

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD
Meeting of February 13, 2019

Present: Joe Fazzary, Tom Fitzgerald, Jim Adesso and Brian Eslinger and. Also, present was Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard. There were approximately five others in attendance.

Absent: Jenna Tormey.

Chairman Joe Fazzary opened the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Concept Plan Review: *Grand Prix Diner (501 N. Franklin Street)*

- Gerry Collins from Trumansburg, NY who currently operates the World's Smallest Diner on Franklin St. presented the plan to relocate a historic 1932 Dining Car from Geneva, NY to the lot located behind the Red Men building.
- The conceptual drawings show the Diner Car to be located parallel to the Madison St. embankment and abutting the Citizens Bank property with access from Franklin St. via a walkway on the north side of the Red Men building.
- The 14' x 47' Diner Car will not be a permanent structure, because it has wheels it is classified as a trailer. It will be placed on blocks and utilities will be obtained from and shared with the Red Men building.
- He is proposing to have the Diner Car open for breakfast from 6:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- The Diner Car will offer sit down service with food prepared behind the counter. However, food prep, dishwashing and food storage will take place in a NY State Health Department certified kitchen located in the rear of the Red Men building.
- Restrooms will also be located in the Red Men building which is approximately 40' from the proposed location of the Diner Car.
- Gerry Collins intends to utilize parking available on Franklin St. as well as the Citizen Bank parking lot.
- Discussion ensued. Joe Fazzary would like to see an agreement drawn up with Citizens Bank regarding parking and Tom Fitzgerald requested to see a picture of the Diner Car as it is now, in its current condition. Brian Eslinger voiced his concern about the location and parking and also noted that he doesn't feel it fits into the design plan for the Village of Watkins Glen.
- Anticipated completion date of the Spring 2020.

Short Term Rental Public Hearing: *505 North Porter Street (Tim & Tracy Wells)*

- The Public Hearing to approve Short Term Rental application for 505 North Porter Street opened at 7:20 pm with a motion from Jim Adesso, a second by Tom Fitzgerald and all being in favor. Motion Carried
- The application was reviewed and found to be complete.
- Jim Adesso made the motion to approve the off-street parking waiver per 9.4.8 (C.) of the Zoning Law. Tom Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

- Brian Eslinger asked the Wells if they thought completing the application was difficult or overwhelming. Tim Wells replied no, in fact it wasn't hard at all, just time consuming. Tim also went on to say that he appreciates the Village of Watkins Glen putting a law in place to regulate Short Term Rentals.
- No public comments were made.
- Jim Adesso made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:50 pm. Brian Eslinger seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Jim Adesso made the motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018. Tom Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Concerns/New Business:

- Joe Fazzary asked Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard about the property located at 507 N. Franklin Street. He is concerned that the store front remains boarded up for over a year now and asked if there is a current building permit. Greg Larnard replied that the owner is pulling another permit and still working on the property.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Brian Eslinger made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Tom Fitzgerald seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie M. Childs
Recording Secretary