A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held on July 13, 2022. Present: Jeremy Gutman/Acting Chairman, Bruce Gombos and 1st Alternate Joseph Capasso, Dan Roemer/Building Inspector and Ms. Valerie Monastra/Village Consulting Planner. Excused: Trustee Liaison Michael Patino, Chairman Peter Hofmann, Jon Maass and Paul Monte.

Acting Chairman Gutman called the meeting to order. Mr. Gutman said he is filling in for Chairman Hofmann who is away.

1. 72 Colonial Avenue – Public Hearing for proposed plans of landscaping including driveway alteration, retaining wall and fence

72 Colonial Avenue ZBA submission is as follows:

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Every application or appeal must be accompanied by an accurate plot plan to scale showing location of all existing structures, and also drawings showing the exact location, dimensions, and the nature of all proposed structures. These requirements will ordinarily be best met with surveys and architect's drawings. The Board may require that surveys and/or drawings be prepared and signed by duly accredited surveyors, engineers, or architects. Applicant is required to show proof of title to or legal laterest in the premises, by deed or contrast of sake, or other document. This application or appeal is made parsuant to the authorization contained in the Building Zoning Ordinance:

Article: 300 Section: 42 Subdivisions: B2

The basis of the relief sought by the undersigned pursuant to the provisions of the Building Zoning Ordinance is as follows: (Set forth briefly all pertinent facts and use additional sheets If necessary). RELIEF SOUGHT FOR OFTAPOERAN OF PROPOSED FENCE APEOKUMATION 37:0"LONG ON COLONIAL AVE STREET FRONTAGE.

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER) 151 On this 17 day of 114, 20 22 before me personally can who came duly sworn deposed and only that he site cred the foregoin ally car thereof and that the same is true to his/her own know Wieder REGINA & HOUGHTELING OTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK No. 01HO8379161 **Qualified in Westsheater County** My Commission Expires 08-08-20 22

(Note: In the event of joint tenancy, the singular will be construed as necessary) The following documents must be submitted or the application will not be accepted:

| 1. | Copy of deed or contract of sale | ~ |
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| 2. | Application completely filled out | \checkmark |
| 3. | Environmental Assessment form | Ľ, |
| 4. | Survey of property | 1 |
| 5. | Plans showing profiles of proposed alteration/addition | |
| 6. | Copy of denial from Building Inspector or Architectural Board of Review | |

Note: Certification of noticing to area property owners must be submitted to the Village Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

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 | | |
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| Name of Action or Project: | | |
| 7s Colonial Avenue landscaping | | |
| Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): | | |
| 72 Colonial Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY | | |
| Brief Description of Proposed Action: | | |
| Landscaping of entire property including alteration to driveways, raising of fence. | f the existing rear lawn, construction of r | etaining wail and 6 ft perimeter deer |
| Name of Applicant or Sponsor: | Telephone: 914 | -478-3448 |
| Niall Cain | E-Mail: ncain@ | necstudio.com |
| Address: | | |
| 5 Atilda Avenue | | |
| City/PO: | State: | Zip Code: |
| Dabbs Ferry | NY | 10522 |
| Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adop administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the propose may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no 2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or fun If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: | d action and the environmental reso , continue to question 2. | ources that |
| 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 or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? | 23,108 SF acres 23,108 SF acres) owned 23,108 SF acres | |
| Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the Urban Rural (non-agriculture) Industrial Forest Agriculture Aquatic | | al (suburban) |

| 5. Is the proposed action, No. | YES | N/A |
|---|---------|-----|
| a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? | 1 | |
| b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan? | | |
| i. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape? | NO | YES |
| • | | 1 |
| 7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? | NO | YES |
| f Yes, identify: | - 1 | |
| a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? | NO | YES |
| b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? | | |
| | ~ | |
| c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action? | | ~ |
| Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? f the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: | NO | YES |
| and proposed denormal and requirements, describe design realities and termologies. | | ~ |
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| 0. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? | NO | YES |
| If No, describe method for providing potable water: | | V |
| 1. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? | - NO | YES |
| If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: | | |
| o waste water is produced by the proposed action. | | |
| 2. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district | NO | YES |
| which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks. Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? | • | |
| b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for rchaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? | • | |
| a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? | NO | YES |
| b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? | | |
| f Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: | | |
| | | |

| 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? | NO | YES |
| Pederal government as threatened of endangered? | ~ | |
| 16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan? | NO | YES |
| | | |
| 17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? | NO | YES |
| If Yes. | ~ | |
| 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: | | 2 |
| The proposed work includes proposed inflitrators to mitigate existing stormwater run-off. No additional stormwater run-off is created by this proposed action. | | |
| 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)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: | NO | YES |
| If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: | ~ | |
| 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: | • | |
| 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: | • | |
| I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE B MY KNOWLEDGE | EST OF | |
| Applicant/sponsor/name: Niall Cain Date: 06/28/2022 | | |
| Signature: Niall Cain Mal Con Title: Principal - Noc Studio Architectu | re P.C. | |

Letter dated June 27, 2022 from Mr. Dan Roemer/Building Inspector to Mr. Robert Dickey is as follows:



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY Building Department 112 Main Street Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522 TEL: (914) 231-8511 • <u>Droemer@dobbsferry.com</u> •FAX: (914) 693-3470

6/27/2022

Robert W. Dickey 72 Colonial Ave. Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Re: 72 Colonial Ave.

S/B/L 3.120-113-10

Dear Mr. Dickey

Pursuant to a review of the submitted proposed plans to construct a new fence, the following determinations were made.

The property is located in the OF-5 Zone. Requiring one variance.

 The Maximum front yard fence height is 4'and shall be no greater than 60% opacity the proposed fence height in the front yard is 6' thus requiring a height variance for 2' in the front yard.

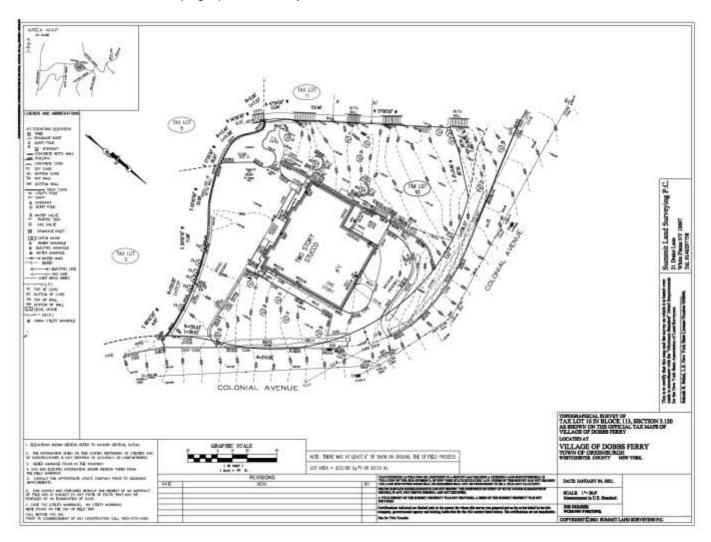
For these reasons your proposal, as submitted, is denied pending zoning board review.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (914) 231-8511.

Respectfully,

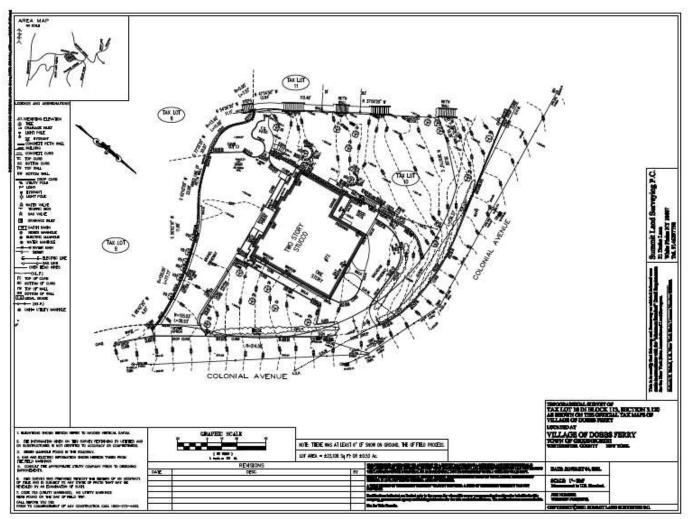
Dan Roemer Building Inspector

72 Colonial Avenue topographical survey is as follows:

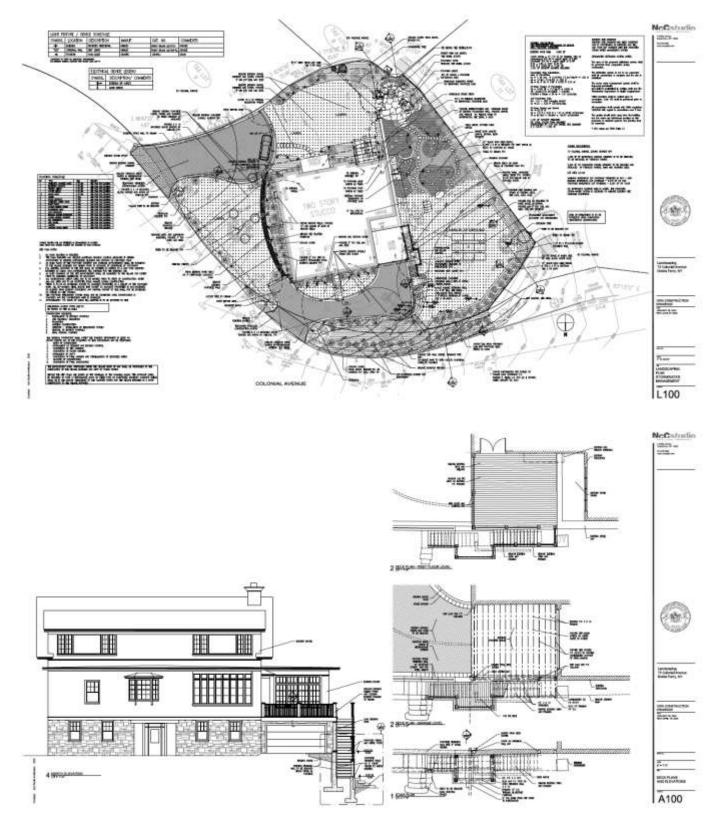




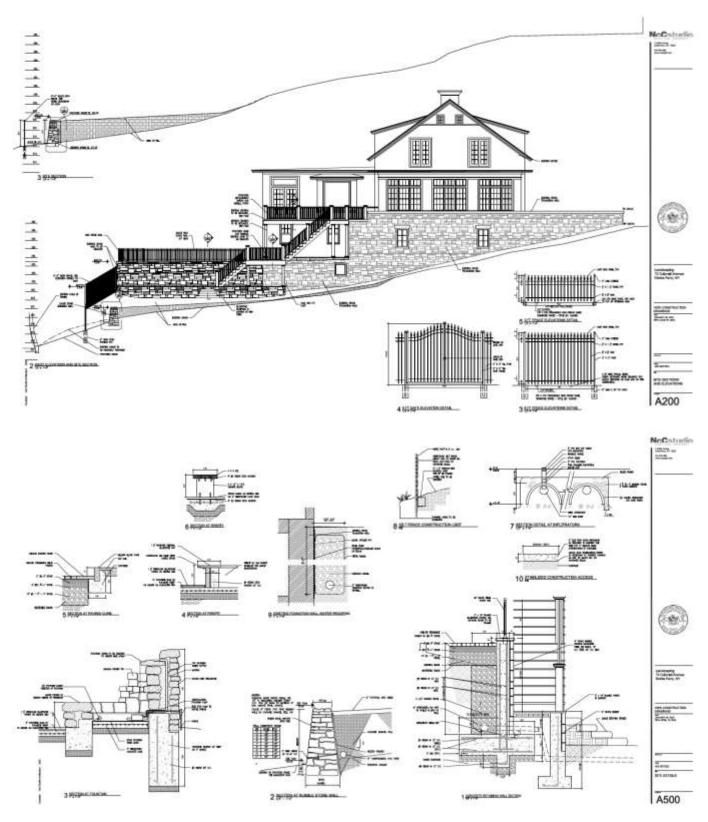
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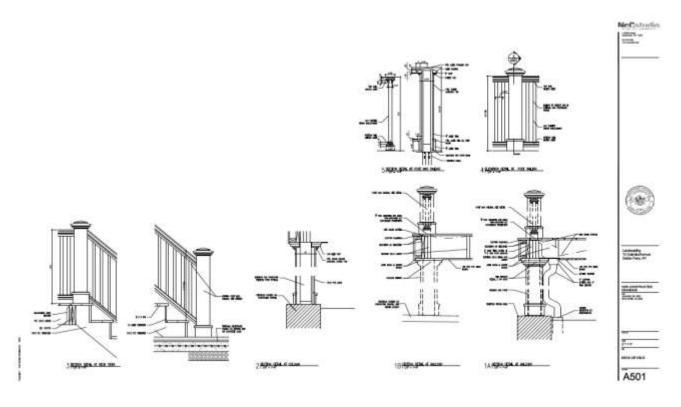






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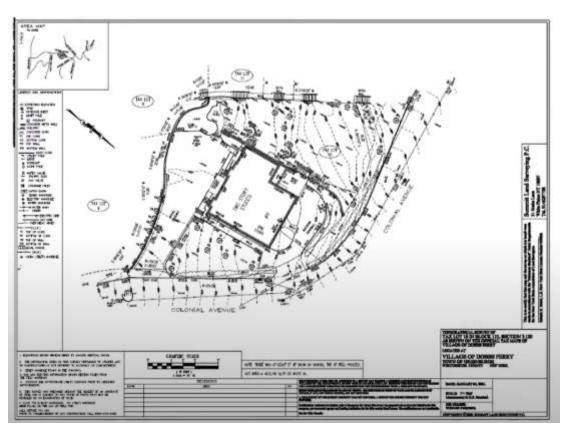






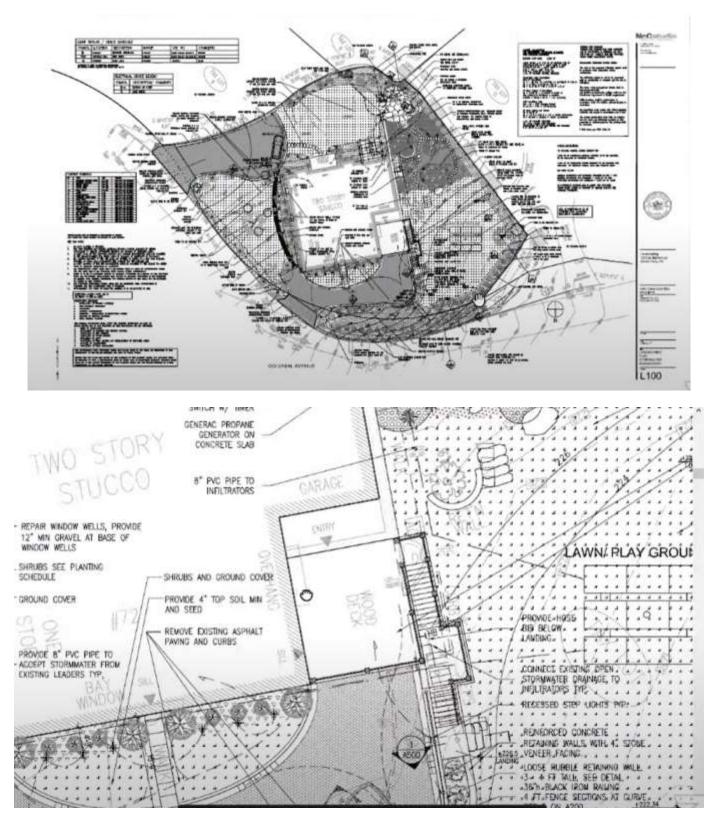
Mr. Niall Cain/Architect and Mr. Robert Dickey/Homeowner were present to represent the application.

Mr. Cain discussed the proposed application and displayed the following slides:

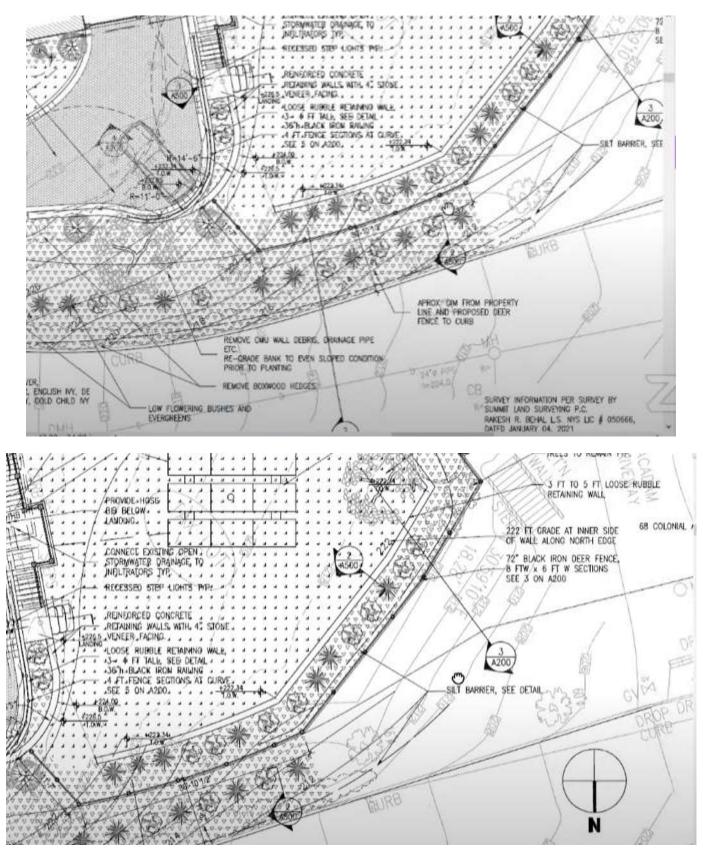


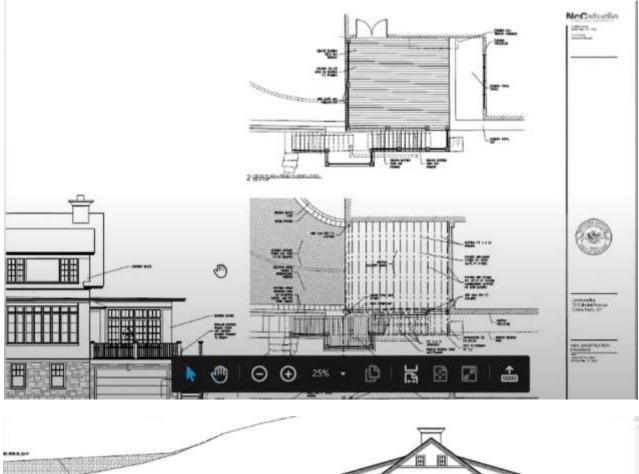
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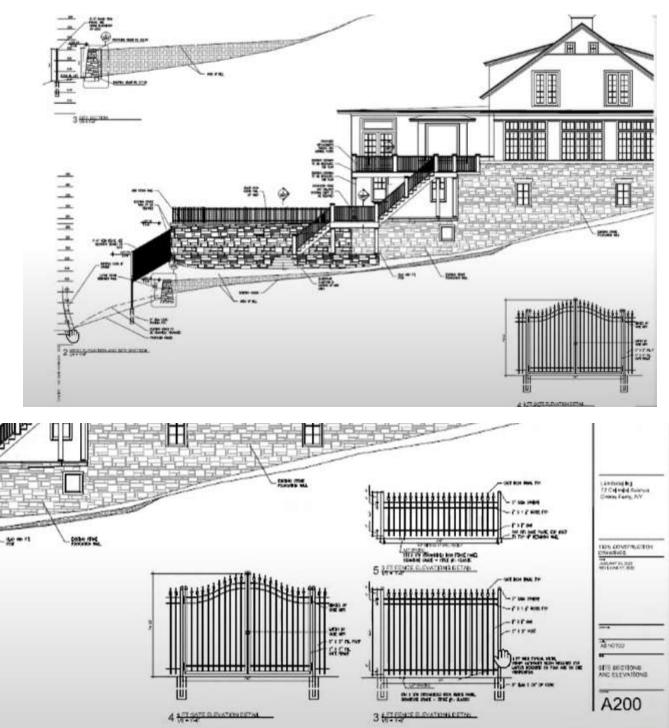


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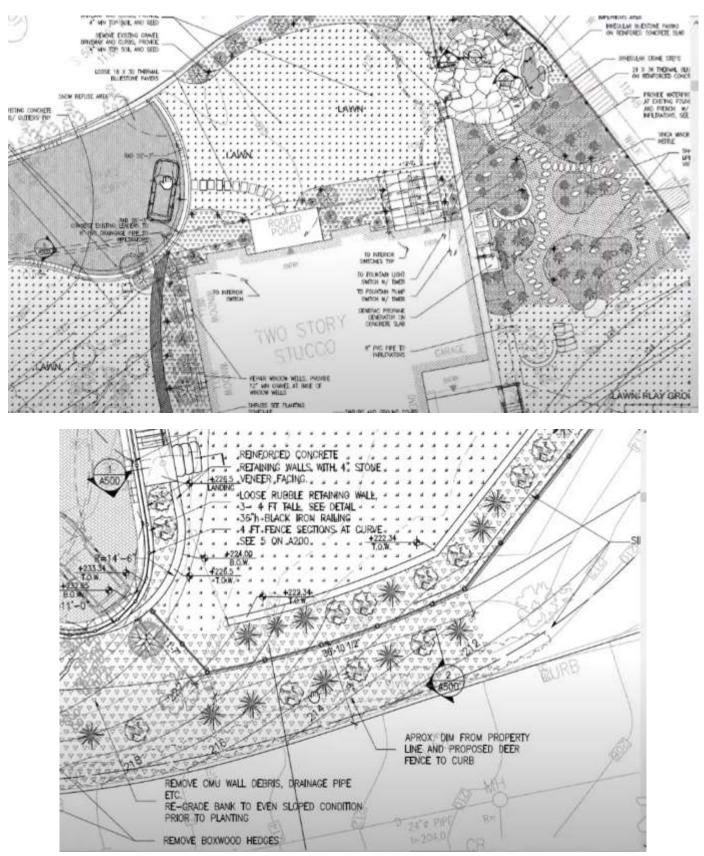
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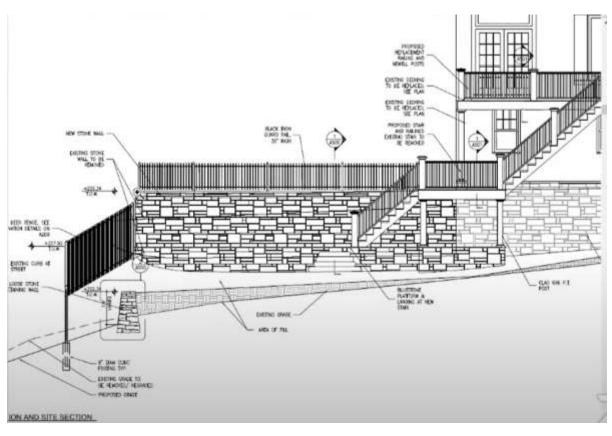


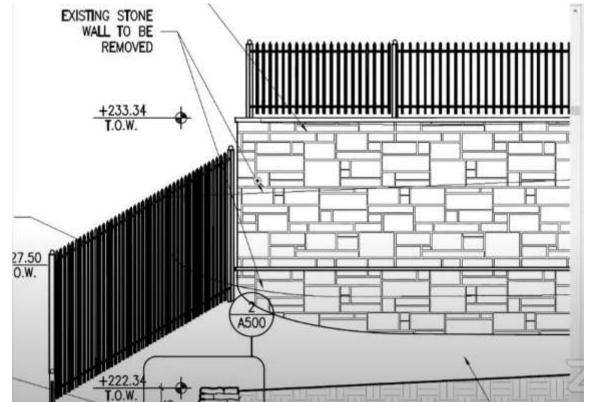
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A discussion was held and Mr. Cain and Mr. Dickey addressed questions from the board.

Motion by Mr. Gombos, seconded by Mr. Capasso to close the public hearing for the application of 72 Colonial Avenue for proposed plans of landscaping including driveway alteration, retaining wall and fence.

The Board discussed the proposed application and Mr. Cain addressed questions from the Board.

| CHAIRMAN HOFMANN | AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
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| BRUCE GOMBOS | 🖂 AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JEREMY GUTMAN | 🛛 AYE | □ NAY | | | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JON MAASS | AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| PAUL MONTE | 🗌 AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JOSEPH CAPASSO, 1 ST ALTERNATE | 🖂 AYE | | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| VOTE TOTALS | 3 AYE | 0 NAY | 0 ABSTAIN | 0 RECUSE | 3 ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| RESULT: | MOTION: PASSES | | | | |

The public hearing is closed.

Motion by Mr. Gombos, seconded by Acting Chairman Gutman to deny the applicant's request with this variance.

| CHAIRMAN HOFMANN | AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
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| BRUCE GOMBOS | 🛛 AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JEREMY GUTMAN | 🖂 AYE | □ NAY | | | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JON MAASS | 🗌 AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| PAUL MONTE | 🗌 AYE | □ NAY | | | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| JOSEPH CAPASSO, 1 ST ALTERNATE | 🖂 AYE | | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
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| RESULT: | MOTION: PASSES | | | | |

Our Planner is directed to prepare a written decision reflecting the deliberations and vote of the Zoning Board on this matter. The written decision will be signed by the Chair and filed with the Village Clerk with a copy attached to tonight's meeting minutes.

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Motion by Mr. Gombos, seconded by Mr. Capasso to close the meeting.

| CHAIRMAN HOFMANN | AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
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| BRUCE GOMBOS | 🛛 AYE | □ NAY | | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
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| RESULT: | MOTION: PASSES | | | | |

The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION 6-2022

RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL AND APPLICATION OF ROBERT DICKEY ("OWNER") OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 72 COLONIAL AVENUE, DOBBS FERRY, N.Y., ("PROPERTY") WHICH APPEAL IS FROM A DECISION OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY AFFECTING THE PREMISES DESIGNATED ON THE TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY AS SECTION 3.120, BLOCK 113, LOT 10 IN THE OF-5, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 5 ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this application involves property located at 72 Colonial Avenue, Village of Dobbs Ferry, County of Westchester and State of New York and designated as Section Block and Lot 3.120-113-10, in the OF-5, One-Family 5, Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the Owner sought relief from Chapter 300, Zoning and Land Use, of the Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York and requests a variance to construct a six (6) foot fence in the front yard; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA) and the implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") has considered all of the impacts of the action and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II because it consists of the construction and placement of a fence not changing land use or density (6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(12)); and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has reviewed the application materials including the following:

- 1. Zoning Board of Appeals application dated May 15, 2022;
- 2. Building Inspector denial letter dated June 27, 2022;
- 3. Survey prepared by Summit Land Surveying P.C. dated January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Owner is seeking a fence height of six (6) feet where the maximum front yard fence height is four (4) feet; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable provisions of law and after due notice and publication, a public hearing was held on July 13, 2022, at which time all those wishing to be heard were given the opportunity to be heard, and the public hearing was closed on July 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, members of the ZBA are familiar with the property and its location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Zoning Board of Appeals has investigated this application and has given its full consideration to the testimony presented at the hearing and hereby finds that based upon the findings, reasoning, and conditions set forth below the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the requested variance is denied:

 In accordance with Section 7-712-b of the New York State Village Law and Section 300-24 of the Zoning and Land Use chapter of the Village of Dobbs Ferry, the ZBA must determine whether the benefit to the Applicant, if the variance is granted, outweighs the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community. In rendering its determination and decision, the Zoning Board of Appeals finds the following:

A. Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or be detrimental to nearby properties.

The ZBA finds that the benefits to the applicant do not outweigh the possible detriment to the neighborhood. The property owner is seeking to install a six (6) foot fence in the front yard where the maximum front yard fence height is four (4) feet. The property owner stated that his interest in installing the higher fence was to deter deer from entering the yard as well as privacy for a play area. The Board found that the reasons identified by the property owner for the variance are not unique to this property because all properties in Dobbs Ferry are subject to deer entering their yard, and the Board also found that a four (4) foot fence would provide adequate privacy and a measure of deer deterrence and a six (6) foot fence was not needed. The Board also found that approving the variance would create an undesirable character in the neighborhood by creating a visual barrier in a front yard that is not intended in the zoning code.

B. Whether the benefit sought can be achieved by some method other than an area variance.

The property owner would be able to install a fence and obtain privacy and a measure of deer deterrence without the variance.

C. Whether the variance is substantial.

The ZBA finds that a six (6) foot fence facing the street would be a substantial variance.

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

The ZBA finds that the proposed fence would create an adverse effect on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood if the requested variance is granted because it would not contextually fit into the neighborhood and would have a forbidding appearance that is inconsistent with the character of the neighborhood and the district.

E. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created.

The ZBA finds the alleged difficulty is self-created because the owner acquired the property subject to the restriction from which he now seeks relief.

This order was duly made by the Zoning Board of Appeals on the 13th day of July 2022.

Motion by: Mr. Gombos Seconded by Acting Chairman Gutman

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| RESULT: | MOTION: PASSES | | | | |
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| BRUCE GOMBOS | AYE | | ABSTAIN | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
| CHAIRMAN HOFMANN | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | RECUSE | ABSENT/EXCUSED |

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I hereby attest that the application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its July 13, 2022, meeting, and that I have been authorized to sign this Resolution by decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jeremy Gutman, Acting Chairman

Date: July 13, 2022