

TOWN OF CLARKSON – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

January 5, 2011

PRESENT – Board Members

Conrad Ziarniak - Chairperson
Paul Dittman
Jackie Smith
Scott G. Tantalo
Michael Beadling

Support Board Members

Richard Olson, Town Attorney *
Chad Fabry, Code Enforcement *
Ursula M. Liotta, Building Dept. Coordinator

Excused *

CALL TO ORDER:

C. Ziarniak opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and reviewed the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Applicant: Clarkson Historical Society
Re: Special Permit Application for a Permanent Sign at Clarkson Academy
Property Address: 8343 Ridge Road, Tax Acct. #054.14-1-41, Zoned RS-10
Property Owner: Clarkson Community Church /Schoolhouse No 2

Don Lage, President of the Clarkson Historical Society, introduced himself and the purpose behind the application. On occasion, people are misdirected to the church or the academy for particular events, and the Historical Society wants to identify the “academy” as such. Sometime in the future, they would also like to erect a sign at the road.

C. Ziarniak reviewed the information received, and stated that the application was complete. Further, he understood that on December 14, 2010, the Town Board waived any and all fees related to this application.

D. Lage stated that Norman Minch, designer of the sign rendering, approached the Eagle Scouts for volunteers to build the sign as a project. Details of the proposed sign include the following:

- it has been professionally designed
- it will have interchangeable panels for upcoming events
- it will be less than 20 sq. ft in size
- it will stand approximately 7’ high
- it will be erected approximately 6” from the building at the Northwest corner
- it will be made of exterior grade painted redwood
- it will be painted green and gold, similar to the “Welcome to Clarkson” signs
- the sign will not be illuminated

Further discussion was had regarding the particular design of the sign. Since the schoolhouse property is in the Historical District, the application required review and approval by the Architectural Review Board, and the same was accomplished on January 4, 2011. This Board is in receipt of the ARB approval letter.

D. Lage stated that the academy building is approximately 200’ from Ridge Road. The Board asked D. Lage if he would provide a map showing the location of the sign in relation to the property boundaries, and also provide a rendering of the actual lettering on the sign prior to the next meeting on January 19, 2011.

C. Ziarniak made a motion to schedule the public hearing on January 19, 2011; second by P. Dittman; unanimously carried.

OTHER:

C. Ziarniak stated that he, Paul Dittman and Michael Beadling were all recently reappointed as board members by the Town Board. C. Ziarniak stated that in the event he was absent from a meeting, P. Dittman would act as Chair, and in the event both he and P. Dittman were absent, J. Smith would act as Chair.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: December 1, 2010

The minutes were reviewed. J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes; second by S. Tantalo; unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Ziarniak made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; second by P. Dittman; unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved 1-19-11

Respectfully Submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta,
Administrative Assistant