

Village of Skaneateles
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
August 28, 2012

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a brief work session.

Present: Lisa Banuski, Chairman
 John Cromp, Member
 Stephen Hartnett, Member
 Larry Pardee, Member
 Craig Phinney, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the ZBA
Riccardo Galbato, Attorney to the ZBA

James Lanning, Village Trustee

At 8:02 pm, Chairman Banuski initiated a brief work session to informally discuss options pertaining to expiring and expired Variances and possible extensions thereof among the members and with Attorney Galbato. Attorney Galbato offered to provide the Board with opinions prepared by himself and Village Attorney Byrne on a similar topic for their review.

Attorney Galbato's initial recollection is that since the time limit is a condition of granting the Variance, that such Variance would no longer be in force if the condition regarding time expires. He feels that it is important to catch them before the time limit has run and ask for the extension timely.

The building permit that was legally issued as a result of your Variance had a condition. If that condition is not met, then the validity of that building permit is questionable.

If the Variance expires, the applicant probably should have to reapply and pay the fees. The same drawings should be able to be used, saving the applicant some costs.

Attorney Galbato suggested that emphasis on the time limit be part of the meeting discussion and be clearly reflected in the minutes. Generally, if you don't complete the project within the time limit for the Variance, then you will have to reapply.

Chairman Banuski indicated that this would be discussed further at the September meeting.

Upon acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.