

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
PLANNING BOARD
303 N Franklin Street
Boardroom
November 19, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Ian Ault, Alice Dalrymple, Rukundo Benedict, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Dennis Tremblay, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson. Liv Lovejoy from Southern Tier Central was present. Brian Eslinger was absent.

Vice-Chairman Ian Ault called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: Watkins Glen Motor Racing Research Council (WGMRRRC) – 109-111 N Franklin St - Museum

Margaret Lawrence, Director, was present along with Brian Kennedy from Welliver, and architect Don Pannone from SWBR. WGMRRRC would like to build a motorsports museum that also has a library, theatre space, interactive exhibits, office and event space, archival collection and some retail space.

The space will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven (7) days a week during peak season and limited hours during the off-season. Special events will occur during peak season and may happen after hours. There will not be a liquor license. There is a fire suppression system. Mr. Pannone provided visual aids and detailed where each of the spaces were, their function, and what would be open to the public.

Discussion regarding setbacks, sidewalks and energy saving measures ensued. Construction is estimated to take 18 to 24 months once financing is in place. Board requested plans for lighting, snow and waste removal. Public hearing will be in January. Alice Dalrymple moved to accept the concept plan as presented for 109-111 N Franklin Street. Tom Fitzgerald seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Rukundo Benedict moved to approve the minutes of October 22, 2025 as presented. Alice Dalrymple seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD CONCERNs

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ian Ault moved to adjourn the meeting. Rukundo Benedict seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:24 pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara J Peterson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer