

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF CANAAN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

May 28, 2020

Via: ZOOM

Present: David Cooper, Pat Liddle, Heather O'Grady, Craig Dillon, Jack Steffek, alternate: Brian Lassow

Chairman Cooper opened the meeting at 6:01 PM with 2 people in the audience. There is one item on the agenda, which is consideration of File #2020-1 for a special permit submitted by Paul Naamon to build a Paragate Columbarium located at 1525 State Route 295, East Chatham, NY, Tax Map #37.-1-50.2.

David asked the Board if they had all read the file and the answer was yes. He asked if anyone wanted to discuss it or if there were any questions. Board member Heather O'Grady said that she thought Paul had done a great job putting the file together and it was really easy to understand what he wants to do.

David said that Paul had done Part I of the SEQR and he (David), had started to do a draft of parts II and III. When you do part II, this project is a listed type II which means no further action is needed, but he will follow through with it.

When reading the narrative David stated that this is basically a Nonsectarian Use. This has been opened up to the community at large. This can also be viewed as a community resource.

David asked if there should be some discussion or if anyone thought there was something missing from the file and Board Member Craig Dillon said he thought it was just fine and it is a no brainer that didn't need any discussion at all.

David made a motion to accept the file as submitted and asked for a voice vote.

David: Yes

Jack: Yes

Pat: yes

Heather: yes

Brian: yes

All in favor.

Chairman Cooper asked Town Board Liaison Ginny Nightingale if the Board would be able to hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall. Ginny said that she wasn't sure if anything had been decided yet but it depends on where we are with phase II.

David said just in case there is limited access to the Town Hall we have this set up so that the zip file he sent out will be put on the Town Website in the ZBA section. He then explained notification to Abutters to Paul Naamon, who said he had done this before for many projects.

David said he was pleased that everyone was able to attend the meeting.

Motion made by Jack Steffek with a 2nd from Craig Dillon to accept the January minutes as submitted
All in favor.

Heather made motion to adjourn
2nd Brian
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:10.

For the Board,
Heather O'Grady
Acting Clerk