

The Johnstown Planning Board held a meeting on March 3, 2015 at 4:00p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Peter K. Smith : Chairman
George Nicholas : Member
Terri Easterly : “ “
Michael Gifford : “ “
Fredrick Franko : “ “ arrived 4:05pm
Christopher Vose : City Engineer
Donald Biron : Asst. Fire Chief
Cathy A. VanAlstyne : City Clerk

ABSENT:

Brett Preston : City Attorney

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

MINUTES – the minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Nicholas and seconded by Mrs. Easterly. Motion carried. Mr. Franko had not yet arrived.

JAMES CHEVROLET f/k/a EAGLE CHEVROLET – Paul Slazik, owner of James Chevrolet and Paul Hastings, consulting engineer, were present to explain the project. They plan to preserve a portion of the old building that includes two bays to be used for detailing cars, etc. Three of the walls will be saved with a new fourth wall constructed. The exterior will be metal siding with color to match the new building. The building does have water, gas and electricity but there will be no bathrooms. The existing roof will be replaced with new. There will be no signage on the building. The original plans were to remove all of the existing building but now only this portion of the building will remain. Mr. Hastings added that regarding storm water, because it was an existing roof, the proposed approved plan was that it would be a graveled parking display area which is equally impervious. So as far as storm water run off, there is no change (letter on file with these minutes).

Code’s has no concerns and it meets the setback requirements. A public hearing will be set for April 7, 2015 at 4p.m. The project will also be referred to the Fulton County Planning Board for their input.

VINTAGE CAFÉ – Jason Mylott, representing Linda Joseph, owner of the Vintage Café, was present to explain the project. Plans are to improve the façade, which is part of the NY Main St. Grant Program. They will clean up the façade, bringing it back to some of its original detail. The existing windows will be opened up. The sketches show awnings over the windows that will be up during the summer months and taken down in the winter. New doors and paint will be added. The colors will be changed to black and tan with some gold details. Currently there is some recessed lighting above the windows that will be moved up when they expose the top of the windows. The center storm door will be replaced with a heavier black storm door. The inside door will remain. The resident’s entrance will also be replaced with a heavy duty fiberglass door and reframed. Mr. Franko said this is an outstanding plan and is exactly what you would hope for, for downtown. This project will be put on the April 7, 2015 meeting for a public hearing.

JEFF & NICK KOLLAR, 1-5 W. MAIN ST. – this project is a rehab of the façade of the building and a part of the NY Main St. Grant Program. Nick Kollar was present to explain their plans to rebuild the front of the building, preserving the cast iron. The two doors will be placed in the center. The color of the building will be painted maroon. The existing signage on the face of the building will be removed. New smaller signs will be hung and extend out over the sidewalk. There will be no outside lighting. The existing ceramic tile in the entryway will be replaced with a rubberized tile, possibly white and black. Mr. Franko said these plans are outstanding. Mr. Kollar added that they took some of their ideas from Jason Mylott’s building on Church St. This project will be put on the agenda for a public hearing on April 7, 2015 at 4pm.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:25p.m., by Mr. Nicholas and seconded by Mr. Franko. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne
City Clerk