

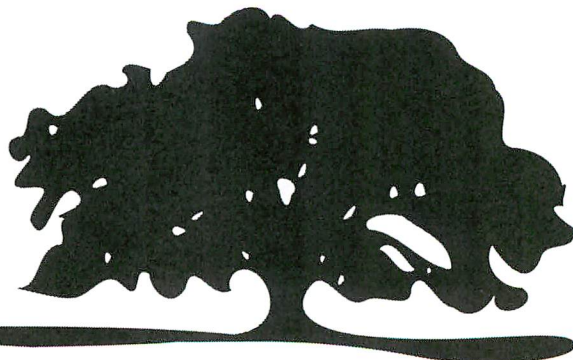
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RE: 82 Bridge Street CAC Review

January 15, 2019

Dear Planning Board Chair,

The CAC was provided materials for review of the proposed project at 82 Bridge Street. The CAC conducted a site visit to the property and reviewed the submitted materials and has the following comments to offer from our CAC meeting of January 3, 2019.

The CAC is concerned about the extensive blacktopping that has turned the public sidewalk and tree lawn into a parking area. This sidewalk should be provided for pedestrian traffic along the city right of way. A tree lawn would reduce the amount of storm water runoff from the property. The extensive pavement on the property contributes to runoff that will be directed toward the Quassaick Creek. The roof downspouts should be directed into a permeable surface area to reduce the amount of storm runoff. Oil and trash storage should be well defined and limited, again, to prevent pollution of the Quassaick Creek. Discharges of toxics and other pollution into the creek are prohibited and this could happen as a result of the extensive runoff potential. Consideration should be given to restoration of the sidewalk and tree lawn and runoff swales to limit runoff.

The applicant needs to refer to the Coastal Management Plan that is available on the CAC page of the City of Newburgh's website.

The Federal Coastal Consistency Assessment Form 1.i) there is potential of a discharge of settled hydrocarbons into a coastal water, the Quassaick Creek. 1. j) it appears there is the possibility of the draining of storm water runoff into coastal waters so that answer is probably also incorrect. 1.k) if vehicle repairs are taking place there is potential of hazardous materials being discharged.

2.i) The Bridge is potentially a historic resource that should be evaluated.

Further, 4. "will the proposed activity occur within or affect.... local waterfront revitalization program?" The answer is clearly yes and the applicant, planners and board should be well aware of this. The applicant clearly did not consult the appropriate document.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Thomas', with the initials 'ob' written below it.

Chuck Thomas, Chair, CAC

Cc: Planning Board
City Planner
Applicant