TOWN OF CORTLANDT PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

1 Heady Street

Cortlandt Manor, NY, 10567

March 28, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David S. Douglas, Chairman

Wai Man Chin, Vice-Chairman

Chris Beloff, Member

Frank Franco, Member

Andrian C. Hunte, Member

Benito Martinez, Member

Tom Walsh, Member

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2	(The board meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.)
3	MR. DAVID S. DOUGLAS: Planning Board of
4	Appeals meeting, we begin with the pledge of
5	allegiance.
6	MULTIPLE: I pledge allegiance to the
7	flag of the United States of America and to the
8	Republic for which it stands, one nation under
9	God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
10	all.
11	MR. DOUGLAS: Mr. Kehoe, can you call
12	the roll?
13	MR. CHRIS KEHOE: Mr. Beloff?
14	MR. CHRIS BELOFF: Here.
15	MR. KEHOE: Mr. Martinez?
16	MR. BENITO MARTINEZ: Here.
17	MR. KEHOE: Mr. Franco?
18	MR. FRANK FRANCO: Here.
19	MR. KEHOE: Mr. Chin?
20	MR. CHIN: Here.
21	MR. KEHOE: Chairman Douglas?
22	MR. DOUGLAS: Here.
23	MR. KEHOE: Ms. Hunte.
24	MS. ADRIAN C. HUNTE: Here.

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2	MR. KEHOE: Mr. Walsh?
3	MR. TOM WALSH: Here.
4	MR. DOUGLAS: Okay. Before we go to the
5	first item on the agenda, I want to say I'm glad
6	to be back after a five month medical sabbatical
7	and I want to specifically, I did it at the joint
8	board meeting, I want to thank Mr. Chin for
9	stepping in and everybody else for, you know,
10	ensure I wasn't needed, but for carrying on in my
11	absence.
12	MR. CHIN: Actually Adrian stepped in
13	for one board meeting too.
14	MR. DOUGLAS: Oh, did you? Okay. Well,
15	thank you, Adrian.
16	MS. HUNTE: I think that was, yeah, but
17	I don't think that was during your sabbatical, it
18	was August.
19	MR. DOUGLAS: Okay. So the first item on
20	the agenda is the adoption of the minutes for the
21	January meeting. Do I have a motion?
22	MR. BELOFF: So moved.
23	MS. HUNTE: Second.
24	MR. DOUGLAS: All in favor?

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MULTIPLE: Aye.

MR. DOUGLAS: Any opposed? Okay, the minutes for January are adopted. We've got two new public hearings. The first one is case number 2022-2, application of Cristian Garcia for an area variance for a side yard setback for an existing covered patio, located at 34 Montrose Station Road. Mr. Garcia?

MR. HUNTE: Yes, Mr. Garcia, would you step up to the lectern, please.

MR. DOUGLAS: Yeah, this is -- and this is Ms. Hunte's case. I'll turn it over to her.

MS. HUNTE: Yes. This is my case.

MR. CRISTIAN GARCIA: Hi, how you doing?

MS. HUNTE: Good evening, Mr. Garcia, Adrian Hunte. This is a request for an area variance, side yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet for a patio covered by a roof that was built without a permit. So would you please explain to us what's happened? I understand the property, you purchased the property and the roof had

MR. GARCIA: Yes, that's the case. My

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wife and I purchased the property. We were unaware that the previous owner had built a roof on the patio and it turns out about six months ago, we find out that the roof was not up to code because of the fact they never request a permit for it. So we looking to get everything up to par and get it to code.

MS. HUNTE: Okay. And have you had any input from any of the neighbors?

MR. GARCIA: No.

MS. HUNTE: And Chris, we haven't received any --

MR. KEHOE: Right. We sent out the required notices and put the add in the paper.

MS. HUNTE: Okay. And we usually look at the five factors as to whether there's some adverse impact. I don't see any here. Even though it is self-created, not by you, but was here before, in terms of the five factors, I don't see any adverse impact on the neighbors, neighborhood or the neighbors, environmentally. And with that, I would say I don't have an issue with the granting of this.

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2	MR. GARCIA: Thank you.
3	MS. HUNTE: Any other members?
4	MR. DOUGLAS: Anybody else have any
5	comments?
6	MR. MARCO: No.
7	MR. BELOFF: No.
8	MS. HUNTE: Okay. Hearing none, on case
9	number 2022-2, applicant Cristian Garcia for an
10	area variance 34 Montrose Station Road, I make a
11	motion that we close the public hearing.
12	MR. MARCO: Second.
13	MR. DOUGLAS: All in favor?
14	MULTIPLE: Aye.
15	MR. DOUGLAS: Any opposed? Okay. The
16	variance is granted.
17	MS. HUNTE: Well, we
18	MR. MARCO: Hang on, hang on.
19	[CROSSTALK]
20	[LAUGHTER]
21	MS. HUNTE: We need to vote on it. On
22	case number 2022-2
23	MR. DOUGLAS: I'm rusty, I'm rusty. The
24	public hearing is closed.

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2	MS. HUNTE: Yeah, the public hearing is
3	closed.
4	MR. BELOFF: Yeah.
5	MR. CHIN: [unintelligible] [00:03:46]
6	MS. HUNTE: And case number 2022-2, for
7	the area variance, a required 30 feet proposed 25
8	feet, a variance of five feet and Chris is this
9	math correct?
10	MR. KEHOE: I think it is.
11	MS. HUNTE: 15.67 percent.
12	MR. KEHOE: No one has corrected me.
13	MS. HUNTE: This is a SEQR Type II, no
14	further compliance required, the variance is
15	granted.
16	MR. MARCO: Second.
17	MR. DOUGLAS: All in favor?
18	MULTIPLE: Aye.
19	MR. DOUGLAS: Any opposed? Okay, now the
20	variance is granted.
21	MR. KEHOE: So I have to draft up
22	something called the decision and order. I'll
23	provide you a copy and I'll provide Martin Rogers
24	in the Building Department a copy.

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2	MR. GARCIA: Okay.
3	MR. KEHOE: And then you move forward
4	with whatever you're doing with Martin.
5	MR. GARCIA: Thank you so much, I
6	appreciate it.
7	MR. DOUGLAS: The second new public
8	hearing we have is case number 2022-3,
9	application of Angel Vasquez for an area variance
10	for a rear yard setback for an existing gazebo
11	pavilion located at 20 Trolley Road. And Mr.
12	Walsh, this is your case?
13	MR. WALSH: Yes. Mr. O'Riley, why don't
14	you just state your name, your address and
15	MR. PAT O'RILEY: My name is Pat
16	O'Riley. I'm here with Angel Vasquez, the owner
17	of the property 20 Trolley Road, Montrose, New
18	York, 10548. And we're here to ask for a variance
19	of a 1.5 inches due to a
20	MR. WALSH: No.
21	MR. O'RILEY: Excuse me?
22	MR. WALSH: One foot, seven.
23	MR. O'RILEY: One foot, seven inches.
24	That's it, sorry, 1'7" variance on a gazebo that

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2	we built in the back yard of the property that,
3	you know, 20 Trolley Road.
4	MR. WALSH: Okay. And the
5	MR. BELOFF: Wait, when you say 1.7
6	inches, what
7	MR. O'RILEY: Yeah, 1.7, I think.
8	MR. HUNTE: No.
9	MR. KEHOE: One foot, seven inches.
10	MR. WALSH: One foot, seven inches.
11	MR. O'RILEY: Yeah.
12	MR. KEHOE: Yeah, one foot, seven
13	inches.
14	MR. O'RILEY: Yeah, one foot, seven
15	inches.
16	MR. WALSH: Could you explain just the
17	situation on why the gazebo was built where it
18	was.
19	MR. O'RILEY: Okay. well, it's the, it
20	the most convenience place without getting
21	involved with any, you know, utilities, septics
22	or anything. It's in the back yard, up against
23	the back of the property between a cottage and a
24	garage. And it was built in that particular place

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because originally from when he moved there from the old owner, there was a picnic bench that was there, that was a cement picnic bench that was there for 1,000 years. And what he did was is he built a barbeque, and like, you know, a barbeque like area out of stone and everything, and then, you know, because of the weather all the time and everything, he built a gazebo over the top of it. And during the course of building it, he was, he misjudged, obviously he misjudged you know, the actual dimensions that were going on. And the posts are, you know, four or five inches too close and the overhead is considerably, you know, I think it's almost 17, you know, 1.7 inches off.

MR. CHIN: No, 1'7"?

MR. O'RILEY: So, we built it back there, because it's the most convenience place, it's not, you know, it's, because there's a front driveway and the house is pretty big and there's a garage off to it and then there's a gravel driveway, so basically, it was only like the only real area that we could put it, that didn't have septic or a drive area on it or getting involved

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with the back house or having utilities involved.

MR. WALSH: I know we talked about during the work session, about could this possibly be moved, the location, I know we didn't talk about it, but just as we're going through the five factors that we go through, could there be some other reasonable or feasible method or to relocate this?

MR. O'RILEY: Well, we talked about it, but we would have to move it almost two feet up. I mean basically then it wouldn't be covering the actual barbeque type area, the barbeque would be exposed at that particular time. It's close to where it's hanging over. If we took the overhang off, there wouldn't be a problem. But if we had to move it back another, you know, besides the rocks, you know, there are rocks there, even though you can't see them, you dig down a foot and it's solid rock. So it would be quite a, you know, feat.

MR. WALSH: These are all poured footings on this?

MR. O'RILEY: Yeah. This is poured

1 March 28, 2022 2 footings and everything. MR. WALSH: And has the gazebo been 3 granted a permit? Or they have to apply for a 4 5 permit? MR. KEHOE: This would finalize the 6 7 permit if the variance would be granted. He, he'd have to go -- the architectural drawings have 8 9 been prepared, signed and sealed. Both of the 10 site plan and then also specifically --11 MR. O'RILEY: Yeah, we have, we did 12 everything you need. We have, we did a new 13 survey, we had an architect, we did the drainage 14 square footage, the coverage, we did all of that. 15 And we have all the drawing submitted by an 16 architect as far as the dimensions and all that, 17 the cross beams and all the, whatever they do. 18 MR. WALSH: And we spoke during the work 19 session that the owner would install a fence 20 along the back property line. 21 MR. O'RILEY: Yes. It'll be the PVC 22 fence. It's the white PVC fence. It'll be five 2.3 foot, and what it does, you know, at the top, 24 it's got that little fancy, like the rest of the

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2	property has. So I mean I think we got, you know,
3	I figure it's like 11 and change, you know, it
4	doesn't matter what it costs, but I'll put it
5	out. And it would be going from the corner,
6	behind the cottage, to the garage.
7	MR. WALSH: Okay. So it would be
8	property line to property line, then the
9	MR. O'RILEY: Well, not all the way to
10	the property line. We don't want to be able
11	the only reason we don't want to do that is
12	because it's so close, we don't want to cut off
13	going around the back, so it's going to be like
14	halfway to the, you know, like halfway to the
15	garage.
16	MR. WALSH: Okay.
17	MR. O'RILEY: So we can walk around the
18	garage and go to the back if we have to for any
19	particular reasons.
20	MR. WALSH: But it would cover
21	MR. O'RILEY: It's going to cover
22	everything that Mr. Serento can see.
23	MR. WALSH: Okay. And the neighbor, the
24	adjacent neighbor had no issue with it, to

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correct, he's submitted a letter to that.

MR. DOUGLAS: Okay. I have no other, anybody else from the board have any questions?

MR. MARTINEZ: The only concern I have too, did anybody in the neighborhood ever say anything that they were against it?

MR. O'RILEY: No. I mean, no, I mean, he's been there for August will be four years, we never had an issue, never had the police, nothing. Nothing at all. Nobody's, I mean, you know, one of the reasons, you know, I mean Mr. Serento, I didn't go around asking everybody. The one next door neighbor that's adjacent to us, that put the fence up, they wrote a letter. He's a Perriwink or Perriworker, it's a weird name. And I spoke to Mr. Serento, we went there yesterday. He had no problem with it. You know, you know, he'll be happy, you know, with the contingency of the fence, he did like the idea of the fence. We were going to do it anyway. Well he, Angel was going to ask permission to put the fence up, not permission, but tell him he was going to do it, you know.

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MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. So, you know, basically everything he's done on the property, even the fence on the left hand side, I don't remember their last name, I think it's --

MR. VASQUEZ: Rita?

MR. WALSH: Rita and what's his name?

MS. HUNTE: Leland?

MR. O'RILEY: The one neighbor, yeah, they even helped us put the, put the fence on the, Mr. Walsh, you were there, and Mr. Beloff, on the, as you're coming in the gravel driveway.

MR. WALSH: Yeah.

MR. O'RILEY: It only went, you know, a little bit, it was like four sections from his garage, and we put that, he put, Angel put that in with the neighbor help, you know. So nobody said anything, we don't have any -- you know, it's a barbeque area basically.

MR. WALSH: So I'm going through our five factors. I don't believe it's an undesirable change, benefit sought by the applicant achieved by some other method, you know, because it is built, the footings have been poured, to move it

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now would be substantial cost and where it could be relocated, you know, it's, you know, to move it two feet, you know, I don't believe it would be an issue where it is right now. It is not an area that is substantial, I don't think the 39 percent, we're talking about the 1'7" variance is substantial, especially if, as we're going to vote on this, to install a fence as a requirement of granting this variance, for the rear adjacent property owner is not going to be seeing this at least the bottom portion of it. They will see the roof, but --

MR. O'RILEY: Right.

MR. WALSH: -- but it'll be blocking some portion of this.

MR. O'RILEY: But you want to see, you want to kind of see over the fence too, you know, as your adjacent neighbor a little bit, you know what I'm saying?

MR. WALSH: It's going to yeah.

MR. O'RILEY: Yeah.

MR. WALSH: It's providing some, some sort of [unintelligible] [00:12:24] and then it

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2	doesn't have an adverse effect of physical
3	environment conditions, and number five, yes, it
4	is self-created, but they all are self-created.
5	So, I have no issue. Mr. Beloff has a question.
6	MR. BELOFF: Yeah, I've just got a
7	question about the footings that are supporting.
8	On one side, it's saying a 12-inch concrete post,
9	on the other side, it's saying a 13-inch by 13. I
10	assume that's a 12-inch sonotube? And then I
11	don't see any sections that shows how deep, you
12	see that you had rock there.
13	MR. O'RILEY: Right down
14	MR. BELOFF: Did you pen it to any rock?
15	MR. O'RILEY: Yeah. What we did was is
16	when we got to the rock, it went
17	MR. DOUGLAS: You have to speak into the
18	microphone.
19	MR. O'RILEY: Oh, sorry.
20	MR. DOUGLAS: We're getting yelled at by
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22	MR. O'RILEY: Oh. Is that who's yelling?
23	MR. DOUGLAS: the voice from the
24	back, yes.

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2	MR. O'RILEY: What it was was when we
3	went down, we went down about a foot and a half
4	and there was rock. So they chipped away at the
5	rock, and what they did is they drilled into the
6	rock, put rebar and then poured, so actually the
7	footing is probably three-and-a-half foot down,
8	to, to the rock where they chipped. And then they
9	put rebar, drilled into the rock, put like six or
10	seven pieces of rebar in it and then they did it
11	on both sides, you know, on the other side too,
12	even though the rock was they said really low,
13	and they still drilled the holes and everything.
14	So the footing is probably about three-and-a-half
15	to four foot deep.
16	MR. BELOFF: So all footings are
17	actually pinned to the existing rock that was

there with 12-inch sonotubes?

MR. O'RILEY: Right.

MR. BELOFF: Okay.

MR. DOUGLAS: I just have one question, I'm not sure you had put it on the record, approximately how far back is Mr. Serento's house from the property line?

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2	MR. O'RILEY: Oh, Jesus, I don't know.
3	MR. WALSH: It's quite a distance.
4	MR. O'RILEY: Two hundred feet?
5	MR. DOUGLAS: Yeah. Okay. That's all.
6	MR. O'RILEY: It's got to be at least
7	200 feet.
8	MR. DOUGLAS: Right, I just wanted to
9	make sure that we had it on the record.
10	MR. O'RILEY: It's got to be at least,
11	wouldn't you say, Mr. Walsh?
12	MR. WALSH: Yeah, I was going to, that's
13	the first thing I said, it's about 200 feet,
14	yeah.
15	MR. O'RILEY: It's got to be at least a
16	good 200 feet. It's a big piece of property, you
17	guys.
18	MR. WALSH: And with the fence being
19	installed, other than the roofline, you know,
20	it's going to be almost non-visible. You're going
21	to have the top part visible.
22	MR. O'RILEY: Yeah, right now, there's
23	just, he basically uses it as a dump. He brings
24	his leaves and his, and his, you know, his tree

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branches back there. You know, his property, so, you know, but you can see the pictures that basically that's what that is back there.

MR. WALSH: I just have one other -- I want to get clarification on Martin, because I had a question with the existing sheds, if we look at the map, the plan up here on the left hand side. That is actually considered the side yard where I thought it was going to be considered the front yard. But Martin clarified it's the closest point to the road and then a straight line across the property is that area right there is considered the front yard from that closest point. So that was a question I had because I would have, initially I thought that those sheds were in the front yard, which would be another issue that we would have. But they're not. They're actually considered the side yard.

MR. O'RILEY: Yeah, Mr. Rogers, when I spoke to him, he actually pointed something out about that.

MR. WALSH: Yeah.

MR. O'RILEY: Because right there, if

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2	you look, it's pretty crazy with that particular
3	property line right there, because I don't know
4	if it shows it on there, but if you look at the
5	property line in the drawings, on the actual
6	survey, I mean we've got a garage that's almost
7	on Angel's property and you know, it's weird,
8	that one line, you know. But it's just a strange
9	and he said it's been there so long.
10	MR. WALSH: Yeah.
11	MR. O'RILEY: You know, I mean, the last
12	survey, the survey that he had that he closed on
13	was 1990 and it was on that, you know.
14	MR. DOUGLAS: Alright. Anybody else have
15	any questions?
16	MS. HUNTE: No.
17	MR. DOUGLAS: Anybody from the public?
18	MR. WALSH: Alright. I make a motion in
19	case number 2022-3 for Angel Vasquez at 20
20	Trolley Road to close the public hearing.
21	MS. HUNTE: Second.
22	MR. DOUGLAS: All in favor?
23	MULTIPLE: Aye.
24	MR. DOUGLAS: Any opposed? Okay. The

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2	motion to close the public hearing is granted.
3	MR. WALSH: Alright. Case number 2022-3,
4	for Angel Vasquez for 20 Trolley Road, an area
5	variance for rear yard setback and accessory
6	structure from four feet down to 2'3", which is a
7	1.7" variance, which is 39 percent. This is a
8	SEQR type II, no further compliance required. And
9	also as part of the decision order, to add fence
10	as required to be installed as at.
11	MS. HUNTE: Second.
12	MR. DOUGLAS: Wait, I guess this is a
13	SECR Type II?
14	MR. WALSH: Yeah.
15	MS. HUNTE: He said.
16	MR. MARCO: One thing, this is a math
17	thing, Chris. Am I wrong that the different
18	between two feet, three inches to four is not
19	1.7?
20	MR. KEHOE: Alright, 1.9.
21	MR. MARCO: It's 1.9.
22	MS. HUNTE: 1.9.
23	MR. DOUGLAS: Great point, you really
24	didn't check your math.

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2	MR. WALSH: Sorry, Chris.
3	MR. KEHOE: You could have said that at
4	the work session.
5	MR. MARCO: I only realized it right
6	now.
7	MR. DOUGLAS: Anyway, all in favor?
8	MULTIPLE: Aye.
9	MR. DOUGLAS: Any opposed? Okay. The
10	variance is granted. And one thing, with the
11	condition of the fence.
12	MR. WALSH: The fence, yes.
13	MR. DOUGLAS: Okay, I just want to make
14	sure.
15	MR. O'RILEY: Now, what do we
16	MR. KEHOE: Yeah, so I'm going to write
17	up a formal document called a decision and order,
18	and I'll provide you a copy of that and Mr.
19	Vasquez, and then also to Martin Rogers in the
20	building department. And then he'll have that as
21	a record. He'll flag it in his system and he'll
22	confirm that the fence is up within 90 days.
23	MR. O'RILEY: Okay, now if we happen to
24	run into problems with any kind of, you know, all

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2	this stuff sitting out in the ocean or anything?
3	MR. KEHOE: Yeah, keep in touch with Mr.
4	Rogers about that.
5	MR. O'RILEY: There shouldn't be any
6	problems. We'll get it up. But I'm just saying.
7	MR. WALSH: It will be part of his C of
8	O at the end, or he wouldn't issue the C of O
9	until you got the fence installed.
10	MR. O'RILEY: Right. it's just supply
11	chain issues, because we waited like, for the
12	first time, we waited almost like four months to
13	get the fence for the first one.
14	MS. HUNTE: Okay. Thank you.
15	MR. O'RILEY: Alright. Thanks so much.
16	[CROSSTALK]
17	MR. O'RILEY: Thank you very much. Mr.
18	Kehoe, thanks for all the help, Mr. Walsh, thank
19	you so much.
20	MR. WALSH: Thank you.
21	MR. VASQUEZ: Thanks again.
22	MR. DOUGLAS: You're welcome, have a
23	nice night.
24	MR. VASQUEZ: Good night.

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2	MR. DOUGLAS: Okay. Anybody want to make
3	a motion.
4	MS. HUNTE: Mr. Weeber do you have a
5	case before us?
6	MR. DOUGLAS: Okay.
7	MS. HUNTE: How are you?
8	MR. WEEBER: Lonely back here.
9	MR. DOUGLAS: It's good to see the one
10	member of the public that's still here.
11	MR. MARTINEZ: Wait, we have a seat over
12	there.
13	MS. HUNTE: David, do we need to close
14	the meeting? Are we closed?
15	MR. DOUGLAS: Do you want to make a
16	motion to adjourn?
17	MS. HUNTE: Second.
18	MR. MARCO: Well, we have to say a day,
19	right, make a motion to close this meeting and
20	MR. BELOFF: No, just to adjourn this
21	meeting.
22	MR. DOUGLAS: Close this meeting.
23	MR. MARCO: Okay. I make a motion to
24	adjourn this meeting.

7:20 p.m.)

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