar out.

Tom Colabufio: Most likely the sign will not be built until sometime over the winter, we will start working on it.

Maryellen: I don't know if it is in the Business district and if we have to send it the zoning board. I would to make a motion, we like the sign the way it was presented, provided that the D.O.T. gives us the final go on it cause we are still waiting on this. If it is in the Business District we will have to get approval because it is bigger than what is in the Codes then it would have to get to the board of appeals.

Ed: It is a reasonable assumption that the sign requirements get increased?

Maryellen: Yes I can say they are going to get increased.

Ed: Personally I would make a motion to allow the increase.

Maryellen: We cannot, the way the zone is all we can do is send our recommendation to the zoning board and let them decide.

Tom Rinefierd: The biggest sign permitted in the other East Avenue business district, is only 32 square feet and this one and a half times that. I know the school sign serves a good purpose but I do not want the Planning Board take a precedence approving something that we have no basis to approve.

Maryellen: We will send a recommendation to the Board of Appeals, that's all we can do.

Tom Colubalfo: How did Dave Grasso sign get approved it is even bigger than that, how did that get through?

Maryellen: I do not think that went to the Board of Appeals. Board: It did not. So, the first thing I wanted to check to see if it is in the Business District. There is a difference between commercial and business district.

Liz: I will make a motion to send it to the zoning board as long as it's in the Business District. If they are not in the business district we can approve that sign right now.

Ed: you have not decided on the lighting just to leave the lighting vague to be light appropriately to be light within the code regulation that would give you the ability to approve this.

Liz: I make a motion to approve the sign as it is proposed to the Planning Board as we will address the lighting at a later time and to get D.O.T. approval.

Zita seconded the motion. All in favor, it was unanimous.

Maryellen: We would like Joe Wiedenbeck give the Planning Board another signed letter and put it on his company letter head. Is there anything else to discuss?

Liz: made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM and **Zita** seconded. All in favor, it was unanimous. The next meeting is December 15th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cusson