

Village of Walden
Planning Board Meeting
November 7, 2016

Chairman:	Stan Plato	Present
Members:	Jay Wilkins	Present
	Lisa Dore	Present
	Jason Trafton	Absent
	Zac Pearson	Present
Alternate:	Larry Kraus	Present
	Lisa Wade-Sebring	Absent
Building Inspector:	Dean Stickle	Present
Village Attorney:	Robert Dickover	Present
Village Engineer:	John Queenan	Present
Secretary:	Tara Bliss	Present

Chairman Plato - Called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. BOARD BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A.1 3 Cherry Street, Lot Line Change

Member Pearson made a motion to open the public hearing for 3 Cherry Street, Lot Line Change. Seconded by Member Wilkins. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adam Weeden, Surveyor, was present for the applicant and he turned in the mailings paperwork to the Chairman.

Building Inspector Dean Stickle confirmed that it is all in compliance as they mailed out 7 notices and all 7 certified cards have been returned.

Adam asked for a postponement of the hearing until the next meeting.

Member Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at the request of applicant until November 16, 2016 at 7:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Member Pearson. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. FORMAL APPLICATIONS:

B.1 3 Cherry Street, Lot Line Change

No action taken.

B.2 26 Walker Street, Two Lot Subdivision

Adam Weeden, Surveyor, was present on behalf of LP builders, and stated that he has no new information tonight and asked if we could hold this over until the next meeting on November 16th.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C.1 Unapproved signs at Thruway Plaza

John Joseph, owner VS Walden LLC, explained that he misunderstood when the signs were originally approved and he didn't realize the colors were an issue. Smoker's Choice sign is the same color as the True Value sign. He didn't see the signs until they went up.

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Chairman Plato explained we thought they would all match, but the writing is different and the colors aren't the same, some have borders and some don't. We thought they would be more uniform but the only thing that's uniform is the size.

Member Wilkins stated he thought we agreed when he was before them before that they should all be the same size, color, and font/style. The tenants need to comply.

Member Dore agreed and added that they understand that True Value is a brand, so the color makes sense.

John reiterated that he misunderstood and thought size and style was what they meant by the word uniform. He will go back and talk to his tenants. He is trying to find a way to fix his mistake with the least amount of cost and inconvenience to tenants as he gave his approved of their signs that were purchased and installed.

Chairman Plato stated the Board would like them to be all the same but if they have a reason to be a different color they should let us know.

John will communicate with Dean what his tenants say but can't be here again until the December 21st meeting as he has other commitments on November 16th and December 5th.

C.2 Monument Sign, 72 Main Street

John Joseph, owner VS Walden LLC, presented a map with the proposed sign on it that was previously approved. They underestimated the size of the flag pole and would like to move the sign back 5 feet so that the flag pole doesn't block the sign. The VFW has been great to work with and they have plans to repaint the building and redoing the landscaping and benches there in the spring.

Chairman Plato stated it was a field change so it is up to the Building Inspector and the Engineer.

The Board agreed unanimously that 5 feet was fine.

Chairman Plato opened the Architectural Review Board meeting at 7:49pm

B.3 81B West Main Street, Architectural Review, Sign

Lana Matich Privitera, owner of Blazing Bagels, apologized as she didn't know she needed to come to the Planning Board as she is using the same sign as the last tenant, just rearranging the letters.

Building Inspector Dean Stickles confirmed that everything conforms but our code says that all signs must be approved by the Architectural Review Board.

The Board agreed unanimously that they had no issues with this sign as it is the same colors, same size, and same lettering as the last tenant.

Member Wilkins made a motion to approve sign application for Blazing Bagels at 81B West Main Street as presented. Seconded by Member Dore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

B.4 160 Old Orange Avenue, Architectural Review, Monument Sign

Mathias Oni-Eseleh, President of Taconic Innovations, explained that they are a non-emergency medical transportation provider opening a new location in Walden next to Jacobowitz and Gubits on Old Orange Avenue. This is in addition to their other 3 locations in Wappingers Falls, Mt. Vernon, and Mohegan Lake. He presented a rendering of his proposed ground mounted sign. It would be exteriorly illuminated with the lights shining from the top down and would look like all the rest of his signs at his other locations.

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Building Inspector Dean Stickle confirmed that his proposed sign conforms to Village code.

Chairman Plato asked if he could get a listing of the colors to be used to the Building Inspector.

Alternate Member Kraus made a motion to approve sign application for Taconic Innovations at 160 Old Orange Avenue as presented pending specific color details are transmitted and approved by the Building Inspector. Seconded by Member Wilkins. All Ayes. Motion carried.

D. **INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

E. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

4. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:55 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

November 7, 2016

Tara Bliss, Village Clerk

Planning Board Secretary