

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN
PLANNING BOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 2021

PRESENT: Jeffrey Faiella, Chairman
Eileen Absenger
Tracey Armisto
Jennifer Bakker
Marcus Serrano, Village Administrator
Stephanie Porteus, Village Attorney
George Pommer, Village Engineer
Cindy Kempter, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Peter Cook, Assistant Building Inspector

OTHERS: Brian Calabro and Rob Roselli for 226 Travis Avenue

ABSENT: Awilda Baez

This meeting was done via Zoom and Zoom audio and is being conducted in accordance with Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jeffrey Faiella called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:33pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Faiella called for a motion to accept the minutes of September 16, 2021 as written. A motion was made by Tracy Armisto, seconded by Eileen Absenger, with all present in favor to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CALENDAR NO. 1-20-PB: Proposed Site Plan to Modify a Rear Yard Concrete Retaining Wall for Property at 226 Travis Avenue (Brian Calabro)

Rob Roselli stated that he had a list of comments from Hahn Engineering that he addressed and sent back. A few changes have been made to the plan. The wall furthest in the rear is no longer proposed and has been removed. There is the existing wall and a proposed wall just for grading purposes in the back yard. The other half of the application is the proposed garage. George Pommer questioned if the Thompson's shed has been removed from the Calabro property. Peter Cook responded that he spoke to them, but the shed has not been moved. George Pommer asked about plantings in front of the wall. Brian Calabro responded that he was going to put ivy vines on the lattice. Chairman Jeffrey Faiella questioned the erosion behind the block wall. Brian Calabro responded that there is solid bedrock there. Brian Calabro stated that they have to correct a portion of the wall that is now on the neighbor's property on the north east side and relocate it to his side of the property line. There will be 15 feet between the two walls and a privacy fence. George Pommer questioned the slope between the top of the wall and where the break is and if the trees would be located between the fence

and the break in the slope. Rob Roselli stated that it is around 15%. In the front of the property, George Pommer questioned the length of the driveway and where the driveway is beginning and ending. George Pommer stated that this site plan does not show the slope areas that are 15-25, 25-30 and up. George Pommer will write up a summary for Rob Roselli. Peter Cook is concerned about the Thompson shed since the Thompson's have not addressed this. Peter Cook asked that since there were no violations written on the wall and winter is coming can he issue a permit to excavate now while Mr. Calabro has the excavator. Chairman Jeffrey Faiella said that as long as Mr. Calabro gets all the information to the engineer, then he should be able to start the excavation. In reference to the Thompson's shed, the building inspector will issue a violation. Brian Calabro's previous engineer, Dan Ciarcia, was going to certify that the wall was acceptable. Brian Calabro will get in touch with him for the certification. Eileen Absenger questioned what work is being done now with the excavator and also asked about the steep slopes. Village Engineer Pommer told Mr. Calabro that he has to identify the steep slopes before any work is done. The Village needs a survey showing steep slopes before the permit is issued for the garage/addition. Chairman Faiella told Mr. Calabro that he can reach out to Peter Cook or George Pommer to find out what is needed in order for the permit to be issued.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM on a motion by Eileen Absenger, seconded by Jennifer Bakker, with all present in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021.