

Village of Skaneateles
Planning Board Meeting
December 7, 2023
Skaneateles Village Hall

Critical Impact Permit (Redevelopment in D District) and Use Variance recommendation in the matter of the application of Guy Donahoe on behalf of Lucky Dogs Canine Services, LLC and 19 Fennell St., LLC to change the use of a portion of the structure from Beauty Salon (C-16 Personal Services) to Pet Grooming (C-27 Veterinary Services) which is a use not permitted in the D District.

Present: Stephen Hartnett, Chairman
 Connie Brace, Member
 Melissa Komanecky, Member
 Jeff Liccion, Member

Riccardo Galbato, Attorney for the Planning Board
John Cromp, Code Enforcement Officer
Ian Carroll, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
Beth O'Sullivan, Deputy Zoning Inspector
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

Guy Donahoe, applicant
Amy & Pat Schiek on behalf of the applicant

Bob Eggleston, 1391 E Genesee St
Clark Maher, 2 W Lake St
Katie Hess, 34 State St
Tom Fairhurst, 20 E Elizabeth St
Tom Billone, 20 E Genesee St

Excused: Albert Giannino, Member

At 7:53 pm, Chairman Hartnett called for the Lucky Dogs matter for 19 Fennell Street.

Attorney Galbato recapped the application to operate a pet grooming operation at this location. The CEO has determined that it will require a use variance since that is not a permitted use in the D District.

Chairman Hartnett told the applicants that this is not a permitted use for a reason. The Code requires that the applicant submit compelling evidence of a hardship. That information is not yet before the Board, so the application is incomplete. The Chairman suggested that the applicants ask the Board of Trustees to consider a zoning change to address these issues without Planning Board input, and suggests that the Board forward the application to the Trustees for review.

Mr. Schiek asked for clarification? Chairman Hartnett told him the Board of Trustees is the Village Board. They have the power to change the Zoning Code.

Chairman Hartnett said the Planning Board recommends that the applicants petition the Village Board of Trustees to consider a potential revision to the Village Code to accommodate this use.

The Schieks thanked the Board.

This matter was concluded at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards