

**VILLAGE OF KENMORE  
PLANNING BOARD  
July 22, 2025**

PRESENT: Bruce Shearer  
Michael Foster  
David McLaughlin  
Sara Schumacher-Marks  
Robert Ruml  
Colleen Donovan  
Karen Phillips

Kathleen Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer  
Michael Berns, Building Inspector

**1615 KENMORE AVENUE – KENMORE FOOD MARKET SIGNAGE**

The applicant, Varinder Singh, is present to review the signs for his market. He is seeking approval of a wall sign, consisting of lit channel letters on a background. The applicant is not planning to put up window signs, but was instructed that any window signs would also need to be approved by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board notes that the word “Drinks” appears twice and that the word “Snacks” is misspelled on the rendering. The applicant will replace the first “Drinks” with the word “Vegetables” and will correct the spelling.

Michael Foster moved to approve, with condition that the first “Drinks” be replaced with “Vegetables” and that the spelling of “Snacks” is corrected.

Seconded by Bruce Shearer, and approved by all members present.

**2840 DELAWARE – THAW THAW SALON SIGNAGE**

The applicant, Ba Thein Laft, is present and seeks approval of a wall sign. It was noted that the business has window signs, which also need to be approved by the Planning Board. The applicant was unaware that window signs also needed to be approved. Mr. Bern will contact him later to review the law so that he can submit an application for window sign approval for the next meeting.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the wall sign, as presented.

Seconded by Robert Ruml, and approved by all members present.

## **160 DELAWARE ROAD – LIBRARY MURAL**

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Mary Muscarella and the library committee are present to review the updated mural design.

Clerk Johnson explained that legal had been consulted and that the Planning Board can look at the front facing elevation, including the “B” area on the northeast corner, as one wall. With that in mind, the Planning Board members reviewed their thoughts on the design.

While there were many opinions on the design, the consensus was that the proposed mural lacked cohesiveness and doesn’t present as a single mural design. The Board questioned why the design doesn’t extend to the two panels located on the “panels” closest to Chapel.

Ms. Muscarella replied that the surface of those panels is very difficult to paint and that the cost to do so would be more than the money available for the project. She also shared that the committee looked at several designs, but felt they were too busy. She stated that the artist of the selected design is an art teacher, so they would like to get approval as soon as possible, as the work must be completed before the school year begins. She also stated that there would be a plaque inside the library which would detail the explanation of the meaning of the artwork on each panel, and the design, as a whole.

It was suggested that the panel books be redesigned to look more like books. The applicant stated that a vinyl cling will be added to the windows which will replicate the look of paper pages to the panel books.

The Planning Board suggested that the “book vine” be moved to the lefthand side of the mural to better define the mural space.

Ms. Muscarella feels that they can’t ask the artist to provide another re-design. The Board noted that murals are public art for the entire community, and that approval is needed. Re-designs are part of the process.

Various options were discussed. A rough mockup was put together which moved the book vine from the right side to the left, just before the two panels, which can’t be painted. The applicant thinks this can be done, but that the “ribbons” would need to be redesigned to fit the space.

Book page design will be the “confetti” design.

Karen Phillips moved to approve the mural design with adaptations on mockup, which includes the repositioning of the “book vine” and with the confetti book design. Conditioned on final approval of the updated ribbon design by the building inspector.

Seconded by Michael Foster, and approved by all members present.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Kathleen P. Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer