

Design Review Board
April 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.
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Those present were:

Robert D. Caruso, Chairman
Kristin Corwin, Vice Chairman
C. Sherrill Dayton, Member
Amy Dalene, Member
Ann Duffey, Member
Elizabeth Baldwin, Village Attorney
William Hajek, Village Planner
Tom Preiato, Village Building Inspector
Robert Rattenni, Applicant, 21 Newtown Lane II LLC and BGJ LLC
Jordyn Fishman, Applicant, Van De Weghe
Jody Gambino, LTV Moderator
Pamela J. Bennett, Village Clerk

1. **Minutes**

Ms. Corwin: I call to order the Design Review Board meeting for the Village of East Hampton on Tuesday, April 6th, and the first order of business is reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting on March 16, 2021. Does anybody have any comments or revisions? Could I ask for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting?

Mr. Dayton: I make a motion.

Ms. Corwin: Second?

Ms. Duffey: I will second.

Ms. Bennett: All in favor?

Ms. Dalene: Aye.

Ms. Duffey: Aye.

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

2. 21 Newtown Lane II LLC and BGJ LLC – 21 Newtown Lane –
SCTM #301-3-4-13

Ms. Corwin: First order of business is the project at 21 Newtown Lane, is there anybody here on behalf of the applicant?

Ms. Bennett: Mr. Rattenni is here.

Ms. Corwin: And this is the carport, is that correct?

Ms. Bennett: That is correct.

Mr. Caruso: Good morning.

Mr. Dayton: Good morning.

Mr. Caruso: Good morning Sherrill, welcome back.

Mr. Dayton: Oh, thank you, it is good to be back.

Mr. Caruso: Are we on?

Ms. Bennett: Yes. Kristin already did the minutes so you are on the first item.

Mr. Caruso: Great, thank you. The first item is the project at 21 Newtown Lane, is the applicant present?

Mr. Rattenni: I am, yes.

Mr. Caruso: Oh, hi Bob. Can you just describe the project?

Mr. Rattenni: It is simply a carport which I am sure all of you have seen somewhere along the way. It is not a permanent structure in any way, it is securely fastened to prevent any issues. It is a carport that I put there, it is two private parking spaces behind one of my properties which is going to serve the needs of my tenant during the day as well as both myself and another apartment tenant which I have in the Village currently and we park there in the evenings. In addition to that, which may be of interest to the Village, is that there is an electric

car charging station there as I am expecting a new car next week which is a hybrid primarily electric so somewhat for my own use, but also one of the tenants there has an electric car so we are going to share that which I thought was a nice amenity. And again, it serves the needs of two apartments that are in the Village which, over the previous years with Billy Hajek, the Village is encouraging these types of things. So I think it is going a little bit of a way to make the Village a little bit more livable and so on and so forth and bring some vitality. It is completely non-visible, if that is the right term, I do not know, it is invisible I guess, from any place on the street it cannot be anywhere and it is tucked again in a corner of the building that has no traffic or viewpoints from anywhere other than when you are in that back parking lot which is owned by, well I own that section, the majority of the lot is owned by the Elie Tahari people and the all the...[audible]...buildings have easements to go back there. There is about three or four of us that share the parking lot back there. That is the extent of it.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have any input from Billy Hajek? Are you with us, Billy?

Mr. Hajek: I am here. My only question, is there any lighting or anything associated with this structure?

Mr. Rattenni: No.

Mr. Hajek: Okay, that is my only question.

Mr. Rattenni: And just one other thing which may or may not be relevant. We also color coordinated to the building which is the stucco color of the building which is sort of like a sandy color so it is a very non-obtrusive color, if you want to use that term.

Ms. Duffey: So it is no longer the aluminum color? The pictures show it as aluminum. You guys have painted it?

Mr. Rattenni: Yes.

Mr. Caruso: Yes, I did look at it and it is sort of, it really just blends in with the area, you can hardly notice it behind your building.

Mr. Rattenni: I feel that way, yes.

Mr. Caruso: Any other input from any of the Board Members?

Mr. Dayton: It can hardly be seen.

Ms. Dalene: Will there be any other purpose for this besides just parking cars?

Mr. Rattenni: Absolutely not. As we all know, parking is an issue in our Village and it is a wonderful amenity that has been, I am trying to think of the right word, has been a nice little perk, let us say, for the tenants that I have had in that property over the years, and, again as well, I have lived now in the Village for about eight years now and recently converted another space to that so it is a wonderful amenity that keeps a car out of the lot and in a safe and secure place and just that is the sole purpose of it.

Mr. Caruso: Any other comments?

Mr. Dayton: No. As long as it blends in and it will fit behind the building, I guess I will go along with it.

Ms. Corwin: I agree. If it is not visible from any public area, I do not have a problem with it.

Mr. Caruso: Can I have a motion then?

Ms. Corwin: I will make a motion.

Mr. Caruso: To approve?

Ms. Corwin: Yes.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have a second?

Mr. Dayton: I will second.

Mr. Caruso: All in favor?

Ms. Dalene: Aye.

Ms. Duffey: Aye.

Mr. Caruso: And thank you. This will go to the Building Department?

Mr. Rattenni: Yes, they asked for a simple plan and they just want me to file it so that they know it is done correctly and installed properly. Interestingly enough, the company that manufactures these, this is a pre-manufactured product. They actually go geographically in the country and check for wind and situations and so on and so forth because you can image in a field, it might be an issue, where it is it is tucked in a corner, it is protected by a building on two of the sides and there is another building just to the right of it so it is effectively in a little cubbyhole if you want to call it that.

Mr. Caruso: I look at it also that I thought of hurricane and then I thought, you know what, in this particular situation, I said we would have to consider maybe a f5 tornado to swoop down and then pull it out. Other than that...

Mr. Rattenni: Let us knock on wood on that one. Well thank you very much everyone.

Mr. Preiato: If I could just say that, Tom Preiato, Building Inspector, if I could just add a comment that although it is a nice idea and it is a good amenity, it is actually, we just like to talk procedurally, not put the cart before the horse, just generally, I know you are seeking forgiveness but it is always nice to speak to us, I know you did not realize that, Bob, I just wanted to go on record saying that.

Mr. Rattenni: With everything I have had going on, and I throw myself at the mercy of the court...

Mr. Preiato: Understood, I just wanted to go on record to say...

Mr. Rattenni: I do not typically do that but I completely let it slip my mind to be honest with you.

Mr. Preiato: Well as Code Enforcement, that is our job. I am not for or against it.

Mr. Rattenni: I understand. And I will file the paperwork with you probably today or tomorrow, Tom, thank you.

Mr. Preiato: Understood, thanks Bob.

Mr. Rattenni: That you very much.

3. Gucci – Premises of Kemper Way LLC – 17 Newtown Lane –
SCTM #301-3-4-15

Mr. Caruso: The next item on the agenda is the Gucci lighting and is the applicant present? (no) Anybody for the Gucci lighting? Okay, it seems to be a simple change. They are going to use the fixtures that we all have a spec sheet. Does everybody have that sheet? (yes) And it appears that the e65 7W LED/3000K light fixture, which is really just the bulbs, any comments on this?

Ms. Duffey: I think it is a pretty non-descript fixture that is not going to stand out. It seems like it is fine.

Ms. Corwin: It seems less, was their first model a black one, I do not recall?

Mr. Dayton: Yes, it is a black awning.

Ms. Corwin: Yes, I feel like this is a little less obtrusive and nicer.

Mr. Caruso: I think it will blend in more with the painting of the building so it probably is innocuous, you will not really notice it. And the 7W bulb really, the 7W LED is in the warm range and I did not really see any difference, much of a difference. Do I have any input from Billy or anybody?

Mr. Hajek: No.

Mr. Dayton: I noticed the lighting is minimal so the sign I guess will be back lit so I think that will look pretty good.

Mr. Caruso: Yes, right. It is a little bit of a change but the change I think is a good change.

Mr. Dayton: I agree.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have a motion to approve?

Ms. Corwin: I will motion to approve.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have a second?

Mr. Dayton: I will second.

Mr. Caruso: All in favor?

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Ms. Corwin: Aye.

Mr. Caruso: Great, thank you.

4. Van De Weghe – Premises of 66 Newtown Corp. - 66 Newtown Lane –
SCTM #301-4-2-4.2

Mr. Caruso: The next item is the 66 Newtown Lane, the Gallery there, tables and chairs. They came before us I believe July 7th of last year. Is the applicant present?

Ms. Fishman: I am here.

Mr. Caruso: Good morning. Can you just describe what you are doing again?

Ms. Fishman: Yes. It is going to be the exact same request as last July. At the Gallery we would like to request to put one table in the front of the building and one in the back and this will be used solely for team meetings to commence so we can speak in a difference space than inside the Gallery. The table is small and we are aware of the guidelines of having to take it in at night and the hours of utilization were 8 am to 11 pm, not blocking entrances, exits or fire lanes, we are aware of all these limitations and we will continue to follow them for this year.

Mr. Caruso: Are there any questions? This is exactly the same application we had a year ago and it will just continue the same chairs and tables, front and rear?

Ms. Fishman: Yes.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have any comments?

Mr. Dayton: On the drawing you have two different tables, I guess the one that goes in the rear, it shows three tables in the drawing?

Ms. Fishman: So there is one in the back and one in the front and they are two different tables. The one in the front is a wooden table that is a little circular, a little bit larger, and the one in the back is a very small white table.

Mr. Dayton: It looks like a wooden table.

Ms. Fishman: In the front.

Mr. Dayton: That goes in the front?

Ms. Fishman: Yes.

Mr. Dayton: I see.

Ms. Corwin: So I think we had approved that last July because of COVID and we still have COVID here and so as long as the Village is still allowing any outdoor seating, I guess we need to check with that, and, Billy, if you know, whether those COVID-related acceptance, if we are extending those?

Mr. Hajek: I think the outdoor seating that is really for dining, the seating that is being allowed right now and I think that is valid through May, but the Village is contemplating legislation to permit an annual outdoor dining permit. So this is just for seating, I think it is convenience seating.

Mr. Dayton: No food will be served, is that correct?

Ms. Fishman: No, that is correct.

Mr. Caruso: It is a Gallery. So I think that what we should do is just pass this along for another year, another summer, and review it, and with the laws that Billy just described, things will either change and we can review this again next year.

Mr. Dayton: I agree.

Mr. Caruso: Any other questions or comments from the panel? (no) Okay then may I have a motion to approve?

Mr. Dayton: I will make a motion.

Mr. Caruso: And do I have a second?

Ms. Corwin: I will second.

Mr. Caruso: Thank you. All in favor?

Ms. Dalene: Aye.

Ms. Duffey: Aye.

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

5. **Elizabeth Baldwin Esq.**

Mr. Caruso: I do not know if everybody has heard but today is Beth Baldwin's last day with the Village. She has been great to work with and has great knowledge of municipal law, I am sure all of you join me in wishing her well in her new association. Beth, thank you.

Ms. Baldwin: Thank you, it has been a please. You have been a great Board, thank you.

Mr. Caruso: With that, may I have a motion to, any other questions, Pam, or anybody?

Ms. Bennett: No.

Mr. Caruso: Anything? With this, may I have a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Corwin: I will make that motion.

Mr. Caruso: Do I have a second?

Mr. Dayton: Second.

Mr. Caruso: All in favor?

Ms. Duffey: Aye.

Ms. Dalene: Aye.

Ms. Corwin: Aye.

Mr. Caruso: Thank you all and have a great week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



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