



# Village of Saranac Lake

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## VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE DEVELOPMENT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES 8/31/2021

### ATTENDANCE

Development Board Members:

Donna Difara, Chairperson, Present

Bill Domenico, Present

Elias Pelletieri, Present

Adam Harris, Present

Rick Weber, Present

Bob Bevilacqua, Alternate, Present

Paul Blaine, Development Code Administrator, Present

Paul Van Cott, Village Attorney, Present

### CONVENE

Donna Difara opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1) Saranac Waterfront Lodge – Site Plan Amendment

The Development Board discussed proposed amendments to the approved site plan to include dumpster screening, signage, observation deck, kayak/paddleboard racks, pathways, and bike/boat rentals. The Board also discussed status of the LEED certification required for the project. Engineer Joe Garso stated that he will obtain the status and submit to the Administrator. The Board indicated that they were in favor of the changes to the site plan and will provide a decision at the regular September meeting.

#### 2) Development Code Amendments

The Development Board discussed proposed amendments to the Code. Paul VanCott provided a presentation that outlined a revised definition for Material Change, shorter public notification period and deadline for submission of applications. The Board was in agreement that the current code was burdensome and indicated approval of an amendment that would allow the Administrator the ability to approve projects that would not impact adjacent properties or the Village with regard to Site Plan Review criteria.

The Board discussed shortening public notification of projects from the current 14 days to 5 days and providing a 15 day deadline for submission of applications. The Board was in agreement that the shorter notification period will expedite projects but did indicate concern for the Administrator being able to review projects with the shortened submission deadline.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was officially adjourned at 7:50pm

Meeting minutes prepared by Paul Blaine, Development Code Administrator