

Village of Hammondsport
Zoning Board of Appeals
February 28, 2012

The Village of Hammondsport Zoning Board of Appeals held a Public Hearing on Tues. 28,2012 at 7:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

PRESENT Robert Matthewson, Chairman
 Board Members: Rachel Nichols
 Bob Deseyn
 Linda Carl

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marty Ellis and Terry Bretherton

Chairman Matthewson opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 and declared a quorum.

Chairman Matthewson stated that the Public Hearing in front of the ZBA is Area Variance Application 2011-39 submitted by Maggie Kostka for property 56 Main St. The applicant is seeking an Area Variance requesting relief from Village Code 122-27B to construct a sign with a height of 22 feet and a total size of 78 sq.feet. Village Code restricts signs to a total of 20 feet above the ground and a total area not to exceed 50 sq.feet.

The file has the following: Application completed, SEQR, Notice of Publication, Neighbor Letter and Authorization for Marty Ellis to speak on behalf of Maggie Kostka.

Chairman asked Mr. Ellis to briefly describe.

Discussion: Use Variance Application 2011-39 was reviewed and each answer to the application questions was discussed.

- A. I would like to replace the 2 current dilapidated signs currently on my property with one new attractive sign. The current signage equals 78 sq.ft. (42+35) on two separate signs. The new sign will be a total of 78 sq.ft. total. The lettering and design will reflect the architectural style of the Village.
- B. There is no burden to the community at all.
- C. This project will enhance the entire Village as it is the corner of the major corridor into the Village.
- D. The benefit cannot be achieved by some method which will be feasible for the applicant to pursue that would not require a variance. The project cannot be modified in a way to avoid the need for relief. The result can only be obtained by continuing to have two separate signs on the property.
- E. The area variance is not substantial. I am not asking for a large deviation from the applicable codes. All I am requesting is to combine the square footage of 2 signs into 1.
- F. The proposed variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district.

Board members had questions and concerns regarding the size of the signs being a safety hazard according to the State requirements. The Board also wanted a clarification regarding the Village Historic District and Main Street Grant.

Member Nichols stated: The corner needs to be cleaned up and second sign taken out.

The applicant requested that the hearing be recessed for one month in order to address these issues with the State and Main Street Grant.

As a result of the above discussion the Zoning Board of Appeals has agreed to recess for one month.

Bob Mathewson made a motion seconded Linda Carl that the ZBA recess for 1 month and adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Matthewson-Aye
Nichols-Aye
Deseyn-Aye
Carl-Aye
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Harris, Clerk