



**Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Cortland
Regular meeting of May 11, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM Via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Scott Steve, Thomas Larson, Juliene Ray, Abigail Cleary, Karen Leahy

Absent: Commissioners Brett Barnes and Maria Manning

Staff: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Interim Director of Code Enforcement Mike Tenkate, Secretary Devon Rainbow

Item #1 – 16 Owego St. (Barden) – Area Variance

- 4' buffer

No one present to speak.

ZBA was looking to get a plan for elevation, parking as the porch is in the way, grade drops off and if so need to know the drainage. Need engineer drawings for

Motion to table pending further information regarding grading, water management and engineer drawings.

Motion: Comm. Ray

Second: Comm. Larson

Approved: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Item #2 – 7 Cowance St (Smith) – Area Variance

- Side yard entrance to garage and back yard

No one present to speak.

Homeowner is looking to do a deck like walkway with drainage. There is no reason stated. There are concerns with width, dimensions, rationale and buffer.

Motion to table to next meeting

Motion: Comm. Cleary

Second: Comm. Leahy

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as amended with possibly add violations that go with each property. Attach an IPS for the minutes.

Motion: Comm. Larson

Second: Comm. Leahy

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

New/old business:

52 Clayton Ave needs more time to put paper together for June meeting. Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel has the Judge’s ruling to share. Possibly have more Zoning Officers available. Most issues are complaint driven.

SEQR - Parts 2 & 3 for 83-85 Groton

Motion to approve SEQR parts 2 & 3 for 83-85 Groton Ave.

Motion: Comm. Cleary

Second: Comm. Ray

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 4

SEQR Parts 2 & 3 for 37-39 Port Watson

Motion to approve SEQR parts 2 & 3 for 37-39 Port Watson (Gallow)

Motion: Comm. Larson

Second: Comm. Cleary

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

Commissioner Larson suggested that if possible have the properties with violations resolve the violations before boards approve applications. This would need to be put before Common Council.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Comm. Leahy

Second: Comm. Cleary

Approved: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

I, SCOTT STEVE, CHAIR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 11TH DAY IN MAY IN THE YEAR 2020.

SCOTT STEVE, ZBA CHAIR MEMBER