



Planning Board  
February 22, 2016  
Regular Meeting

Tim Wilford, Chairman  
Steve Caruso  
Elaine Van De Carr  
Kevin Clancy  
John Scally

Kelly Best, Secretary  
Dean Whalen, Liaison Village Board

Absent: Deb Hext, Alternate PB member  
Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator

Chairman Wilford opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. Introductions were made.

The Board decided to review the minutes from January at the end of the meeting.

Chairman Wilford made a motion to combine the concept hearing and Special Use Permit public hearing for Marcella Iaia, Melissa Hale Spencer and Gary Spencer. Board member Caruso seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Wilford read the legal notice that the Village of Altamont Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to Article 355 Section 35 and Section 37 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition: Request of Marcello Iaia, Melissa Hale-Spencer and Gary Spencer for a Special Use Permit under the Zoning Law to permit the use of 120 Maple Avenue as an office to gather news and design a newspaper per Article 355 Section 53 for property owned by Marcello Iaia, Melissa Hale-Spencer and Gary Spencer situated as follows: 120 Maple Avenue, Altamont NY 12009 Tax Map # 37.18-4-27 Zoned: CBD. Plans were open to the public for inspection during regular business hours.

Board Member Scally made a motion to open the public hearing. Board member Caruso seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Applicant stated that the newspaper is printed in Gloversville. There are tenants living in the other side of the building. Mr. Iaia stated that he also lives at office. He explained that the building is like a town house and they only bought one side. Each side is owned separately.

The Board noted there was no members of the public present and no response from the neighbor notifications were made to the office prior to the meeting.

The Board asked the applicant about parking. The applicant stated that there would be minimal traffic at the business and they would be using street parking or the municipal lots on Maple Avenue behind the old Altamont Enterprise. Mr. Iaia stated he estimated the foot traffic to be 3 to 10 people a week or

1 to 2 people a day. The applicant stated that they just bought the name "Altamont Enterprise". Mr. laia stated that the business would be open until 5 pm weekdays. The Board discussed lighting and felt that the porch overhead light would be adequate. There was discussion on deliveries. It was determined that there may occasional deliveries of office supplies and the printed newspaper will be delivered and disbursed from this location once a week.

The Board reviewed the SEQR and completed the impact assessment. All the answers were no. Board member Caruso made a motion that this action constitutes an unlisted action under SEQR and a negative declaration has been determined. Board member Van De Carr seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Wilford made a motion to close the public hearing. Board member Van De Carr seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Wilford made a motion to approve the request of Marcella laia, Melissa Hale Spencer and Gary Spencer for a Special Use Permit to use 120 Maple Avenue as an office to collect news and create a newspaper. Board member Van De Carr seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board reviewed the sign application submitted by Marcella laia, Melissa Hale Spencer and Gary Spencer for Altamont Enterprise at 120 Maple Avenue. Mr. laia stated that the sign will not be illuminated. He stated that it is the sign from the old location. The applicants stated that might want to change the type print of the wording in the future.

Chairman Wilford stated that he is not comfortable about not approving a blank sign. There was discussion among the Board. The Board agreed that if the applicants wanted to change the type print in the future, the Village Zoning Administrator would handle the process and may be able to approve the sign without the applicants coming back to the Planning Board.

Board member Clancy approved sign application of Marcella laia, Melissa Hale Spencer and Gary Spencer for 120 Maple Avenue. Board member Scally seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Wilford made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016. Board member Scally seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Wilford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Board member Caruso seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Best