Village of Chaumont

Planning Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 16, 2021

The November Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Village Planning Board, held via ZOOM, was called to order by Chairperson Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer at 6:01 PM. Those in attendance were Chairperson Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer; Board Members: Robin Grovesteen, Bryan Stumpf, Rob Stevenson; Mark Morina; Village Trustee: Dori-Ann Froehlich. Also attending were representatives from BCA: Gregor Smith and Makensie Lehman.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ZONING DISTRICTS/MAP: Changes to both the Map and Land Use Code previously discussed have not, as yet, been filed with the NYS DOS. The Board discussed the VBT’s earlier decision to prohibit car washes entirely in the Village of Chaumont. Member Grovesteen mentioned that she understood that the VBT had now reversed that decision and was willing to allow them in the MUB District.

The Public Hearing on the new Zoning Map, originally scheduled for July has been postponed until December. VPB members agreed to submit additional recommendations for other changes for the consideration of the VBT and inclusion into that public hearing.

FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL: Member Grovesteen stated her understanding that the VBT have declared its intent to recapture final site plan approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SMITH SITE PLAN: Bob Smith appeared to present and explain his application for a Minor Subdivision. After much discussion regarding the associated issues with the parcel lying within the lands of both the Village of Chaumont and Town of Lyme, the VPB granted conditional approval pending the action of the Town Planning Board. This matter will be included in the December Public Hearing.

TOWN OF LYME VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK SITE PLAN: Representatives of BCA attended the meeting in order to submit a revised site plan for VPB approval. G. Smith and M. Lehman explained proposed changes, including snowmobile access and containment, lighting along sidewalk and on restroom building and the installation of solar on the dock. Trees were also discussed and Member Stumpf asked if there was consideration paid to trees serving as a wind or sound buffer. BCA responded that they were more for shoreline stabilization. The kayak launch was described as well.

There was agreement that these modifications were not of sufficient significance to submit to Jefferson County Planning for its review, and the revised site plan was approved by the VPB as follows: Member Stevenson made the motion to approve; Member Stumpf provided the 2nd; all others were in favor; the motion to approve passed.

LAND USE CODE RECOMMENDATIONS: Member Grovesteen offered to review the suggestions received from the VBT as well as those that had been discussed in the past by the VPB. She also planned to read through the code for any other obvious issues and would report the above to the VPB members prior to the next scheduled regular meeting. There was unanimous agreement that this could be accomplished in time to add any agreed-upon modifications to the Code for inclusion in the VBT’s next Public Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Stumpf moved to adjourn and Member Morina seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**: The December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting will be held via ZOOM with Chair H-B making arrangements and sending the invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grovesteen