TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Niskayuna will conduct a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York to consider the following:

- 1. Appeal by Erin and Chris Larkin for a variance from Section 220-25 A (4) and Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1000 Niskayuna Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to maintain a six (6) foot fence with the ornamental side not facing outward and exceeding the height allowed in the front yard. Section 220-25 A (4) states, "The ornamental side of any fence, if there is an ornamental side, shall face away from the lot on which it is located. As constructed, the ornamental side of the fence does not face away from the lot; therefore, a variance from this section is required. Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As constructed, a six (6) foot high fence is located in the front yard, along Troy Road; therefore, a two (2) foot fence height variance is required.
- 2. Appeal by Kathryn and Stephen Palella, Jr. for a variance from Section 220-53 B and Section 220-13, Schedule I-B of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 847 Pearse Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to maintain a patio roof cover (addition) partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-53 B allows an addition to a nonconforming residential structure which brings the addition into a nonconforming side or rear yard no nearer to a side or rear property line than the existing structure and no nearer than ½ the distance specified in a particular residential zoning district. Section 220-13, Schedule I-B requires a side yard setback of twenty (20) feet. The existing house is 5.4 feet from the side line; therefore, ten (10) feet becomes the minimum required side setback. As constructed, the addition is six (6) feet from the side property line; therefore, a four (4) foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 3. Appeal by Joseph Congdon for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-B of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1036 Merlin Drive, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a 16' x 24'garage partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The garage, at 384 square feet, is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-B, establishes a side setback minimum of twenty (20) feet. As proposed, the garage will be located two (2) feet from the side property line. Therefore; an eighteen (18) foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 4. Appeal by John Cococcia for a variance from Section 220-18 B (2) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1220 Ferry Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District, to construct a pool with appropriate fence surrounding pool apron which will exceed the number of accessory structures allowed on a lot. Section 220-18 B (2) states that "there shall not be more than three accessory structures on a lot." As proposed, one (1) new accessory structure will be added on the property: a pool with fence surrounding the pool apron. The property already has more than three (3) pre-existing accessory structures upon it; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required.

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2022 at 7 PM

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA 1 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 2 One Niskayuna Circle 3 Niskayuna, New York 12309 4 **Meeting Minutes** 5 **April 27, 2022** 6

7 **Members Present:** Keith Frary, Chairperson Patrick Antonikowski 8 Nicolas Ltaif 9 10 Katrina Pacheco Vincent Daly 11 Richard Greene 12 13 John Hoke Laura Robertson, Town Planner 14 Also Present: Alaina Finan, Deputy Town Attorney 15

16 A. Roll Call

- All members were present. Chairperson Frary recognized Mr. Antonikowski for stepping into the position 17
- of Board member after serving as an alternate. Mr. Ltaif congratulated Chairperson Frary for his new 18
- 19 position as Board Chairperson.

B. Minutes 20

- 21 The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed.
- 22 Mr. Daly placed a motion to accept the March minutes. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The March
- minutes were approved as written by a vote of 4-0 with 3 abstentions. 23

24	Mr. Antonikowski	Abstain
25	Mr. Ltaif	Aye
26	Ms. Pacheco	Abstain
27	Mr. Daly	Aye
28	Mr. Greene	Aye
29	Mr. Hoke	Abstain
30	Chairperson Frary	Aye

- Chairperson Frary reminded the audience that when they wish to address the Board they need to speak 31
- into the microphone because the Town is hosting a hybrid meeting and the participants who are connected 32
- over the computer can only hear what is spoken into the microphone. He informed the attendees that 33
- when they present their case to the Board, they need to state their name and address for the record. He 34
- also noted the Board will be asking them a variety of questions. He noted the Board members reviewed 35
- the case packets and possibly visited the property. He noted the Board uses questions to determine the 36
- 37 need for variance and how the applicant mitigated the need for the variance.

C. Cases

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- 1. Appeal by Tracey Morehouse for a variance from Section 220-13, Schedule I-B of the Zoning 39 Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1206 Ruffner Road, Niskayuna,
- 41 New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a 12' x 21'

garage addition partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-13, Schedule I-B requires a twenty

- 43 (20) foot minimum side yard setback. As proposed, the garage addition would be located 10.1 feet
- from the side property line; therefore, a 9.9 foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 9 notices were mailed with 1 response. Michael and Suzanne Mason wrote a letter stating the property
- already has a two-car garage so the variance should not be granted.
- 47 Ms. Morehouse, owner, was present. She stated she is asking for a 12' garage addition because she cannot
- get her two cars into the existing garage space. Ms. Morehouse noted she previously asked for a 16'
- 49 garage but went to an architect and they decided a 12' garage space would be sufficient. She noted that a
- Board member asked about water runoff from the roof. She spoke to her architect about that and they
- added information to the plans presented. Ms. Morehouse noted that she sent an email to the Building
- Department with information. She noted that her Ford Flex is 170 inches wide with both doors open. She
- stated her garage is 264 inches wide and her convertible is 94" wide. Ms. Morehouse stated that she drove
- around her neighborhood checking which homes are close to the side property line. She noted that she
- found a lot of homes similar to her proposal. She noted 2 of the homes now have an added garage space
- like she is requesting. She stated that the area was built in the 1950s and Town Zoning Code was
- 57 approved in 1972.
- Mr. Greene asked where the letter of objection writer was located in relation to the subject property. Ms.
- 59 Sciocchetti stated that Mountainview Road was two houses down so the back of her property abuts the
- backyard of Mountainview Road properties. Ms. Robertson presented the Board with the map of which
- 61 houses were sent notifications to so they understood the neighborhood layout.
- Ms. Pacheco asked to clarify the changes that were made from the previous application last month to the
- one before the Board this month. Ms. Morehouse stated she reduced the garage from 16' wide to 12' wide
- so it reduce the size of the requested variance. Ms. Pacheco noted that the Board needs to consider the
- character of the neighborhood. She noted that she didn't think the Board could rely on her list of
- properties that did not meet side yard setbacks without independent verification. Ms. Morehouse noted
- she was surprised by how many houses didn't seem to have the required 20' side yard setbacks.
- 68 Chairperson Frary noted the image shows a flat roof for the garage. Ms. Morehouse stated the contractor
- 69 will use flat roofing material but the rear of the garage is less high than the front in order to pitch the
- water runoff. She noted there will be drain line in the rear to collect the roof water.
- 71 Chairperson Frary asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Hearing none, he
- asked if anyone on the Board would like to make a motion.
- 73 Chairperson Frary placed a motion to grant the variance. He noted the applicant reduced the need by 4' by
- reducing the size of the garage addition. He noted the applicant listened to the Board's concern about
- 75 water run-off from the new roof and has presented a plan to collect it. He noted that other homes have
- added an additional garage bay so there won't be a change in the character of the neighborhood. He noted
- that the tree buffer that currently exists to the most affected neighbor will remain. He noted that there
- 78 shouldn't be any environmental effects since no trees will be removed. Chairperson Frary stated the
- 79 request is self-created but not determinative in this case.
- 80 Mr. Daly seconded the motion for the reasons already stated.
- Upon voting, the motion was granted 7-0. The variance was granted.
- 82 Mr. Antonikowski Ave
- 83 Mr. Antonikowski voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.

- 84 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- 85 Mr. Ltaif voted to grant the motion. He thanked the applicant for providing construction plans and
- reducing the variance request.
- 87 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- Ms. Pacheco voted to grant the motion. She noted that she understands the issues of having a small garage
- because she also has one. She noted that a shed is not the solution even though some people believe that.
- 90 Mr. Daly Aye
- Mr. Daly voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 92 Mr. Greene Aye
- Mr. Greene voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated. He appreciated having received the additional
- 94 information for the project.
- 95 Mr. Hoke Aye
- Mr. Hoke voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 97 Chairperson Frary Aye
- Chairperson Frary voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 2. Appeal by Roberto Squeglia for a variance from Section 220-18 A (3), Section 220-18 B (3) (b), and 99 Section 220-13 Schedule I-B of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the 100 property at 750 Pearse Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential 101 Zoning District, to maintain a 24' x 20' garage exceeding the accessory building height limit and 102 partially within the side and rear yard setback. Section 220-18 A (3) states: "Unless otherwise 103 specified, accessory structures shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height." As constructed, the 104 garage has a height of sixteen (16) feet; therefore, a one (1) foot building height variance is required. 105 Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory 106 structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory 107 structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The 108 garage, at 480 square feet, is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-B, establishes a 109 side setback minimum of twenty (20) feet and a rear setback minimum of twenty five (25) feet. As 110 constructed, the garage is located eleven (11) feet from the side property line and 6.75 feet from the 111 rear property line. Therefore; both, a nine (9) foot side yard setback variance and an 18.25 foot rear 112 yard setback variance are required. 113
- 8 notices were sent out. Zero responses were received.
- 115 Chairperson Frary noted that this property has a history with the Planning Board. In June 2019, this
- property and its neighbor were presented to the Planning Board for a 2-lot subdivision. The subdivision
- drawing showed that the garage was proposed to be demolished. The subdivision was approved by
- Planning Board Resolution #2019-20. The drawing associated with the resolution showed the 2 lots, one
- with a single family home, and two garages that were to be demolished. The house needed a variance for
- the side setback in order to stay on one lot and have the line be straight. If the garage in the rear of the
- existing home lot had not been proposed to be removed, it would have also needed a variance during the
- granting of a subdivision.
- Ms. Finan agreed that Chairperson Frary's summary was correct. The Planning Board resolution and
- referral was based on information that the garage was to be removed from the property. The garage is
- now being proposed to stay. The Town Planner reviewed the application and determined the request
- should go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their review. She noted that the Board should review this

case the same as any other for an area variance, but Board members should be aware of the history and

- can use this information as part of their decision.
- Gennero Sgueglia, father of the applicant, was present. He noted that he and his son are upgrading the
- existing house and building a new house on the empty lot. He noted that when they first purchased the
- land, they did not look too closely at the garage to check its condition. They did plan to demolish it as
- presented to the Planning Board. After the subdivision was complete, they assessed the condition of the
- garage and found is was structurally sound. Once this was determined, they spent \$10k to replace the
- siding, roof and two new doors. He noted that addition to the existing home could not include a the size of
- the garage they originally intended because of the location of a stream on the property.
- Mr. Hoke asked if the image of the garage represents the final look of the structure. He wished to confirm
- that there will be no additions or changes to the structure. Mr. Sgueglia confirmed that the upgrades and
- repairs are completed and they would like the garage to remain as is.
- 139 Mr. Hoke wished to confirm that the reason the garage is not compliant with zoning after the subdivision
- is because the original plans stated it would be removed. Ms. Finan agreed. Mr. Hoke asked where it was
- stated that the garage was to be removed. Ms. Finan stated the subdivision plat noted the garage would be
- removed.
- 143 Mr. Hoke asked what the structure would be used for. Mr. Sgueglia stated it would be used as a garage.
- They will store their cars and yard maintenance equipment. Mr. Hoke asked if there will be any other
- usage since the structure is so tall. Mr. Sgueglia stated it will only be used for storage.
- Mr. Hoke asked what is behind the garage. Mr. Sgueglia stated there was open land behind the garage.
- Mr. Greene asked what was on the back side of the garage. Mr. Sgueglia stated there were not windows or
- doors. Mr. Greene asked for the distance from the back of the barn to the nearest property structure. Mr.
- 149 Sgueglia estimated 300 feet. Mr. Greene asked if there was a second floor to the structure. Mr. Sgueglia
- stated the structure is an old barn. There is a loft space with doors at each end. He noted that these doors
- will be sealed shut.
- Mr. Hoke asked if the residence was completed. Mr. Squeglia stated they were still remodeling it. Mr.
- Hoke asked if the driveway extended to the structure. Mr. Sgueglia stated the driveway did not go back to
- the barn which is why it will mostly be used for storage. He did intend to store a car in the barn.
- Mr. Daly asked if the barn would have electricity. Mr. Sgueglia stated there are no plans for electricity. If
- they did, they would have to bury 100 feet of electric cable. The structure is not insulated. He noted the
- expense is not worth the benefit.
- 158 Chairperson Frary asked what changed from the Planning Board approval to now. Mr. Sgueglia stated
- that the original plan was to add a 2-car garage to the existing house. When the additions were designed,
- they realized a natural stream was in the way and they were only able to add a 1.5 bay garage addition.
- 161 Chairperson Frary noted that the Planning Board did a lot of review on the subdivision. He noted that the
- Zoning Board needed to hear the case because the existing house was too close to the property line.
- 163 Chairperson Frary asked why during all this time was the barn not checked and determined to be a
- structure that should be saved. Mr. Sgueglia stated that during all the Planning Board review, they were
- under the impression that they could add a 2-car addition to the original structure. Only after the
- subdivision was approved did they start developing their plans and realize the stream and appropriate
- setback was blocking their plans. Mr. Frary asked where the stream was in relation to the house. Mr.
- Sgueglia stated it was to the left of the house. The addition had to be built in line with the existing house

along the property line rather than toward the center of the property because of the stream. They could

- only add a 1.5 bay garage and needed at least a 2 bay garage.
- 171 Mr. Frary asked if they ever considered going back to the Planning Board to inform them of the change of
- plans with regard to demolishing the barn. Mr. Sgueglia stated he did not. He stated that he was told that
- only a permit was needed. He noted that a permit was submitted to the Building Department. Ms.
- Robertson stated that the office denied the application upon receipt, because of the location of the
- structure. She noted that if the barn was not noted for demolition during the subdivision, the Zoning
- Board would have heard the case to consider approval of the location of the existing house and the barn.
- 177 Chairperson Frary asked to confirm that the renovations to the barn were done before the permit was
- approved. Mr. Sgueglia stated that is correct. He noted that his work was completed by the time he
- received the notice of denial. He noted the roof was leaking and the siding was blowing off of the
- structure. The work needed to be done quickly.
- Mr. Hoke asked if the additions to the house include a garage. Mr. Sgueglia stated it does.
- Mr. Daley asked if a driveway will be installed. Mr. Sgueglia stated they would like to install gravel to
- access the barn.
- Ms. Pacheco asked what the original variance was for. Ms. Robertson stated that in 2018 the Zoning
- 185 Board heard a case for the house to be located 11.1 feet from the new side property line.
- Mr. Ltaif asked if the barn can be reduced in size. Mr. Sgueglia stated that it cannot be reduced. The floor
- is concrete. The cost to modify the structure is prohibitive.
- Mr. Ltaif asked what is behind the garage. Mr. Sgueglia stated empty land. Mr. Ltaif asked when they
- bought the land. Mr. Sgueglia stated his son bought it in 2017. Mr. Ltaif asked how old the barn was. Mr.
- 190 Sgueglia guessed that it was 40 years old.
- 191 Chairperson Frary asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Alexis Pijanowski,
- 192 764 Whitney Drive, stepped forward. He noted that he was against this subdivision. He noted that the
- owners have not followed any land rules since they started working on the property. He noted that his
- survey shows the barn 6 inches off his property. He noted the barn eaves are over his property line.
- 195 Chairperson Frary asked if Mr. Pijonowski has located his property stakes recently. Mr. Pijonowski stated
- he has. He noted his fence is in line with the property. He noted he thinks the barn is at least 100 years
- old. Chairperson Frary asked what structures are in the picture behind the barn. Mr. Pijonowski stated that
- he has two sheds that can be seen.
- Mr. Pijonowski stated that the rear of his property has been wetter since the addition was added to the old
- 200 existing home. He noted that he is concerned about the future condition of his property when they add the
- second house to the subdivided land.
- Mr. Hoke asked what he thought of the upgrades to the barn. Mr. Pijonowski stated it does look better but
- it was supposed to be removed from the property.
- 204 Chairperson Frary asked if there were any outstanding issues/items with the subdivision. Ms. Robertson
- stated there were none except for the barn which was listed to be demolished.
- Mr. Daly asked why he believes his property is wetter than in the past. Mr. Pijanowski stated that he
- believes it is from adding to the footprint of the existing home, removing trees from the property, and
- because of another subdivision across the street on Whitney Drive.

Mr. Hoke asked if the barn itself creates water issues. Mr. Pijanowski stated it did not. He noted they have

- 210 not removed trees around the barn so that portion of land has not changed.
- 211 Mr. Pijonowski stated that he was not in favor of the variance.
- 212 Corey Orlop, 736 Pearse Road, stated that he would like to see the subdivision return to the Planning
- Board. He noted that the map that was presented was not a true map of the subdivision so the Planning
- Board should review it again. He is not in favor of the subdivision.
- Mr. Sgueglia stated that he is not a builder. He noted the property was bought for himself and his son. He
- 216 noted that he paid for a survey and believes it is accurate with regard to the distance of the barn to the rear
- property line. He noted he is not taking down more trees than needed.
- Mr. Frary asked if there were any more comments. Hearing none he asked the Board for a motion.
- Mr. Hoke placed a motion to grant all requested variances. He is concerned that the plan did not abide by
- the subdivision plan but noted the structure pre-existed the subdivision. He noted the barn has now been
- rehabilitated so it improves the character of the neighborhood. He noted the opposition he heard is more
- 222 toward the subdivision as a whole which is outside the purview of this Board. He noted the benefit cannot
- be achieved by another means. The structure is being used for storage and the alternative is to demolish it.
- He noted that the barn does create an undesirable change in the neighborhood because it was supposed to
- be demolished as part of the subdivision. But in balance, he also noted the barn has existed on the
- property for many years and borders a wooded area. He did think the variance was substantial. He noted
- there are no environmental effects. The neighbors did comment about added water problems, but they are
- recent and the barn has been in the same location for many years. The barn, as is, is not the cause of the
- water problems. He noted the issue is absolutely self-created. He noted the work to improve the structure
- was done without a permit and the applicant knew one was needed. Given the totality of the factors, he
- motioned for the variances to be granted.
- Mr. Ltaif seconded the motion. Mr. Ltaif noted this request is substantial but the barn has been on the
- land for many years. During subdivision the applicant planned to remove the structure, but upon a second
- look at it they decided to keep it.
- Upon voting, the motion was granted 6-1. The variances were granted.
- 236 Mr. Antonikowski Aye
- 237 Mr. Antonikowski voted to grant the motion for the reason stated.
- 238 Mr. Ltaif Ave
- 239 Mr. Ltaif voted to grant the motion.
- 240 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- 241 Ms. Pacheco voted to grant the motion for the reason stated.
- 242 Mr. Daly Aye
- 243 Mr. Daly voted to grant the motion for the reason stated.
- 244 Mr. Greene Aye
- Mr. Greene voted to grant the motion. He noted he was troubled by the situation and the history of this
- property, but based on the narrow scope of the issue before the Board he voted to approve the variances.
- 247 Mr. Hoke Aye
- 248 Mr. Hoke voted to grant the motion for the reason stated.

- 249 Chairperson Frary Nay
- 250 Chairperson Frary voted against the motion. He noted a lengthy process took place with regard to this
- property and the Planning Board. The process included this Board's review for an area variance. The
- subdivision plan was an agreement between the applicant and the Planning Board. He understood
- circumstances change but that is not what happened. He noted the applicant couldn't include the garage
- addition they wanted so they reevaluated the barn marked for demolition. Rather than returning to the
- 255 Planning Board to discuss the options, they started to rehabilitate the barn without a permit. There has
- been a series of missteps throughout this process. He noted the request is substantial. He noted the
- request does not create any environmental effects. He noted the request would change the character of the
- 258 neighborhood. The subdivision approval entailed the removal of the barn. That is what the neighbors
- expected. The current plan is to leave the barn on the property which is a change in the character of the
- neighborhood based upon the subdivision approval. He noted that the variance is self-created. He stated
- the Board usually doesn't put much emphasis on this criterion but in this case it is a major consideration
- for him and he finds it to be problematic.
- Chairperson Frary stated despite his vote the variance was granted. He thanked the applicant and the
- neighbors for their time tonight and called for the next case.
- 3. Appeal by Jennifer and Ron Martell for a variance from Section 220-4 and Section 220-18 A (2) of
- the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 509 Fillmore Avenue,
- Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a
- 268 20' x 40' in-ground pool in the front yard along High Street (a paper street). Section 220-4 states for corner lots "Each street line shall be considered a front lot line." The property fronts on three (3)
- streets: Fillmore Avenue, High Street and Gasner Avenue. Section 220-18 A (2) states: "Except
- otherwise specified in this chapter, accessory structures are not permitted in the front yard of any lot.
- As proposed, the pool will be located in the front yard along High Street. Therefore, the location of
- 273 the pool, in the front yard, requires a variance.
- 7 notices were mailed out. Zero responses were received.
- 275 Chairperson Frary asked Ms. Robertson to explain what a paper street is. Ms. Robertson explained that a
- paper street is shown on a subdivision plan but not improved. In this case, Gasner and High Street are
- wooded. Mr. Frary asked if these streets can ever be developed. Ms. Robertson stated that Gasner will
- 278 not. It is partially owned by Schenectady and adjacent to Woodlawn Nature Preserve which is likely
- deed restricted as parkland. High Street could be developed but not by the Town. It could be privately
- developed but it would be expensive and likely only support a single home.
- Ronald and Jennifer Martell, owners, were present. Ms. Martell noted that the property fronts 3 streets.
- She noted the house is near the only property line that is considered a side yard. Mr. Martell noted that
- 283 High Street would not be developed. The lots on each side of the paper street have frontage on Fillmore
- Avenue. Mr. Martell explained that the pool is a 20' x 40' pool that they have been saving for. They had
- considered purchasing a camp property but have decided the pool is more cost effective. He noted they
- love the property because of the wildlife in the area.
- 287 Chairperson Frary asked the Town Planner about the corner of the lot that seems to be owned by the
- Town. Ms. Robertson stated that the map is an original image of a subdivision. She noted that since that
- time the Town deeded the land to the Martell's along with other property line changes.
- Mr. Greene noted that he met the Martell's. He stated that he went over to the property to observe the
- location and how the change would affect the neighborhood. He noted Mr. Martell saw him walking and
- looking in the street and asked him why he was there. Mr. Greene explained and noted that they could not
- 293 discuss the variance which they didn't. Mr. Martell concurred.

Mr. Hoke asked for confirmation that all three parcels of land noted on the survey were now combined

- into one lot. Ms. Robertson agreed.
- 296 Chairperson Frary noted that the property is surrounded by 3 streets. He noted there is a driveway along
- the property line that is considered a side property line. Chairperson Frary asked what structure is at the
- end of the driveway. Mr. Martell stated there is a second house on the property, 517 Fillmore Avenue
- where his daughter now lives. Ms. Martell noted there is a gravel driveway leading to their garage.
- 300 Mr. Ltaif asked what kind of fence will be used. Mr. Martell noted he has not found a contractor for the
- fence but noted it would be complaint with Code for a pool fence. He noted the fence would only
- surround the pool. He stated he enjoys the wildlife in the area and a fence around the whole yard would
- inhibit their roaming.
- Ms. Pacheco asked to confirm the number of structures on the property. She noted there was a 1-car
- garage accessed by the gravel driveway, a single family home occupied by their daughter, and another
- single family home occupied by them. Ms. Robertson stated that the pool is the 3rd accessory structure.
- 307 She also noted that the fence is surrounding the pool so it does not count as a separate accessory structure.
- Chairperson Frary asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. Hearing none, he asked if any member
- of the Board wished to place a motion.
- Mr. Ltaif placed a motion to grant the variance. He noted the applicants considered options but with their
- unique property (3 front yards), no alternative were available. There will be no undesirable change in the
- neighborhood. He noted the request was substantial but the property is unique. He stated there would be
- no environmental effects. He noted the issue is self-created but in this case this is not determinative.
- 314 Mr. Greene seconded the motion.
- Upon voting, the motion was granted with a vote of 7-0.
- 316 Mr. Antonikowski Ave
- 317 Mr. Antonikowski voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 318 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- 319 Mr. Ltaif voted to grant the motion.
- 320 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- 321 Ms. Pacheco voted to grant the motion.
- 322 Mr. Daly Aye
- 323 Mr. Daly voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 324 Mr. Greene Aye
- 325 Mr. Greene voted to grant the motion. He noted the property was unique with 3 front yards.
- 326 Mr. Hoke Aye
- 327 Mr. Hoke voted to grant the motion.
- 328 Chairperson Frary Aye
- Chairperson Frary voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated. He agreed with Mr. Greene that the
- property is unique with 3 front yards.
- 4. Appeal by David Guest for a variance from Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of
- the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2275 Grand Boulevard, Niskayuna, New York,

located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a 28' x 38' garage addition partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a fifteen (15)

- foot minimum side yard setback. As proposed, the addition would be located five (5) feet from the side property line; therefore, a ten (10) foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 7 notices were mailed. One response was received. The office received an email from David D'Arpino,
- 338 2260 Grand Boulevard, who stated he was in favor of the Board granting the variance.
- David Guest, owner, was present. Mr. Guest stated that he has lived in the house for 18 years. The
- property has a carriage house but it is hard to access from the driveway and only 1 car fits in the structure.
- He noted he has deeded rights to a driveway off of Van Antwerp Road. Various owners have requested
- different rules to use the driveway. A recent owner did not want his family to back out of the driveway
- onto Van Antwerp Road. Mr. Guest felt this rule was smart, but he didn't have a space on his land to turn
- around the cars so a portion of his yard was used, creating a muddy pit. He noted he has reached an age
- where he would prefer his cars to be enclosed during the winter months. He noted the house was built in
- 1918 and he estimates he is the 5th owner of it. It still has many original materials. He is interested in
- creating a structure that is appropriate to the existing house and neighborhood. He noted he did not want
- to build a 2022 square box. Mr. Guest presented images of updated information about his project.
- Mr. Hoke noted he understood why the applicant was proposing the addition. He noted the property has
- access via a shared driveway. He noted entrance into the carriage house is awkward and only has space
- for 1 vehicle. Mr. Guest stated the carriage house is too small for a car; he doesn't use it for any of his
- cars. Mr. Hoke noted that the applicant has spent a lot of time designing a structure to match the property.
- 353 He asked what criteria were used to determine the size of it and can it be reduced to needing a lesser
- variance. Mr. Guest stated he has 5 vehicles and is storing one of them off-site. He noted he contemplated
- adding to the carriage house but noted that would also need a variance and would take up his rear yard
- space. He wanted to add a structure that matched his needs and a three-bay garage does that. He noted he
- also has lawn maintenance equipment and tractors that need to be stored. He noted he also looked to buy
- an empty lot in Schenectady to build a garage to store his equipment but that was not his preference.
- Ms. Pacheco asked for clarity on the proposed structure. Mr. Guest explained that from the house there
- will be a 4 foot breezeway then the 38 foot garage which would leave 5 feet to the property line. He noted
- the garage would be 28 feet deep. Ms. Pacheco asked how the water runoff would be handled from the
- new roof. Mr. Guest stated he is a plumber and that he recently built a drainage system in that area of the
- property. He will remove some of what he constructed but utilize the remainder for the runoff from the
- proposed garage. The drywell that was installed will remain and be used.
- Ms. Pacheco asked what the proposed height would be. Mr. Guest stated it would be 26 feet high. He
- stated he chose the structure height to match the architecture of the house. He did not want to install a
- short flat structure because although that meets his needs it does not enhance the character of the property.
- 368 Mr. Greene asked if the applicant spoke to the neighbor most affected by the addition. Mr. Guest stated he
- received a text message and noted they were not in favor of the garage addition. Mr. Hoke asked if they
- gave a reason. Mr. Guest stated they did not, but he could guess. He stated that their 1st floor addition is 5'
- off the property line just like his proposed addition. He suspected that they were concerned about the
- 372 resale value of their home after his proposed addition was built. Mr. Greene wished to confirm that the
- notices were mailed and the neighbor received the notice. Ms. Robertson confirmed the letters were
- mailed and the neighbors were on the mailing list.
- Chairperson Frary noted that he drove around the block multiple times to understand the request and the
- characteristics of the property. Chairperson Frary asked if the applicant considered removing the carriage
- house and replacing it with a larger structure. Mr. Guest stated they did, but that space is there rear yard.

He noted when his kids were young he did a lot of work to develop the side yard into a space that the

- family would use. It never was used which is why he chose to use this space for the garage. Chairperson
- Frary asked if the applicant ever considered getting driveway access from Story Ave. Mr. Guest stated
- that he has considered this but he needs additional land and the landowner has not agreed to sell.
- Chairperson Frary asked how the house most affected is situated on their lot. Mr. Guest stated that their
- front door is on Grand Boulevard. The side of their house is about 5 feet from their fence along the shared
- property line and the shared driveway runs along the back of their house. Chairperson Frary asked what
- was on the side of their house. Mr. Guest stated their air conditioner condensers were there. Chairperson
- Frary asked what marks the property line. Mr. Guest stated they installed the fence. Before that, there
- were shrubs and stones. He noted no grass grows there.
- Mr. Frary asked what the second story of the proposed structure would be used for. Mr. Guest stated the
- second floor of the house and addition would not be connected so it probably would not be used for living
- space. He is planning at this point to use it for storage or an exercise room. He noted it will be finished
- with drywall and it will have electricity. Mr. Daly asked if it would have plumbing. Mr. Guest stated it
- will have plumbing. At this point he is contemplating a dog wash station. Ms. Pacheco asked if a
- bathroom will be installed. Mr. Guest stated that if he does add one, he will first discuss it with the
- 394 Building Department.
- Chairperson Frary asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. Hearing none, he asked if any member
- of the Board wished to place a motion.
- Mr. Greene placed a motion to grant the variance. He noted the application was detailed and a well
- thought out plan. He stated there were no alternatives available based on the parcel characteristics. He
- noted there was not undesirable change in the neighborhood. He noted that there may actually be a
- desirable change because of the design of the structure. He noted the addition will also alleviate the need
- 401 to continuously move cars around on the property producing light pollution from headlights. He stated the
- 402 request is substantial. He stated it will not have any environmental effects. He stated it is self-created but
- 403 that criterion is not determinative.
- 404 Ms. Pacheco seconded the motion.
- Upon voting, the motion was granted with a vote of 7-0.
- 406 Mr. Antonikowski Aye
- 407 Mr. Antonikowski voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated. He thanked the applicant for their
- 408 appreciation of the local history of the area. He noted the proposed structure shows his thorough research.
- 409 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- 410 Mr. Ltaif voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 411 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- Ms. Pacheco voted to grant the motion. She appreciated his effort to enhance his property.
- 413 Mr. Daly Aye
- Mr. Daly voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 415 Mr. Greene Aye
- 416 Mr. Greene voted to grant the motion.
- 417 Mr. Hoke Aye
- 418 Mr. Hoke voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.

- 419 Chairperson Frary Aye
- 420 Chairperson Frary voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 5. Appeal by John Wallimann for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1174
- Highland Park Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning
- District, to construct a 160 square foot shed partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-18 B
- 425 (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be
- the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached
- accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The shed, at 160 square feet, is
- a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C, establishes a side setback minimum of
- fifteen (15) feet. As proposed, the shed will be located six (6) feet from the side property line.
- Therefore; a nine (9) foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 431 17 notices were mailed. Zero responses received.
- John Wallimann, owner, was present. Mr. Wallimann noted he is amending his request by proposing a
- 433 192 square feet shed. He noted the extra square footage will be located interior to the lot and not affect the
- variance request. He stated he is hoping to build a storage shed with a potting room. The house only has a
- one stall garage so a shed is needed to house the lawn maintenance equipment.
- Chairperson Frary asked if the shed would be placed in the back corner of the property. Mr. Walliman
- concurred. Chairperson Frary asked if the yard has fencing. Mr. Wallimann stated it was with a 6 foot
- fence. He noted the shed is about 13 feet tall.
- Chairperson Frary asked if the applicant has spoken to his neighbors affected by the shed. Mr. Wallimann
- stated he has not since they leave the area in the winter. Chairperson Frary asked if the neighbors have
- any structures near the location of the proposed shed. Mr. Wallimann stated one neighbor has a two car
- garage about 5 feet from the property line. The other neighbor also has a garage and that also is about 5
- feet from the property line. He noted the Board can see the structures on the pictures provided.
- Chairperson Frary asked if the shed would be placed on a slab. Mr. Walliman stated it will be put on
- 445 piers.
- Mr. Greene asked if the shed would have electricity. Mr. Wallimann stated it would not. The shed has a
- window and a double door.
- 448 Ms. Pacheco asked if the footprint presented is the footprint of the intended shed. Mr. Wallimann agreed
- with the hand printed numbers presented.
- 450 Mr. Greene asked if the rear neighbor were looking at the shed, what would they see. Mr. Wallimann
- stated they would see a 16 foot section of shed without any windows.
- Mr. Daly asked if the shed would have gutters. Mr. Wallimann stated it would not. He noted there is not a
- water issue in that area. He noted the shed would be 6 feet from the neighbor so any water from the roof
- should not gravitate to the neighbor's property.
- 455 Ms. Pacheco asked if there were other locations considered. Mr. Wallimann stated this is the location of a
- 456 previous shed that has been removed. Ms. Pacheco asked if they considered moving it away from the
- 457 neighbor. Mr. Wallimann stated they have 5 large pine trees on the property and the proposed location
- 458 avoids those trees. Chairman Frary asked what size of the shed was that was removed. Mr. Wallimann
- 459 stated it was about 120 square feet. Chairman Frary asked if the demolished shed was on the property
- when the house was purchased. Mr. Wallimann stated it was. Mr. Greene asked if the demolished shed

could be considered 'past its prime'. Mr. Wallimann agreed that it was. Mr. Greene confirmed the new

- shed would be installed in the same location as the previous shed. Mr. Wallimann agreed.
- 463 Chairperson Frary asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. Hearing none, he asked if any member
- of the Board wished to place a motion.
- Mr. Hoke made a motion to grant the variance. He noted this is a replacement shed in the same location
- but the dimensions are somewhat larger. He noted the applicant explained the need for a shed because of
- the lack of garage space. There will not be an undesirable change in the neighborhood since the shed
- location abuts similar structures on the neighboring properties. He noted there are no environmental
- concerns with respect to this structure and should not create an adverse effect to neighboring properties.
- 470 The request is substantial and self-created but the nature of these properties and their size usually require
- a variance to accommodate a shed on the property.
- 472 Mr. Daly seconded the motion for the reasons stated.
- 473 Upon voting, the amended motion was granted with a vote of 7-0.
- 474 Mr. Antonikowski Ay
- 475 Mr. Antonikowski voted to grant the motion.
- 476 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- Mr. Ltaif voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 478 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- 479 Ms. Pacheco voted to grant the motion.
- 480 Mr. Daly Aye
- 481 Mr. Daly voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 482 Mr. Greene Aye
- 483 Mr. Greene voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- 484 Mr. Hoke Aye
- 485 Mr. Hoke voted to grant the motion.
- 486 Chairperson Frary Aye
- Chairperson Frary voted to grant the motion for the reasons stated.
- Chairperson Frary asked if there was any business the Board wished to talk about. Mr. Hoke asked if the
- office can print copies of the Zoning Board Packet for members to have during the meeting. Ms.
- Robertson stated that the office can and will make copies if requested. The copies will be printed when
- the packet is approved the Friday before the meeting. Copies can be picked up starting late afternoon or
- brought to the meeting on Wednesday for members to use.
- 493 Mr. Ltaif made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pacheco seconded the motion. All the Board approved the
- motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

May 6, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: May 18, 2022 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Erin and Chris Larkin for a variance from Section 220-25 A (4) and Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1000 Niskayuna Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to maintain a six (6) foot fence with the ornamental side not facing outward and exceeding the height allowed in the front yard.

Section 220-25 A (4) states, "The ornamental side of any fence, if there is an ornamental side, shall face away from the lot on which it is located. As constructed, the ornamental side of the fence does not face away from the lot; therefore, a variance from this section is required.

Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As constructed, a six (6) foot high fence is located in the front yard, along Troy Road; therefore, a two (2) foot fence height variance is required.

IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, YOU MAY REQUEST A VIRTUAL LOGIN TO THE MEETING BY EMAILING LRobertson@Niskayuna.org OR CALLING 518-386-4530 OR YOU MAY SET FORTH YOUR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To: Town of Niskayuna Building and Zoning Board of Appeals.



Please find our attached variance application for the 6ft fence installed on our property facing Troy rd. (rt7). I am writing to you today to ask you to consider allowing us to keep our 6-foot privacy fence in place. Since we moved into the house at 1000 Niskayuna in 2008 (13.5 years ago), the tree line that runs between our property line and roadway (troy rd (Rt7)) has been thinned considerable by the work on the poles by National Grid personnel during ice/snowstorms. This has compromised a lot of the privacy from the roadway and the CDTA bus stop that we enjoyed in the early years of living at the home. As a result, we have tried on two separate occasions to plant high bushes and arborvitaes along the property to accomplish the same function that the trees used to provide, however the lack of direct sunlight in our back yard made it impossible to keep this vegetation alive and left us with the same issue.

As a mother of two young children, who are often playing in the back yard, I worry about their safety from passing cars and pedestrians standing idly waiting for the CDTA bus to arrive. There have been several occasions where they have been outside in very close proximity to strangers waiting for their bus. During the fall and winter months, when the trees and shrubbery are greatly reduced, there is nothing there to shield them, and I am often reluctant to allow them to play outside out of fear for their safety. By allowing us to keep our 6 ft privacy fence, my children will be protected from the eyes of passing motorists and strangers waiting at the bus stop.

My husband took special care to talk with our neighbors (David and Laura Kross) about the installation of the fence to make sure that it did not cause an undesirable change in their eyes, and he received positive feedback from them.

Thank You for your consideration and we hope you agree with our request.

Sincerely,

Erin and Chris Larkin

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance Received

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TO:	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Niskayuna Building Dept.
FRON	M: Christ Erin Larkin
RE:	Property at 1000 Nis Kayuna Rd
ī i	Chris Larkin, the (owner) (agent of the
in the decisio	Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the on of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a
	ce from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown accompanying drawings.
	ce before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application. CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
	One (1) copy of plot plans
No-	One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable
	Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
	Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
A s	Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
	Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer ure of Agent: Date 4/5/2022
Signat	ure of Owner (if different from Agent)
	one Number: 578 470 /034
*	Address: LARKFEST@ HOTMAIL.COM

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For an area variance: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

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- Take into consideration whether the benefit sought by other feasible means. After National Grid substantially trimmed the tree line several years ago creating a direct view into our yard and home during the fall and winter months, we explored a couple different methods to achieve the privacy (from Troy Rd/Rt7 traffic and from the CDTA bus stop) and the noise reduction from the traffic volume on Troy Rd/Rt7. We planted a row of arborvitaes, on 2 different occasions, 6 years ago where the fence now sits. The arborvitaes provided very little noise reduction and due to the extensive shading and lack of direct sunlight in that location, we were unable to keep the arborvitaes alive (we even have trouble growing grass in that same location). We've also considered other fencing alternatives, if a 6ft fence were installed form the corner of the dwelling @ a 90 deg angle to the dwelling (backyard) in accordance with the height requirements on the zoning ordinance, the fence would be too close to the dwelling to provide the privacy from Troy Rd/Rt7 traffic (See Figure 1) and the CDTA bus stop (See Figure 2) that we want to have privacy from. If a 4ft fence were installed in the same location in which the fence sits now, it would also provide little privacy difference in the traffic noise to the back and side yard of the dwelling. from the road and no appreciable increase privacy
- 2. Granting the variance will not create a detrimental change in the character of the neighborhood or nearby properties. We received feedback from all shared property line owners that they like the look of the fence and appreciate the extra privacy and noise reduction it provides form the main rd (Rt 7) traffic. Any dwelling located on Niskayuna Road within earshot and site line of rt 7 traffic will also realize the added privacy and noise reduction that the fence provides. The fence does not obstruct traffic visibility for the motorist traveling on Troy Rd/Rt7 or on Niskayuna Road. (See Figure 4) In fact, we believe that this fence enhances desirability in the neighborhood, as it provides privacy to our back yard and shields our young children (and our neighbor's young grandchildren) from being visible to passersbys on Troy Rd/Rt7 (or at the bus stop) when they are playing in the yard.
- 3. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons: There is a tree line between the fence and the roadway on rt 7 and can only be seen during the months where no foliage is present (November April) (See Figure 6). Not substantial in that the only neighbor in which property lines are shared has no issues with the 6-foot fence. The closest property line to the fence is not a shared property line w/ a residential/commercial neighbor. There is also no negative traffic repercussions as a result of the 6ft fence. There is no obstructed view of roadway for motorists turning left or right onto rt 7 from Niskayuna Road or motorist turning left or right onto Niskayuna Road.
- 4. The requested Variance will not have any adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons: The extra 2 ft of fence does not obstruct traffic site lines in any way (See Figure 3). The fence is not visible from the road (Troy Rd/Rt7). during late spring through the mid fall (May October) (See Figure 5). The height of the fence as it now sites provide privacy from both west bound and east bound traffic. This enhances the appeal and value of the property. We received feedback from several realtors and perspective buyers that our property would benefit from the fence to provide privacy and noise reduction from the main rd. during the fall and winter months.

5. The violation of the zoning ordinance was self-inflicted. We did not realize that our backyard from the corner of the garage to the property line would be considered a front yard per the zoning ordinance and that the portion of the fence which sits behind the house from the south corner of the dwelling back 90 degrees to the property line is considered a front yard per the ordinance and has a 4 ft height restriction. With the tree line on Troy rd/route 7, There is no roadway or access from Troy rd/Rt 7 to that portion of our property where the fence now sits.

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Figure 1 –
Vantage point
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Figure 2 –CDTA bus stop

Vantage point from Bus stop to 1000 Niskayuna

Vantage point from looking West down Troy Rd/Rt 7





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Figure 3 vantage point from Niskayuna Rd looking NE down Rt 7



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Figure 4 – Vantage point Northeast bound from car looking at backyard of 1000 Niskayuna Rd



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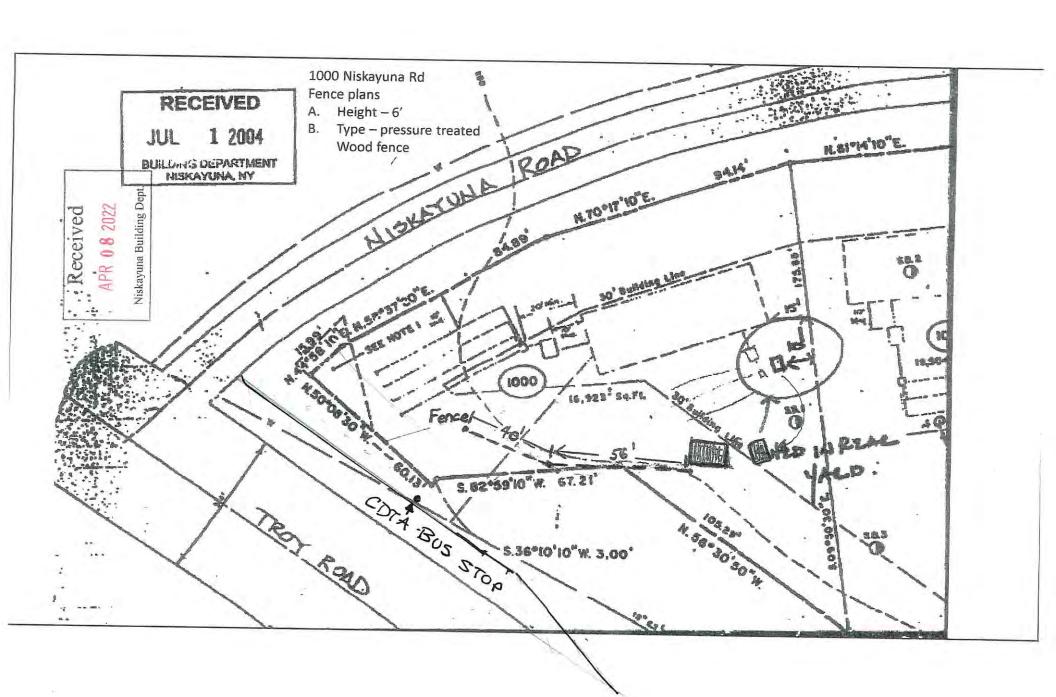
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To: Town of Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals:

April 3, 2022

We are writing this letter in support of Chris and Erin Larkin's 6-foot-high fence on their property facing troy road (rt 7). They discussed the building of the fence with us when they installed it and we understand and agree with the need for privacy and noise reduction on their property. We also understand the need for 6 ft high fence on their property facing the main roadway and believe that this is an appropriate request.

Our house is located at 1010 Niskayuna Rd directly East of their property and we are the only neighbor who share property lines with the Larkins. The view from our backyard encompasses the Larkin's backyard and the fence facing the roadway. We do not have any concerns regarding the fence height, and we feel that the 6-foot height is required to accomplish the privacy and noise reduction which the Larkins are trying to accomplish. We support their request for variance to keep the 6-foot fence height.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Sincerely,

David and Laura Kross.

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Laura Kross



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4592 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

Building and Zoning Permit Denial

Address: 1000 Niskayuna Road

Application Date: 2/9/22

Christopher Larkin 1000 Niskayuna Road Niskayuna, New York 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to maintain a six (6) foot fence on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-25 A (4) states, "The ornamental side of any fence, if there is an ornamental side, shall face away from the lot on which it is located. As constructed, the ornamental side of your fence does not face away from your lot; therefore, a variance from this section is required.

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Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

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TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR FORCE		
ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):	TOTAL \$ #	7000
Please submit three sets of plans with this application.		
APPLICANT Christopher Larkin	DAY PHONE	518-470-1030
CHECK ONE:CONTRACTOR		
X HOMEOWNER		
OTHER (explain)		
ADDRESS 1000 Niskayuna Rd		
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Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review our Insurance contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate documents with PROPERTY OWNER Christopher Lacking	ith the Building Dep	partment.
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PLEASE SIGN Page 2

The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other that the accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

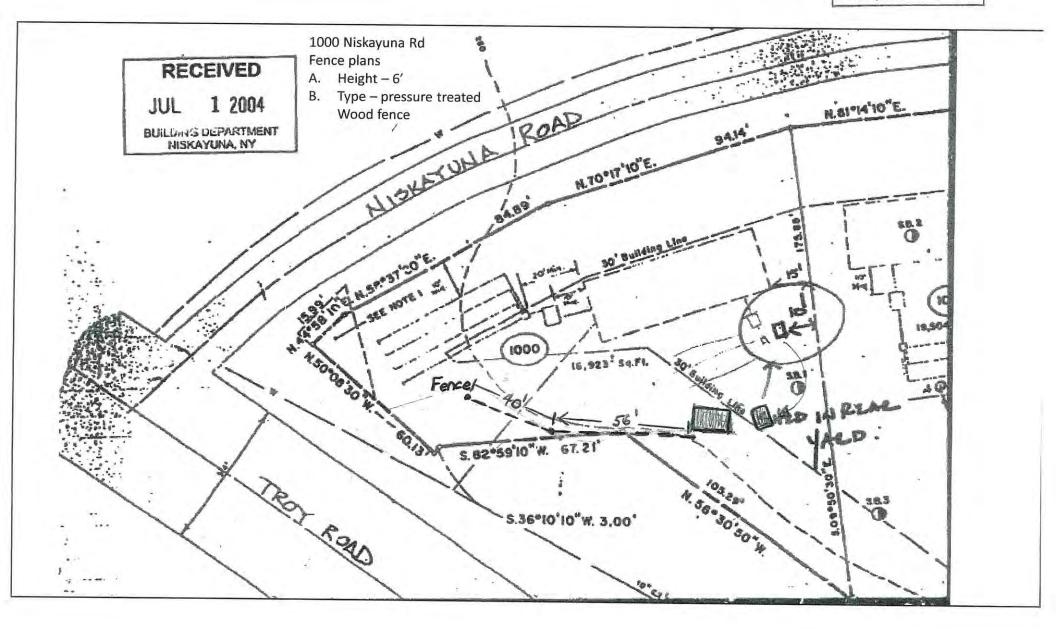
Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

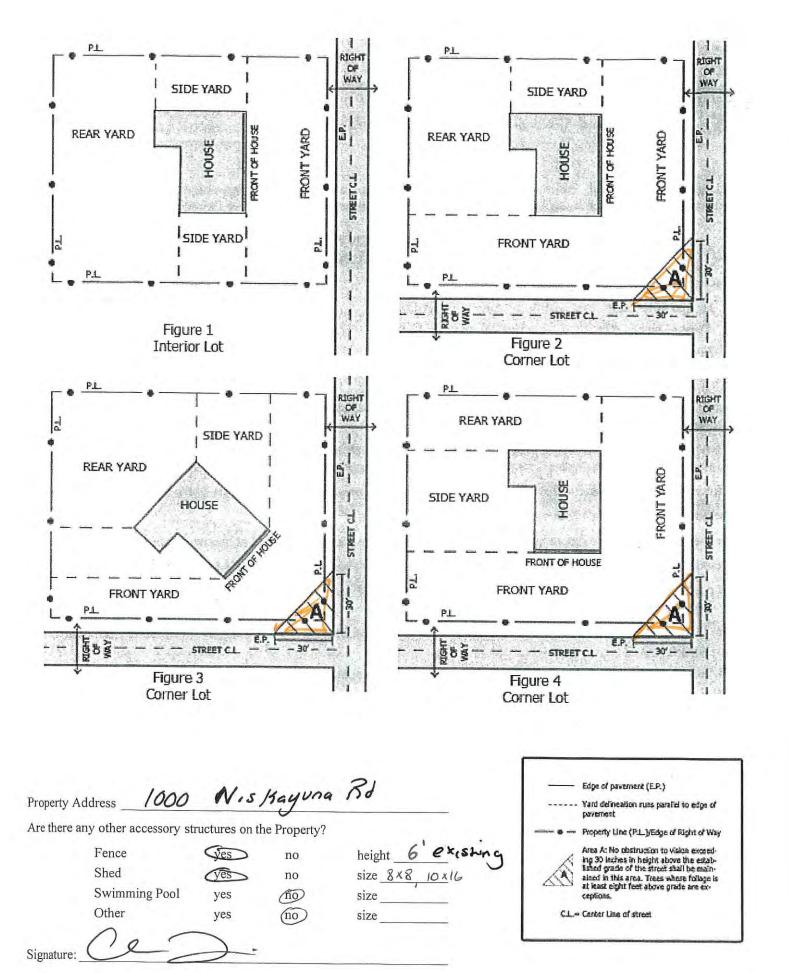
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ZONING COORDINATION REFERRAL

SCHENECTADY COUNTY DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Recommendations shall be made within 30 days after receipt of a full statement of the

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TO: Schenectady County Department of Economic Des Schaffer Heights, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 303 Schenectady, NY 12308	velopment and Planning (tel.) 386-2225 (fax) 382-5539				
ACTION: Zoning Code/Law Amendment Zoning Map Amendment Subdivision Review Site Plan Review	□Special Permit □Use Variance ☑Area Variance □Other (specify)				
PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING DATE: May 18, 2022					
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 This zoning case is forwarded to your office for review Article 12-B of the General Municipal Law, New York St 					
2. This material is sent to you for review and recommendatis located within 500 feet of the following:	ation because the property affected by the proposed action				
 ☐ the boundary of any city, village or town; ☐ the boundary of any existing or proposed County or State park or other recreation area; ☐ the right-of-way of any existing or proposed County or State parkway, thruway, expressway, road or highway; ☐ the existing or proposed right-of-way of any stream or drainage channel owned by the County or for which 					
the County has established channel lines; the existing or proposed boundary of any County or State-owned land on which a public building or institution is situated; the boundary of a farm operation located in an agricultural district, as defined by Article 25-AA of the agriculture and markets law. The referral requirement of this subparagraph shall not apply to the granting of area variances.					
SUBMITTED BY:					
Name: Laura Robertson	Title: Town Planner				
Address: 1 Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, NY 12309					
E-mail: Irobertson@niskayuna.org	Phone: 518-386-4530				
Lower Roberts	Date: May 3, 2022				
Signature					

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

May 6, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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DATE: May 18, 2022 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

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	TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
	FROM: Kathryn and Stephen Palella, Jr.
	RE: Property at 847 Pearse Rd., Niskay una NY 12309
الر	I, Mathryn and Stephen Palella, Jr., the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 847 Peacse Rd. Niskayuna NY 12309
	in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.
	I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
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	NA Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
	Signature of Agent: Date / 11 / 2022
	Signature of Owner (if different from Agent) Nature (. Palelle & Stepher culle
	Telephone Number: 518-956-2771 (Kate) 518-605-4174 (Steve)
	Email Address: Klanniff 89@ yanoo . com

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as an alternative to a permanent open structure, we pursued the option of purchasing a gazebo (freestanding). Unfortunately, we found that we wished the gazebo covered the entire patio and learned that it did not hold up well to snow. This is what ultimately drove our decision to custom build a permanent open structure with a pitched roof that spans the entire area of the patio. The overhang will provide shade and shelter from weather related elements on a year-round basis. Most importantly to us, the Size of the overhang (continued on a separate page - see attached)

2. Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

allowing for us to build our patio covering as designed will not have an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties because it will be located within our private, frenced in backyard. It would not infringe on neighboring properties. The design of the overhang is tasteful and not considered an eyesore. It will not require much maintenance, if any, but will be properly maintained to preserve its desirable appearance.

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3. Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:

We feel the request is not a substantial one given that our physical house is closer to the property line than this open structure would be. The requirement is that the edge of the overhang be 10ft from the property line. Our current design puts the edge of the structure 8ft from the property line. Since we desire the roof of the overhang to cover the dorway from the garage to the backyard, we are requesting an exception instead of Scaling back construction.

4. Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:

We do not foresee any physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district by covering our patio in a way that is 2 feet shy of the required distance from the property line. as previously mentioned, our house is closer to the property line than this open structure would be and our house does not have an adverse effect on the neighborhood or distract therefore, we do not feel that our open structure would be problematic either.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:

We were unaware that the overnang was to be half of the distance (lofeet) of the setback (20 feet). It was not considered in part because our house is closer to the property line than the open structure would be (in terms of the 1/2 setback rule) and because it is within our frenced-in yard.



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4592 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett **Building Inspector**

Building and Zoning Permit Denial

Address: 847 Pearse Road **Application Date: 4/6/22**

Kathryn Palella 847 Pearse Road Niskayuna, N.Y. 12309

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The closest point of the overhang

Measures 8 feet from the property line,

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...the size of the overhang we are seeking a variance for will cover the entire patio, including
over the door of the garage leading to the backyard. This will allow us to easily walk out into
our backyard when it is raining or snowing and comfortably supervise our dogs. It will also help
to preserve our patio slab.

With the approval of this variance, this covered overhang will be the solution to enhancing the usability and aesthetics of our backyard.

Photos as of 4/11/2022.





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Date Zoning Enforcement Officer



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TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

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Please submit three sets of plans with this application.	2	12-
APPLICANT Kathryn C Palella	DAY PHONE _	518-956-2771
CHECK ONE:CONTRACTOR		
HOMEOWNER		
OTHER (explain)		
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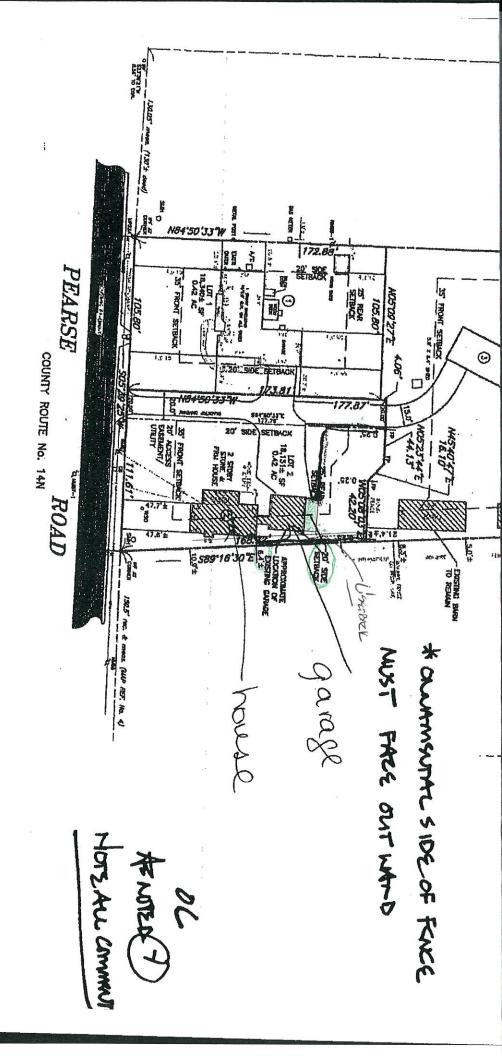
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Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

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May 6, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

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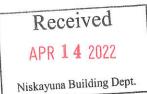
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FROM: J. L. Consdon
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Signature of Agent: Date 4/14/22
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)
Telephone Number: 518-857-4993
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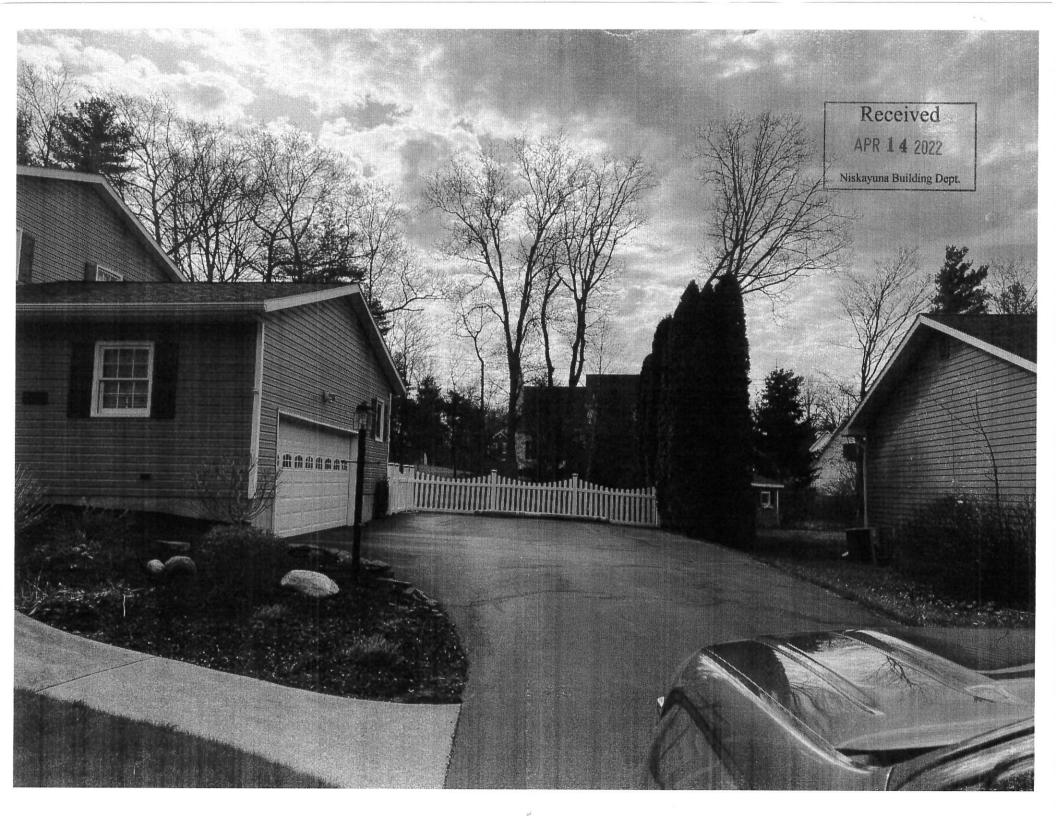
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<u>USE VARIANCE</u> - Before the ZBA can grant a use variance, State Law requires that, the applicant must demonstrate "unnecessary hardship". Mere inconvenience and the fact that the land in question could be put to a more profitable use are insufficient reasons for granting a use variance. To prove unnecessary hardship, the applicant shall demonstrate to the ZBA that for each and every permitted use under the zoning regulations for the particular district where the property is located:

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(c)	The requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood.
	Absolutely NoT.
(d)	The alleged hardship has not been self-created.
	Absolutely Not.





TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

Building and Zoning Permit Denial

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Application Date: 4/11/22

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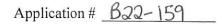
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Niskayuna, New York 12309

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The unders	igned hereby sw	ears that the informa	ation provided on this	s application is true, cor	ect and accurate.
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ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans (three set	ts) and all of the following inform	mation are required v	vith accessory	structure permi	it applications.
a. Address o	f property <u>1036 Mer</u>	Ila Mive	Ni3 Kay.	ING NY	12309
b. Size of ac	cessory structure 16×2	4 Garage	2		
c. Distance t	o property lines:				
Side 1	2'			Rece	eived
Side 2	52'			APR 1	1 2022
Rear _	45'			Niskayuna E	Building Dept.
	any other accessory structures or				
Fence	yes no	height			
Shed	yes no				
Swimm	ing pool yes no	size			
Other	yes no				
e. Height of	accessory structure	•	950		
	undation for structure (if any) _	,			
Zoning District	maximum total coverage of accessory structures	side & rear setback if 120 sq. ft. or less	side setback	rear setback	setback to a street
R-R	NA NA	5 feet	35 feet	40 feet	no closer than wall of house
R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 18,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than wall of house
R-2, R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 9,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house
Applicant's Si	onature:		ε	D-4 4/	1.12
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A C1		(For office use only)			
Maximum acces	sory structure coverage allowed				
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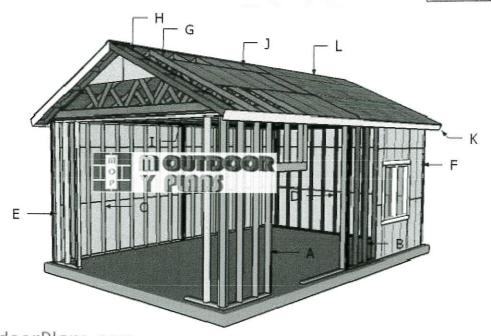
It is essential to choose the right materials before starting the construction and the assembly of the garage. As you will see in the project, you need to choose durable lumber with a nice appearance, such as pine, cedar or redwood. Make sure the components are in a good visual condition and choose professional tools when adjusting their size. Take accurate measurements and join the components with glue and screws.

16x24 Detached Garage Plans x 14 Hogel &

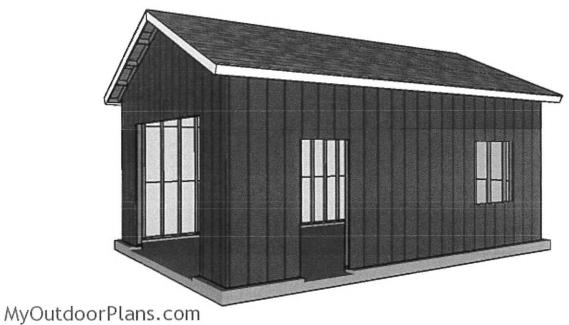
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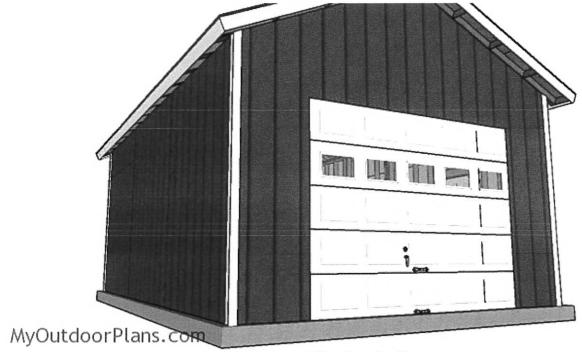
MyOutdoorPlans.com Building-a-16x24-detached-garage



Fitting the siding sheets

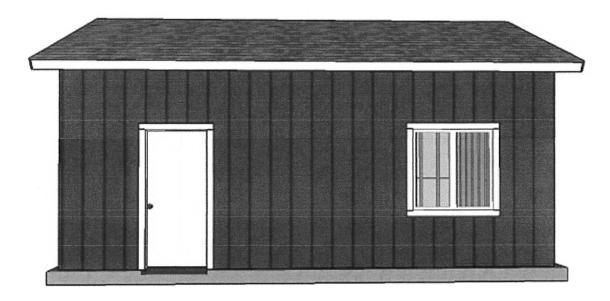
Last but not least, you need to take care of the finishing touches. Wrap the garage with homewrap and then make it pretty with T1-11 siding sheets. Alternatively, you can go for metal sheets from the very beginning and not use OSB and siding.

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Fitting the corner trims

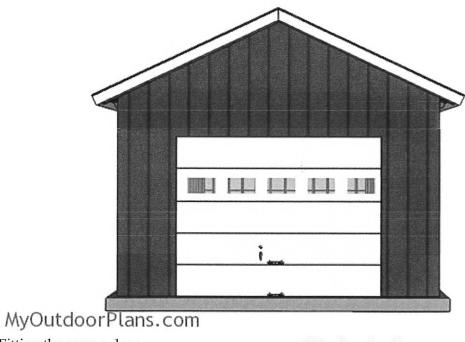
Fit the 1x4 trims to the corners of the garage, to enhance the look of the construction. Install the 10' garage door to the front opening.



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Fitting the side door and window

Fit the side door and window to the garage and then attach the decorative trims.



Fitting the garage door

Top Tip: Check out the rest of my shed projects for more inspiration for your backyard.

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

May 6, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: May 18, 2022 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by John Cococcia for a variance from Section 220-18 B (2) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1220 Ferry Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District, to construct a pool with appropriate fence surrounding pool apron which will exceed the number of accessory structures allowed on a lot.

Section 220-18 B (2) states that "there shall not be more than three accessory structures on a lot." As proposed, one (1) new accessory structure will be added on the property: a pool with fence surrounding the pool apron. The property already has more than three (3) pre-existing accessory structures upon it; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required.

IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, YOU MAY REQUEST A VIRTUAL LOGIN TO THE MEETING BY EMAILING LRobertson@Niskayuna.org OR CALLING 518-386-4530 OR YOU MAY SET FORTH YOUR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance

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Date Hearing		
Date Action_		
Ref.P.B.	Date	
Ref. County_	Date	

TO:	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Niskayuna Building Dept.
FRO	M: John Cococcia
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RE:	Property at1220 Ferry Road, Niskayuna, NY
I,owne	n Cococcia (AJA Architecture / Studio A) , the (owner) (agent of the r) of the property located at 1220 Ferry Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309
in the decisi varian	e Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the ion of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a nee from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown accompanying drawings.
varia	o certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a nece before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
	CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
~	One (1) copy of plot plans
V	One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable
~	Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
\checkmark	Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
~	Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
/	Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
Signa	ture of Agent: Cally Land Kinoten Catullin Date 4-11-22
Signa	ture of Owner (if different from Agent)
Telep	hone Number: (518) 441-8739
Email	Address: jacvc@me.com

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<u>For an area variance</u>: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

nei	ghborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:
1.	Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible.
	The benefit cannot be sought by other means. The existing structures are pre-existing non-conforming
	on the site and have historically been located as part of this tax map parcel. In order to achieve the benefit,
	the applicant would have to remove the other three existing structures in order to construct a garage and
	pool without a variance, which is not a feasible alternative. Purchasing additional land is not a feasible
	option, and, even if it were, the additional of a swimming pool and garage would still need to be located
	in proximity to the existing residence.
2.	Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:
	The variance will not produce an undesirable change to the character of the neighborhood. Garages and
	swimming pools are standards accessory structures ancillary to the main residence. Additionally, garages
	and swimming pools are characteristic to the surrounding neighborhood. As such, the proposed project will
	be in context with the surrounding area charater.

The requested variance is not substantial. The proposed garage is approx. 30' x 36' and will be atta				
o the current residence. The proposed pool is approx. 36' x 18' and is located in the rear of the prop				
pehind the residence and buffered by mature vegetation from view of adjacent properties. Both propose				
accessory structures are standard size components and are in character with the site, design and visual				
attributes of the environs.	Received			
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Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for th following reasons:				
The proposed accessory structures will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the				
neighborhood or district. Both proposed accessory structures are customary to residential uses and				
characteristic of the neighborhood. There is ample land which is proposed to remain undisturbed and				
wooded. The addition of a swimming pool and garage will not impact any critical environmental resource				
Stormwater management practices are proposed which will alleviate any potential erosion or stormwater				
runoff issue. As stated above in No. 3, the proposed elements are designed in context with the existing				
residential structure and are buffered from view of adjacent properties.				
Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:				
No, the difficulty was not self-created. According to the Town	of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance, a ga	rage		
and swimming pool is considered an accessory use, which is	a standard component found on all			
residential lots in this area. Additionally, the built structures ar	re pre-existing non-conforming, therefore	ore,		
requiring a variance to allow the swimming pool and garage to	o be built.			

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information	P					
*	Rece	eived				
Name of Action or Project:	. APR 14	4 2022				
Cococcia Residence						
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):	Niskayuna Bu	ilding Dept.				
1220 Ferry Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309						
Brief Description of Proposed Action:						
Renovation of existing residence at 1220 Ferry Road, Town of Niskayuna. Proposed site improvements include reconfiguration of existing driveway, pedestrian circulation, hardscape patio, and swimming pool.						
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Telephor						
John Cococcia	E-Mail: jacvc@me.com	jacvc@me.com				
Address:						
1220 Ferry Road						
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:				
Associated • Statement • State	NY	12309				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?						
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.						
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:						
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	16.09 acres .75 acres 16.09 acres					
 4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: 5. ☐ Urban		ban)				

5.]	Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
	2	a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	П	V	П
	ł	c. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	同		同
	15.60			NO	YES
6.	Ι	s the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			V
7.	I	s the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If	Ye	s, identify:			П
				\checkmark	Ш
8.	a	a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
	h	o. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	Ш
	U			✓	
		Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		\checkmark	
9.	Ι	Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If	he	proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
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10	. V	Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	\rightarrow	NO	YES
481000		If No, describe method for providing potable water:	Ī		
N/A		in No, describe method for providing potable water.			✓
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11.	. V	Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
		If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
N/A					\checkmark
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		. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the	-	NO	YES
		missioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the		Ш	\checkmark
Sta	ne.	Register of Historic Places?			100
	1	b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for			\checkmark
arc		eological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13.		Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain vetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	7	NO	YES
				Ш	V
	b	. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		✓	
If Y	Yes	s, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
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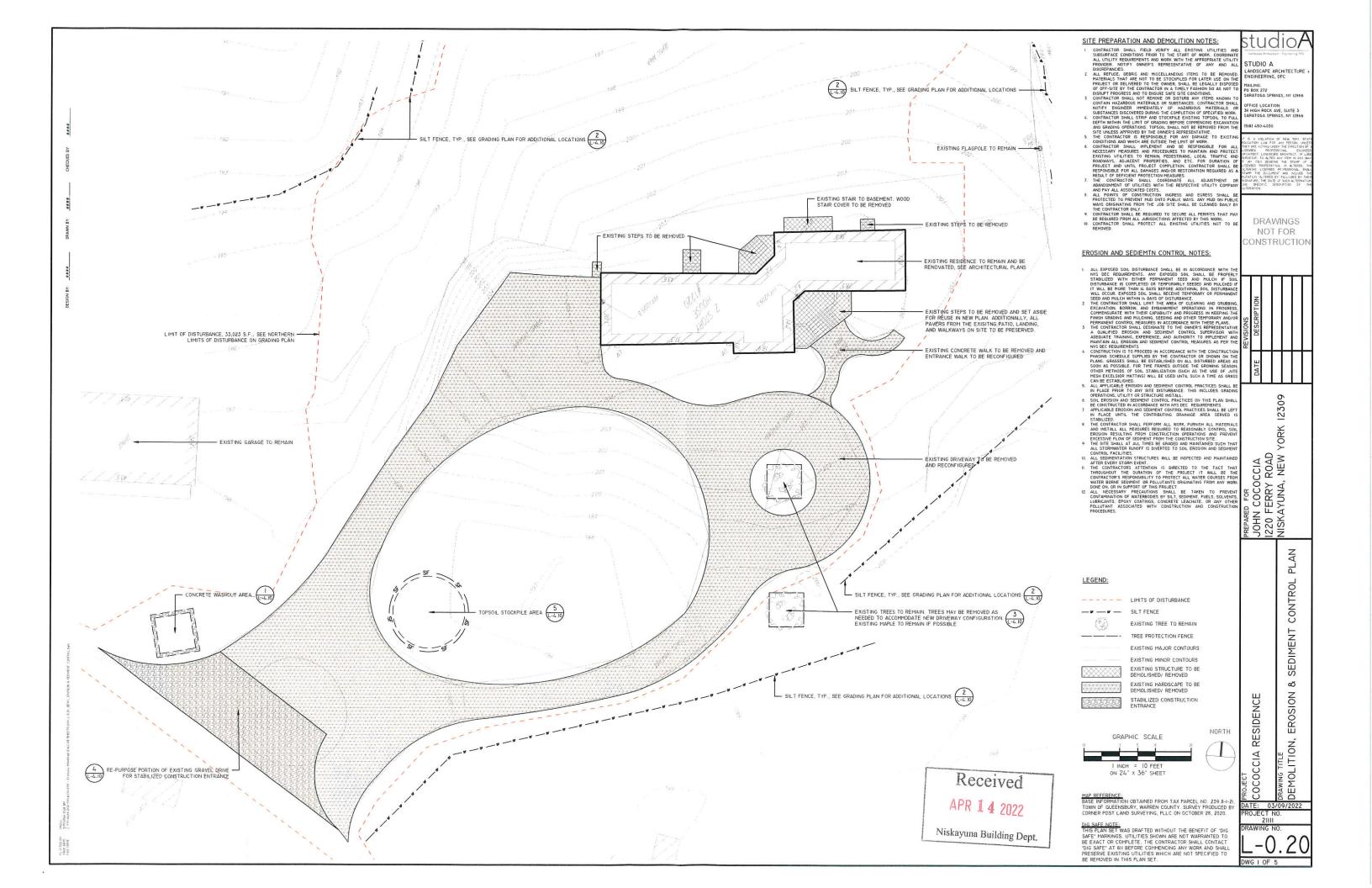
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:					
✓ Shoreline ☐ Forest ✓ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional					
☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☑ Suburban					
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?					
			16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?		
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?					
If Yes,		\checkmark			
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	✓				
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	V				
N/A					
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?		YES			
		1123			
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	V	П			
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES			
If Yes, describe:					
	√	Ш			
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES			
If Yes, describe:					
	V	Ш			
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF					
MY KNOWLEDGE					
Applicant/sponsor/name: Kirsten Catellier Date: 4-11-22					
Signature: Kivoten Catillia Title: RLA					

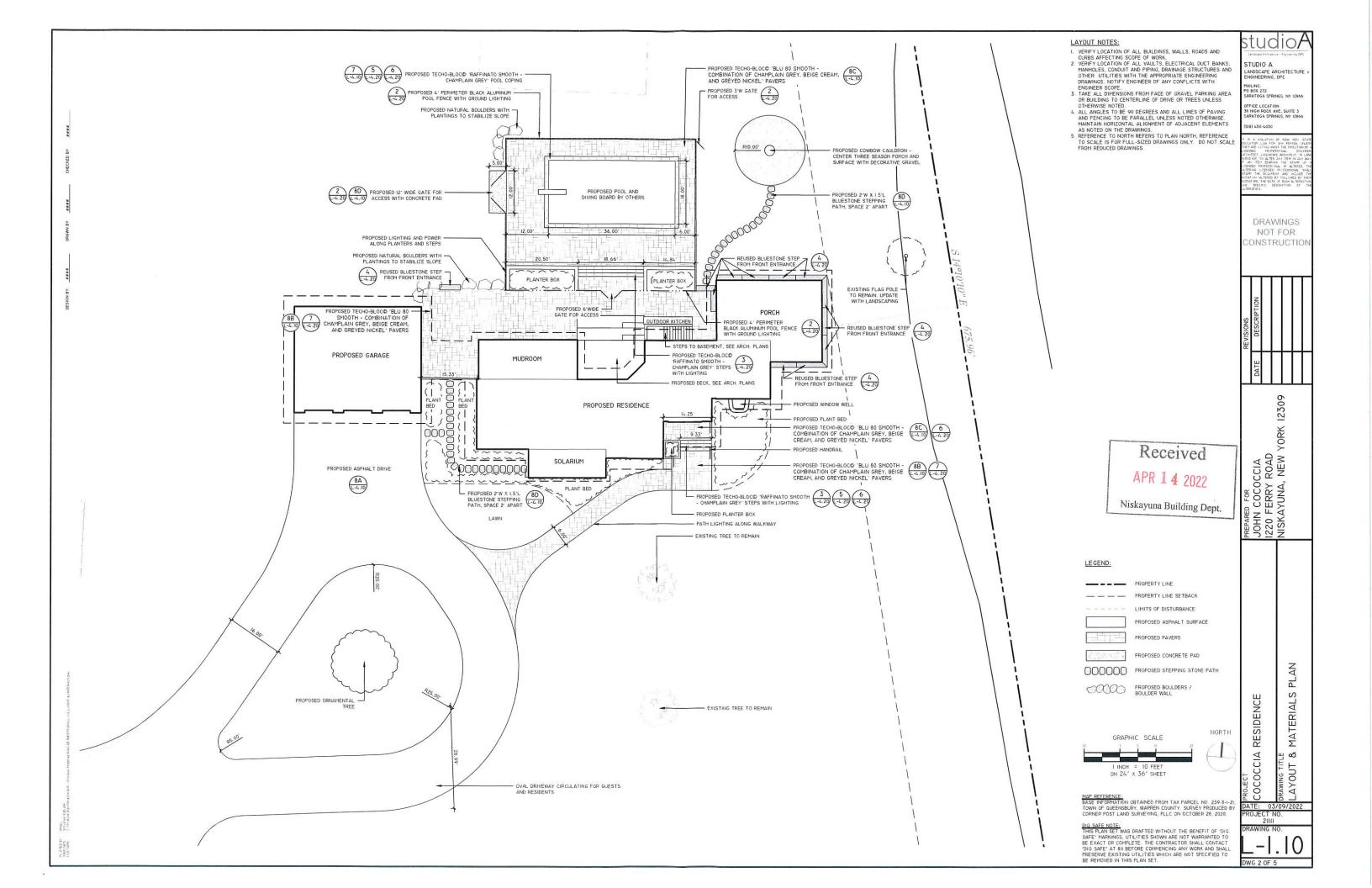


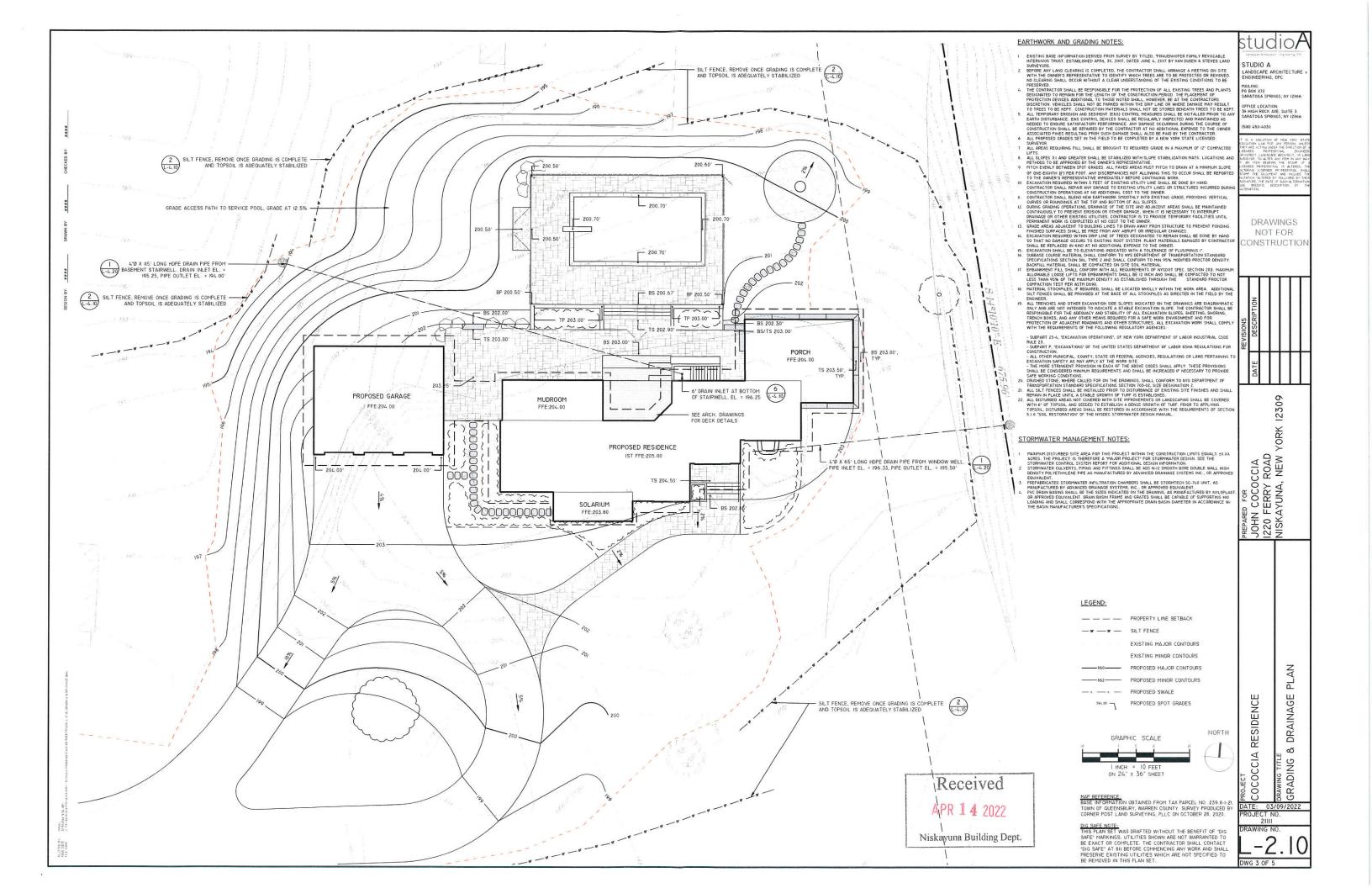
Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

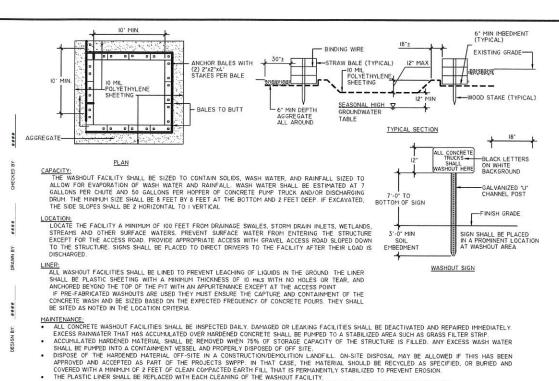


Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

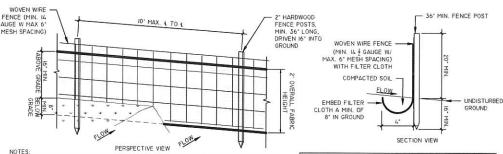








INSPECT THE PROJECT SITE FREQUENTLY TO ENSURE THAT NO CONCRETE DISCHARGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN NON-DESIGNATED AREAS. CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA DETAIL WOVEN WIRE 36" MIN. FENCE POST FENCE (MIN. 14 GAUGE W MAX 6* FENCE POSTS, MIN. 36" LONG, DRIVEN 16" INTO MESH SPACING) WOVEN WIRE FENCE GROUND



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WOVEN WIRE FENCE TO BE FASTENED SECURELY TO FENCE POSTS WITH WIRE TIES OR
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EVERY 54" AT TOP AND MID SECTION. FENCE SHALL BE WOVEN WIRE, 6" MAX MESH

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APPROVED MATERIAL LIST FOR SILT FENCE, UNSUPPORTED I.ZM POST SPACING

SLOPE	STANDARD FENCE	REINFORCED FENCE	SUPER
<2%	300 / 1500	NA	NA
2%-10%	125 / 1000	250 / 2000	300 / 2500
10-20%	100 / 750	150 / 1000	200 / 1000
20%-33%	60 / 500	80 / 750	100 / 1000

- DRIPLINE ORANGE PROTECTION FENCE AT DRIPLINE OR AS SHOWN OF PLANS. WHICHEVER IS GREATER BOTTOM OF TREE PROTECTION SIGN READING "TREE PROTECTION AREA" FENCE TO BE AT OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, RATHER

- NOTES:

 NO SOIL PLACEMENT OVER EXISTING TREE AND SHRUB ROOTS. NO SOIL SHOULD BE ADDED WITHIN PROTECTED AREAS UNLESS ADDED TO ACHIEVE PROPOSED GRADES.

 NO TRENCHING IN PROTECTED AREAS. TRENCHING ACROSS THE ROOT SYSTEMS SHOULD START NO CLOSER THAN THE DRIPLINE OF THE TREE. TUNNEL UNDER ROOT SYSTEMS FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOULD START IS INCHES OR DEEPER BELOW THE NORMAL GROUND SURFACE. TREE ROOTS WHICH MUST BE SEVERED SHOULD BE CUT CLEAN. BACKFILL MATERIAL THAT WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE ROOTS SHOULD BE TOPSOIL OR A PREPARED PLANTING SOIL MIXTURE.

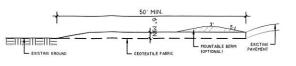
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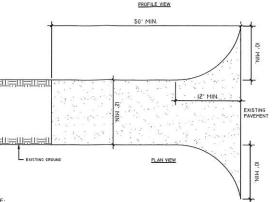
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4 PREVENT TALL EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS BACKHOES AND DUMP TRUCKS, FROM CONTACTING TREE BRANCHES.
5 SEE X-XXX FOR TREE PROTECTION LOCATIONS

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SILT FENCE DETAIL





STONE SIZE - USE I" -4" TYPE 3 STONE

2. LENGTH - NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET (EXCEPT ON A SINGLE RESIDENCE LOT WHERE A 30

- LENGTH NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET (EXCEPT ON A SINGLE RESIDENCE LOT WHERE A 50 MINIMUM LENGTH WOULD APPLY).

 1. THICKNESS NOT LESS THAN 6.

 2. WIDTH 12 FEET MINIMUM, BUT NOT LESS THAN THE FULL WIDTH WHERE INGRESS AND EGRESS OCCUR. 24 FEET IF SINGLE ENTRANCE TO THE SITE.

 3. GEOTEXTILE WILL BE PLACED OVER THE ENTIRE AREA PRIOR TO PLACING THE STONE.

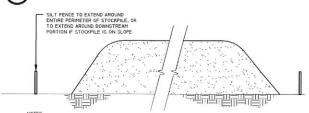
 5. SUFFACE WATER ALL SUFFACE WATER FLOWING OF DIVERTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE PIPED ACROSS THE ENTRANCE. IF PIPING IS IMPRACTICAL, A MOUNTAILE BERM WITH A 51 SLOPE WILL BE PERMITTED.

 7. MAINTENANCE THE ENTRANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION WHICH WILL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF WAY MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.

 8. WHEN WASHING IS REQUIRED, IT SHALL BE DONE ON A AREA STABILIZED WITH STONE AND WHICH DRAINS INTO AN APPROVED SEDIMENT TRAPPING DEVICE.

 9. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND NEEDED MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED AFTER EACH RAIN.

STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE DETAIL



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 REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE SILT FENCE DETAIL FOR MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION METHODS.

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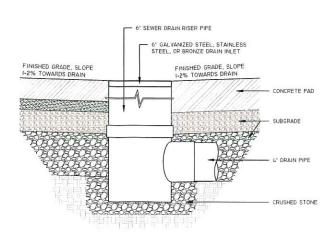
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 SILT FENCES SHALL BE AMMITAINED IN PLACE LITTL TOPSOIL, STOCKPILE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND SHALL BE

 REHOVED ONLY, WHEN DIRECTED BY TOWN OR BURINEER.

TOPSOIL STOCKPILE DETAIL

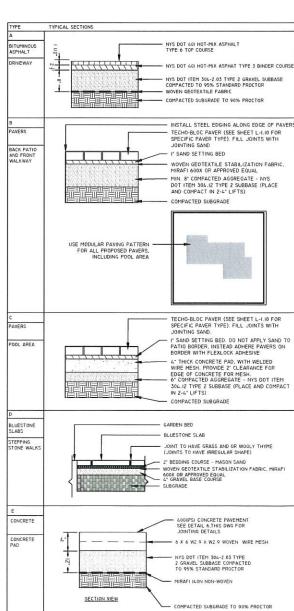
DROP INLET DETAIL



4" THICK CONCRETE DECK 2° MIN CLEARANCE, TYP. 4" CRUSHED STONE, 6" DEPTH " STRUT, TYP. -SEE POOL MANUFACTURER'S DRAWINGS -CONCRETEPILLAR, 6 POOL PANEL, TYP. -SAND OR GRAVEL BACKFILL. FOR -GRAVEL USE 2. CRUSHED STONE NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC POOL COPING

TECHO-BLOC 'RAFFINATO SMOOTH -90MM POOL COPING, CHAMPLAIN GREY

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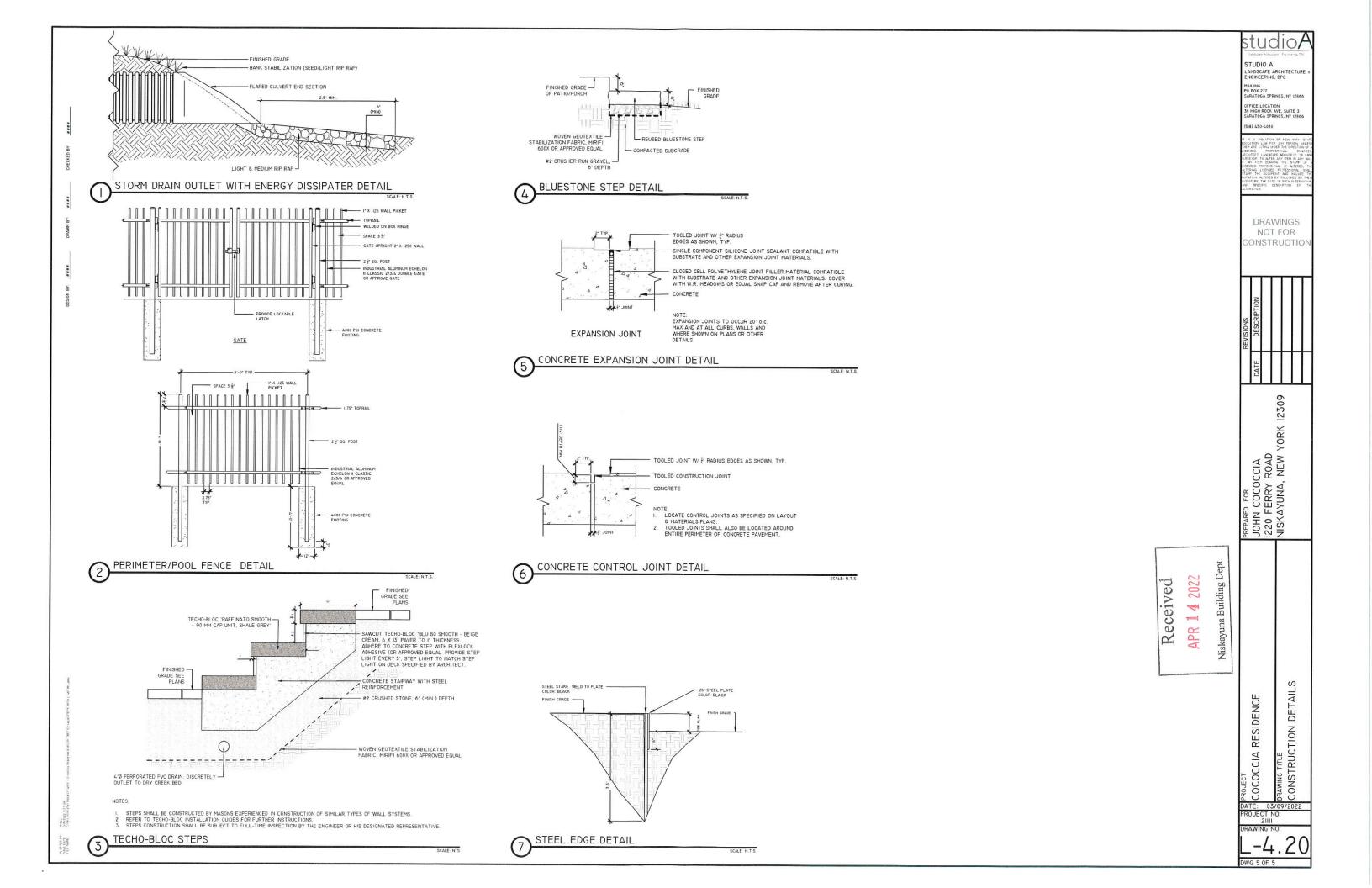
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PLAN VIEW





TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4592 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett **Building Inspector**

Building and Zoning Permit Denial

Address: 1220 Ferry Road

Application Date: 3/24/22

John Cococcia 1220 Ferry Road Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct a pool with appropriate fence surrounding pool apron at the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-18 B (2) of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-18 B (2) states that "there shall not be more than three accessory structures on a lot." As proposed, one (1) new accessory structure will be added on the property: a pool with fence surrounding the pool apron.

The property already has more than three (3) pre-existing accessory structures upon it; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

Thomas J. Cannizzo

Zoning Enforcement Officer



Application # B 22 - 107



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

Received

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE A	ADDRESS 1220 FERRY ROAD, NISK	AYUNA, NE	N YORK 12309
DESCRIBE WORK	APPLIED FOR x4 New Additions, Inter	ior Alterations	& Repairs, New Detached Garage
	g - decks, patios, landscaping, drivev		
ESTIMATED VALUE	JE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):		TOTAL \$ 800,000.00
Please submit thre	ee sets of plans with this application.		
APPLICANT Johr	n Cococcia		DAV BYOVE (518) 441-8739
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\sim		_DAY PHONE (518) 441-8739
CHECK ONE:	CONTRACTOR HOMEOWNER		
	OTHER (explain)		
ADDRESS 1220 F	erry Road		
_{CITY} Niskayuna		STATE NY	ZIP 12309
EMAIL ADDRESS	aallison@ajaarchitecture / stuttle@a	ajaarchitectur	e.com
CONTRACTOR C	GM Construction - Contact: Jim Volz		DAY PHONE (518) 235-0377
ADDRESS 2 Brook			
CITY Waterford		STATE NY	ZIP 12188
	surance is required. Please review oneowners have filed all appropriate documents.		
PROPERTY OWN	ER John Cococcia		DAY PHONE 518-441-8739
ADDRESS (if differ			
CITY		STATE	ZIP

PLEASE SIGN Page 2

The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

The undersigned hereby swe	ars that the informa	tion provided on this	s application is type, g	orrect and accurate.				
Sworn to me on this	day of	,	WA	1				
			Signature of App	licant				
			orginature of App	neant				
			John A. Cococc	ia				
			Printed Name					
			3/18/2022					
Notary Public, State of New Yo	rk		Date					
	(FO	R OFFICE USE ONLY BI	ELOW)					
BUILDING SITE ADDRESS _	1220 FERRY R	OAD, NISKAYUN	IA, NEW YORK 12	309				
KNOWN EASEMENTS:								
PERMIT FEE DUE \$								
COMMENTS								
ZONING DISTRICT		SECTION-BLOCK	K-LOT					
REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:			-					
1. FOOTING FORM	AS AND REINFORC	ING PRIOR TO POU	RING OF CONCRETE					
	FOUNDATION LOCATION PROVIDED AND STONE DRIVEWAY BASE INSTALLED PRIOR TO FOUNDATION INSPECTION							
3. FOUNDATION	WALL AND DRAIN	TILE INCLUDING L	ATERAL PRIOR TO E	BACKFILLING				
4. FIREPLACE INS	PECTION AT BOX	AND AT HALF STA	CK					
5. ROUGH PLUME	SING							
6. ROUGH ELECT	ROUGH ELECTRICAL							
7. ROUGH FRAMI ESTABLISHED	ROUGH FRAMING INSPECTION INCLUDING TRUSS CERTIFICATES AND ROUGH GRADING ESTABLISHED							
8. INSULATION IN	INSULATION INCLUDING PROPER VENTILATION							
9. FINAL PLUMBI	NG							
10. FINAL ELECTR	ICAL							
11. FINAL BUILDIN	IG INSPECTION							
12. FINAL GRADIN	G AND SOIL EROS	ION CONTROL						
13. (ADDITIONAL I	NSPECTIONS)							
APPROVED BY			DATE					

SWIMMING POOL SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans and all of			equired with swimm	ning pool perm	nit applications		
Address of proj	perty	ry Road Niskayund		A STATE OF THE STA	Wealington and the second		
a. Size of swi	mming pool _	New Pool, 18'x36'	(648sf)				
			ht	soft wal	ll ht		
		rigid wall	ht	ing	groundX		
c. Distance to	property lines	:				_	
	east SB to p		_	Red	ceived		
Side 2	n/a well wi	thin interior		APR	1 3 2022		
Rear	n/a well withi	n interior	Niskayuna Building Dept.				
				-		-	
d. Are there ar	ny other access	sory structures on	the property?				
Fence	yes_	no		4'-0" proposed			
Shed	yes_x	no	size120 s	f or less existing ——	g chicken coup	е	
Other		no			existing garage		
e. Type of fend	ce enclosure (i	f applicable)	nce & planters - see p	olans ————————	-		
/ / Oning District			side & rear setback if 120 sq. ft. or less	side setback	rear setback	side setback to a street	
R-R	NA	2.4.3	5 feet	35 feet	40 feet	no closer than side of house	
R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or than 18,000 sq	less if lot is less f. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than side of house	
R-2, R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or than 9,000 sq.	less if lot is less ft	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than side of house	
Applicants Sig	4-13-2022						
(For office use of							
3							
Area of lot				in the same of the			
Maximum access	ory structure of	coverage allowed					
Total accessory s	tructure covera	age actual					
Maximum lot cov	erage allowed						

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with accessory structure permit applications.

a.	Address of	property 12	220 F	erry	Roa	ad Nisk	ayuna,	NY 12309			
b.	Size of acc	essory struct	ure N	l fend	ce a	round	New po	ool, 36' x30'	(1080 sf)	(FI)	
c.	Distance to property lines:							Lot/Property is unique an house 3			loss
	Side 1	east SB	to po	ol - 3	5' +	/-		primary structures all with their own accessory structures. This application			
	Side 2	n/a well v	within	inte	rior					is application icture shown	
	Rear n	/a well wi	thin ir	nterio	r			the documents. See attached			
	Other _	•		ja				document of overall site showing primary structure under review.			
d.	Are there a	ny other acce	essory s	structui	res on	the prop		¥			
	Fence		yes	•	no	\bigcirc	height_	4'-0 ["] 1		ool surround	
	Shed		yes	\odot	no	Ŏ	size 12	20 sf or less	existing chi	cken coupe	1
	Swimm	ing Pool	yes	•	no	Ŏ	size 64	18 sf	new propos	ed pool	
	Other		yes	\odot	no	Ŏ			xisting gard	ıge 🏅	
e.	Height of a	ccessory stru	icture (Gara	ge =	:(16')+/	'- from (grade			
f.	Type of for	undation for	structur	e (if ar	ıy) 🤇	arage	= slab	on grade w	/ frost wall	S _M	
Zon	ing District	maximum access	total co	_	of		ear setback	cide cethook	rear setback	setback to a street	
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R-2,	R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. than	or less 9,000 so		less	5	feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house	
Арр	olicant's Si	gnature: _	J				•		Date:	/2022	
			U		(For offic	e use only	/)		and the same of th	
Area of lot U.12 ANS								1	eived		
Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed					IA	MAR 2 4 2022					
Total accessory structure coverage actual					4		Niskayuna	Building Dept.			
Max	imum lot co	verage allow	ed _			✓	/				
Tota	ıl lot coveraş	ge actual				✓					

