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Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road Albany, NY 12205 on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin
Peter Chudzinski (absent)
Kenny Hart
Dan Judge
Jim Splonskowski
Mark Keegan (absent)

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera
Village Engineer: R.J. Laberge

Liaison: Patty Schwarz Lockart

Chairman Dennis opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all electronic devices be turned off or muted.

The Commission reviewed the regular meeting minutes from April 19, 2022. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: unanimous to approve the April 19, 2022, meeting minutes as amended.

Change of Occupancy
20 Petra Lane Section 2
Cocca's Retail Merchandising LTD.

Mr. Cocca and Mr. Clark were present to answer questions regarding the Change of Occupancy. Mr. Clark stated that due to COVID there is a need to inventory product. Mr. Cocca stated that they are ordering product ahead to have items in stock. Commissioner Martin asked Mr. Cocca if they were relocating the business. Mr. Cocca stated that they need additional warehouse space and office space. The current location will remain open. In addition to the warehouse space the service repair will be located at 20 Petra Lane. Mr. Cocca stated there will be no outside storage and it will help with parking at the current site by moving the repair service. Commissioner Hart asked how many service trucks will be on the property. Mr. Cocca stated five. Commissioner Judge asked if individuals will be bringing items to the site for repair. Mr. Cocca stated that parts will be located at the site and the scheduling will be done from the site but, individuals will not be bringing items to the site.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for Cocca's Retail Merchandising LTD with the condition that there be no outside storage. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Discussion Cabinets to Go

Village Engineer Laberge stated that 1691 Central Avenue, previously Village Auto Body Shop, had been sold and Cabinets to Go is interested in opening in this location. He has had preliminary discussions with the representative and a phone call/meeting needs to be scheduled with Chairman Dennis, Village Engineer Laberge and Cabinets to Go. Village Engineer Laberge will coordinate the call/meeting.

Discussion Fidens Brewing Company:

The new Change of Occupancy Application that has been received was handed to all Commission members present. Chairman Dennis requested that all members review the packet for discussion at the next scheduled meeting on May 17, 2022. Attorney Caponera confirmed that the latest variance has been corrected to be an area variance rather than a use variance as originally presented to the Commission.

Discussion Cube Storage Trees

Chairman Dennis and Commissioner Martin noted that the new trees shown on the submitted/approved plan were to be 3.5-to-5-inch caliber trees. It is not apparent that these trees meet those specifications. In addition, Chairman Dennis suggested that the trees that had been trimmed by Niagara Mohawk rather than be removed, be trimmed to allow for future growth and to shield the size of the building. Engineer Laberge stated he would relay this request to the owner of the property.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Rueckert
Planning Coordinator