

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

Present: Pat LaCourse (Chair), Joan Bowden, Terry Butler, Sherman Clarke, Liz Cronin, Justin Grigg, Scott Vonderheide

Village officers present: Chuck Cagle (Code Enforcement Officer), Jim Ninos (Trustee)

Guests present: Kathy Benzaquin, Dawn Botting, John del Campo, Shaune Henry, Drew McInnes, Brett Phillips, Christel Rodd, Alexandra Schustek

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by chair Pat LaCourse.

The minutes of the February 2 meeting were approved, on a motion by Joan and second by Liz.

There were no public comments or old business items.

New business

Application 23-001 (presented by Dawn Botting and Alexandra Schustek) concerned signage (ABX for sorority) and other improvements at 20 Church Street. The letters in the illustration were larger than code and the other changes were landscaping and other improvements that did not need planning board action. The application was approved with the understanding that the final plans for the sign would be discussed with the CEO for size compliance. Motion by Sherman, second by Liz, approved.

Application 23-002 (presented by Brett Phillips and John Del Campo) concerned a tattoo parlor in the professional building at 49 Hillcrest Drive. The use was determined to be permitted under Section 201.00 A 3 and therefore did not need planning board action. While this application did not require action, it led to discussion of Section 302.00 E (low density business) that is not defined or related to any other section; Justin will investigate how any low density business requirements in the code can or should be related to other sections of the code (or omitted).

CEO report

Chuck has been working with garbage concerns on Reynolds and West University Streets and with problems at 38 South Main.

Trustee report (Jim Ninos)

The Board of Trustees is working on the budget, which is tight this year. Jim distributed an article by David Bissember from *NYCOM municipal matters*, volume 5,

number 3 entitled "Challenges and opportunities for college communities." Jim called him and he was stunned that over 90% of the village assessment was on non-taxable property.

The new water tower on Pine Hill Drive has gone out for bids.

Work should start in the fall on the Pine Street bridge with completion in the summer of 2024. Traffic will be affected on the university campus and occasionally at the traffic light on Main Street.

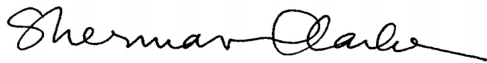
Digital monitoring of the sewer lines will be installed, for monitoring of leaks.

The water line on Glen and Hillcrest streets will be the next phase of the water line work. The streets and lawns along the water line works will be repaved and restored when work is completed. A new water meter will be installed near the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum on the AU campus.

The village election will be held on March 21.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on April 13 (delayed because Pat will be out of town on the 4th), 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherman Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherman Clarke, secretary pro tem