

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 24, 2023; 7:00pm

MINUTES

Call To Order Regular Meeting: 7:03 pm by Chairman D. Herrick

Present: Chairman D. Herrick; Members L. Korda, F. Iaconetti, J. Sesma, W. Harris-Braun; Village Attorney K. Dow; Clerk D. Kelleher; Deputy Clerk S. Davis, Jr.; Board of Trustees Liaison, K. Schessler; Applicant L. Castellanos for 34 Hudson Avenue; E. Teasdale; S Trevellyan; R. Trevellyan

Old Business:

1. Application #2023-046: Tax Map #66.9-2-15; Leonardo Castellanos; **34 Hudson Ave.**, Chatham, NY 12037; (Section 110-49 Historic Review for Artwork on Building). Murals on Front of building. (Tabled from May 22, June 26). D. Herrick asked the applicant if the paintings on the building were painted on the building or attached. The applicant replied that they were painted on panels and attached to the building. F. Iaconetti asked if the applicant owned the building and when the paintings were installed. The applicant answered that he does own the building and the paintings were installed about a year ago. F. Iaconetti asked how the paintings relate to some of features in the neighborhood. The applicant replied that he did not know. F. Iaconetti asked if the applicant felt there was visual compatibility with neighbors. The applicant replied that he did not know, but had been told that people like them. F. Iaconetti repeated his question and the applicant said no. L. Korda asked what the thinking was behind the artwork. Applicant responded that he liked the pictures. L. Korda asked if there were any historical reason to choose them. Applicant replied "not at all". D. Herrick opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, he suggested that the Board table the application for 1 month to research certain legal aspects of the application and a recent decision made by the Kinderhook Planning Board which may have some bearing. F. Iaconetti stated that there was no definition in the Zoning regarding art or murals. He stated that there is a correlation between what is there and a sign and noted that the paintings are larger than the Code allows. General discussion regarding signs, the recent Kinderhook Planning Board decision regarding the museum, and previous art work in the Village of Chatham. F. Iaconetti stated that the Zoning Code needs to be updated regarding art work and murals and then read aloud the Zoning Code as it pertains to signs. Village Attorney K. Dow suggested that the Board table and review the application. D. Herrick made a motion to table the application until the next meeting of the Planning Board. Seconded by F. Iaconetti, approved by all.

New Business:

2. Application #2023-077: Tax Map #66.10-2-44; Village of Chatham, **Jones Avenue Courts**, Chatham, NY 12037; (Local Law 2-2019; Section 110-16M Special Use Permit amendment) Consideration of proposed Pickleball court. Village Attorney handed out overhead photos of the tennis courts to the Board members, then gave a brief history of how the property came into the possession of the Village, the deed, and description of the usage of the site. K. Dow then brought the Board up to speed regarding the ongoing request being heard by the Village of Chatham Board of Trustees to add Pickleball lines to the courts. He noted that the proposed lines represent a change in use to the site. K. Dow stated that the district is zoned as recreational with a special use permit which predates the actual permit. K. Dow noted

that the site it is currently operating as non-conforming use and that any change needs permission under a special use permit. J. Sesma asked K. Dow to clarify the request being put before the Board. K. Dow replied that the question before the Board is essentially whether the existing use should be allowed to be modified to permit the painting of Pickleball lines on one of the two tennis courts at the Jones Ave. site, until such time as Pickleball courts are constructed at Crellin Park pursuant to a grant to the Town of Chatham. L. Korda asked if it would be a temporary special use. K. Dow answered no and that the code does not authorize that, the application is for temporary use. General discussion regarding noise levels, hours of operation, Village upkeep, distance from residential property, and the possibility of the Board going to do a site inspection. K. Dow noted that information gathering would be useful, and that the Board could all be at the same location together as long as they did not discuss the application. L. Korda made a motion to table the application and to schedule a Public Hearing for the next meeting of the Planning Board. Motion seconded by J. Sesma, approved by all.

Other Business/Recommendations for ZBA: (None. No new ZBA applications this month)

Referral letter from PB to ZBA: (None)

Other Public Comments: None

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Planning Board meeting made by F. Iaconetti. Motion seconded by L. Korda, approved by all.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by D. Herrick at 7:53pm.

Next Planning Board meeting: August 28, 2023; 7:00pm. Meeting location to be announced, and may be held at the Chatham Firehouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Davis
Deputy Village Clerk
08/02/23

Meeting Place:
VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
Tracy Memorial Hall
77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037