

**Planning Board Minutes**

**July 6, 2023**

**Chairperson Stephen Greenwald** welcomed everyone to the July 6, 2023, meeting of the Amityville Planning Board at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Stephen Greenwald, Chairperson  
Mary D’Andrea, Member  
Kelly Medwig, Member  
Laura Ellis, Member  
Amanda Lowe, Member

Other Attendees: Michael Breitweg, Building Inspector  
Justin Kennedy, Alternate Member  
Patricia Benson, Secretary to the Board

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairperson Greenwald** informed applicants that they are hereby notified that all agreed upon concessions, promises, pledges, assurances, or declarations given by them or their duly appointed agents, during their hearing process shall become stipulations to any approvals given by this Board.

**Chairperson Greenwald** informed the applicants that they must adhere to the plans submitted in conjunction with this application as approved by The Board, any deviation from the approved plans may require the application to be re-called by this Board. Additionally, the applicant must stick to the plans that were discussed; any plans that deviate from what is being presented or discussed tonight must be submitted to the building inspector and may require applicant to come before this board again. The applicant must obtain building permits once the plans are approved by the building inspector, the applicant.

**Chairperson Greenwald** motioned to approve the June 1, 2023, Planning Board Minutes.

Vote on Motion: Stephen Greenwald, Chairperson aye  
Mary D’Andrea aye  
Kelly Medwig, Member aye  
Laura Ellis, Member aye  
Amanda Lowe, Member aye

Motion carried: 5 ayes 0 nays.

Application of Saxton Sign Corp for Albany Triangle Corp/Ahmet Yildizel. Applicant seeks review and approval for the proposed installation of new Sunoco Centennial Branding signage pursuant to Section 24-6 A (1) (j) of the Village Code. Premises located at the intersection of Broadway (Rt 110), Albany Avenue, and Mill Street known as 293 Broadway a/k/a SCTM #101-3-2-17

**Deb Guarasc** from **Saxton Sign Corp** spoke on behalf of Sunoco rolling out the centennial branding for the existing Sunoco Station. She explained that under contract they must update the branding imaging. The

current canopy has two illuminating Sunoco signs. We want to keep and update to the new logo which will include Sunoco word mark and diamond. The free-standing sign by the road has the Sunoco logo and will reutilize the structure and add mini mart where A+ was. On the light pole on the property where the manual pricer is located they will add a LED pricer. The C-store will get a new solid blue banding and the arch will remain the same. Not illuminated, no lighting on that.

**Member D'Andrea** responded you are basically going to bring it into the 20<sup>th</sup> century and make it all electronic?

**Deb Guarasce** by the road it will be electronic. Flagged off to the side they have the magnetics for NYS to do the taxes. Out by the light pole they will be bringing it current.

**Chairperson Greenwald** replied, "I think it looks sleeker. It's nice that they are replacing the awning." Anyone have comments, questions for the board? Anyone who would like to speak for or against this application?

**Dina Mellish** asked to see the pictures. Are these the old images or new images?

**Chairperson Greenwald** Its very similar.

**Dina Mellish** asked if the rest of the building is going to change. It's just a different color and then a sign.

**Deb Guarasce** explained it's an existing C-Store. Same color, it was just old and faded but it's the same color blue.

**Dina Mellish** asked about landscaping.

**Chairperson Greenwald** this application is just for the sign, we don't have jurisdiction over the landscaping.

**Chairperson Greenwald:** moved that the Board accept this application with the following stipulations which were seconded by Member D'Andrea.

Stipulations:

1. Applicants are required to obtain a building permit.
2. The installation will be done before the end of the year.

Vote on Motion:	Stephen Greenwald, Chairperson	aye
	Mary D'Andrea, Member	aye
	Amanda Lowe, Member	aye
	Kelly Medwig, Member	aye
	Laura Ellis, Member	aye

Motion carried: 5 ayes 0 nays.

Application of Minesh Patel for 250-256 Broadway. Applicant seeks architectural review and approval for the proposed facade renovation pursuant to Section 24-6 A (1) (g) of the Village Code. Premises located on the Northwest corner of Broadway and Sterling Place in a “B-1” Business District known as 250-256 Broadway a/k/a SCTM #101-3-1-14.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** spoke on behalf of the applicant Minesh Patel. Minesh purchased the business and plans to renovate the whole front from where the bicycle store was all the way to the convenient store.

**Chairperson Greenwald** inquired about adding awnings onto the windows and if shutters would be coming down?

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** explained that awnings will be on the Southside and Eastside and the shutters would be coming down.

**Member D’Andrea** inquired about the shape of the entrance of the convenient store?

**Minesh Patel** Yes, we will be going to square off the corner of the convenient store.

**Chairperson Greenwald** questioned if they plan to continue existing brick down to the bottom and also inquired if there will be black trim on the windows?

**Minesh Patel** noted that there would be red bricks on the bottom.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** explained that the frame would be black. He added that the framing around the windows on the bottom would be black and the existing windows on the top would be replacement windows in white.

**Chairperson Greenwald** inquired about the size of the windows.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** explained that on the bottom the windows would be the same size and there would be brick along the bottom.

**Member Ellis** stated that he understood that the window trim would be white.

**Member D’Andrea** asked about what was currently covering the front of the building.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** stated that the front of the building was a brick facia.

**Chairperson Greenwald** added that it is an aluminum type of silver, the brick will look nicer because its more uniform.

**Member D’Andrea** commented that it was going to create this new beautiful façade with these nice black windows and nice brick. What’s nice about this elevation is you do not see all this unattractive signage. When you look at the building now all you see is posters, neon lights, really a bunch of garbage. I would like to say we would like to keep and do something that we do not have all this stuff come back onto the windows. I don’t think it’s attractive, do you?

**Member Lowe** stated that she did not want to wind up with the same problem with the neon and poster signs.

**Chairperson Greenwald** questioned if there was a certain amount of window that could be cover? He directed the question to Michael Breitweg.

**Michael Breitweg** responded 30%

**Member Lowe** recalled that she thought it was 30% as well.

**Member D'Andrea** commented that she would like to keep it at the 30% and she would like to keep it consistent. Now you are changing this, and it will look nice, but it won't look nice once the signage goes back on.

**Minesh Patel** agreed and stated that once we put in the new one, we are not going to put that many neon signs or posters on the windows.

**Member D'Andrea** inquired about the dental trim. She asked if they were going to continue the dental trim from on top of the fire stone building now?

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** stated that they were not going to continue the dental trim on the firestone building. He added that there was going to be crown molding, up on the top. He also added it was going to be thick crown molding that is going to be white.

**Member D'Andrea** stated its going to be thick crown molding that will be consistent turning the corner.

**Chairperson Greenwald** questioned if it was going to be white and if they were changing the color of the outside of the building.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** no

**Member D'Andrea** inquired if they were going to repaint it with the same color?

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** no, it doesn't need to be repainted.

**Member D'Andrea** agreed, I guess it doesn't need to be repainted.

**Chairperson Greenwald** asked about adding caps on the side corners?

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** Yes, on the corner and I think on the back corner.

**Chairperson Greenwald** inquired about the front elevation on both the right and the left and the rear.

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** explained that the trim up there, that's going to be white also.

**Chairperson Greenwald** agreed that the trim would be white. Any other questions from the board.

**Michael Breitweg** asked a question about whether they intended to change the windows, on the second floor?

**Mr. Ernie Caramanico** replied that the windows are only 5 years old.

