

# PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING, AUGUST 24, 2022 AT 7:00PM

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**Members present:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Elisha Bartlett, Ken White, Rob King, Cheri Phillips, & Daniel Berheide.

**Guest Present:** George Hainer, Catherine Simmer, Richard Rawson, Lois Rawson, Mark DeCrescente, Peter Gibbs, Taylor Haskins, & Lisa Delia

**Mr. White:** Opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm. Read aloud the Public Hearing Notice published in the Sun Community Times on 8/20/2022. The notice is as follows:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Board of the Town of Westport, Essex County, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 22 Champlain Ave, Westport, New York on August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will address the following project: The OMNM, LLC, change of use of the former Champlain Valley Mill, 6679 Main St., Tax Map #66.56-1-22.002. At said public hearing, the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

After reading the notice aloud Mr. White asked if anyone was present for the public hearing. No members of the community were present for the public hearing.

**Mr. White:** Invited Mr. Haskins to briefly describe his project.

**Mr. Haskins:** We (Taylor Haskins and Josh Kingzack) have purchased the old Champlain Valley Mill and are renovating the building into “The Mill” which will be a mixed use space. The space will include retail, commercial and hopefully residential. We have a ZBA hearing for the residential use. We are renovating the building into modern standards. We have been working with the neighbors for the parking concerns. We are working with an architectural firm. We are also planning a flex space in the back for community use.

**Mr. White:** Does the planning board have any questions for Mr. Haskins?

**Mr. Berheide:** Parking is a concern but I know that is being addressed. Will the building meet the standards and codes?

**Mr. White:** All that information would be listed in the permit.

**Mr. Hainer:** Housing is the only issue at the moment.

**Mr. Berheide:** Parking and traffic is a concern.

**Mr. Haskins:** We are working with the neighbors about the parking.

**Ms. Bartlett:** They had said previously there will be a parking plan and a landscape plan.

**Mr. Berheide:** These details need to meet the high standards of Westport.

**Ms. Fitzgerald:** We did have the site visit.

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**Mr. White:** Everything is on track. Are there any questions for the planning board?

No comment.

**Mr. White:** The public hearing is closed at 7:09 pm.

**The OMNM, LLC public hearing was closed at 7:09 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.**