

*Dream Star Stables (Jennifer Dee) Horse and Carriage Ride – Olcott*

The Planning Board conducted a Site Plan Review for the application submitted to operate a seasonal horse and carriage ride business in Olcott. The purpose of the review was to hear and consider their plan for the carriage ride operation and provide recommendations to the Town Board and Town Clerk. There are no provisions in the Zoning Ordinance or in Town Law referencing carriage ride businesses, so the Planning Board has no authority or cannot grant approval of the project. The owners were advised they should seek a permit or license from the Town Board/Clerk, similar to that required for vendors and amusements.

The owners were well prepared with a plan that addresses most of the questions and concerns raised by the Planning Board members. They will be using miniature horses and an attractive small carriage. They have a plan to contain and manage animal waste and they will place their transport vehicles outside the village center. They will meet any insurance requirements the town requires, have a safety attendant onsite (as well as the carriage operator), and must comply with vehicle and traffic laws. Their plan is to operate on weekends and holidays, with daytime hours and pricing to be determined. Customers will board and offload on Main Street in front of the Carousel Park, or on Ontario Street. Board members advised them that these areas can sometimes be congested during events and car shows, and they should coordinate their loading site with areas businesses, event organizers and town officials. They were also advised they should discuss their operation with Rosemary Sansone of the Carousel Park.

The Planning Board expressed general support for the proposal's concept and only recommended further and continuing coordination with local businesses, event organizers and town officials.