

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
MAY 28, 2008

The meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Watkins Glen took place on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at the Municipal Offices, Watkins Glen, New York.

Present were: Walter Hollien, Mark Stephany, Roger Hugo, Code Enforcement Officer Gordon Wright and recording secretary Naomi Kingsley. Absent were: Kathy Fragola and Joe Orbin.

Chairperson Stephany called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Roger Hugo to accept the May 7, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Walter Hollien. All were in favor, motion carried.

Application 08-004 – David Hart, Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel

Application for an Area Variance from David Hart for Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel located at 16 North Franklin Street. Applicant was requesting relief from the sign law, Section 9.7, subsections 2-F; 3-Façade and 3-Monument.

Mr. Norbert H. Hausner of NH Architecture was present to represent Mr. David Hart. Mr. Hausner referred to the monument and façade sketches that had been provided to the members at their last meeting in preparation for this meeting. The sketches show a stone type monument sign with a planter base that would be placed at the entrance on Franklin Street and also at the corner of First and Decatur Streets, and a pillar style monument sign to be placed at the entrance off of First Street. Since the sketches were submitted to the board it has been decided that the pillar type sign should be used at all three locations. It has less girth to it and will be better for visibility. The sign itself will be a carved sign and will be illuminated from the ground. With respect to the signage on the building, there will be several small carved signs located all around the building. Most will be recessed and illuminated with low 50-60 watt bulbs. Since there are entrances on three sides of the building signage is being requested near each entrance as well at the towers front and back. Mr. Hausner had photos of the signs which he passed around to the members. The combined square footage of all the signs on the building is well under the square footage allowed for a building this size. Walter Hollien felt that even though the three monument signs are roughly 9' wide by 8' tall they are in scale with the building.

A motion was made by Walter Hollien to approve all three variance requests. The motion was seconded by Roger Hugo, all were in favor. Motion carried.

CEO Wright informed Mr. Hausner that there were no extra permits required. Mr. Hausner commended Mr. Wright on his professionalism and ease to work with.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Roger Hugo. The motion was seconded by Walter Hollien, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Naomi C. Kingsley
Recording Secretary