## EGGLESTON & KRENZER ARCHITECTS, PC

The Trolley Bldg 1391 East Genesee Street Skaneateles, New York 13152

May 24, 2024

Town of Skaneateles Planning Board and ZBA 24 Jordan Street Skaneateles, NY 13152

Re: Richard and Marie Garlock – Site Plan Review, Special Permit and Variance 1777 Russells Lading
Tax ID# 063.-03-05.0

## **NARRATIVE**

The property at 1777 Russells Landing is 17,590 SF, 75 FT wide with 80.4 Lin FT of shoreline. It has a 3 bedroom dwelling built in the 1960's, garage with loft, small shed and has 14.6% of the lot area as potential living space and as 9.4% building footprint. The dwelling is non-conforming in that it is 13.2 feet from the northeast side property line and 10.9 ft from the south west property line whereas 15 ft is required and is 37.1 ft off the lake line. The garage is non-conforming in that the southwest side yard setback is 4.0 ft and the shed has a northeast setback of 0.4ft whereas 10 ft is required. There are 453 SF of shoreline structures and 288 SF of off-shore structures. The ISC is 13.6% and TSC is 22.3%. The property is in the RF zoning district and Skaneateles Lake Watershed.

This application is to remove the shed, remodel the dwelling with an addition the same size as the shed and modify the roof structures and decks. Exterior stair will be added to tie the upper deck in with the lower deck and existing stairs to the lake. The garage will be finished off as a guest area with a bedroom, bathroom and living space with the addition of a dormer in the exiting loft area. The existing setbacks will remain the same and the building height of the house will increase to 21'-8" and the garage to 19'-2". The total building footprint will remain at 9.4% and the potential living space reduced to 14.5%. The property will now have four bedrooms and a new septic system is being designed at the west end of the property, 175 ft from the lake. The driveway will be reduced to bring the ISC down to 11.9%. The total surface coverage will become conforming at 20.0%.

An area variance is required for developing on a lot less than 20,000 SF. The non-conforming shed will be removed and the Toal Surface Coverage reduced to make it conforming. Any modifications to the house will have less non-conforming setbacks. Site plan review is required for disturbance within 200 ft of the lake and Special Permit for redevelopment.

Silt fences will be placed below the work area to mitigate any potential erosion during construction. Most of the site disturbance is the replacement of deck footings and a small cellar foundation. In that bio-swales are not practical on this steep slope lot, the stormwater off the roofs will be collected and piped down to the lakeshore to spill out on rocks at the lake line.

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In addition, the owner is prepared to make a payment into the Town's Land and Development Rights Acquisition Fund for the balance of the land necessary to make the ISC 10%. The 2,096 SF ISC requires a 20,960 SF lot to be at 10% ISC. This is 3,370 SF of additional land and at \$1.09/SF would result in a payment of \$3,673.30 to the Town's LDRA Fund.

## CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

- 1) Mark septic leach field to prevent construction traffic or staging over this area.
- 2) Install silt fence, maintain during construction.
- 3) Install bio-swale and drain lines to house and garage area. Line with straw mat until seeding can be accomplished in the spring.
- 4) Excavate for new foundation under entry addition, construct new foundation walls and deck footings .
- 5) Back fill around foundation, spread straw for erosion control.
- 6) Construct addition and roof modifications.
- 7) After roof, walls and siding are complete, install roof gutters and tie down spouts into drainage system towards lake.
- 8) Finish grading, install permeable walks, patio, remove old driveway, box out new driveway, spread top soil, seed or landscape and mulch. Water during dry periods.
- 9) After lawn is established, remove silt fence, patch disturbed areas of lawn.

## AREA VARIANCE CRITERIA

The following criteria should be considered in granting an area variance:

- 1) Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance.
  - Granting the requested variances will not change the character of the neighborhood or be a detriment to nearby properties. The neighborhood is made up of year-round and seasonal dwellings with detached accessory living spaces on various size lots. The redeveloped dwelling and accessory structure will maintain the same building footprint and living area and the modified deck and stairs will be no closer to the lake.
- 2) Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance.
  - The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by any method other than an area variance. Because the lot is less than 20,000 SF of lot area, an area variance is required for most improvements.

3) Whether the requested area variance is substantial.

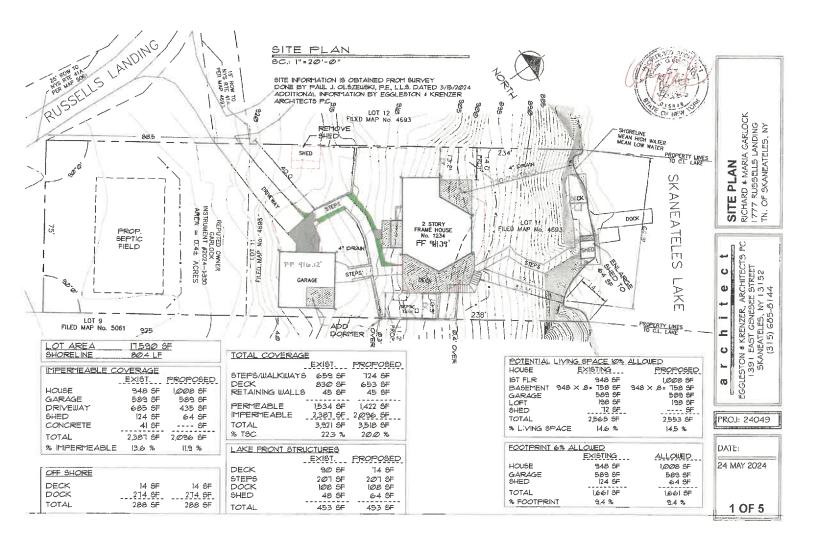
The requested variance is not substantial. If the lot were 2,410 SF larger, no variance would be required. The proposed modifications to the decks are no more non-conforming that the existing and two nonconformities (shed location and the Total Surface Coverage) are eliminated.

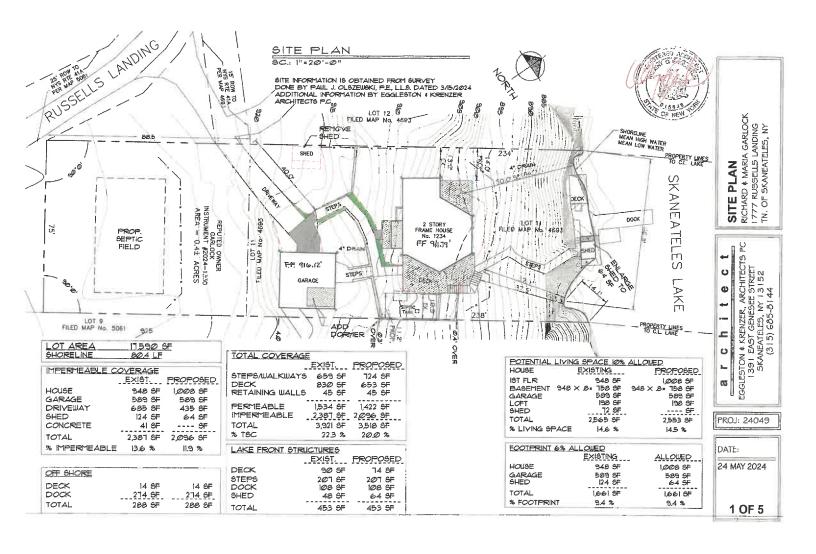
4) Whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district.

Granting the requested variances will not have an adverse effect on the physical or environmental conditions of the neighborhood. The ISC is being reduced by 1.7% and further mitigated by payment into the Town's LDRA Fund which will put other land into conservation. The Total Surface coverage has been reduced to conform. The dwelling remains the same footprint the primary disturbance is footings for the deck modifications. A new septic leach field is being designed over 175ft from the lake with room for expansion. The stormwater drainage will be managed by directing the roof gutters to the edge of the lake past the steep slopes. Silt fences will provide erosion control during construction.

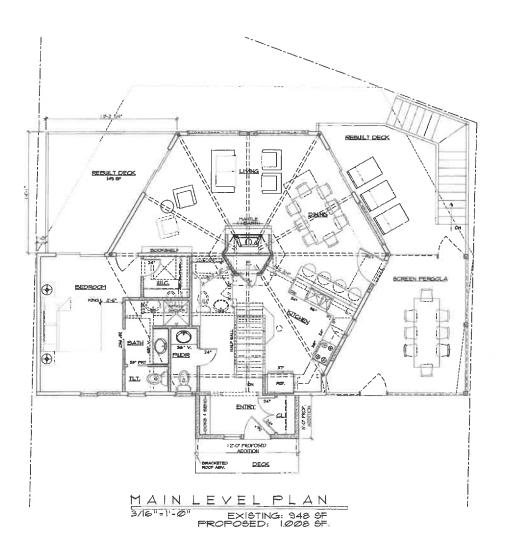
5) Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which shall be relevant to the decision of the Board but which shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

By virtue of making application, one can state that this is self-created. The lot and dwelling have become non-conforming with changes in the zoning law over the years. The redevelopment of this lot will eliminate two non-conformities (TSC and the shed side yard setback). Storm water management and erosion control will improve as a result of this work.









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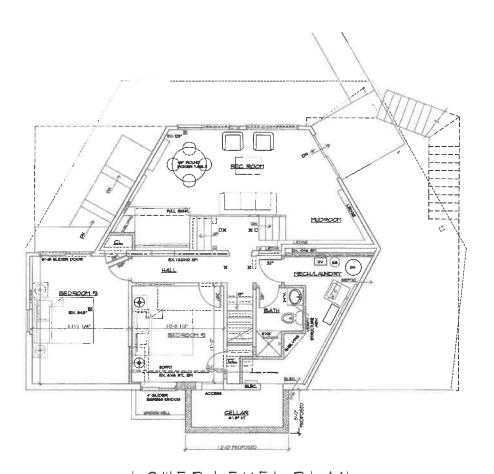
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LOWER LEVEL PLAN

3/16"=1'-0" EXISTING: 158 SF (80%)
PROPOSED: 158 SF (80%)

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