

**VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
September 16, 2009**

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

Chairman Fazzary called the meeting to order at 7: 04 p.m.

**New Business:**

Preliminary Site Plan – The Great Escape

Gordon suggested that the Board consider doing the first two steps of the site plan for this project and hold the public hearing next month.

Peter Honsberger gave a summary of why he would like to have the Wood-Tex building put on his property, where it would be located and the purposes he will use the building for.

The Chairman read the questions to Part II of the SEQR and the Board member answered the questions.

John Vona made the motion for a negative declaration of the SEQR. Amedeo Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

The Chairman asked the Board members if they had any questions or concerns regarding the project. There were none.

John Vona made the motion to approve the preliminary site plan. Amedeo Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

John Vona made a motion to hold a special meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the public hearing on this project. Tom Fitzgerald second the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**Updates:**

Jim Adesso informed the Board of a project that Cornell is doing. The project will involve graduate students working with parts of Tompkins County and Schuyler County on various documents that the municipalities may need, including Comprehensive Plans. There was discussion among all present, with everyone being in favor of participating in this project and asking for their assistance in completing a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Watkins Glen. Mayor Phillips stated that she was in attendance regarding this same program and she too was going to urge the Board to participate in the program.

Gordon reported that BV's Corner Bar & Grill opened for business.

Gordon also noted that he has not received any further info on the hotel addition.

The (new) Chinese restaurant building at the corner of Franklin and Sixth Streets has been issued a building permit for repairs/renovations that can be done that do not require a site plan, such as new roofing, new windows, siding, etc. The owner is aware of the site plan process, speaks English and intends to come before the Board with a site plan for the building. The owner has indicated although they will be doing exterior renovations in the very near future, they do not intend to begin any work on a restaurant for at least a year.

Gordon informed the board of the project by a gas company that will soon begin around Gabriel's Junction in the Town of Reading.

Gordon reported that an attorney representing Mike Learn has contacted him. Gordon informed the Board that Mike owns four properties that adjoin and make up his auto dealership. However, half of the business property is zoned central business and half is residential transition. Mike is looking to have all the parcels joined together as one parcel, however the current zoning law prohibits that. He further stated that Mike might come before the Village Board and/or Planning Board to seek a change of the zoning of his parcels.

**Minutes:**

Amedeo Fraboni made the motion to accept the minutes of August 19, 2009. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

John Vona made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Tom Fitzgerald seconded the Motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA J. BEARDSLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY