

Town of Gilford
Planning Board

Site Visit Minutes

China Bistro – 95 Lake Street – Tax Map & Lot #201-002.000

October 14, 2010

Members present: Chair Polly Sanfacon; Vice Chair John Morgenstern; Selectmen's Representative Kevin Hayes; Regular Members Dick Waitt and Richard Sonia; and Alternates Dennis Corrigan, Wayne Hall, and Chan Eddy. Also present were John Ayer, Director of Planning and Land Use; David Andrade, Code Enforcement Officer; Lin Bi, applicant; and Lauren Tiner, Reporter for the Gilford Steamer. Members absent: Jerry Gagnon and Dick Vaillancourt, regular members.

The meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. in the front lawn of China Bistro restaurant. Lin Bi gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes. He said they intend to have 9 tables in the lawn with 4 chairs each instead of 36 seats on the patio which is very crowded. Mr. Bi explained the fence, noting that it would be moved to the other side of the hedge, at least one (1) foot in from the property line. He noted the two exits from the fenced yard. He mentioned that the door to the building is used by staff, but may be able to be used for customers since they widened the space between it and the bar counter inside from 32 inches to 40 inches away.

He said the Margate Hotel had rock and roll bands playing across the street throughout the summer. He said they want to create a nice place outside for customers to eat and enjoy the evening and watch the traffic. Mr. Bi discussed the driveway that was removed at the request of a former Gilford fire chief when Mr. Bi first owned the restaurant in the 1980's.

J. Morgenstern asked where the band would play. L. Bi indicated where they had them playing during the summer but noted that in the southeast corner of the yard by the building is the location that was best.

The group then moved inside to see the layout of the lounge. The layout, occupancy, and speakers were discussed. A test of the sound system was considered but not conducted.

The meeting concluded at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Ayer, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use