

City of Beacon
CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ of 2018

RESOLUTION

**GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR
EDGEWATER (22 EDGEWATER PLACE)**

WHEREAS, Scenic Beacon Developments, LLC (the “Applicant”) submitted an application for a Special Use Permit to construct multifamily housing on property located and collectively known as 22 Edgewater Place, located in the RD-1.7 Zoning District. Said premise being known and designated on the City Tax Map as Parcel IDs **5954-25-581985, 5955-19-590022, 5954-25-566983 and 5954-25-574979;** and

WHEREAS, the City Council is the approval authority for the Special Use Permit pursuant to City of Beacon Zoning Code §223-18; and

WHEREAS, the Special Use Permit application was submitted by the Applicant in conjunction with its application for Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat approvals (lot merger) and Site Plan approval for the construction of seven (7) apartment buildings originally containing a total of 307 units (413 bedrooms) following the demolition of two existing structures and the merger of four lots into a single 12-acre parcel, along with associated infrastructure including but not limited to landscaping, stormwater management facilities, lighting, off-street parking areas, and retaining walls; and (the “Project” or “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Subdivision is shown on the drawing, entitled, “Lot Consolidation Map Prepared for Weber Projects LLC,” dated March 6, 2017, prepared by TEC Land Surveying; and

WHEREAS, the Site Plan is shown on the drawings entitled, “Site Plan Edgewater,” Sheets 1-15, dated January 31, 2017, last revised June 26, 2018, prepared by Aryeh Siegal, Architect; and

WHEREAS, the original Proposed Action was a Type I action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, as Lead Agency, opened a public hearing to consider comments regarding any environmental impacts of the Proposed Action on May 9, 2017 and continued the hearing to July 11, 2017, August 8, 2017, September 12, 2017, October 12, 2017, November 14, 2017 and December 12, 2017, at which time the (SEQRA) public hearing was closed; and

WHEREAS, after taking a “hard look” at each of the relevant areas of environmental concern through review of the Environmental Assessment Form and all associated materials prepared in connection with the Proposed Action, the Planning Board adopted a Negative Declaration on December 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determined that the Proposed Project is entirely consistent with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (“LWRP”) policies which apply to the Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2018, the Zoning Board of Appeals opened and closed a public hearing on the Applicant’s variance application to (1) allow three proposed buildings to have 5 stories where the maximum building height is 4.5 stories pursuant to City Code § 223-17.C/223 Attachment 1:6; (2) allow four proposed buildings to exceed 36 units where the maximum number of dwelling units per building is 36 units pursuant to the City Code § 223-17.C/223 Attachment 1:6; and (3) allow less than 30 feet between buildings where the minimum distance between buildings on the same lot is 30 feet pursuant to City Code § 223-17.C/223 Attachment 1:6; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2018, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted the Applicant’s variance requests, with conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, the City Council adopted Law No. 9-2018 which amended the calculation of lot area per dwelling unit in the R1, RD and Fishkill Creek Development Districts;

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 9-2018 provides that for all development proposals involving a total lot area of more than three acres within the R1, RD and Fishkill Creek Development Districts, the lot area per dwelling unit calculation shall first deduct any lot area covered by surface water, within a federal regulatory floodway, within a state or federally regulated wetland, or with existing, pre-development very steep slopes of 25 percent or more; and

WHEREAS, application of Local Law No. 9-2018 resulted in a total area of 110,533 square feet being deducted prior to determining the net buildable area for the Project.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018 the Beacon Planning Board received a revised set of plans for the Project which included revisions to the Site Plan, in part to comply with Local Law No. 9-2018; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the Project include but are not limited to a reduction in the total number of proposed dwelling units from 307 units (413 bedrooms) to 246 units (350 bedrooms) which is a reduction of 61 units or approximately 20%, a reduction in the number of parking spaces by approximately 15%, reduction in water usage by 15%, a reduction in school age children by 13%, a reduction in the amount of impervious surface coverage, while increasing the area to remain as green space and not developed and providing approximately 140 feet of additional walkways on the west side of the Property

facing the Hudson River, beyond what was originally proposed (“Amended Project” or “Amended Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide twenty five (25) Below Market Rate Housing as per the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Project is no longer a Type I action because it was amended to include 246 total dwelling units which falls below the threshold for Type I actions; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Project is therefore an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, based upon a review of the Updated Parts 1 and 2 of the Full EAF and all other application materials that were submitted in support of the Proposed Action and the Amended Proposed Action, along with reports from City staff and consultants, information from involved and interested agencies, and information from the public, the Planning Board adopted an Amended Negative Declaration on July 10, 2018 and determined that the Amended Proposed Action will not have any significant adverse impacts upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018 the Planning Board also determined that the Amended Project is entirely consistent with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (“LWRP”) policies which apply to the Amended Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2018, the City Council opened a public hearing on the Special Use Permit application in connection with the Amended Project, at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard and the public hearing was closed on July 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the application for a Special Use Permit against the standards for a Special Use Permit set forth in the City of Beacon Zoning Code Sections 223-18 and finds the proposal complies with this section of the Zoning Law, as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby finds pursuant to Sections 223-18 of the City Zoning Code:

1. The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations involved in or conducted in connection with it, the size of the site in relation to it and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to it are such that it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located.

2. The project is within walking distance of the Beacon Train Station and will provide economic benefits of pedestrian traffic to Main Street, while not significantly increasing vehicular impacts on City streets.
3. The Project includes a balanced mix of housing types and sizes, including 25 below-market-rate units in accordance with the City's Affordable Workforce Housing Law.
4. The location, nature and height of buildings, walls and fences and the nature and extent of the landscaping on the site are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development use of adjacent land and buildings.
5. Operations in connection with any special use will not be more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration or other characteristic than would be the operations of any permitted use, not requiring a special permit.
6. The proposed Amended Project is compatible with other multifamily developments in the surrounding neighborhood, which include the existing Tompkins Terrace and Colonial Springs residential developments.
7. Parking areas will be of adequate size for the particular use and property located and suitably screened from the adjoining residential uses, and the entrance and exit drives shall be laid out so as to achieve maximum safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council grants a Special Use Permit to Scenic Beacon Developments, LLC to construct 246 units of multifamily housing on property located and collectively known as 22 Edgewater Place, located in the RD-1.7 Zoning District, and designated on the City Tax Map as Parcel IDs 5954-25-581985, 5955-19-590022, 5954-25-566983 and 5954-25-574979, upon the following conditions:

1. Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the Applicant shall obtain Subdivision and Site Plan approval from the City of Beacon Planning Board.
2. No permits shall be issued until the Applicant has paid to the City all applicable fees and professional review fees incurred in connection with review of this Application.
3. Any increase to the total number of units above 246 or bedrooms above 350 on the Property shall require an application to the City Council and the Planning Board to amend the Special Permit and Site Plan, respectively.
4. The Applicant has agreed that the trail depicted on the western side of the property which connects to Tompkins Terrace to the North and is generally adjacent to the Bluff as depicted on the Amended Site Plan and the sidewalks south of Building 5 and along the Branch Street entry that connect to Bank Street (the "Connection Trail") are open to the public, dawn to dusk, weather dependent, and that such trail may be connected, at the City's sole cost and expense, in the future to the City's proposed Greenway Trail to the west along the Metro North property (the "Greenway Trail"). Regulations regarding public

use of the Connection Trail will be determined during Site Plan review. The specific location of the connection between the Greenway Trail and the Connection Trail cannot presently be identified by the City. Therefore, the Amended Site Plan shall be designed to accommodate a pedestrian connection to the Metro-North northern parking lot immediately to the west or any proposed development on such property (City Tax Map as Parcel IDs 5954-25-549980 and 5954-33-549777), and thereby also more directly connect to Train Station and any future northern extension of the Hudson River Greenway Trail through the Metro-North parking area. The Subdivision shall contain language satisfactory to the City Attorney offering for dedication to the City an easement, without a legal description, to locate, construct and maintain said Greenway Trail connection.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be attached to the Certificate of Occupancy.
6. As used herein, the term “Applicant” shall include its heirs, successors and assigns.
7. In accordance with Section 223-18.F(1)(b)(2) of the Zoning Law, this Special Permit approval authorizes only the particular use specified in the permit and shall expire if:
 - a. A bona fide application for a Building Permit is not filed within one (1) year of the issuances of this Special Permit approval; or
 - b. If all required improvements are not made within two (2) years from the date of issuance of the Building Permit; or
 - c. If said use ceases for more than six (6) months for any reason.
8. In accordance with Section 223-18.F(2) of the Zoning Law, the City Council may grant one (1) or more extensions of up to six (6) months each, to (a) complete the conditions of approval for the special permit use, upon a finding that the applicant is working toward completion of such conditions with due diligence and has offered a reasonable explanation of its inability to complete such improvements and file a bona fide application for a building permit, and (b) to complete construction of the improvements, upon a finding that the Applicant is prosecuting construction with due diligence and has offered a reasonable explanation of its inability to complete the Project. The City Council may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate upon the grant of any extension. The granting of an extension of time shall not require a public hearing.
9. The Building Inspector may revoke this Special Permit approval where it is found that the use of the premises does not conform with the limitations and conditions contained in the Special Permit approval.
10. If any of the conditions enumerated in this resolution upon which this approval is granted are found to be invalid or unenforceable, then the integrity of this resolution and the remaining conditions shall remain valid and intact.

11. The approvals granted by this resolution do not supersede the authority of any other entity.

Dated: August 6, 2018