

Village of Margaretville Planning Board

Minutes of the Meeting of May 26, 2021

The Public Hearing of the Village of Margaretville Planning Board was opened for comment by Chairperson Kent Brown on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:02 pm. The following were in attendance:

Kent Brown, Chairperson
Phil O'Beirne
Morgan Spaulding

Also, in attendance:
Mayor John Hubbell
CEO Chris Plante
Sophie & Damon Meena, Applicants

There were no public comments to be made as there was no public present. There was some discussion between the board and the applicants.

Kent Brown: We can talk amongst ourselves about questions that may come up. I did walk the site today and what are you planning as the surface?

Damon Meena: Gravel

Kent Brown: It was obvious at one time it was probably black top or something like that. It will be a permeable surface so that's good Chris?

Chris Plante: It has to be one that won't wash away. Gravel is good as long as it stays tight. You could also do some sort of grass on top off it if you want but gravel is ok in the floodplain

Kent Brown: The other question I had along the stream side of the lot are you planning anything for along there?

Damon Meena: It's what we are allowed to do basically. We can have the fencing, correct? As long as it is for flood plains

Chris Plante: Correct so basically as long as it's a polymer breakable base. We can go over when the time comes

Damon Meena: Ideally but if not, I was thinking to have well-manicured shrubs and plants flowers

Kent Brown: It would create a solid block, and no one would drop off the edge there

Damon Meena: Exactly it needs it. We often have to look over the side of the building to see our pipes there and you could slide right in. We need to have some type of barrier there. We still want to be able to look over the park

Kent Brown: Are you keeping any of the shrubs that are there?

Damon Meena: There are actually a couple rose bushes in there that we intend to keep.

Phil O'Beirne: What is the size of the truck? It is a very narrow area you have marked out there for the truck

Damon Meena: It's 10 feet long

Phil O'Beirne: Oh it's 10 feet ok that's not too big

Damon Meena: Yeah, there are 2 options the truck is what we were looking for and then there is a moveable trailer and that's still ok as long as it's moveable correct?

Chris Plante: Fine as long as it is moveable, and you have to keep it registered obviously in case of a flood you can get it out of there

Damon Meena: Right so ideally it breaks up the back yard, but I measured it out and it should have plenty of room on either side and then the parking or bear proof dumpster will be on the back side of it

Phil O'Beirne: Have you been in touch with B&D motors because they use that as their parking lot. Have you discussed anything about their cars being there?

Damon Meena: we did speak to them the other day. It's kind of a hard situation because sometimes they have a lot of cars there and sometimes, they don't. I have no problem with them continuing to park there. Most of the people that would be coming to our establishment we would say top time is 2 hours. We have talked to them about parking in front of the stores and garage door and they have been really helpful about keeping it all down at the other end. As long as that one area we have where you can pull into the parking space is open then we don't have any problems.

Kent: Parking is the quintessential issue we do have in town. There is not a whole lot we can do about it. We do have parking areas it's just people have to be willing to walk from them. Maybe

someday we can get a walking bridge across the Binnekill there to the village park it could open a whole new world of parking abilities.

Chris Plante: The trash was bear proof dumpster? I'm just going to reiterate that the DEC is cracking down on that. The dumpsters in that area are getting hit every year. They are really cracking down on it. The first fine isn't too bad the second is pretty stout.

Damon Meena: OK.

Kent Brown closed the public meeting at 6:11 pm.

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson Kent Brown at 6:12pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 27, 2021.

1st Phil

2nd Morgan

All in favor

A review was done of the SEQR form submitted by the applicants. Everyone was in agreement with the answers.

The site plan will have restrictions. There must be a bear proof dumpster, FEMA regulation fencing and the deck must be contingent on the flood plain regulations & DOT.

A motion was made for a negative SEQR declaration on application VSPR1-21.

1st Morgan

2nd Phil

All in favor

There was a motion to accept the site plan application VSPR1-21 with the above restrictions

1st Phil

2nd Morgan

There was a motion to close the meeting at 6:36 pm

1st Phil

2nd Morgan