

**WOODSTOCK VILLAGE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ZOOM
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 4:00PM
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Sevcenko, Larry Zeitlin, Jack Rossi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Neuberg, Beverly Humpstone

OTHERS PRESENT: Neal Leitner, Tom McCaughey, Ben Pauley, Sam DiNatale, Joe DiNatale

I. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

New Business

V-3633-21; Bernard; owner applicant; 37 South Street; Parcel 23.55.20; Zone: RHD; **Proposal: Temporary Fence**

Item withdrawn at request of applicant.

V-3635-21; Norman Williams Library applicant; 10 The Green Parcel: 23.56.15, Zone: Community; **Proposal: Add stair handrails and to request variance to increase height of fencing around dumpster and HVAC unit.**

Application to add stair handrails on the lower steps in front of the library and to increase the height of the fencing around the dumpster and HVAC unit to screen was not represented by the applicant or applicant's agent.

The design review board commented that the stair handrails should be represented on the plans. It currently only shows the existing handrails on the upper portion of the steps and states that the handrails will match existing.

The board asked Neal Leitner to relay that request to the applicant. The board weighed in on the lattice addition to the top of the existing fence that surrounds the HVAC units and dumpsters. The board thought the proposed wooden lattice would adequately screen the HVAC units and dumpsters and had no major issues with the design. Although, since the applicant or applicant's agent was not present, no decisions were made.

V-3636-21; McCaughey; owner/applicant, 26 Pleasant St; Parcel 21.51.26; Zone: RHD; Proposal: Trellis

The applicant introduced the project to the board. Tom McCaughey, the applicant, stated that two sections of trellis style fences were installed for their hydrangeas and landscaping purposes. The trellis sections are under 4-feet tall and meet the zoning regulations for fences.

The board discussed the fence/trellis. It is located on the eastern property line.

The board found no issue with the two trellis sections. Hearing no additional testimony, the board closed testimony.

The board had no objections to the trellis fencing and made a motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion passed 3-0.

V-3640-21; Woodstock Inn; applicant; 14 The Green; Parcel: 23.56.26; Zone: Inn; Proposal: 4 exterior lights behind the Tavern and dimmable bistro lighting.

The applicant's agent introduced the project to the board. The Woodstock Inn would like to install four downcast exterior lights in an area of the garden/courtyard for an outdoor seating area to serve guests. The area will have brick pavers to match brick pavers located elsewhere on the Inn's property. The application also includes some string bistro lights over the outdoor seating area for aesthetic purposes during the warmer months.

The board reviewed the downcast lights and the plans submitted. Questions about visibility were raised. Neal Leitner said the lights could potentially be seen from Cross Street if one looked across the garden area of the Inn towards the corner.

The board was informed that the four lights would be dimmable and turned off at night after the restaurant and pub are closed.

Hearing no further testimony, the board thanked the representative for the Inn for the presentation.

The board discussed the application and had no objections.

A motion to approve the application as presented was made, it was seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

**V-3638-21; Copenhaver; applicant; 19 The Green; Parcel: 23.52.16
Zone: RLD; Proposal: to replace existing wood fence with composite fencing**

The applicant presented the project to replace her wooden picket fence on the green with a white composite material fence. The applicant made a sample of the fence available to the board for review. The applicant stated that the existing fence gets stained by the trees with a black mold that cannot be washed off, she has to repaint the fence once a year to keep it looking fresh. She mentioned that the composite material could be cleaned without having to repaint every year.

The board had questions regarding the materials and the finished look of the fence.

A visual sample of the fence was analyzed and discussed. Nancy Sevchenko had concerns about the manufactured look of the fence.

The applicant stated that the fence the board was viewing online used glossy paint, and she was going to have her fence painted with flat white paint, so it would help make the fence look more like a typical wooden fence.

The distance between the slats was discussed. The differences between the existing picket fence and the proposed fence were analyzed.

Concerns were raised about the caps on the proposed fence. A discussion ensued about the change in character that the new fence could have on the streetscape along the green.

After discussion and testimony ended, a motion was made to approve the application as presented. It was seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

V-3641-21; DiNatale; applicant; Mon Vert Cafe; Parcel: 20.52.27
Zone: CC; **Proposal: Temporary Accessory Structure (Refrigeration Unit)**

Applicants Joe and Sam DiNatale introduced the project to the board. The proposal is to place a temporary refrigeration unit adjacent to the side ramp in the back portion of the alleyway where the owner of the restaurant currently parks her car. The white 8' x 10' refrigeration unit would be screened by a white wooden lattice to block the view from the street. It would be in place during the summer and fall months, to be removed by the end of October.

The board asked if the unit could be placed behind the restaurant.

Sam DiNatalie responded that it cannot go behind the building since it is very steep. The only flat area on their property for the unit is back where the dumpsters and the ramp are located, on the eastern side of the building.

A discussion ensued over the color of the unit and the writing on the side of the unit. The board asked if the writing could be screened from view. The applicant responded that they could do that with a lattice or wooden fence screening.

The board and the applicants discussed screening materials. The existing natural colored stockade style fence that screens the dumpsters was presented as an option. The other option is to use a white lattice to screen the unit. The board discussed each option and ultimately left it up to the applicant to decide which screening fence to use.

Hearing no further testimony, a motion was made to approve the application as presented.

Motion passed 3-0.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM