

Mr. Same stated he received a call from Peter Mitchell regarding his business (Parkers); Mr. Mitchell would like the Town to grant him \$40,000.00 for his business. He noted there is money left in the revolving loan fund, but the Town doesn't normally grant money to a business. It was done twice – for the BonaDent project and the Hotel project; it was done to entice those businesses to move forward with their projects. Mr. Mitchell had the opportunity to apply for grants when he first talked about his project; for whatever reason, those grants didn't happen. He didn't make the first round of the Main Street Grant, and the second round went to the Sackett District. He also had the opportunity to go to the County and apply for a grant and didn't follow through on that. Mr. Same told Mr. Mitchell that the money available can be loaned, but he would have to go through the approval process at the County. He added it's not appropriate for the Town to grant money to a business that's 90% complete and ready to open up.

Mr. Moore asked where he got the \$40,000.00 figure. Mr. Casamassima replied what is left of the Town's \$240,000.00. Mr. Morrell said it's what's available – it's not based on what he needs. He commented that the Board should get out of the grant business; even if it's a loan, the terms of a loan can be altered to make it very beneficial to the recipient as far as the interest rate, the term, etc. He said granting the money without the hopes of getting it back goes against what the money is for and who owns the money – it belongs to the taxpayers of the Town. He also said he is not saying that Mr. Mitchell shouldn't get any money - he should go through the same process that everybody else does and that all begins at the County; the County administers our program.

Mr. Casamassima asked what the LDC is for – he went to them. Mr. Same replied he went to the LDC Board looking for money, and they did grant him \$5,000.00. After discussion, Mr. Same stated Mr. Mitchell is welcome to come to the January Meeting and speak to the Board.

Mr. Morrell mentioned the matter regarding the zoning amendment that Mrs. Cook is involved with, and said he sent an email to the Board and gave the Clerk a hard copy. Ms. Sauvageau mentioned that she did read the email and wanted to add that we do have a number of those districts in the Town of Seneca Falls – they happen to be in the Village, but they are in the Town of Seneca Falls. Mr. Morrell said there are a few; they don't exist specifically in the Town. He added the Town did add the R-2 uses to the C-2 zone which enables the Lakeview project to happen. Mr. Morrell stated it's a big picture – don't get bogged down with the particular circumstances of one of the properties or particular circumstances of people who might not want this in their backyard. Mr. Same indicated that this will be discussed at the January Meeting.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by T.J. Casamassima and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

