

Village of Skaneateles
Planning Board Meeting
August 3, 2023
Skaneateles Village Hall

Site Plan Review in the matter of the application of Al Crawford to update the walks and steps around cottage, refresh the plantings and repair/replace damaged seawall and driveway at the property addressed as 1 Polley Lane in the Village of Skaneateles.

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
Beth O'Sullivan, Deputy Zoning Inspector
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

Matt Vredenburg, architect, on behalf of the applicant

Tyde Richards, Village Trustee
Ed Evans, Village Trustee
Chad Rogers, 107 Orchard Rd
Bill Murphy, 3 Fennell St
Janet Aaron, Town Supervisor
Courtney Alexander, Town Councilor
Mark Tucker, Town Councilor
Chris Legg, Town Councilor
Susan Dove, Town Councilor
Sue Murphy, 94 State St
Richard Andino, Esq., Syracuse
Nan & Larry Pardee, 67 W Elizabeth St
Tom & Pat Benedict, 117 Jordan St
Laura Rodormer, 16 E Austin St
Bill & Miki Mahood, 60 W Lake St
Gary Dower, 851 W Genesee St
Bob Eggleston

At 7:10 pm, Chairman Hartnett called the Crawford matter for 1 Polley Lane.

Atty. Galbato reminded the Board that this matter was before them last month. While the Board made a variance recommendation to the ZBA, a new determination was issued that the matter also requires site plan approval. So, the applicant is back before you seeking that approval.

Mr. Vredenburg presented that the issue arises out of disturbances within the 50 foot lakefront setback zone. In addition to the patio, walkway and steps reconditioning that was described last month, the applicant is adding a retaining wall 3 feet on height at its highest point and tapering to grade at the ends. It will help direct water coming from the driveway. Additionally, the applicant is proposing to construct two rain gardens that will collect and clean water from the driveway. The total disturbance is approximately 1,000 SF within the zone.

Member Liccion asked if water will still run to the lake? Mr. Vredenburg said Yes, but described the buffering, filtering and cleaning that will occur in the rain gardens before the water is released. There will also be less stormwater in the area since the watershed is smaller.

Atty. Galbato asked how much maintenance then rain gardens require? Mr. Vredenburg said Not much. There is some fabric and some mowing. While it is not much water, delaying its entrance into the lake is “the responsible thing to do.”

Chairman Hartnett, “I move that the Planning Board declares itself lead agency under SEQRA and that the proposed project is an unlisted action under SEQRA which will not receive coordinated review. The Planning Board issues a Negative Declaration, in that the proposed action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and authorizes the Chairman to sign the SEAF as completed by the applicant and now Part 2 by the Planning Board.” Member Liccion seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 5 – 0.

Member Giannino, “I move that the Planning Board approves the Site Plan dated 06.15.2023, and the planting plan dated 07.28.2023 as described in drawing A-202.” Member Liccion seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 5 – 0.

This matter was concluded at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards