



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of August 24, 2015**

A regular meeting of the City of Cortland Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 24, 2015, at 5:15 PM in the Mayor’s Conference Room at City Hall, 25 Court Street, Cortland, NY.

Present: Commissioners Jeff Gebhardt, Jim Reeners, Denise Bushnell, Joe McMahon, Chris Ryan, Rafael Felix

Absent: Comm. Troy Beckwith

Staff Present: Deputy Fire Chief William Knickerbocker, Zoning Officer Bob Rhea, Conf. Secretary to the Mayor Devon Rainbow

*Commissioner Jim Reeners requested to add item #2 to the agenda. An adjustment Reeners property, corner of Lincoln and Groton Ave. The board approves with Felix Motioned and Ryan to second.*

**Item # 1 – 128 Main Street- (Hage) - SPR (CB)**

Joe Hage explained that the existing signs on the building are painted on. He would like to put LED signs. The new signs will go directly over the painted sign that is currently there. Currently the sign just says, Stone Lounge. The new signs will have the same layout only with the X pic through it. The new signs are a little smaller due to the dimensions making them hang over the building. Currently the signs are lit by two lamps that will be removed once the new signs are put up. The new signs will light up by the back of the sign. The color of the lighting of the signs can be changed from time to time depending on the occasion. The lights will not flash or scroll different colors. Joe has an existing permit to put signs up, however he now wants signs that light up. The new signs will match the other signs within the building.

Motion By: Comm. Felix  
Seconded By: Comm. Bushnell

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**Item #2 – 112 Groton Ave- (Reeners)-(GB)**

Jim Reeners recused himself at 5:25pm. Jim Reeners explained that the garbage man has concerns with having to back his truck in without hitting cars or avoiding a telephone pole when he comes to pick up the trash. Jim would like to move the dumpster from behind the building where it is now, to the other exit that is no longer being used due to being unsafe. The new location will be a building to house the dumpster for garbage and recycling. It will be well ventilated and easier for the garbage man to pick up. It will block the exit that is not being used and set back 6ft from the end of the building. The trash and recycling will go in on one side while the garbage man will pick it up from the other side. The building will be 11x12 with a garage door opening on the street side for garbage truck easy access. They will have to cut out the black top and put in a level pad for the building. The siding on the building will look the same as the existing buildings. It will be larger than the current building so it will hold all the garbage. No concerns with the fire code. It will be in the GB portion of the housing and not the R2 portion. Jim Reeners reentered at 5:33pm.

Motion By: Comm. Felix  
Seconded By: Comm. McMahon

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Minutes:** Amended Minutes from the October 27, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.

Clarification on fencing variance from last meeting. He did not need a variance permit due to the fence being outside of the required front yard. He was issued a building permit instead. (5 Rickard St)

A motion to accept the amended minutes from the October 27, 2014 Planning Commission meeting was made by Comm. Reeners and is seconded by Comm. Ryan.

Motion By: Comm. Felix  
Seconded By: Comm. Ryan

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**Adjournment:**

Motion by: Comm. Reeners  
Seconded by: Comm. Bushnell

Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**I, Jeff Gebhardt, CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTION(S) WERE ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, HELD ON JULY 27, 2015.**

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**Jeff Gebhardt, CO-CHAIRPERSON**