

Village of Caledonia Planning Board
Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2019

Members Present:

Kristen Murphy, Jason Hunt, Rhett Clark, Linda Ludlum, Marge Landowski

Also Present:

Michael Burnside, Code Enforcement Official

Bill Carr and Joe Dries, re: New Business at 3200 State Street

Chairperson Kristen Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Motion by Jason Hunt, seconded by Marge Landowski, to approve the minutes as written.

Aye: Kristen Murphy, Jason Hunt, Marge Landowski

Nay: None

Abstention: Rhett Clark and Linda Ludlum

Alternate Board Member

The Village Board approved Brenda Nelson as an alternate Planning Board member.

Joe Dries/Bill Carr: New Business at 3200 State Street

Mr. Dries presented his new business, an auto maintenance shop, to open at this location. He has worked in the industry 10 years, doing mechanic work, and has a mobile repair service. He hopes to open on March 21 with hours from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, 5 days/week. Might offer Saturday hours by appointment. He plans to put a sign on the building and will pursue a permit for it.

Motion to approve this new business by Linda Ludlum, seconded by Rhett Clark.

Aye: Kristen Murphy, Jason Hunt, Rhett Clark, Linda Ludlum, Marge Landowski

Nay: None

Abstention: None

3229 State Street

This is the property next to the bottle and can redemption center. Caledonia Landscaping has moved into the building, and there may be someone living there. The Planning Board has had no contact from the property owner, Vitaliy Basisty. Mr. Basisty will be receiving a certified letter from the Village stating that he is not allowed to use this property as an apartment.

Art Studio/VRBO

Bill and Linda White, owners of the Village Gallery Art Studio on Main Street, will go to the Village Board to pursue a permit to use the upstairs apartment space for “spot rental” or “transient rental” space. Kristen Murphy will also contact Heather Ferraro (Livingston County Planning) for more information.

Planning Code Updates

The Board received code updates and discussed.

- Should the Planning Board be provided a copy of the updates before the Village Board approves them?
- Which Board has the responsibility of enforcing them?

Comprehensive Plan

Members discussed the Comprehensive Plan, and how there ought to be a strategy in place to adapt to the changing retail landscape, as well as a plan for reviewing and updating. This plan is a community effort, and community members should be involved.

Motion to adjourn made by Marge Landowski and seconded by Jason Hunt.

Aye: Kristen Murphy, Jason Hunt, Rhett Clark, Linda Ludlum, Marge Landowski

Nay: None

Abstention: None

Elizabeth Dietrich

Secretary, Village of Caledonia Planning Board