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Mr. James Underwood, Chairman
Town of Queensbury Zoning Board of Appeals
742 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12845

Re: Mastoloni – 18 Neighbor Way (226.15-1-29)
Area Variance 31-2009

Dear Mr. Underwood:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission for the above referenced variance application. In general, the Waterkeeper supports the variance request and the attempt of landowners incorporating stormwater management into existing development to reduce impacts to Lake George. The land owner should also be recognized for the buffer proposed in the area of the boat house. We would like to submit the following to the Board for consideration:

1. The Waterkeeper would suggest the use of another rain garden in lieu of the proposed eave trench. Rain gardens would provide improved stormwater treatment. The eave trenches concentrate runoff near the foundation and can require more maintenance for removal of collected leaves which can prevent runoff from entering the trench.
2. The applicant should detail the extent of clearing and vegetative removal proposed along the shoreline.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and I look forward to working with the Town of Queensbury Zoning Board of Appeals in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

Christopher Navitsky, PE
Lake George Waterkeeper

cc: Brian Grisi – Adirondack Park Agency
Michael White – Lake George Park Commission



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