

Village of Skaneateles
Planning Board Meeting
January 4, 2024
Skaneateles Village Hall

Other matters.

Present: Stephen Hartnett, Chairman
 Connie Brace, Member
 Albert Giannino, Member
 Melissa Komanecky, Member
 Jeff Liccione, Member

 Riccardo Galbato, Attorney for the Planning Board
 John Crompton, Code Enforcement Officer
 Ian Carroll, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
 Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

 Tyde Richards, Village Trustee
 Bob Eggleston, 1391 E Genesee St

At 8:08 pm, Chairman Hartnett called for general discussion of other matters. He started by asking the Board for their input on the degree of uniformity that is desirable for the various outdoor dining implementations and whether it should be addressed in the Downtown D Design Standards or in the application process. Member Brace stated that having them in the design standards would give applicants advance knowledge of the requirement. Chairman Hartnett suggested that some restrictions were desirable in his opinion, perhaps like standardizing on the removable fencing and rail systems similar to Gilda's and Lakehouse Pub.

Member Brace suggested that she thinks a lack of consistency makes the Village more interesting. While Member Liccione thinks that consistency in fencing is good, we don't want advertising on umbrellas. Member Giannino suggested that the fencing elements should conform to the building design and should conform to State regulations on service of alcohol. Chairman Hartnett argued that it should be the same throughout the Village. Member Komanecky feels that some inconsistency should be allowed. Mr. Eggleston suggested that the Board may find it is easier to define what the Board doesn't want. Member Brace said that the Board should ensure that any seating provided is usable and does not encroach on the sidewalk when occupied.

Member Giannino offered to pursue a position for the Board's review. Members Brace and Liccione offered to assist.

At 8:37 pm Chairman Hartnett recognized Member Giannino for a discussion of revised shoreline regulations, who recapped that both the Town and the Village are examining their code. This arose from recently passed home rule legislation that gave these municipalities expanded jurisdiction within 1500 feet of the lake line. An important principal has been to have the same or similar approaches between the Town and Village, where appropriate, to minimize confusion.

Member Giannino introduced his executive summary regarding the Village's draft (#4 of 2022) shoreline regulations. He noted that the Village's current Code and the Town's potential language have been scrutinized as well.

Member Giannino began by reviewing definitions and pointing out differences from current code contained in the Town draft and Village draft language for definitions for boat and dock. He is recommending to use the language from the Village draft. For mean high water mark, the Board feels that consistency with the Town is recommended. The definitions for building and structure should be updated. He also noted a desire to increase lakeshore setback zone from the existing 50 feet. Since lots are of varying depth, he suggested that perhaps a limit that is proportional to lot depth might be a better solution. The method of projecting property lines into the lake is most easily understood if one goes straight in and should minimize unintended consequences. Chairman Hartnett suggested that the Board might reconsider the prohibition against sleeping facilities in boathouses if the circumstances are acceptable. How many boats/watercraft may be berthed at a property?

Also, Member Giannino suggested that an amendment would benefit from having the purpose for enacting lakeshore development regulations stated in the body of the code. Chairman Hartnett said that the Board should decide how best to restrict the shared usage of moorings and dockage for noncommercial use. This review process is to continue.

This matter was concluded and on motion of Chairman Hartnett, seconded by Member Liccione, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards