

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
And PUBLIC HEARING
VIA WebEx**

FEBRUARY 22, 2021
7:30 PM EST
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chairman D. Herrick; Members L. Ponter, B. Gaylord, F. Iaconetti, L. Korda, Building Inspector E. Reis; Village Clerk D. Kelleher; Village Attorney K. Dow; Mayor J. Howe; Deputy Police Chief J. Alessi; Newspaper Reporter E. Teasdale; Village Trustees P. Minahan, J. Russell; Town Council V. Pitkin; Applicant representatives Shaker Museum Board of Trustees Chair P. Cassidy; Selldorf Architects A. Selldorf and S. Lopergolo, Taconic Engineering A. Didio, Exec. Director Shaker Museum L. Schutz, Members of the Public DL, C. Westcott, Dot, E. Johnson, J. and D. Sawyer, J. Bailey, J. Grant, J. Merker, J. Dax, J. Kusnick, L. Locke, L. Malone Jackson, L. Hedgecock, M. Sawyer, M. Biebel, M. Blasl, M. Tucker, M. Mechling, P. Zedalis, R. Gilson, Ro. Gilson, R. Amato, S. Koomler, S. Piazza, B. Bischoff, R. Carter.

Chairman D. Herrick tried to initiate meeting 7:30pm. WebEx connection dropped. Unable to reconnect. Started by L. Ponter at 7:30 PM. L. Ponter begins with Application # 2019-092: 5 Austerlitz Street, Chatham, NY; Shaker Museum and Library, Applicant; Application/Amendment to Site Plan Review and Historic Review. L. Ponter asks if there will be a presentation. Executive Director Shaker Museum L. Schutz presents slides touching on history, building footprint, reference to parking nearby and on the other end of town, diversity of building styles within the Village. Various Sanitarium, Hotel, Knitting factory, automotive showroom. Meant to honor Shaker design principles which included clean lines, ample natural light, and sustainability.

Tried to get it on National Register. State Historic Preservation Office determined not enough left of the original fabric of the building to give it historic significance in the eyes of the State and the Federal government. Going to take great care to preserve some last remaining original fabric of the building, the cast Iron surround of Austerlitz side of building. Space for offices, conference room for staff use and available to community, lounge area, multi-purpose open space for weddings, conferences, classes, dancing, workshops. Flexible space that can be used after museum hours for community use.

Presentation concludes with some overview of landscape design and features that pull in Shaker sensibility.

Motion made at 7:57 PM by L. Korda to **Open Public Hearing**. Seconded by B. Gaylord. Approved by all.

1) PUBLIC HEARING - Application # 2019-092: 5 Austerlitz Street, Chatham, NY; Shaker Museum and Library, Applicant; Application/Amendment to Site Plan Review and Historic Review.

Question by S. Piazza about Pizza Den Building and possible plan for parking.

Comment by V. Pitkin, to note that he is excited about the project and his previous concern/objection about parking has been resolved and it is no longer an issue.

Letters from the public read by Village Clerk D. Kelleher and entered into the Public Hearing: 1. Letter from Michael Blasl in Support of Shaker Museum project, 2. Letter from R. Gilson in support of Shaker Museum project, 3. Letter from E. Waggett (also signed by 17 business on Main Street: Bimi's Cheese Shop, Boxwood Linen, Olde 1811 Antiques, Crandell Theatre, Chatham Wine and Liquor, Chatham Brewery, The People's Pub, Pookstyle, Chatham Printing, (drink.) chatham, American Pie, The Chatham Bookstore, Red Mannequin, The Warm Ewe, Brown's Emporium, Main St. Goodness, Ben Gable Savories), in support of the Shaker Museum project).

Comment by M. Tucker from Columbia Economic Development Corporation. M. Tucker believes that the critical mass that will result from the museum will benefit the museum, the community and businesses in the community.

Comment by Chairman of Shaker Museum Board, P. Cassidy. P. Cassidy thanking the community and members of Columbia County for their support.

Motion to **Close the Public Hearing** made by F. Iaconetti, and seconded by L. Korda. Approved by all.

Question from F. Iaconetti for applicant. F. Iaconetti asked if there have been any changes or revisions made to any of the materials, façade drawings, plan sheets, details, etc, from those submitted to the planning Board for its Jan. 25, 2021 meeting? L. Shutz does not believe so and asked A. Didio from Taconic Engineering to confirm. A. Didio confirmed no changes have been made since Jan. 25, 2021 meeting.

Motion made by F. Iaconetti that the Planning Board approve of Application #2019-092 Shaker Museum, 5 Austerlitz Street. Said approval is based on the Shaker Museum site plan drawing C-100 through C-104, C-501, C-502, the proposed structure facades, and the planting table with details all dated January 25, 2021. In addition approval is based on the material palette and actual submitted material samples that were exhibited at the Tracy. This approval does not include the parking lot to be developed in conjunction with this project which will be located at 10 Austerlitz Street. Motion seconded by B. Gaylord. L. Korda AYE, B. Gaylord AYE, F. Iaconetti AYE, D. Herrick Absent, L. Ponter AYE. Motion passes.

2) Application #2021-010: Tax Map# 66.9-1-57; 4 Depot Square, Chatham, NY 12037; Application for Historic Review.

Suggestions and questions by F. Iaconetti for the application when it goes in front of Zoning Board.

How long is something temporary? Fence is already up and it has been up for a long time. Application is for height, but there is also a section in zoning that pertains to how solid a fence in the front yard can be. This fence is solid and does not comply with zoning and would need a variance for how solid it can be. Referral to Planning Board from the Zoning Board requires "X" number of days in writing notice from the Board prior to the Planning Board reviewing it. Has any violation notice been issued to applicant?

Motion made by F. Iaconetti to table this application until the next Planning Board Meeting. Seconded by B. Gaylord. All approved.

3) Approve minutes from JANUARY 25, 2021 meeting. So moved by L. Korda, seconded by F. Iaconetti. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:33 PM meeting ended

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Kelleher