

Village of Richmondville  
Planning Board minutes  
July 14, 2022

Public hearing was to start at 4pm concerning the site plan review for 248 Main St (Aulita Design). No one attended (including the owners) so a new date for the public hearing needs to be set. Lisa will contact the owners.

4:26 PM meeting was called to order in person at village office and via Zoom

Present: Linda Carpenter, Lisa Scott, Joan Sondergaard, Ryan Snyder(zoom), Scott Hill

Lisa Scott ran the meeting and Linda Carpenter was secretary

Guests: none

There was no public comment.

Minutes from June were approved with Joan Sondergaard making the motion, Scott Hill seconded, and all members voted in favor.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Ryan Snyder gave a report on his presentation to the Village Board of Trustees concerning our June meeting. The following is what he covered. He also presented two documents to the Board concerning this.

- *I went on to cover our session with Shane Nichol and the county's limited resources to assist in any Comprehensive plan development.*
- *I explained that it is our understanding that the Town is not seeking to develop a Comprehensive Plan Jointly, and that Shane was excited that this provides the Village with an opportunity to create our own vision with less pressures and constraints by outside forces and interests. The board seemed to agree that we need a strong vision that is village centric.*
- *I presented the resolution for the creation of the VRCPC (Village Of Richmondville Comprehensive Planning Committee, which generally accepted without comment, including the make-up of the VRCPC board demographics. I asked for the board to make a resolution at their next Meeting.*
- *I presented the proposal for a 30K not to exceed expenditure to hire an outside group to assist in the preparation of the new VRCBC. There were some challenges to the amount and why the planning board couldn't do the work. I explained that this is a revamp of a 16 year? old Joint Comprehensive Plan and the Village Planning Board are only tasked with minor updates, not revamps. I further explained that this is a 2-year (approximate) endeavor and the planning board members either do not have the time or interest to participate in what would amount to a significant part-time job. The county planning seemed to fully agree and I reiterated that they are significantly understaffed themselves.*
- *I explained how many of us, long-time and newer residents are energized at the opportunity to help build and set forth a vision for the decade + to come, and prepare now for the numerous pending changes being brought upon the Village by all of the recent decisions and timely topics. There were concerns of actual engagement from the citizens, but I explained there are a number of citizens wanting to serve or assist, make comments in developing the Richmondville of tomorrow, just not in positions like the trustees or other boards. I explained even 'negative comments' help form the direction of communities as they often expose improvements to be made.*
- *I presented a proposal for an estimated amount to prepare new physical and digital maps to be used as the basis of the Plan and for use by all departments in the village. No real comments were made, but it was acknowledged.*

Ryan Snyder and Scott Hill have agreed to be the representatives from the PB for this committee.

The Planning Board also discussed the garage at 185 Main St which has been converted to an apartment. Nothing was brought before the Board regarding plans, permits, etc. It was also discussed about parking for all the units on that property. The property needs to have 2 parking spaces per unit. This was discussed during June's meeting and it

was decided that the owners (Veley) should submit the site plans (including the required 6 parking spaces) and any paperwork required before the project is to be completed. Code enforcement officer was going to contact them about submitting all required paperwork, the parking issue, and possibly connecting old Garage and house together to make it only be one principle structure on property which would help bring it into compliance.

**New Business:**

Aulita Design's application was approved by the County. There must be a public hearing before the PB can grant their special use permit.

The PB looked over the RVES paperwork but there was some questions about where on the site it is being placed. Lisa Scott tried to contact them but there was no answer on the phone. Lisa Scott will contact them and let them know that they need to attend next month's meeting.

Lisa Kabel wants to be an alternate for the PB. Mary Yarush (River St.) has also expressed an interest in being an alternate. The Village Board must appoint Lisa Kabel as an alternate. Linda Carpenter will contact Mary Yarush and make sure she is still interested.

Matt O'Hanley's site plan was approved by the County.

Next meeting August 11, 2022 at 4:15pm via Zoom/Village Office.

5:15pm- A motion to adjourn was brought by Joan Sondergaard making the motion and Scott Hill seconded, all voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.