Village of Chaumont Planning Board Minutes November 12, 2019

The November meeting of the Chaumont Village Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson H. Bonisteel-Schweitzer at 6:02 p.m.

Those attending were board members Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer, Robin Grovesteen, Bryan Stumpf and Mark Morina;.Village Representatives Dori-Ann Froelich and Pat Reome; Guest: Howard Decker, GYMO.

Hartley asked Robin to bring the Board up-to-date on the situation of the former Sipos property. Robin provided details on the misinformation provided by the ZEO to the new owners regarding steps necessary to establish a business on his property. Mr. Van deWalker was misinformed that his business would be classified as a Home Occupation under the law, rather than the proper classification as Large Retail. Fortunately, this was discovered in time to ask Village Clerk Fitzgerald to contact and redirect Mr. Van deWalker to the appropriate procedure.

Robin described an additional incident wherein a party who was interested in opening a business in the Village was given faulty information on how to proceed. Because she happened to overhear the conversation, Robin was able to meet with the person, discuss the project, provide information and suggest an informal meeting with the VPB, the situation was remedied. The VPB stressed to the VBT members present the importance of presenting this and other similar issues to the VBT at the next meeting.

Howard Decker of GYMO attended the meeting in order to present information and answer questions on the Norbut proposed major subdivision. He provided an explanation of the project, explaining that the proposal included the creation of seven separate parcels with solar installations on five of the seven. The members expressed no major concerns with the map and, as such, Hartley stated her intention to direct the Village Clerk to advertise a public hearing on the subdivision for December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. before the next regular Planning Board Meeting.

Robin made a motion to adjourn; Bryan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grovesteen