

**Alfred Village Planning Board
Regular Meeting, Village Hall
2 February 2023, 7:30 pm**

Present: Pat LaCourse (chair), Terry Butler, Sherman Clarke, Liz Cronin, Scott Vonderheide

Trustees present: Peter McClain, Jim Ninos

Guests: Kathy Benzaquin

The meeting was called to order by Pat LaCourse, chair, at 7:30 pm. Pat noted that all board members should have an oath of office on file in the village office.

Three corrections/emendations were noted in the minutes for the January 5th meeting, i.e., the spelling of Terry Butler's name in the list of attendees, the date for Hot Dog Day should be April 22nd, and it should be noted that New Business was tabled for a future meeting due to time running out. The minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Sherman and second by Liz.

Public comment: Kathy Benzaquin asked about the intersection of Greene and Hillcrest streets. Could Greene be made one way and a sidewalk added? Or could there be more enforcement of the stop sign and speed limits? Peter McClain noted that the village is limited since Greene Street meets Main Street which is a state highway. The state DOT has jurisdiction over that intersection. No solution was apparent, but Kathy appreciated hearing some of the constraints and knowing the traffic hazards were known to the village trustees.

Old business.

Liz Cronin and Terry Butler had made some changes to revised Section 304 on parking. Terry had found a relevant part of the Ithaca code on parking and will study it for things that would be good to have in our code. Pat made one typographical correction and had some other changes to suggest. The document will be available on Google Drive for input by Planning Board members.

Alfred University has started to do some demolition or terracotta roof removal at 150 North Main Street. This former house has been part of several recent applications for an office building for Physical Plant and other departments. CEO Chuck Cagle says the structure is sound. There are plans to reskin the Motor Pool building. The building site on Marlin Way that was another alternative was determined to be unstable (unbuildable). No application was involved at this point. The board speculated on courses of action that would save the building with its terracotta tile roof and keep it maintained and used, and perhaps even back on the tax rolls.

New business.

New business on the January agenda was tabled and remained tabled since there was not time at this meeting to address the matters.

Other business.

Christel Rodd asked why there was no Zoom attendance possible at this board meeting; Pat replied that there was no actionable item.

No CEO report was available.

Carolyn Hasper has retired as village clerk/treasurer. Monica Masters (deputy) will step into the roles though no contract has yet been signed. Village office jobs are Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer. Marie Jeffords assists in the office and some paperwork is done by contract with Baldwin Business Services.

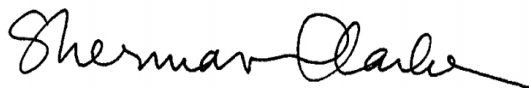
Work on the Pine Street Bridge may start this month and the rebuilding project will last approximately a year and a half. State Street will not be opened across the university campus. A temporary road along the south side of McLane Center will be used for access to McLane and the museum parking lot. Main Street will generally be open to traffic.

The water line up Route 244 to the business block is also on the schedule for this year. FEMA funds are available for hazard mitigation. The university and the village are talking about the ownership of the property at the corner of Main and University (Box of Books, Crandall Hall, A.E. Crandall Hook & Ladder, Montessori, parking lot behind Crandall Hall). The intention is that the individual organizations would own their buildings and the plot of land on which they stand.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on March 2, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned, on a motion by Liz and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherman Clarke
Secretary pro tem