

**Village of Fishkill
Planning Board/Architectural Review Board Meeting
October 15, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

Cris Phillip: Good evening ladies and gentleman my name is Cristina Phillips I will be chairing tonight's Planning Board meeting for October 15, 2009. Will the secretary please take a roll call?

Those present: Cris Phillips, Bea Lindsay, Theresa Cuchelo, and Anthony Brozier.
Absent: Hans Klingzahn, Jamie Machado and Stephanie Renino. Also present is Building Inspector Tom VanTine and Don Van Nostrand, Secretary.

Cris Phillips: If everyone has read the minutes for the last meeting held on October 1st and if there are no changes or amendments I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes.

Bea Lindsay: I make a motion to approve the minutes for October 01, 2009. Motion seconded by Theresa Cuchelo. I have a motion and a second to approve the minutes. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? None. Motion carried.

Cris Phillips: The First Reformed Church located at 1143 Main Street is here for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Representing the The First Reformed Church is Ray Van Voorhis.

Ray Van Voorhis: Good evening, my name is Ray Van Voorhis, I am an architect as well as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee at the First Reformed Church at Route 9 and 52 here in the Village of Fishkill. With me today is Pastor Gloria McCanna, Elder John Houston, and Deacon Jay Wright. Also, joining us shortly will be Brian Nowitzki of Hudson Valley Clean Energy. The application in front of you tonight is a Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar panels on the Education Building of our property. We have four buildings on the property with the Education Building on the corner, the Church itself, the office building which is the Dubois House and behind it is the old Tutti Quanti building which is now the food pantry. As stewards to the community we are looking at ways to help the environment as well as making our budgets work. We are a non profit group and we have looked into this application for a number of years and have done a lot of research. When Brian gets here he will have a sample of the panel. We feel it is a very low profile panel. I have a shingle with me to show you a sample of the roof which we have just changed to make it a little darker appearance. The south elevation faces Main Street and it is two stories high so we think is going to be appropriate because of the low profile of the roof. There are some trees in between the building itself and Main Street. We do not think pedestrians and cars going by will even realize that the panels are up there. The idea here is to help the environment and save money on the electricity bills. I think there is a payoff in about ten years for payback to offset the cost of the project itself. There has been an application filed with New York State for a grant and that is in the works. We got the application in before they just changed the rate which was just announced. We think it is appropriate and we have pictures of the education building to show where the panels will be installed. We have looked at other possibilities, we have looked at the food pantry building but there are number of trees there and that would not work.

Brian Nowitzki of Hudson Valley Clean Energy showed the board a sample of the solar panels which would be mounted on the building. He also explained the difference between solar panels and solar shingles and discussed the efficiency of each. In order to get the same efficiency on solar shingles you would have to double the square footage on the roof. Also, the cost of solar shingles would be twice as much and the incentive money would not be twice as much. The cost to the church would be significantly more and in this case would cost the church 50 to 70 thousand dollars more.

A discussion followed between the Board, Building Inspector and Brian on the durability of the panels, wind factors and snow loads.

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Cris Phillips: Since this is the historic district we will have to have a public hearing. The next meeting is November 5th and we could put you on that agenda.

Ray Van Voorhis: If that is the next step we can make it then.

Cris Phillips: Can I have a motion to set a public hearing for November 5th?

Theresa Cuchelo: So moved. Motion seconded by Bea Lindsay. All in favor? Aye.
Motion carried.

Ray Van Voorhis: Do we have to assist in that notification or do you take care of it?

Cris Phillips: No, we will take care of that. Please bring the panel to the meeting so the public can see what it looks like. That is all the agenda items we have tonight are there anything else to cover?

Don Van Nostrand: Yes, for next meeting besides the public hearing there will be four sign applications for review.

Cris Phillips: If there is nothing further to discuss, is there a motion to adjourn?

Theresa Cuchelo: I make a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Bea Lindsay. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? None. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Van Nostrand
Planning Board Secretary