

Village of Skaneateles
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing
June 23, 2009

In the matter of the application submitted by Robert Kohler for the P & C Food Store at 40 Fennell Street to vary the strict application of Section 225-65A (1) (b) of the Sign Ordinance to exceed the maximum allowable signage square footage.

Present: Lisa Banuski, Chairman
John Cromp, Member
Craig Phinney, Member
Lee Buttolph, Member
Larry Pardee, Member

Jorge Batlle, Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Riccardo Galbato, Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Kohler, for the P&C Food Store

Evan Dreyfuss, 100 E. Genesee Street
Linda Roche, East Genesee Street
Bruce Keller, Legg Hall
Barbara Schramm, Skaneateles
Sue Dailey, Legg Hall
Sue Dove, Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Banuski opened the hearing at 7:55pm announcing the application of the P&C on Fennell Street applying to the sign ordinance.

Robert Kohler representing the P & C said, “basically we are here because we’ve been forwarded by the Planning Board who gave us a favorable recommendation.”

Chairman Banuski said, “nice job on the store, by the way.” Member Phinney said, “it is my understanding is the sign in front if it was on its own would be within Code. And the variance comes because the combination with the other sign that will be on the tower brings it above the total square footage. Certainly the main sign is within the requirements.” Kohler said, “that actually would take us over to 50 square foot maximum by 20.”

The Chairman said, “I think they look good. I think that our Sign Ordinance that we have are for a good reason but our P&C area and parking lot it is a different kind of beast than a smaller one story mercantile building like the cleaner building or the bank or even the little cottages along Fennell Street. I do not have a problem with this. Anyone else?” (No comments were made) The Chairman said, “I am going to get some public input on this. Anyone who wants to comments on the signage at our revamped P&C?” Member Phinney said, “that they are talking

about is the main signage over the entry door, which does not need a variance. Then they will have one sign – this is a little disproportionate, making it look larger than it may be. But, that would be on the tower. Not the clock tower, which will stay the same as the clock but on the tower to the north west, following the same theme.”

Sue Dailey asked, “is it neon?” The Chairman said, “no but it is lit. It’s not neon, great colors but it is not neon.. They are lit.” Kohler shows photo to Dailey. Sue Dove said, “I agree with you on your comments. It is a different beast than just a normal smaller store front, I would think that they would need that for the recognition that this sign will give them. Again, a great job.”

The Chairman said, “as far as I know there is not in any of the process been any objection to the lighting of the signs. I will listen happily to any other comments then I will close the public hearing. None? Then I move that we close the public hearing.” Seconded by Member Crompt. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The Chairman said, **“I move that we approve the application submitted by Robert Kohler for the P & C Food Store at 40 Fennell Street to vary the strict application of Section 225-65A (1) (b) of the Sign Ordinance to exceed the maximum allowable signage square footage per photographs and measurements on file dated 6-3-09. This will be completed within one year.”**

Seconded by Member Crompt. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion. The motion was declared passed. The meeting was closed at 7:59pm.