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High-end wine bar, restaurant to open at 46 South Street

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GLENS FALLS – A new fine dining establishment, Katy's Wine and Whiskey Bar, will be the first of several key businesses that will take part in South Street's revitalization. The business will be located on the ground floor of the newly renovated 46 South Street on the corner of South and Elm streets.

"It will be more of a luxury, high-end wine bar that will be catered toward, obviously, food. It'll be a bar and restaurant – a full kitchen, full menu," said Katy Foster, co-owner of Katy's Wine and Whiskey Bar.

Foster explained that Katy's Wine and Whiskey Bar will aim for a quieter, early evening scene that will give patrons a serene and elegant experience for cocktail hour in Glens Falls. "That's what we're looking for," Foster told the Glens Falls Planning Board.

On Wednesday night, the Glens Falls Planning Board unanimously approved the conversion of the existing commercial space into a restaurant and bar establishment within the current Central Commercial District, with

several board members praising the upcoming project that signals "a new era" for the long-beleaguered South Street.

"The intent of this project is to enhance the vibrancy of downtown Glens Falls by introducing a locally owned, small business offering a welcoming and upscale atmosphere for both residents and visitors," co-owners Katy Foster and William Dingman wrote in a letter to the Glens Falls Planning Board.

Dingman explained that the pair is "excited" to be a part of this next chapter in

Art Beldon, chairman of the Glens Falls Planning Board, said that he recently toured the location and could perfectly visualize the space as the proposed wine bar. Since the space has been under renovation for months now, the space will be outfitted with a new fire and water system, as well as hood system for the kitchen.

The site plan for the bar and restaurant details a centrally located oval-shaped bar in the main room surrounded by dining tables. The estimated seating capacity is between 60 and



Please see **WINE BAR**, Page A6 46 South Street, future home of Katy's Wine and Whiskey Bar.

WEST MOUNTAIN ACHIEVES ZONING MILESTONE FOR POTENTIAL RESORT



Queensbury residents attend Town Board meeting to oppose or support the Woods at West Mountain development.

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QUEENSBURY – Monday night marked an important milestone in West Mountain's history as the Queensbury Town Board approved rezoning the site to a planned resort development, opening the doors for West Mountain to build a destination hub of retail and residential properties in the future. The resort development will now head back to the Planning Board for full site plan review.

As previously reported by The Post-Star, the Queensbury Town Board had to approve a special rezoning of West Mountain to allow for a 254-acre resort that will consist of approximately 65 single-family homes and 56-unit townhouses, with an additional 80 hotel rooms, as well as an assortment of retail

shops, constructed across multiple phases over several years. This also required the Town Board to conduct a State Environmental Quality Review and approve certain density requirements for ski resorts.

Throughout the review process, there has been pushback from neighbors in the nearby Bedford Close neighborhood and other surrounding areas within a close radius to the project, who voiced a myriad of concerns that the development would cause congestive traffic in the area and create flooding issues. Some neighbors even expressed a level of distrust about the Town Board's oversight.

However, at Monday night's meeting there was also a renewed ground swell of support for West Mountain's future as a resort destination and its potential positive

impact on the town's future.

"West Mountain has always been more than a ski resort; it's a cornerstone of our community, where families spend weekends together, where kids learn to love the outdoors, and where visitors discover the beauty and spirit of our region," said Kevin Reppenhagen, who identified himself as a friend of West Mountain co-owner Spencer Montgomery. "Beyond the slopes, West Mountain drives real economic growth, it supports local jobs, strengthens small businesses, and attracts tourism that helps our community thrive year-round. Now, with the development of the Woods at West Mountain, we're taking an even bigger step forward. This project will elevate our

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Former GF police member arrested after alleged theft of PBA funds

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GLENS FALLS – A former member of the Glens Falls Police Department was arrested Tuesday after allegedly taking more than \$5,000 from the PBA.

The Glens Falls Police Benevolent Association's former treasurer, John Hogan III, was arrested December 2. The arrest came after an internal review found that Hogan allegedly withdrew funds and failed to make required deposits totaling more than \$5,000.

The PBA reported that because the dollar amount constituted a felony charge, the case was referred to New York State Police and the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office to help ensure a full independent criminal investigation could be conducted.

Hogan was arrested by New York State Police. According to court documents obtained by The Post-Star Thursday, some charges in Hogan's case are sealed, but according to the available public documents, he pleaded guilty to the violation of disorderly conduct, and was fined \$150. Any other charges and additional sentences in this case were sealed according to the court documents.

"This is a profound betrayal of trust," a statement from the PBA read. "Anyone who engages in this conduct has no place in a position of trust or law enforcement. The PBA acted immediately to remove John Hogan III from all financial responsibilities to prevent further mishandling of union funds."

The PBA's review began immediately after irregularities were identified within financial accounts, the PBA reported Wednesday.

"The PBA takes criminal behavior seriously and maintains the principal that no one is above the law, including our own members," a statement from the PBA read. "In this case, the union and its members were the victims, and we took every action within our power to hold John Hogan III accountable and pursue prosecution to the fullest extent of the law."

Hogan is believed to have acted alone in the alleged incidents, the PBA and the Glens Falls Police Department reported.

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