

**VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2009**

Present: Joe Fazzary, Amedeo Fraboni and Kevin Smith. Absent were John Vona and Tom Fitzgerald. Also present was Gordon Wright, Donna J. Beardsley, and Trustee Smagner. Two other people were in the audience.

Chairman Fazzary called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

New Business:

Public Hearing – Addition to Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel

Gordon advised the Board that he had spoken to the County Planner and learned that the County tabled the matter at their hearing and will be requesting an extension of time from this Board to further review the matter when a representative from the project is able to be present at their meeting. The question the County Planning Board had concerned an area of drainage near the area where the addition of the hotel will take place. Gordon's recommendation to this Board is that they not grant the extension of time to the County since the concern they had was a planned part of the design of the drainage for the hotel.

John Vona arrived at 7:08 pm.

Amedeo Fraboni made the motion to open the public hearing for the Addition to the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. John Vona seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Fazzary gave a summary of the project to date.

Mr. Hausner presented the Board with updated drawings and an overview of the design for the addition to date.

Updates:

Gordon reported that he has been spending a lot of time at BV's Corner Bar & Grill as they are nearing completion of that project. Gordon noted that the owner has indicated that he intends to pursue what would be required to allow him to add permanent expansion areas to the building.

Gordon stated that most of the construction this summer has been home construction, with very few business/commercial projects.

Gordon also gave an update on the County Shared Utility Building. He stated that he would guess that the building would not be ready for occupancy before October.

Gordon reported that there has been a lot of grubbing work done on the site where the Seneca Harbor Place development will be built.

Jim Adesso, the Village's representative on the County Planning Commission came into the meeting and Chairman Fazzary asked him to relay what the concerns of the County Planning Commission were, which he did. He noted the main concern was in regard to the drainage.

Amedeo Fraboni made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:38 pm. Kevin Smith seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

After discussion regarding the County Planning Commission's anticipated request for an extension of time to review this project, the Chairman asked the Board members if they wanted to continue with their determinations or grant the extension of time to the County. The Board members indicated that they feel this Board should move forward with the project and not give the County Planning Commission an extension of time to review the plans. Amedeo Fraboni made the motion to continue with this project. Kevin Smith seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

John Vona made the motion to accept the site plan as complete. Amedeo Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Amedeo Fraboni made the motion to approve the final site plan. Kevin Smith seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. .

Minutes:

John Vona made the motion to accept the minutes of July 15, 2009. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

John Vona made the motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Amedeo Fraboni seconded the Motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA J. BEARDSLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY