

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hal Gaffin, Chair; Hank Besanceney; Mark Donahoe; Jim Hoh

**ALSO PRESENT:** Danny Bassette; Charlie Johnson; Alison DeMarco

**Chair Gaffin called the following public hearing to order at 7:28 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING: AREA VARIANCE: 61 N. MAIN STREET: ALISON DeMARCO**

Alison DeMarco is requesting a variance from Village Code section §190-91.T. The applicant is requesting a variance for a 79 sq. ft. sign which exceeds the maximum allowable size of 50 sq. ft. The sign in question is already in existence and is mounted on the building.

Ms. DeMarco informed the Board that the sign was put up approximately two years ago when she and her husband first bought the building at 61 N. Main St. The DeMarcos chose the size and style of the sign in order to replicate the historical look of the building. Ms. DeMarco brought in a picture from the late 1800s, showing the structure with a sign similar to the one they had mounted. Although the sign exceeds the maximum allowed square footage, it is proportional to the building size. It should be noted that the sign was installed without a building permit.

Ms. DeMarco stated that they currently have ten tenants at 61 N. Main St. Her plan is to eventually get a free standing sign (in addition to the wall mounted signs) listing all the tenants. However, she said she has to get this variance before she can apply for a permit for the free standing sign.

Chair Gaffin asked if there were any comments/questions from the public. There were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:47 PM.

Motion by Hank Besanceney, seconded by Jim Hoh to grant the area variance for the existing 79 sq. ft. sign.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

1. H. Besanceney – Aye
2. H. Gaffin – Aye
3. M. Donahoe - Aye
4. J. Hoh – Aye

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED – AREA VARIANCE GRANTED**

The Board granted the variance based upon its findings set forth in the Area Variance Determination Worksheet which is attached and made part of the minutes.

Motion by Jim Hoh, seconded Mark Donahoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judi Barrett  
Clerk for the Zoning Board of Appeals*

Village of Honeoye Falls  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
AREA VARIANCE DETERMINATION

Applicant/Owner:  
Property Address:  
Variance(s) Requested:

Requirement: In making its determination, the zoning board of appeals shall take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

The Zoning Board made the following findings:

1. An undesirable change will will not be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will will not be created by the granting of the area variance, because  
The sign is consistent with historic signs.  
It is proportional to the size of the building
2. The benefit sought by the applicant can cannot be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance, because  
The sign would be proportionally  
too small for the building
3. The requested area variance is is not substantial, because  
It is less than ~~5~~ 5% over  
the allowable sq footage.
4. The proposed variance will will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district, because  
Signs are allowed and the sign is  
proportional to the building
5. The alleged difficulty has has not been self-created, because  
Applicant wants a sign that is larger  
than allowed

Zoning Board Decision: Based upon the above findings the Zoning Board

grants denies the area variance application.

Hal Griffin  
Chairman Signature