

Village of Schoharie Planning Board

February 29, 2024

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Board members: Tim Repicky, Tom Hitter, Steve Babbitt, Russ Shaw

Board Consultants: None

Applicants: Vince Laganga, Dan Beams, Curt VanSteele

Public: None

The Schoharie County Historical Society and their architect Vince Laganga had invited the Planning Board to a tour of the site behind the Badgley Annex Building where they hope to build an addition to house a library and conditioned storage for their collection. So, the meeting occurred there, beginning at 6 p.m. with Vince and SCHS curator Dan Beams and trustee Curt VanSteele.

The concept for the addition has changed, with the building downsized from the previous concept. Vince provided new site plan drawings showing a building footprint of 62' X 40'. The architectural features remain similar, but the narrower building results in a lower gabled roof peak. As it was twilight, we suspended discussion and moved outside for the tour before it became too dark.

Another change from before is that the multi-stall garage will now remain, not be demolished.

Pertinent design questions raised were:

- How close could the new building be to the garage structure?
- Is there any setback distance or design requirement with respect to the adjacent cemetery parcel boundary, or to the cemetery lane which runs along the boundary? SCHS owns both parcels.

Modifications of note to be made to the existing Badgley Annex Building:

- A doorway will be cut through the exterior rear wall, opening onto the elevated deck (pavilion), providing access to the addition.
- A steel exterior stairway will be attached to the rear wall, running from the top floor to the ground, serving as an emergency escape.

Back inside after the tour, the chairperson called the meeting to order. The draft meeting minutes from Feb. 12 were presented for revision and approval and no changes were suggested. Russ made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Tim, and approved 4-0.

New Business

60-Unit Apartment + Services to Replace the damaged Jail: Schoharie County government leaders have settled on a plan for housing the homeless population: demolish the damaged Public Safety Facility on Depot Lane and have an experienced developer construct and operate a combined supported homeless housing + affordable workforce (subsidized low-income) housing complex with about 60 residential units. This is modeled after the Friendship Lodge in Johnstown, Fulton County, that the Board of

Supervisors toured last Fall. Since this project will fall within our purview, we have been invited to a presentation by the developer, CSD Housing, taking place next Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Schoharie County Office Building.

Input for Comprehensive Plan Update: The committee working on the Comprehensive Plan update is requesting recommendations for how to make the Land Use Law easier to use!

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Future Meetings

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Steve Babbitt

APPROVED