

Minutes

To: Code Review Committee Members
Village Clerk
Date: 16 April, 2012
Re: Meeting of 04-16-12

Village hall, 6 pm

Members present: Appleby, Donahue, Fox, Kristansen, CEO Zamstorff, Trustee Hannan,

Minutes approved for 2-20-12

- Discussion re: parking questions
 - NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law says that parking is not allowed within 15' either side of a fire hydrant, while our existing code and our amended code say 6'. This would need DOT approval, according to their regional engineer. But DOT marked the spaces on Main Street in various distances between 6' and 15'. Since 6' is really enough for fire fighters and equipment, we recommend leaving the 6' in the code.
 - The committee also decided to recommend changes to paragraph 39-8-H to indicate no parking within 3' either side of exit doors and fire protection control systems placed by the street side. This will allow striping to be done and signage to be erected.
 - Regarding the question of street markings of handicap spaces, we seem to have all the necessary items in place for street marking on Main Street, though not on side streets. Scott will ask DOT to mark the spaces they created.
 - Regarding the question about parking on non-dust-free surfaces (lawns or dirt), paragraph 34-8-D. The point was made that this says nothing about adding parking. Suggestion was made to add that any parking expansions require Planning Board approval, as per Ch. 58-22-B-2.
 - In section 34-10, Removal of illegally parked automobiles, Scott recommends removing sections C – G, inclusive because, a. – the village

no longer has a vehicle pound, and b. – the village has a contract with a towing vendor who has the right to sell unclaimed vehicles to recoup costs.

- Discussion re: fees for services
 - Question: how legal is it for the village to charge for services like engineering, surveys, environmental studies, etc?
 - Member Fox researched the question. The Village of Allegheny responded that they have had a law since 2005, designed by planners and attorneys, that does just that. There have been no complaints from NYS.
 - NYS Home Rule law says that we can do what we want within certain specified limits. But, no limits are specified regarding fees.
 - The NYS constitution says that villages can apportion fees as they see fit.
 - The committee decided to suggest to Trustees that they direct the village attorney to look into this as a reasonable way to recover costs.
- Discussion re: land lords reaction to rental registrations and associated fees.
 - Scott has had a mixed reaction with some rental owners cooperating and some ignoring the local laws.
 - The point was made that the village could somehow tie the annual rental inspections to C of O inspections and adjust fees accordingly.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Next regular meeting on 21 May, 2012, 6 pm.

Art Appleby