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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205, on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026.

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| ROLL CALL: | Chairman: | Chris Dennis | Present |
| | Commissioners: | John Martin | Present |
| | | Brittany Kendall | Present |
| | | Kenny Hart | Present |
| | | Jim Splonskowski | Present |
| | | Alison Curran | Present |
| | | John Lemperle | Present |
| | Alternate: | Carl Kuentzel | Present |
| | Village Attorney: | Victor Caponera | Absent |
| | Village Engineer: | R.J. Laberge | Absent |
| | Village Liaison: | Frank Prevratil | Present |

Chairman Dennis opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all electronic devices be turned off or muted. The Commission reviewed the regular meeting minutes from January 20th, 2026. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Otto Cadillac 1767 Central Avenue Site Plan Review

Bill Mafrici was present from Hershberg & Hershberg on behalf of Otto Cadillac to present an application for a site plan review at 1767 Central Avenue. Chris Otto, Owner, and Megan Sorel, General Manager, were also present from Otto Cadillac. Brent Kosoc, from BBL Construction, was also present for the project. Mr. Mafrici explained that some changes have been made to the site plan addressing technical comments made by the Commission and Engineer Laberge. He offered that drainage would be caught entirely in a catch basin, and landscaping has been added along the vehicle display pad and island.

Mr. Mafrici stated that double tandem grease traps have also been proposed in accordance with Village of Colonie Code.

Chairman Dennis reported that Engineer Laberge is in support of the site plan as presented, as all comments have been addressed. Chairman Dennis requested that vegetation is added in front of the parking lot on Central Avenue, and he offered that the shrubbery be a series of rosa rugosas and yews. He and Commissioner Martin suggested a pattern of 4 rosa rugosas, 2 yews, and 4 rosa rugosas in one row.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the site plan application for Otto Cadillac at 1767 Central Avenue, on the condition that the landscaping will be updated to include a series of rosa rugosas and yews in the front parking area. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Discussion

Coordinator Curran explained that Cole's Collision will be submitting an updated site plan application to the Commission, as they have decided to merge 1517 and 1529 Central Avenue into one parcel. She also added that QuickChek, 1850 Central Avenue, will be going in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

VOTE: Unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Curran
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer
Planning Coordinator
Village of Colonie