



**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
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**APPLICATION TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Date February 21, 2020

I, We Bethany Arts Community / David Lyons Of 40 Somerstown Road  
(Name of Applicant) (Street)

Ossining N.Y. 10562 914-815-0512 : HEREBY  
(Municipality) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone No.)

( ) APPEAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FROM THE DECISION OF  
THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH REQUEST

( ) an Interpretation of the Zoning Code or Zoning Map of the Town of Ossining

( ) a Variance from the terms of the Zoning Code of the Town of Ossining, or

( ) a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

☒ APPLY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT.

1. **LOCATION OF PROPERTY:** 40 Somerstown Road, Ossining, N.Y. 10562  
(Street and Number)

SECTION 90.10 BLOCK 3 LOT 27 ZONE R-40

A) Is the Property located within a distance of 500 feet of the boundary of any village, town or county, or any boundary of a State park or parkway?

If yes, specify. The Property is approx. 285 Ft. from Village  
of Ossining Boundry

Yes X No       

B) Does the Property abut the boundary of any village or town, the boundary of any State or County park or other recreation area, the right-of-way of any stream or drainage channel owned by the county or for which the county has established channel lines, or the boundary of any county or State owned land on which a public building or institution is located? If yes, specify.

Yes        No X

C) If a Special Permit is being applied for, is the property shown on the Hudson River Valley Commission Jurisdiction Map?

Yes        No X

2. **PROVISION (S) OF THE ZONING CODE INVOLVED:**

Section 200-7 subsection B paragraph 2

Section 200-45 subsection C paragraph \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ subsection \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph \_\_\_\_\_


3. **DESCRIPTION OF RELIEF REQUESTED** (Set forth the circumstances of the case, interpretation that is claimed and details of any variance applied for. Use extra sheet if necessary.)

This application is filed for the purpose of obtaining an new Special Permit allowing for the staging of outdoor Art Exhibits & on the Grounds of Bethany Arts Community.

4. **REASON FOR APPEAL** (State precisely grounds on which it is claimed that relief should be granted. Use extra sheet if necessary.)

A Special Permit is sought to allow for the staging of special Art Exhibits & Shows during the period of time between early-to-mid Spring and late Fall. Please see attached brief narrative provided by Bethany Arts Community.

5. Enclose 10 copies of an accurate and intelligible plan of the Property drawn to a suitable scale and a nonrefundable fee of **\$250.00**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent)

## PROPOSED USE OF BETHANY GROUNDS

We, BAC, are requesting a modification to the existing permit use for our property at 40 Somerstown Rd. that will enable BAC to enhance its mission of making the art experience accessible and inclusive of the community as a whole.

Additional uses would include, Summer camps designed with creativity its main focus. Working with Theater O we would like to offer a unique experience not only for local children but include 10 scholarships for children for, River Fund, an organization on the front lines of poverty in Queens, getting kids out of the city. An outdoor children's theatre camp would be offered.

Using the walking trail for art exhibits would allow the community, individuals, schools, etc. to experience art close up, not 25 feet away behind a velvet rope. Collaborating with Eco friendly organizations to create awareness of our environment. BAC was contacted to become part of a trail system leading from Ryder Park through Bethany to the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trail and Teatown Reservation.

Another enhanced use but not limited to would be to expand the offerings of Artoberfest. A day of different interactive artistic experiences for all ages that by all accounts not only brought a new people to Ossining, was enjoyed by the local community.

To compliment the orchard and Beehives we would like to use various parts of the property for gardens. From a community garden directly involving our neighbors to a Seed To Belly Program which could include local food pantries and the school system.

Cultivating the use of the property will only benefit the local community, moms taking their kids for a walk on the trail experiencing art within nature, the community at large, River Fund kids, the young and old, family friendly Artoberfest, the schools, outdoor afterschool programs, and beyond.

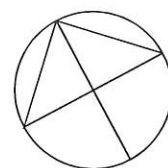
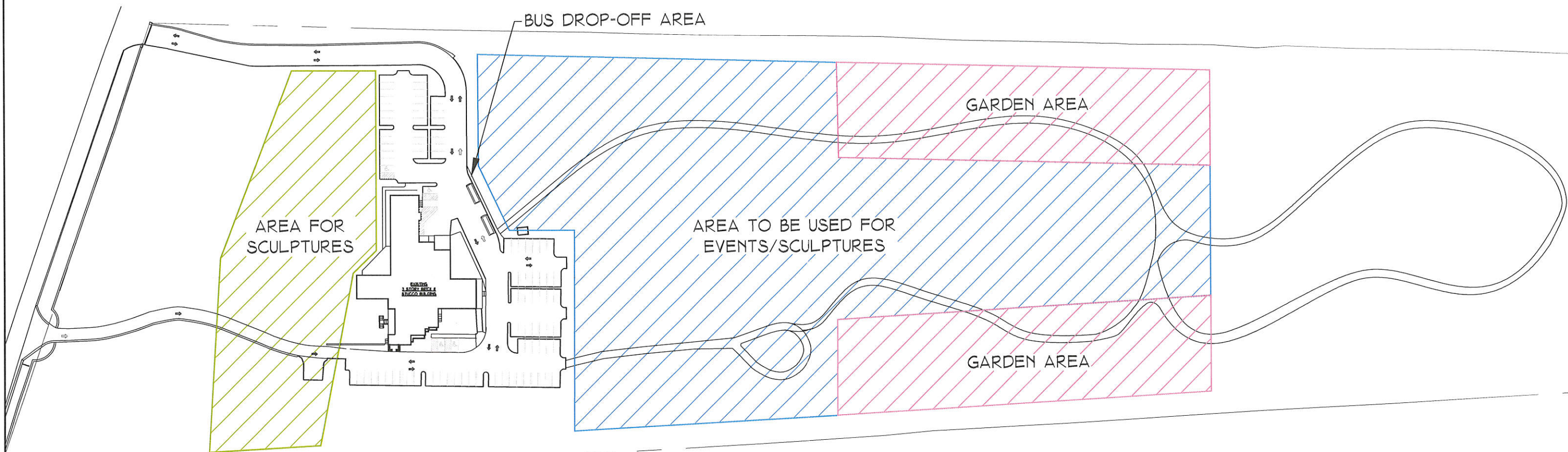
All and any of events that would occur outside will happen only during daylight hours in keeping the immediate neighbors in mind. Bethany will continue to implement a "when in doubt reach out" mentality and work closely with Mr. Hamilton or designated Building Dept. representative with any questions about the use.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

David Lyons

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# SITE PLAN

PROPOSED PARTIAL SITE PLAN

N.T.S.

NOTE: SCULPTURES & GARDEN TO BE USED YEAR-ROUND



PROPOSED SEASONAL EVENTS.  
TIME: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM



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DATE

MARCH 3, 2020

SHEET TITLE  
SITE PLAN

JOB TITLE

14 NORTH BROADWAY  
TARRYTOWN, NY 10591

SCALE

AS SHOWN

REVISED

JOB NO.

16004

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