



**City of Poughkeepsie
Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Agenda**

Common Council Chambers
Thursday, November 30, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS & DELIBERATIONS

1. 134 SMITH STREET - USE VARIANCES

Application for use variance relative to the non-conforming use as a convenience store. The use variance requested is in regards to Section 19-5.1(1)(d) that does not allow the re-establishment of or the change to another nonconforming use if such use has been discounted for any reason for a period of one year and Section 19-3.31(2) which does not allow a convenience store in the Research and Development District (R&D) zone. Owner/Applicant: Ihsan Nesheiwat; Consultant: Z3 Consultants; Zone: Research and Development District (R&D), Grid: # 6162-72-414248; File #ZBA2023-23

2. 196 WINNIKEE AVENUE - AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variances relative to the proposed conversion of the existing single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. The variance requested is of Section 19-3.15(4)(a), requiring 10,000 square feet of lot area, to allow 8,150 square feet. Owner: Henry Seay/Amal and Mohamad Salameh; Applicant: MI Design; Consultant: MI Design.; Grid #6162-80-481124; File #ZBA2023-029

3. 27 SOUTH CLINTON STREET – USE & AREA VARIANCE APPLICATIONS

Application for use variance relative to the proposed construction of a 6-unit multiple dwelling on the vacant lot at 27 South Clinton Street (formerly the site of a single family dwelling) in an R-2A zoning district which limits the number of dwelling units to two (2), requiring a variance of Section 19-3.13.1(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. Application for area variances of: Section 19-3.13.1(4)(a)(3) which requires 10,000 square feet of lot area to allow 8712 square feet; Section 19-3.13.1(4)(d)(2), which requires a 20 front yard to allow one 8 foot front yard and one 18 foot front yard; Section 19-3.13.1(4)(d)(2), which require a side yard of 10 feet, to allow the (south) side yard of 8 feet; Section 19-3.13.1(4)(d)(3), which requires a rear yard of 15 feet, to allow the (east) rear yard to be 4 feet (the remaining yard area is compromised with off-street parking); Section 19-4.3(5)(a) which requires a 15 foot access lane to parking, to allow a 12 foot access lane; Section 19-4.3(5)(b) which requires parking spaces to be a minimum of 20 feet deep to allow 18 foot deep spaces; Section 19-4.3(5)(11), which requires 12 parking spaces, to allow 11 parking spaces; and, Section 19-4.14(3)(a) which requires that all fences be a minimum of 10 feet from any wall containing a legal window, to allow a fence to be within 7 feet of a wall; Owner/Applicant: 27 South Clinton Street, LLC/Quincy William; Consultant: Ciro Interrante; Zoning District: R-2A; Grid #6161-22-237923; File #2023-035.

4. 149 NORTH HAMILTON STREET – AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variances relative to the construction of a driveway and off-street parking lot on the property at 149 North Hamilton Street. The variances requested are of Section 19-19-4.3(1), 19-4.3(2), 19-4.3(5)(a) and 19-4.3(5)(b) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires a 6 foot set-back for accessory uses, to allow at a set-back of 1.48 feet on the north and 4.91 feet on the south side. Owner/Applicant: Roy Campbell; Consultant: Paul Tirums, PE; Zoning District: R-3A; Grid #6162-63-275350; File #ZBA2023-037

5. 7 FOSTER STREET – AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variance relative to the proposed construction of an addition to the existing single family dwelling at 7 Foster Street. The variance requested is of Section 19-3.25(2)(8)(d) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires 10 foot front yard set-backs to allow a set-back of 3'1". Owner/Applicant: Jose and Carmen Juarez; Consultant: Ciro Interrante, Architect, P.C.; Zoning District: G-RM; Grid #6162-48-383507; File #ZBA2023-039

6. 40 CANNON STREET - AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variance(s) relative to the proposed installation of a

wall and projecting signs on the property at 40 Cannon Street. The variance(s) requested is of Section 19-4.9(7)(b)2, requiring that there shall be no more than one wall sign, one projecting sign, one vertical blade sign, or one marquee sign permitted for any one business, to allow a wall and projecting sign that each includes both businesses; Section 19-4.9(9)(f)2, requiring that projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet in area per face, to allow 10.9375 square feet; Section 19-4.9(9)(i)l, requiring that the bottom of a wall sign be a minimum of eight feet or a maximum of 12 feet above the sidewalk, to allow the bottom of the wall sign to be located 14'5.5" from the sidewalk; Section 19-4.9(9)(i)2, requiring that wall signs shall not exceed a maximum of 60 square feet, to allow a wall sign to be 70.42 square feet. Owner: Bottini Properties; Applicant RKE Beck Enterprises Inc.; Grid #6162-77-068023; Innovation District Urban Village (PID-UV); File #ZBA2023-041

7. 226 CHURCH STREET – AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variance relative to the proposed construction of a handicapped ramp on the east side of the building requiring a variance of Section 19-4.13(1) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires a six foot set-back to allow a five foot set-back. Owner/Applicant: Journal Plaza LLC/Page Park Associates; Consultant: Care Net Pregnancy Center of the Hudson Valley; Consultant: Whalen Architecture, PLLC; Zoning District: PID-CE; Grid #6161-22-139959; File #2023-043

8. 147 UNION STREET – AREA VARIANCE

Request for area variances relative to the proposed conversion of the office building at 147 Union Street to a mixed use building with 2 retail spaces and a total of 11 dwelling units, requiring variances of Sections 19-3.19(4)(b) and (c) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires 15,600 square feet of lot area to allow 13,112 square feet (a variance of 2488 square feet). Owner: Colonial Realty Holding LLC (Berry Kohn); Applicant: Chai Developers LLC (Berry Kohn); Consultant: Natalie Quinn, KARC Planning Consultants, Inc.; Zoning District: R-4A; Grid #6062-84-891084; File #ZBA2023-044

9. 49 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION

Request for Interpretation as to whether or not the City has applied the criteria of Section 19-3.3 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to district boundaries correctly to this project, which straddles the district boundaries between the C-2 and PID-CC districts, and the definitions of “service business” and “restaurant” and whether or not the terms may be used interchangeably for the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance. Owner/Applicant: Journal Plaza LLC/Page Park Associates; Consultant: KARC/Natalie Quinn; Zoning District: C-2/PID-CC; Grid #6162-69-065177; File #ZBA2023-046

IV. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 7 GRANT STREET - AREA VARIANCES

Application for area variance relative to the conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Lot deficiencies were noted regarding; Section 19-3.15(4)(a) requiring a 10,000 square foot lot area, to allow for 4,791 square feet, (a variance of 5209 square feet); Section 19-4.3(11) requiring 4 parking spaces, to allow for two compliant parking spaces, (a variance of two spaces). Owner: BRRR Homes Corp; Applicant: Wayne Thompson; Grid: # 6162-79-327052; Zoning District: R-4 Medium High-Density Residential; File # ZBA 2023-021

2. 20 CORLIES AVENUE - AREA VARIANCE

Application for area variance relative to converting a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Lot deficiencies were noted regarding; Section 19-3.15(4)(a) the minimum lot area is 10,000 square feet, to allow for 6838 square feet (a variance of 3162 square feet); Section 19-3.15(4)(e) the minimum side yard is 6 feet, to allow for a 5 foot side yard 9 a variance of 1 foot). Owner/Applicant: Javier Ortega; Consultant: Wayne Thompson, Esq.; Grid: # 6161-25-524928; Zoning District: Medium High-Density (R-4); File #2023-016