

**Village of Fort Edward  
Planning Board Meeting  
Date: January 15 2025**

**Roll Call:** Bernie Taylor, Nasrene Haj, Doreen Rabine  
**Absent:** Tabitha Fish, Tadgh Nealon

**Public:** Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson, Kyle Cozzens, Linda Miles, Amy Stumvoll, Jeff Hamblin, Irma Hamblin

**Approval Minutes from October 22, 2024**

**Motion by:** Doreen Rabine  
**Seconded by:** Bernie Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

**Summary**

The meeting focused on the introduction of the Grumbellies restaurant owners and their plans for renovations and operations, with discussions on layout, accessibility, and community integration. A public hearing was scheduled for February 19th to address further concerns and finalize approvals.

 **Outline**

**1. Introduction of Grumbellies**

- Jeff and Irma Hamblin introduced themselves as the owners of Grumbellies.
- They discussed their vision for the restaurant and its potential impact on the community.

**2. Renovation Plans and Accessibility**

- The owners plan to convert a vault into a handicapped-accessible bathroom.
- They confirmed that the existing electrical setup will not require extensive rewiring.
- A walk-in cooler is being considered, but drilling through concrete rebar poses challenges.

**3. Restaurant Capacity and Layout**

- The restaurant aims to accommodate around 80 patrons, with plans for a stage in the future.
- The drive-through window will not be utilized due to structural limitations.
- The owners are considering operational hours, potentially closing on Wednesdays and opening on Mondays.

**4. Signage and Future Communication**

- The owners are unsure about signage and will discuss it further in future meetings.
- They will provide sketches and specifications for the sign to ensure compliance with local regulations.

**5. Public Hearing Scheduling**

- A motion was made to set a public hearing for February 19th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the restaurant's plans further. A motion was made by **Bernie Taylor**, seconded by **Doreen Rabine**. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion was made to refer to the county by **Doreen Rabine**, seconded by **Bernie Taylor**. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Concerns about traffic and parking were raised, emphasizing the need for community input.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bernie Taylor, seconded by Doreen Rabine. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose  
Planning Board Clerk