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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,

The Village Board of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Village Board Room. The purpose of the hearing will be to gather public input on an amendment to the Development Code for Emergency Service Facilities. The proposed amendment can be found on the Village Website, saranaclakeny.gov under Documents and Forms > Public Notices.

Please contact the Village Clerk with questions, clerk@saranaclakeny.gov or 518-891-4150 ext. 202.



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Community Development Department

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Memo

To: Town Clerk
From: Village of Saranac Lake Clerk
Date: February 14, 2023
Re: Development Code Amendment for Public Safety Facilities

Introduction

The Village of Saranac Lake is in the process of purchasing a portion of a property at 33 Petrova Avenue (Tax Map ID# 457.27-1-27) owned by Advocate Hostels. The Village intends to use the property for emergency services, including police, fire and rescue squad. A zoning amendment is needed for the project to proceed. A recommendation from the Development Board is required before the Village Board votes on any amendments to the Development Code.

The Development Board met on February 7, 2023. During the meeting the board members reviewed the current zoning for relevant uses, including Ambulance Service, Fire Department and Government Office. The Development Code does not include a definition for Police Station or Public Safety Facilities. The current zoning is summarized below. The board members also reviewed planning strategies identified in the Comprehensive Plan for zoning district J2 (summarized below), which is where 33 Petrova is located.

Proposed Amendments

The Development recommends the following amendments to the Development Code.

Add the following definitions to Section 106-6, Definitions:

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES - A government facility for public safety and emergency services, including a facility that provides police or fire protection and related administrative facilities.

EMERGENCY SERVICE -The conduct of publicly and privately owned safety and emergency services, such as, but not limited to, fire stations, police stations, and emergency medical and ambulance service.

POLICE STATION (See also *public safety facilities*) Protection centers operated by a governmental agency, including administrative offices, storage of equipment, temporary detention facilities, and the open or enclosed parking of patrol vehicles; excluding, however, correctional institutions.

Additions to Schedule #1 – Allowed Uses:

- Add Public Safety Facilities to Schedule 1 in districts E1, E2, E3, B4, G, and J2 subject to issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- Add Police Station to Schedule 1 in districts E1, E2, E3, B4, G and J2 subject to issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- Allow Ambulance Service and Fire Department in B4 subject to issuance of a Special Use Permit.