

A regular meeting of the Town/Village of Lima Planning Board was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Lima Town Hall 7329 E Main Street, New York 14485

PRESENT: Chairman Wayne Childs, Members: Chris Harvey, Jacob Button, and Larry Kramer and Alternate Member Christine Steerman (arrived at 7:10 P.M.)

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Andrew Britton, Member Paul Osborn, and Attorney Ericka Elliott

OTHERS: Secretary Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC

VISITORS: Town Board Member Representative Mark Petroski, Ryan Stark, and Dr. Joseph Donnelly

Chairman Childs called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #1-2024 APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2023

On motion of Member Button, second by Member Harvey the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3 Vice Chairman Britton, Members Elliott and Osborn

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023 as presented by email.

Vote of the Board: Chris Harvey – Aye, Alternate Christine Steerman – Absent, Ericka Elliott – Absent, Larry Kramer, Aye, Paul Osborne- Absent, Jake Button – Aye, Vice Chairman Andrew Britton - Absent, Chairman Wayne Childs – Aye

DISCUSSION – CROSSROADS CHIROPRACTIC BUILDING FACADE REVIEW

Chairman Childs opened the discussion stating an application for a building permit was received and a recommendation was sought and received from the Historical Preservation Commission as required in Lima Town Code Section 250-63. We will be considering the application and making a recommendation in an advisory capacity only to the Code Enforcement Officer after reviewing it in accordance with Lima Town Code Section 250-64. He stated a Public Hearing is not required.

(Alternate Christine Steerman arrived and was designated a voting member that night because of absentees by Chair)

Chairman Childs provided information on the following:

The Lima Façade Renovation Guidelines
The Livingston County Design Guidelines
The Historic Preservation Commission recommendations

Dr. Donnelly owner of Crossroads Chiropractic addressed the Board describing in detail his application. He has not applied for any grants and spoke of his desire to make his property more welcoming.

**DISCUSSION – CROSSROADS CHIROPRACTIC BUILDING FAÇADE REVIEW-
continued**

Chairman Childs reminded the Board that recommendations are not based on individual likes or dislikes but to follow the code, which directs properties in the DB and Historical Overlay districts of the Village to follow both Lima Village Façade Renovation and Livingston County Design Guidelines. It's imperative to be equitable in handling everyone consistently. A review of other Villages within the County was considered. Real brick would meet the guidelines but may not be the best option for improvements to Dr. Donnelly's building. He is open to considerations of the Board. Chairman Childs offered to send examples, in a timely fashion, of other businesses use of brick and other masonry applications within Livingston County that may be more suitable choices compared to the stacked stone veneer product proposed by the applicant.

Alternate Member Steerman shared her experience using similar materials that hold up and look very nice.

**RESOLUTION #2-2024 RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF
APPLICATION- 1879 ROCHESTER STREET – TAX MAP #37.10-2-35**

On motion of Chairman Childs, second by Member Button the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3 Vice Chairman Britton, Members Elliott and Osborn

RESOLVE to recommend approval of façade renovations as presented with further exploration made into building materials other than ply gemstone that better met Livingston County and Village Design Guidelines.

Vote of the Board: Chris Harvey – Aye, Christine Steerman – Aye, Ericka Elliott – Absent, Larry Kramer, Aye, Paul Osborne- Absent, Jake Button – Aye, Vice Chairman Andrew Britton - Absent, Chairman Wayne Childs – Aye

Dr. Donnelly thanked the Board for their time and review of his application.

DISCUSSION – FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Chairman Childs provided an update on three preliminary applications to the Livingston County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board. The applications include Blodgett Brothers, Hoylest (Meizenhall Farm Lessor) and Schenkel (Tri Acres).

The program was described in an abbreviated fashion. Including but not limited to the purchase of development rights by New York State. The total areas of all applications are large.

**DISCUSSION – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOWN/VILLAGE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW & UPDATE**

Chairman Childs opened the discussion stating the last update to the Comprehensive Plan was 2008 and it was determined to highly recommend it be updated. The Board Members that were present appeared to agree to the detailed/timely commitment to participate in developing recommendations for an updated plan. Chairman Childs requested the Board Members do research for future discussions. The Comprehensive Plan provides well thought out balanced growth. We have lost population in Lima. This Board would take the leadership by giving input to include a recommendation to hire a consultant that we would provide with detailed recommendations. The development would require effective community engagement that allows for public input.

A map entitled “Dan” Plan was hanging in the Board room and was discussed. Contact will be made with the Livingston County Planning Board for further information and its use.

DISCUSSION – ZOOM OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY

There was Board discussion that concluded with their interest of making meetings available on Zoom. Chairman Childs will investigate details with the help of our IT support from Dan Marcellus.

**DISCUSSION – INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS CHRIS HARVEY AND
CHRISTINE STEERMAN**

Chris Harvey addressed the Board stating he is a lifelong resident, served twenty years in the military, his dad served on the town board and was involved with the fire department, he and his wife have two sons out of school, he has worked on underground utility construction for many years, he would like to help out the community and give back. His dad, William Harvey was a key member in the early days of the Lima Ambulance.

Christine Steerman is new to the community, lives on Plank Road, was asked to run for Town Board, she is interested in getting involved and has worked with the Red Cross with a focus on disasters. She has been deployed to multiple disasters including New Orleans. She is interested in identifying where residents would go to find emergency information if technology was not available as well as interested in other ways to provide electricity.

Chairman Childs welcomed them to the Planning Board and thanked them for their willingness to serve. The duties of Board service were described.

The meeting adjourned by motion of Member Button and seconded by Member Kramer at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC, Secretary