

# Village of New Hartford

## PLANNING BOARD

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### PLANNING BOARD MEETING MAY 2, 2023

#### PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman James Crumrine  
Member Barbara Goodman  
Member Bernadette DiMeo  
Member Jennifer Logue  
Member Richard Fountain

#### VISITORS:

John Syrotynski, Mike Lahey, Marc Elefante

#### AGENDA:

- 1) Mohawk Valley Chiropractic – 96 Genesee Street, parking lot
- 2) New Hartford Central School – 33 Oxford Road, sign application

Chairman Crumrine called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Upon motion by Bernadette DiMeo, seconded by Richard Fountain, the Planning Board approved the April 4, 2023 Planning Board Minutes. All voted in favor.

#### **1) Mohawk Valley Chiropractic – 96 Genesee Street, parking lot**

John Syrotynski was present from Mohawk Valley Chiropractic to discuss adding 8 parking spaces behind his building at 96 Genesee Street. His parking area needs to be improved at this time. The State has taken away the parking spaces on Genesee Street with the new construction that is starting. They have rented spaces at the church but he would like to have his own.

The pad being proposed is 46' wide x 50' deep for a total of 10 parking spots and each 10' wide. They currently have two parking spots. They have 4 rooms in the building and it is all used for chiropractic right now. The two rooms upstairs are available for tenants if he decides to rent out in the future. There will be plenty of room in rear to expand lot if needed in the future.

There is lighting on the building presently. Plowing should not be a problem there is plenty of room for snow.

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Upon motion by Jennifer Logue, seconded by Barbara Goodman, the Planning Board recommended the 8 parking spaces be added as presented. All voted in favor.

### 2) New Hartford Central School – 33 Oxford Road, sign application

Mike Lahey from March Associates and Marc Elefante – Director of Facilities NHSC were present to discuss plans for a new LED sign on Oxford Road. They are aware that the Village code does not allow internally lit signs but want to be a good neighbor and get the Village's input on it. Schools are allowed to do their own changes without Village authority.

The present sign needs to be updated with a LED sign which most school districts are using to communicate with community better and get information out to people. They will not have to change letters manually with each message. The existing sign will be taken down, the planters and the bushes will be removed. The bushes in front of the school need to be removed because they need to eliminate hiding spaces for safety.


The size of the new sign will be approximately the same as the existing sign. The sign is 9 feet tall and the LED portion is 5'2" and 9 feet wide. There will be an aluminum border around it. The sign will have two pillars, and is a single sided sign. The sign will not scroll. It will have a 30 second message and approximately 3 messages a day. The sign will be controlled wirelessly.

The Planning Board's main concern is the LED lights and the residents who live across the street. Mr. Lahey responded that they will be good neighbors and accommodate any concerns there may be. They will operate the sign the same hours as the presently do and stated it will not be any brighter than what is there now with lighting. At night the lights will be dimmed down and at approximately 10 pm the lights will be shut off. The project will be done either this summer or next spring depending on the rest of the capital project.

The Planning Board thanked them for coming and recommended they present this sign to Village Board even though it is not up to the Village itself to approve the sign with the school being independent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy P. Briggs

Recording Secretary