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Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
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, March 7, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin
Brittany Kendall
Kenny Hart
Jim Splonskowski
Brian Curran
Kerry Bytner

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera (absent)
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. Chairman Dennis welcomed new member Kerry

Bytner to the Planning Commission. The Commission reviewed the regular meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Curran seconded the motion.

VOTE: unanimous to approve

Change of Occupancy
12 Walker Way Section 1A
Cooking Together LLC

Mr. Paul Barrett appeared as owner of Cooking Together LLC, DBA Capital Cooks. Property owner Mr. Joe Clark was not present.

Mr. Barrett stated that he had taught the cooking school at Different Drummers Kitchen for the past three years. The business was recently moved, and the cooking school was no longer an option through Different Drummers Kitchen. Mr. Barrett stated that he will be teaching basic cooking skills to between 20 – 25 individuals per class.

Commissioner Kendall asked about the hours for classes because the application and narrative listed different hours from the parking sheet. Mr. Barrett stated that classes will be held at night and at weekends. Weekend hours could be 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Weeknight hours will be 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Commissioner Martin suggested the application reflect the split weekend hours using two columns for Saturday and Sunday to reflect the desired hours of operations.

Commissioner Hart asked about parking because the tenant parking sheet is incorrect. Currently there are only four parking spaces available on the entrance side for Cooking Together LLC. For the other parking that may be available, there is no sidewalk for walking around the building to the entrance and there is no access through the building.

Chairman Dennis noted that although the plan submitted showed available parking, a large portion of the parking is on 10 Walker Way. Chairman Dennis stated that the application should include the site plans and parking requirements for 10 and 12 Walker Way to be considered for parking. In addition, an easement should be provided for the operation of the business. Mr. Clark will need to resolve the parking issue before approval can be given for the Change of Occupancy.

Commissioner Hart asked if a license is needed for the beer and wine that is indicated on the application. Mr. Barrett stated that he will need a permit. There is no selling of beer or wine. It is used to either cook with or accompany the meal being prepared. Mr. Barrett has not received the permit to date.

The Commission stated that they have no issue with the intended use of the site. The concerns are parking and having the hours of operation on the application corrected to be consistent across the application. Chairman Dennis requested Village Engineer Laberge send a letter to Mr. Clark requesting corrections and that he appear at the next meeting of the Commission to address the concerns.

Change of Occupancy

1526 Central Ave.

Fatboy Tandoori Pizza Wings N Fish

Mr. Amed Rahimi and Mr. Richard Holder appeared before the Commission. Property owner Mr. Bokhari was requested to appear but was not present.

Mr. Rahimi stated that they were present to obtain approval for a pizza oven which was not on the original approved application.

Concern was stated by the Commission concerning the current ductwork that extends to the roof on the side of the building that may not meet setback requirements from the property line. This ductwork was not on the current approved site plan. The Commission would like to receive an updated site plan that shows all setbacks along with existing ducts/vents and any proposed work to be done. Village Engineer Laberge will draft a letter to be sent to the property owner stating what is needed to obtain approval. Once received, the application will be put on the agenda.

Change of Occupancy
16 Computer Drive West Suite 101
Tradesman International, LLC

A representative from the company was not available to appear from the company. Village Engineer Laberge answered questions pertaining to the site for the Commission.

Commissioner Martin had concern regarding the narrative and the clients per day. The hours on the parking sheet were incorrect as compared to the application. The Commission requested that this be corrected and submitted.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for Tradesman International, LLC located at 16 Computer Drive West Suite 101. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Rueckert - Planning Coordinator