

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
ZONING BOARD of APPEALS MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020
7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Chairman S. Piazza; Members P. Rotondo, R. O'Mara-Garcia, M. Washburn and E. Wagner; Village Attorney Ken Dow; Building Inspector E. Reis; Village Deputy Clerk P. DeLong; Representatives from the Shaker Museum and Andy Didio of Taconic Engineering.

1) Application # 2019-092: 5 Austerlitz Street, Chatham, NY; Shaker Museum and Library, Applicant; Historic Over zone/Height Variance

1) S. Piazza begins the meeting by reading the application number, asking the applicant to see if anything has been changed since they last met, explaining public hearing, explaining they we're waiting to hear from Columbia County planning board which they have, and waiting for notification to area residents which has been received. A. Didio reviews the height variance, the portion of the building that is to be the addition to the historic structure has a stairway bulkhead as well as an extension to the top of the elevator , as well as some mechanicals that will sit on top of the roof that will require a minor variance for the height. This will not exceed the height of the existing building. S. Piazza reiterates that they're really looking at the height of the building and that the public might be concerned tonight with things that relate to site plan and planning board review. As far as what they're concerned about tonight is the importance of the perspective as to where they might be standing and where they could be seeing this. A. Didio refers to the drawings explaining that on Austerlitz St. a pedestrian will not see the building addition roof top, on River St. a pedestrian would just catch a glimpse of the rooftop. S. Piazza reads the letter from CCPB with their ruling and recommendation to approve this application. He continues the proposed action will likely result in a positive County wide and Inter community impact. He asks about the comments that the site plan is different from the plans submitted in 2019. K. Dow clarifies that they needed to get through a preliminary approval, a much more conceptual thing initially to deal with some of the essentials, setbacks , locations of certain things, parking and to get financial approval. S. Piazza observes the plans should be reviewed by the Fire Chief to sign off on.

Motion made by P. Rotondo to open the meeting to Public Hearing, seconded by R. O'Mara-Garcia.

No comments are made by the public.

S. Piazza closes the Public Hearing

R. O'Mara-Garcia and P. Rotondo say they are happy with what they saw tonight and have no issues.

Motion made by R. O'Mara-Garcia to approve the zoning variance for the height of the building, seconded by M. Washburn.

M. Washburn-aye, P. Rotondo-aye, R. O'Mara-Garcia-aye, E. Wagner-yes. Approved by all

S. Piazza adjourns the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia DeLong