1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 LANDS OF SMITH (2006-51) (2007-36) 6 Old Post Road & Rathmore Road 7 Section 8; Block 1; Lot 7 AR Zone 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X 9 PUBLIC HEARING 10 TWO-LOT SUBDIVISION & SITE PLAN Date: October 18, 2007 11 Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 12 Town Hall 13 1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman 15 BOARD MEMBERS: FRANK S. GALLI CLIFFORD C. BROWNE 16 KENNETH MENNERICH 17 EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI 18 19 ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. 20 PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT KENNETH WERSTED 21 APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: KENNETH LYTLE 22 23 - - - - - - - - - - - - X MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We're going to
3	start the Planning Board meeting of the 18th
4	of October. At this time we'll call the
5	meeting to order with a roll call vote
6	starting with Frank Galli.
7	MR. GALLI: Present.
8	MR. BROWNE: Present.
9	MR. MENNERICH: Present.
10	MR. O'DONNELL: Present.
11	MR. PROFACI: Here.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself present.
13	The Planning Board has experts that
14	provide input and advice to the Planning
15	Board in reaching various SEQRA
16	determinations. At this time they'll
17	introduce themselves and discuss the service
18	that they provide the Planning Board and the
19	Town.
20	MR. DONNELLY: Michael Donnelly,
21	Planning Board Attorney.
22	MR. HINES: Pat Hines with McGoey,
23	Hauser & Edsall, Consulting Engineers.
24	MS. ARENT: Karen Arent, Landscape
25	Architectural Consultant.

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2	MR. WERSTED: Ken Wersted, Creighton,
3	Manning Engineering, Traffic Consultant.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: At this time I
5	would like to turn the meeting over to Frank
6	Galli.
7	MR. GALLI: Everybody stand.
8	(Pledge of Allegiance.)
9	MR. GALLI: Turn off all cell phones
10	and any devices similar to that please so as not
11	to disrupt the meeting.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The first two items
13	on the agenda this evening are public hearings.
14	The first one we have is the lands of Smith.
15	It's a public hearing for a two-lot subdivision
16	and a site plan. It's located on Old Post Road
17	in an AR Zone. It's being represented by Ken
18	Lytle.
19	At this time Ken Mennerich will read
20	the notice of hearing.
21	MR. MENNERICH: "Notice of hearing,
22	Town of Newburgh Planning Board. Please take
23	notice that the Planning Board of the Town of
24	Newburgh, Orange County, New York will hold a
25	public hearing pursuant to Section 276 of the

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2	Town Law and to the Municipal Code of the Town of
3	Newburgh, Chapter 185-57 Section K, on the
4	application of lands of Smith for a two-lot
5	subdivision and site plan on premises Old Post
6	Road and Rathmore Road in the Town of Newburgh,
7	designated on Town tax map as Section 8; Block 1;
8	Lot 107. Said hearing will be held on the 18th
9	day of October at the Town Hall Meeting Room,
10	1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York at 7:00 p.m.
11	at which time all interested persons will be
12	given an opportunity to be heard. By order of
13	the Town of Newburgh Planning Board. John P.
14	Ewasutyn, Chairman, Planning Board Town of
15	Newburgh. Dated September 12, 2007."
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
17	Dina Haines, Planning Board Secretary.
18	MS. HAINES: The notice of hearing was
19	published in The Sentinel on October 12, 2007 and
20	in The Mid-Hudson Times on October 10, 2007. The
21	applicant's representative sent out eleven
22	registered letters, eleven were returned. The
23	publications and mailings are all in order.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you. Before
25	we begin the public hearing I'd like to turn to

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2	Mike Donnelly, our Planning Board Attorney, to
3	explain to the public the purpose and meaning of
4	a public hearing and where we are in the SEQRA
5	process.
6	MR. DONNELLY: As you've been told
7	there are two matters on the agenda this evening
8	for public hearings, and both of them involve
9	subdivisions. The first also is a site plan. A
10	subdivision is a layout of a piece of land in
11	which additional lots are sought. The site plan
12	is a proposal to do something more specific with
13	that land.
14	The site plan in the case of the first
15	application is for construction of a two-family
16	home. The purpose of the public hearing is for
17	you, the members of the public, to bring to the
18	Planning Board's attention matters and issues
19	that the Planning Board may not yet be aware of.
20	Both of these applications have been
21	before the Board for some time. There has been
22	review by the various consultants for the Board,
23	reports, recommendations, and in both cases
24	changes to the plans based upon those concerns.
25	Before the Planning Board acts upon these it

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2	wants to give the public an opportunity to speak
3	and to bring other aspects or issues to the
4	attention of the Board.
5	When the public hearings begin, in each
6	case the applicant will make a presentation
7	describing what is proposed. Following that the
8	Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to address the
9	Board. If you do wish to address the Board we
10	ask you to raise your hand and when recognized
11	please come forward. If you would state your
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13	name, spelling it for our Stenographer so we can
	get it down correctly, and tell us where you live
14	in relation to the project, it would help us
15	understand the perspective you bring to bear.
16	You should address your comments to the Board,
17	and if you have any questions of the Board, if
18	it's appropriate the Chairman will direct those
19	questions to either the applicant's
20	representative or to one of the members of the
21	consultant team that works for the Town.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you, Mike.
23	Ken Lytle.
24	MR. LYTLE: Good evening. What we're
25	proposing tonight is to subdivide a

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2	subdivision of an existing parcel of property
3	located between Rathmore Road and Old Post Road.
4	We're proposing to divide it into two lots, one
5	is a single-family residence fronting with access
6	on Rathmore Road, the second is a two-family
7	residence with a detached garage that would
8	actually have frontage and road access off of Old
9	Post Road.
10	Septic systems have been designed
11	according to standards.
12	Individual wells are proposed.
13	We've addressed all the concerns of the
14	consultants and the Planning Board.
15	If the Board has any additional
16	questions.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: At this time I
18	would like to turn the meeting over to the public
19	for their comments. If you would give your name
20	and your address.
21	MR. McLAUGHLIN: James K. McLaughlin.
22	I live right next to that yup, right there.
23	You know, two-family
24	MR. LYTLE: Down the back of the hill,
25	yes. That's actually a garage.

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2	MR. McLAUGHLIN: That's a garage?
3	MR. LYTLE: A garage also.
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Two family. So there
5	would be two families I mean I was the first
6	one to buy a lot in that division and there was
7	only four lots. One lot has already been
8	divided. Now we're basically going to have seven
9	families instead of four, which is what I
10	originally bought into.
11	MR. LYTLE: Again, the two families in
12	this
13	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Which is my backyard.
14	MR. LYTLE: Again, this is way over the
15	hill from you. This is a single-family residence
16	which is actually on top of the hill by you. All
17	the trees will remain in between you for
18	separation. The light green areas are the areas
19	which we propose to clear. We'll keep the buffer
20	for the neighbors for that reason.
21	MS. RIFKIN: Cindy Rifkin, 7 Rathmore
22	Road.
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: That was too fast.
24	Even I couldn't get that. If you'd give your
25	name and address one more time.

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2	MS. RIFKIN: Cindy Rifkin, 7 Rathmore
3	Road.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
5	MS. RIFKIN: I'm to the left. So the
6	proposed green areas are trees; correct?
7	MR. LYTLE: The dark green areas are
8	the trees.
9	MS. RIFKIN: There won't be any
10	clearing beyond that?
11	MR. LYTLE: Actually it outlines the
12	septic areas, the house and the driveway.
13	MS. RIFKIN: Where is the proposed
14	wells and septics?
15	MR. LYTLE: The proposed well is right
16	here for this lot. The septic is over here by
17	Mr. McLaughlin. The septic for this lot is right
18	along the road. The well for this is in the
19	back. Everything on the second lot is over the
20	hill from you.
21	MS. RIFKIN: Right.
22	MR. RIFKIN: Tim Rifkin, 7 Rathmore
23	Road. What kind of footage are we talking about
24	between where the dark green area is to the
25	property line where

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MR. LYTLE: The narrowest spot we've
shown here is approximately 25 feet plus whatever
remaining woods you have next to your property
line. Again, it's the widest point here. You're
probably 80 feet or better. These are down over
the hill from you.
MR. RIFKIN: Approximately how many
feet from the road is that first house?
MR. LYTLE: 180 feet, approximately,
from the road.
MR. McLAUGHLIN: I'm sorry.
Approximately how far is his septic field from
mine? He's higher. He's going to be a little
more elevated than me. I don't want all his
stuff draining in my yard.
MR. LYTLE: The design standard, the
100/200 foot separation, has already been met.
We've actually located your septic on there and
actually made sure we meet those separations for
that reason.
MS. RIFKIN: That's the proposed
residence for
MR. LYTLE: This is for the single
family. This is for the two-family. Again,

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2	that's a garage he would like to have.
3	MR. RIFKIN: The acreage of the lots?
4	MR. LYTLE: This one when it's done
5	will be about an acre-and-a-half and this other
6	one will be just shy of two-and-a-half acres.
7	MR. McLAUGHLIN: I thought zoning laws
8	in Orange County had to be two acres for well
9	and
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: James, what happens
11	is there's a Stenographer keeping records
12	MR. McLAUGHLIN: I'm sorry.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: so please.
14	Thank you.
15	James, go ahead. You thought there
16	were zoning laws.
17	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes. I thought the
18	zoning law in Orange County was you had to have
19	two acres to have well and septic on a particular
20	piece of property.
20	MR. LYTLE: It all depends on which
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	zone you're in. In this zone we're able to get
23	down to as small as one acre. For the two-family
24	we need to have two acres.
25	MR. McLAUGHLIN: So the lot that I live

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2	on, I mean technically in the future I live on
3	2.1 acres, I can subdivide that?
4	MR. LYTLE: Assuming well issues, yes.
5	There's a Planning Board process.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Additional comments
7	from the public?
8	(No response.)
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'm going to turn
10	to Pat Hines to he's our Drainage Consultant
11	and Engineer. He can discuss with you, James and
12	Cindy and Tim, the well and septic designs.
13	MR. HINES: We've reviewed the project
14	with regard to the well and septic separations
15	and the design of the septic systems. Originally
16	the house on lot 1, the single-family, was
17	utilizing septic data from the original
18	subdivision. We requested that that be updated
19	since it was thirteen years old.
20	The additional deep tests and perk
21	tests have been added to the plans.
22	We also requested additional deep tests
23	and perk tests in the area of the septic for the
2.4	two-family because of its location being the
25	lowest elevation on the lot there. We had some
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2	concerns about the soil testing. Additional soil
3	testing was provided.
4	Both of the septic systems meet the
5	requirements of the Public Health Law designed
6	for the one-family and the two-family unit.
7	The wells meet the separation distances
8	from adjoining septics, so those are appropriate.
9	The project doesn't meet the threshold
10	for review for requiring a stormwater management
11	report because of the fact it doesn't involve
12	construction of new roadways and such.
13	The lot always envisioned one single-
14	family house even during the original
15	subdivision. It's now going to contain two
16	residential structures, the driveway for the one
17	coming off of Rathmore Road and the other off of
18	Old Post.
19	They've addressed our previous comments
20	on the project.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Our Planning
22	Consultant, Bryant Cocks, had surgery so he's not
23	available this evening.
24	Karen, I believe you have his review
25	comments. Karen Arent.

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2	MS. ARENT: The applicant provided a
3	revised set of plans in the EAF for the two-lot
4	subdivision and the site plan for the
5	multi-family house.
6	The applicant addressed all the
7	comments regarding parking spaces and garage
8	locations.
9	Highway department approval of the
10	driveway location was also received. They have
11	no further comments.
12	During work session we did speak about
13	the duplex and that you need to close off the
14	door to the first floor entrance from the
15	basement/garage entrance in order for it to be
16	considered a duplex.
17	MR. LYTLE: Okay.
18	MS. ARENT: I do have one comment
19	regarding your tree protection notes. You have
20	to write tree protection fencing shall be
21	installed before clearing or construction begins.
22	MR. LYTLE: Okay.
23	MS. ARENT: That's it.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne,
25	Planning Board Member, would you like to

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	discuss
3	MR. BROWNE: The comments Karen just
4	mentioned on the duplex versus the original plan,
5	the way your drawings currently show it's also
6	still an accessory apartment because of the
7	connection from inside the house. From what
8	Jerry told us you need to have that separated
9	with a three-quarter inch separation. In doing
10	that that's going to limit your access into the
11	downstairs unit, the lower unit. Karen made a
12	comment about the access into that. We looked at
13	the plans and said it looks like you can access
14	it through the garage. Alternatively it's going
15	to take a long walk outside. You might want to
16	look at that.
17	When you get also to the department I
18	understand there's some other issues with the
19	design of your building. It's going to have to
20	be worked on.
21	MR. LYTLE: To get to this process we
22	know that. Actually if you look at the site
23	plan, we provided a sidewalk along, as you say,
24	down around the front of that house to the back.
25	The garage they prefer to have a separate garage

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2	for the apartment down below.
3	MR. BROWNE: From what we're doing
4	tonight that's a separate issue. Okay. Are you
5	going to go on with other things?
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: When you said Jerry
7	earlier, for the public who may not know who
8	Jerry is
9	MR. BROWNE: Jerry Canfield is the
10	supervisor for code compliance. All these plans,
11	before he can actually start building to get a
12	building permit, they have to go through the
13	building process itself and he has to review
14	everything for code as far as the building
15	structure itself. We don't address that portion
16	here. We're just advising him that there will be
17	an issue with that later.
18	MR. MCLAUGHLIN: James K. McLaughlin, 1
19	Rathmore Road. The design of the garage, is that
20	going to have a finished loft where there could
21	potentially be a third family?
22	MR. LYTLE: We haven't worked on any
23	plans. This is the proposal of what the house
24	will look like. The garage will be similar in
25	color.

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MR. McLAUGHLIN: I'm not worried about	2
colors.	3
MR. LYTLE: Again, the most they can do	4
is a two family. Septic is on the other side of	5
it. There's no way of connecting between the	6
two.	7
MS. RIFKIN: Cindy Rifkin, 7 Rathmore	8
Road. Are these being built to be sold as houses	9
or are they being built for the family, the Smith	10
family?	11
MR. LYTLE: He's building it for his	12
primary residence himself.	13
MR. McLAUGHLIN: The lower one on Old	14
Post Road?	15
MR. LYTLE: Right. I believe the other	16
one I've been told by him is also for a family	17
member also. Again, that's from the client.	18
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any additional	19
comments from the public before I turn to the	20
Planning Board Members for their comments?	21
MR. SALERNO: I live on River Road. The	22
houses that have not been sold that are under	23
construction	24
MR. LYTLE: That's coming up next.	25

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2	MR. BROWNE: Could you give us your
3	name, please?
4	MR. SALERNO: Anthony Salerno. The
5	houses that have not been sold, which when this
6	plan was first proposed
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mr. Salerno, that's
8	the next item on the agenda. We're talking about
9	the Smith two-lot subdivision on Old Post Road.
10	MR. SALERNO: I understand. My
11	contention is that those developments which have
12	been presented individually here have to be
13	looked at as one set of developments which is
14	what I said the last time we discussed the other
15	adjoining properties. I think that the
16	development of that strip needs to be looked at
17	as one development, not as piecemeal segments of
18	one development after another. At the time when
19	this was first presented I felt that it was a
20	development that was going to be including all of
21	that area, and that's what I stated at the time.
22	I thought that it should be looked at by the
23	Board in its entirety, not each individual
24	presentation as it's being done here.
25	My concern is it affects all of the

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2	properties. My interest is in all of the
3	properties that are in that same segment of land
4	going from the corner of the bottom of Balmville
5	Road, River Road and Commonwealth where they all
6	meet at the Balmville Tree going up to the end
7	which would be the intersection at the far end of
8	this series of developments.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Can I ask you to
10	hold that question until the next item on the
11	agenda?
12	MR. SALERNO: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We haven't reached
14	that. We're talking about an entirely different
15	project now. Thanks.
16	I'll turn to the Board Members. Any
17	additional comments from the public for the item
18	that appears before us now, the lands of Smith, a
19	two-lot subdivision located on Old Post Road and
20	Rathmore Road?
21	(No response.)
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. At this time
23	I'll turn to our Members. Frank Galli?
24	MR. GALLI: No additional comment.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne?

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2	MR. BROWNE: Nothing more.
3	MR. MENNERICH: Ken, on the house,
4	there's going to be a three-car garage attached
5	to the house?
6	MR. LYTLE: That's right.
7	MR. MENNERICH: In your assessment form
8	it indicates that the detached garage is for
9	additional storage.
10	MR. LYTLE: Mm'hm'.
11	MR. MENNERICH: What type of storage?
12	MR. LYTLE: My understanding is he's
13	into cars. He has actually old classic cars type
14	of thing.
15	MR. MENNERICH: Thank you. That was
16	it.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
18	MR. O'DONNELL: I don't have any other
19	questions.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
21	MR. PROFACI: Nothing more.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: From the public
23	final comments before I move for a motion from
24	the Board to close the public hearing?
25	(No response.)

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
3	motion from the Board to close the public hearing
4	for the two-lot subdivision and site plan for the
5	lands of Smith located on Old Post Road and
6	Rathmore Road.
7	MR. GALLI: So moved.
8	MR. MENNERICH: Second.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
10	Frank Galli. I have a second by Ken Mennerich.
11	Any discussion of the motion?
12	(No response.)
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
14	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
15	MR. GALLI: Aye.
16	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
17	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
18	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
19	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
21	carried.
22	Mike Donnelly, where are we now in the
23	SEQRA process as it relates to this application?
24	MR. DONNELLY: You had issued a
25	negative declaration on August 30th. You

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2	scheduled it for the hearing this evening. SEQRA
3	has been closed out. I have a resolution
4	prepared with the conditions that I believe apply
5	based upon this evening's proceedings.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Can you please read
7	to the public and the Planning Board Members
8	those conditions?
9	MR. DONNELLY: Before I do, just one
10	other comment. During the work session the
11	Building Inspector, Jerry Canfield, was here and
12	pointed out, and he wished us to pass it along to
13	you, that in addition to the need to make that
14	interior wall fireproof and disconnected between
15	the units, there will be issues regarding windows
16	and requirements of lighting and ventilation that
17	you'll need to review with him, and you'll have
18	to alter the plans to require that.
19	There were actually three items before
20	you, John. I don't know if you want to treat
21	them separately or all together. That is the
22	two-lot subdivision, the site plan for the two-
23	family home as well as ARB for the two-family
24	home.
25	As a group what the conditions would be

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2	is, number one, we would need a sign-off letter
3	from Karen on the items that she indicated as
4	needing correction before the plans could be
5	signed. Secondly, we would need a set of revised
6	plans to be submitted showing the closure of the
7	internal connection between the units to the
8	satisfaction, in this case I'll volunteer the
9	Planning Board Engineer as the most likely person
10	to review that. Our standard ARB condition would
11	require that when it's built it be consistent
12	with the renderings that the Board has seen this
13	evening and we approved. Finally, the payment of
14	fees in lieu of parkland both for the house and
15	for the individual units and the two-family home.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Are the Planning
17	Board Members satisfied with an action as Mike
18	Donnelly has prepared in the resolution. Frank
19	Galli?
20	MR. GALLI: Yes.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne?
22	MR. BROWNE: Yes.
23	MR. MENNERICH: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
25	MR. O'DONNELL: Yes.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
3	MR. PROFACI: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Having heard the
5	conditions for approval of the two-lot
6	subdivision, the site plan and for ARB approval
7	for the lands of Smith, I'll move for that
8	motion.
9	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
10	MR. GALLI: Second.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
12	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Frank Galli.
13	Any discussion of the motion?
14	(No response.)
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16	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
17	MR. GALLI: Aye.
18	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
19	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
20	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
21	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself yes. So
23	carried.
24	Thank you for attending.
25	(Time noted: 7:25 p.m.)

1 2 3 4 5	CERTIFICATION
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7	I, Michelle Conero, a Shorthand
8	Reporter and Notary Public within and for
9 10	the State of New York, do hereby certify
10	that I recorded stenographically the proceedings herein at the time and place
12	noted in the heading hereof, and that the
13	foregoing is an accurate and complete
14	transcript of same to the best of my
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1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 BALMVILLE ESTATES (2007 - 10)6 Intersection of River Road & Susan Drive 7 Section 46; Block 2; Lot 14 R-1 Zone 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X 9 PUBLIC HEARING 10 SEVEN-LOT SUBDIVISION 11 Date: October 18, 2007 Time: 7:26 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 12 Town Hall 13 1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman 15 BOARD MEMBERS: FRANK S. GALLI CLIFFORD C. BROWNE 16 KENNETH MENNERICH 17 EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI 18 19 ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. 20 PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT KENNETH WERSTED 21 APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: KENNETH LYTLE 22 23 - - - - - - - - - - - - X MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The following item
3	of business this evening is Balmville Estates.
4	It's a public hearing for a seven-lot subdivision
5	located at the intersection of River Road and
6	Susan Drive, it's zoned R-1 and it's being
7	represented by Ken Lytle.
8	I'll ask Mr. Mennerich to read the
9	notice of hearing.
10	MR. MENNERICH: "Notice of hearing,
11	Town of Newburgh Planning Board. Please take
12	notice that the Planning Board of the Town of
13	Newburgh, Orange County, New York will hold a
14	public hearing pursuant to Section 276 of the
15	Town Law on the application of Balmville Estates
16	for a six-lot subdivision on premises the
17	intersection of River Road and Susan Drive in the
18	Town of Newburgh, designated on Town tax map as
19	Section 46; Block 2; Lot 14. Said hearing will
20	be held on the 18th day of October at the Town
21	Hall Meeting Room, 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New
22	York at 7:00 p.m. at which time all interested
23	persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
24	By order of the Town of Newburgh Planning Board.
25	John P. Ewasutyn, Chairman, Planning Board Town

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2	of Newburgh. Dated August 23, 2007."
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
4	Dina Haines.
5	MS. HAINES: The notice of hearing was
6	published in The Sentinel on October 12, 2007 and
7	in The Mid-Hudson Times on October 10, 2007. The
8	applicant's representative sent out forty-two
9	registered letters and forty-two were returned.
10	The publications and mailings are all in order.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
12	Ken.
13	MR. LYTLE: Good evening. What we're
14	proposing tonight is a seven-lot subdivision, six
15	residential lots to have access off of a new
16	private road to be installed off of Susan Drive.
17	The other one is an individual lot and a separate
18	driveway accessing off of River Road.
19	There will be a water main extended
20	from Susan Drive for water access up into the
21	property and individual service lines installed
22	for these homes.
23	Lot number 1 on top, which has access
24	off River Road, is proposed with a well, and an
25	individual water main would be installed. The

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2	Board has asked to add a note to the plan they
3	abandon the well and tie into the water service.
4	In doing so and in previous
5	subdivisions we've done we know the neighbors
6	have some concerns regarding buffers and privacy
7	they've always had before. What we've done on
8	the east side of the project which backs up
9	against Susan Drive there is actually a drainage
10	swale which runs down through the woods. During
11	a previous subdivision there was a thirty-foot
12	wide easement donated to the Town for them to go
13	in, maintain, clear that up as necessary to keep
14	that flowing, keep it clean for the neighbors.
15	All the woods to the east of that which butts up
16	against the homes on Susan Drive will remain
17	woods, and as noted on the plans never to be
18	disturbed for that reason. Similarly, along the
19	entrance to Susan Drive there's three homes.
20	Again, this has been donated, again never to be
21	disturbed, trees to remain. There's a couple
22	areas, the landscape architect being out there
23	and looking at the site, noticed that there was
24	some openings. They have asked us to add some
25	notes to have trees installed. The trees will be

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2	installed, and that will be determined by her out
3	in the field during construction. So privacy
4	from house to house will always remain.
5	Also in the driveway proposed location
6	there's two large Sycamore trees located at the
7	entrance. The road is proposed to be installed
8	in between those and drastic measures taken to
9	actually save those trees as best as possible.
10	The area to the left of that, again
11	abutting the Davis lot, that will always remain
12	woods, again to keep the privacy as best they
13	can.
14	Septics have all been designed
15	according to code.
16	Water mains have been shown as
17	proposed. We need to go to the Board of Health
18	for their final approval for that.
19	If the Board has any additional
20	comments.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you. At this
22	point we'll turn the meeting over to the public.
23	If you would raise your hand and give your name
24	and your address.
25	MS. CINDY DAVIS: Hi. I'm Cindy Davis,

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2	I live at 7 Susan Drive. I would like to suggest
3	that the house at the base the house at the
4	base that's my house. The next house over. Go
5	back. The one you're proposing to build
6	MR. LYTLE: That one?
7	MS. CINDY DAVIS: That house is going
8	to be in the wettest area because the land runs
9	downhill. If you move that house next to my
10	house where the road is supposed to be, that
11	house won't get as wet and there's a better
12	chance that the runoff from all those houses that
13	are going to run down into that house it would
14	make more sense to move the road over halfway and
15	have a house closer to me than to have a road by
16	me where I'm going to have traffic constantly.
17	I don't know what the zoning is, if I'm
18	allowed to put a fence up.
19	MR. LYTLE: Okay. We did extensive
20	testing down in this area. Again most of what we
21	found was run of bank gravel, very good and good
22	for absorbing
23	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I know what the
24	topograph
25	MR. LYTLE: There's nothing flat in

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2	this
3	MS. CINDY DAVIS: It's definitely much
4	lower. Significantly. As a matter of fact, my
5	neighbor in the corner, he had a problem with the
6	water just running into his pool because it
7	slopes so much.
8	MR. LYTLE: That's what we did during
9	the previous subdivision, this area through here
10	was actually donated to the Town. What had
11	happened from my understanding from the Town
12	people was there was actually a concrete headwall
13	and a piece of pipe that leaves that and goes
14	into a drainage system on Susan Drive.
15	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I know there's a
16	stream there.
17	MR. LYTLE: During a heavy storm I
18	guess it was actually covered up with brush and
19	what happened is it ponded up and the water
20	overflowed and I believe filled this pool. So
21	since then they have actually installed a couple
22	clean-outs to stop that from happening. We've
23	given them the easement so the Town could go in
24	and clean that.
25	MS. CINDY DAVIS: Is there any way you

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2	could move the road over a little and the house
3	closer to me?
4	MR. LYTLE: This actually works out to
5	be the best location for the road, again to
6	service and access the lots.
7	Regarding your question about a fence,
8	you're allowed to put a fence up. You need a
9	building permit to do that.
10	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I'm going to have
11	constant traffic. You figure two cars per house
12	and all the lawn equipment that comes and goes.
13	No one on Susan Drive cuts their own lawn. Then
14	you're going to have garbage trucks coming and
15	going. It's nonstop traffic.
16	MR. LYTLE: That's why we left the
17	buffer here. That will give you as much privacy
18	as possible. I believe there's a tree line
19	pretty close to your house. You'll actually have
20	more than what's shown on the maps.
21	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I don't believe that.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The lady in the
23	back.
24	MS. BENSON: Heidi Benson, 4 Stone Gate
25	Drive. What are the dates of these plans?

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2	MR. LYTLE: The latest revision is
3	7/23/07.
4	MR. HINES: No. 9/12.
5	MR. LYTLE: I'm sorry. He's correct.
6	MS. BENSON: Our neighbor you gave
7	our neighbor a copy from March and there were
8	only six houses on the subdivision. I was just
9	wondering what the size of the lots are and why
10	the changes were made?
11	MR. LYTLE: There was a preliminary
12	actually drawing we were working with with the
13	neighbor behind you, Mr. Johnson. Again that
14	proposed six lots at that point. At that point
15	there were individual driveways proposed for
16	frontage on Susan Drive and also frontage on
17	River Road. During the review process the Town
18	thought it would be better to bring the water
19	main in to service the homes with water and bring
20	in one common drive and have less entrances onto
21	Susan Drive. That's why the plan was changed.
22	MS. BENSON: The Town made that
23	decision?
24	MR. LYTLE: The Town did ask for that
25	because it would work out better for everyone.

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2	MR. HINES: What happened is during the
3	initial presentation the project was designed
4	utilizing six flag lots with very small pieces of
5	land coming out to Susan Drive or River Road.
6	There were more driveways off of River Road and
7	several driveways off of Susan Drive, and also
8	each of them had separate water lines running in.
9	It was suggested by the Town's consultants, the
10	people sitting at this table and some that aren't
11	here tonight, that the project would look more
12	like the surrounding residences if it had a road
13	going to it and had individual houses with
14	individual driveways coming off the road rather
15	than having a bunch of flag lots with houses
16	behind houses. The way it laid out was people's
17	front yards were in people's back yards. I can
18	tell you maybe that's the layout you're looking
19	at there. It wasn't really conducive to fitting
20	in with the neighborhood. We worked at several
21	work sessions with the applicant's representative
22	to come up with the plan you have before you now
23	to make it look more like a conventional
24	residential subdivision and fit in more with the
25	area.

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2	MS. BENSON: Okay. Then the second
3	half of my question is what are the lot sizes
4	now?
5	MR. LYTLE: Minimum they're actually
6	just under an acre. A couple of them are a
7	little larger than that.
8	MR. BENSON: Can I refer to my wife's
9	questions? Matthew Benson, 4 Stone Gate Drive.
10	I have the original plan here my neighbor Doug
11	also had and gave to me. You know, this whole
12	area is not made up of subdivisions. All of
13	Balmville is individual houses off of roads or
14	individual old estates. The problem
15	aesthetically and mostly aesthetically with
16	putting in subdivisions is it does not fit into
17	the character of the neighborhood. This has been
18	my strongest argument. I've written to the Town
19	saying this is the historic center of the Town of
20	Newburgh, Balmville, and these subdivisions that
21	are going in the two houses that have gone in
22	to the south of us look like they've landed from
23	another planet. They do not fit the character of
24	the neighborhood. Anthony Salerno lives right
25	across the street on Morningside which is the
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2	Withers house, the historic house, and our house
3	which is on the historic register are now facing
4	these large boxy homes. They are both exactly
5	the same by the way. The builders who were nice
6	guys, and I talked with them a lot, had built two
7	of the exact same houses. There are no two of the
8	exact same houses in all of Balmville. So now
9	right in the historic center are two 4,000 square
10	foot houses that are exactly the same. Everyone
11	who comes up and visits us drives by and says
12	what have they done? What are they doing here?
13	I know this issue isn't an engineering issue,
14	it's not a it's not a zoning issue. It's a
15	cultural/aesthetic issue and it's harder it's
16	a more subjective issue but it's critical to
17	everyone who has chosen to live in this part of
18	the Town of Newburgh.
19	So a seven-lot subdivision with one
20	road, there's no other configuration like this in
21	Balmville. One road with a cul-de-sac or little
22	roads, you know, radiating off of it. It just
23	doesn't fit. I know it makes sense economically,
24	Mr. Lytle, obviously. You're a developer. Maybe
25	it makes sense from an engineering standpoint.

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2	You have one water supply or whatever it might
3	be. But culturally and aesthetically it mars the
4	landscape. I would, you know, plead with the
5	Town to consider those issues as strongly as
6	other ones.
7	This original plan made a lot more
8	sense even though it has more driveways because,
9	after all, this whole area is serviced by
10	individual homes with their own driveways. Here
11	you've got a big main road where this woman who
12	lives next to it is going to be subjected to a
13	lot of traffic. If that road were split into
14	three or four other driveways you wouldn't
15	concentrate the noise. Now you've got a
16	concentrated super road servicing seven houses.
17	From a noise standpoint, from a privacy
18	standpoint, for a lot of other reasons it doesn't
19	make as much sense. Maybe engineering it makes
20	some sense. Clearly it's an imposition to people
21	living around it, and it doesn't fit. It doesn't
22	fit the neighborhood.
23	You know, I moved to this part of New
24	York because I love the history. I'm seeing it
25	being affected all around me. I don't mind new

 sensitively and sensibly and with some reference to what's already there. There's some amazing houses all around what's being built and these houses should try to fit in and be sensitive to that environment. 	C
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8 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Additional commen	
9 from the public?	
10 MR. DAVIS: Mark Davis, 3 Susan Drive	∋.
11 Originally did you not have two driveways comin	ng
12 off of River Road?	
13 MR. LYTLE: Again, it's been awhile 1	out
14 I believe it was two at that time and four com	ing
15 off Susan Road.	
16 MR. DAVIS: So now what happens is	
17 instead of six houses on that subdivision, now	
18 we've got seven? You just added another house	
19 and also got rid of another driveway on River	
20 Road? So you just increased the traffic twice	on
21 that whole cul-de-sac which originally when you	ı
22 guys were talking about putting a cul-de-sac in	l
23 there it was still only six houses. Now you've	5
24 got seven. In other words, the cul-de-sac the	ce
25 or not, why do we have seven houses?	

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2	MR. LYTLE: With the cul-de-sac's
3	location, and again the costs involved in doing
4	it, it actually worked out to allow for the
5	layout of the seventh lot.
6	MR. DAVIS: Okay. That was not
7	suggested in the last meeting, that you might put
8	in another house.
9	MR. LYTLE: Again, it was
10	MR. DAVIS: That wasn't even a thought
11	in my mind, that you would add another house to
12	it just because you had a cul-de-sac. And you
13	got rid of the other driveway.
14	MR. LYTLE: The other driveway
15	again, they wanted us to eliminate the driveways
16	as best we could. Off of River Road we got down
17	to one driveway. All the driveways here will
18	service off of one private road. I understand
19	your concern.
20	MR. DAVIS: You got rid of one of the
21	driveways on River Road and you added another
22	house and you added that driveway onto that
23	cul-de-sac, which from my understanding, which
24	you guys changed it obviously, you weren't going
25	to touch the two driveways on River Road, you

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2	were just going to add the cul-de-sac. This is a
3	huge change. This is not a little change, this
4	is big.
5	MR. LYTLE: Again, these are all
6	changes we've done back and forth with the
7	planning consultants at the workshops to make a
8	better layout for that area.
9	MS. CINDY DAVIS: It's only a better
10	layout because it makes more money.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think Pat Hines,
12	Mr. Davis, originally tried to explain to you
13	what happened when they went out into the field.
14	This was discussed with Daryl Benedict, the
15	Highway Superintendent. Jim Osborne, the Town
16	Engineer was involved in this. It was a decision
17	that was made by professionals in the field, and
18	that's how they we were trying to explain that
19	to you and Pat Hines was trying to explain it to
20	you. We have that on the table right now, that
21	explanation.
22	I will be opening up to other people
23	before I return to you. We've heard your comment
24	as far as the aesthetics of the area, how you
25	would like to see individual driveways. There is

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2	also a concern, and I'll turn to Ken Wersted, our
3	Traffic Consultant, how it's good planning in
4	many cases to have a single access onto a road
5	than have multiple accesses. I'll have Ken
6	Wersted, Traffic Consultant, speak on that.
7	MR. WERSTED: Essentially instead of
8	having all of the individual driveways coming out
9	to Susan Drive they're all concentrated onto a
10	short private road and they come out at one
11	location on Susan Drive. So the traffic that is
12	currently generated on Susan Drive coming back
13	and forth doesn't have to contend with six or
14	seven driveways out to that road, they just have
15	one driveway that's servicing all the units.
16	I wouldn't characterize Susan Drive or
17	the new private road as any super road by any
18	means. With only seven houses there's not going
19	to be a lot of traffic that's generated next to
20	the Davis's property. The traffic that's going
21	by on Susan Drive obviously serves a lot more
22	homes than this private road, so the units and
23	the houses that are on this private road are
24	going to be a lot less than the traffic that's
25	already using Susan Drive.

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2	MR. BENSON: Can I just respond?
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Not at this
4	particular point. I would like to turn it
5	over to other people who have questions. I don't
6	want to get into a dialogue or debate back and
7	forth at this point.
8	MR. BENSON: It's just a quick
9	question.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'd like to control
11	the meeting and refer to other people here that
12	were also part of the mailing. Thank you.
13	Anthony, I know you had a comment
14	earlier on. Would you like to discuss it now?
15	For the record would you give your name and
16	address?
17	MR. SALERNO: Anthony Salerno, 441
18	River Road, which looking at the map is the
19	northwest part of that site.
20	I want to reiterate what the Bensons
21	have said and reenforce it. I agree with
22	everything they said. I don't believe that this
23	project, in fairness to the public, is being
24	reviewed properly. I think the appropriate thing
25	to work on by this Board would have been to look

2	at the entirety of the development from its
3	inception. As I said at the last meeting
4	regarding this, I think it is disingenuous to the
5	public to have looked at this in pieces one at a
6	time. This should have been looked at as one
7	development. It was clear to us that it was
8	going to be one development. You all should have
9	known better, you're in this business, you do it
10	all the time. Now we're looking at what is
11	another piece of it. Ultimately every square
12	foot of that property will have been developed.
13	Number two, therefore the public cannot
14	really view this at each meeting in fairness and
15	properly in its content, and I think that we're
16	entitled to that.
17	Number two, this project has been from
18	the beginning all about density. I will agree
19	with Mr. Wersted, the Traffic Consultant, that
20	it's already basically a tried and true fact that
21	one driveway going off of a road is better than
22	having multiple driveways. But that begs the
23	question. There's too much density here. This
24	kind of density does not belong in this
25	community. It's completely out of character, it's

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2	completely wrong, it's unfair. Everything that
3	was represented to us about the houses in the
4	earlier version of this development that we were
5	concerned about turned out to be true. The
6	concerns about the removal of the trees. The
7	amount of trees that were removed compared to
8	what was listed on the plans, three times, four
9	times as many trees. The area is significantly
10	denuded. Go take a look at what it looks like.
11	Number two, the issue of these being
12	mcmansions that are going to be cookie cutter
13	projects. They are. Just what we were concerned
14	about, that's what they are.
15	Number three, to compound this, which
16	was not under the control of the developer, there
17	was a down turn in the market, the mortgage
18	market, and there was a collapse in that. I
19	don't know how many people have been doing the
20	construction but the construction has been going
21	on piecemeal continually ever since it was
22	approved. One contractor is gone, comes another
23	one, one sign goes up, another one replaces it,
24	the one broker disappears, another one comes on
25	the scene. It's really been almost circus like.

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2	The construction vehicles have been there, they
3	don't leave. They're there, they stay for a
4	month, six months, three months. No one looks,
5	no one really is monitoring it. That's the
6	process. Of course that eventually goes away.
7	What does not go away is the difference in the
8	fact that this should not be one-acre zoning.
9	From a density point of view as a developer you
10	would want to maximize the amount of development.
11	You would want to maximize the amount of tax
12	revenue that the Town receives. Great. But for
13	the people who live in this community it's wrong.
14	Mrs. Davis who has the property
15	adjoining, I agree that a driveway is the right
16	thing to do, but she already lives there. That
17	driveway shouldn't be next to her house. Not for
18	the sake of a developer who needs an additional
19	lot to develop an additional house for density.
20	The driveway should have been moved over and
21	there should have been only six houses. I'm not
22	in favor of six but it certainly shouldn't have
23	been the number of houses there now. The only
24	reason it was put there is because the density
25	works better that way.

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2	Flooding we'll see. It's been a
3	relatively dry season. We'll see what happens.
4	Elevations. The elevations have turned
5	out to be not as much of a concern as they were
6	when we looked at the plans originally. Why?
7	Because they leveled property and put the
8	properties below grade in certain cases. We'll
9	see what happens with flooding on that side of
10	the road.
11	Everything else our process concerns,
12	and I've stated them in the past, we said them at
13	the initial meeting. I think that the main thing
14	is the character of this community will be
15	unalterably changed, and that is sad because this
16	is something that is essential, it's important to
17	the community and this could have been better
18	developed. This could have not this did not
19	have to be oppotunistically developed. It could
20	have been developed more wisely, more
21	thoughtfully. There could have been more thought
22	to aesthetics and there could have been more
23	thought to the character of the community. I
24	don't think that thought was given to it. With
25	all respect to the professionals, and I do

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2	respect them, professionals make mistakes.
3	I'm happy that the Traffic Consultant
4	made a decision that I would agree with but I
5	<pre>don't agree with how it's played out here, simply</pre>
6	the idea of one driveway is better than multiple
7	driveways coming off a road. That's the one
8	thing I heard in the discussion tonight that in
9	fairness I must say makes sense. The fact is
10	it's the stepchild of additional density that's
11	not appropriate. It's just wrong. When this
12	development is finished and you see the whole
13	development you will really be astounded at the
14	change that has occurred. As you drive from the
15	bottom of the Town of Newburgh and you work your
16	way up Balmville Road and you hit this
17	development and you continue up the road you're
18	going to say what the heck is that? What
19	happened here? For what? So what did we get, a
20	few more dollars. If they are ever purchased for
21	the price, if the people that move in there are
22	going to maintain the house. Who knows. One-acre
23	zoning. Who knows what they'll sell it for. Who
24	knows whether the developer succeeds or goes
25	bust. We don't know. It's a tough market. We

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2	really don't know what's going to happen with the
3	houses.
4	Have any of the houses been sold to an
5	end user yet?
6	MR. LYTLE: Again, the developer who
7	actually is working and owns those lots, I'm
8	not
9	MR. SALERNO: But you were the original
10	developer and you sold to another developer.
11	MR. LYTLE: As far as I know they're
12	under construction. I know just above Stone Gate
13	Drive, just above the Johnsons and the Bensons,
14	that house is actually being built for a specific
15	individual.
16	MR. SALERNO: Fair enough. The
17	representations that were made by you were not
18	necessarily forced to be incorporated by the Town
19	into the representations and requirements of the
20	succeeding developers, which is an old story.
21	One developer sells to the next, conditions
22	change and you get what you get.
23	I must tell you I strenuously disagree.
24	I think the density is all wrong. I think it's
25	unfair, it's not right, and I hope you will

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2	reconsider it and modify the density
3	significantly.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I thank you. Let's
5	talk about rights as you described density.
6	I'll turn to our Planning Board
7	Attorney, Mike Donnelly, to explain to you what
8	the density is that's allowed in that
9	neighborhood, understanding full well that you're
10	saying the character of the neighborhood will
11	change. I want to talk about rights and zoning
12	at this point in time.
13	MR. DONNELLY: Very eloquent arguments
14	have been made as to why this area perhaps should
15	have been zoned differently and perhaps should
16	have been given some type of historic or
17	architectural overlay so that everything built
18	within it was consistent with that existing
19	character. Those arguments aside however, that
20	has not been done by the Town Board. This is
21	zoned for 40,000 acre lots and the architectural
22	review power of this Board under the ordinance
23	doesn't begin unless and until there are more
24	than ten lots. Even then the authority only
25	relates to the requirement that housing types be

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2	interspersed so that no two houses are built
3	immediately the same alongside one another. The
4	Planning Board has not been vested with the type
5	of authority over aesthetics that you have called
6	for and may be valid and appropriate, but that is
7	not a Planning Board issue.
8	All of the lots here meet the current
9	zoning, and indeed seem to me from looking at the
10	tax map in the vicinity to be very consistent
11	with the lot size and the type of layout that
12	exists on the loop road Susan Drive east and
13	west. Therefore, from a character of the
14	neighborhood basis as well as from a zoning basis
15	I think the Board's concluded that this
16	development is consistent with the aims and
17	objectives of the ordinance, consistent with the
18	character of the neighborhood.
19	It was looked at by the Drainage
20	Consultant, by the Traffic Consultant. The trip
21	generation for a seven-lot subdivision is not a
22	high volume issue. It was given a negative
23	declaration under SEQRA. And but for compliance
24	and layout issues that we want to hear comments,
25	it is, although perhaps not what you would want

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2	to see and what a different legislative body
3	might have aimed for, the area is indeed
4	consistent with the ordinance that this Board is
5	empowered to implement and not to violate.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Before I turn to
7	Matthew, before I turn to Anthony, I would still
8	like to give the opportunity to other members of
9	the public who may be here tonight.
10	The lady in the back, please.
11	MS. OSBORNE: Marie Osborne, 86 Susan
12	Drive. I have a few questions. The land that's
13	being donated to the Town, what exactly does that
14	mean?
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Lytle.
16	MR. LYTLE: It's a thirty-foot strip,
17	that drainage swale. It's pretty much centered
18	and allows the Town to maintain it, clean it,
19	which has actually caused some of the problems
20	for Mr. Saunders I believe it was at the corner
21	in the past.
22	MR. HINES: The word donated, it's only
23	an easement. It remains with the property. The
24	Town has rights to maintain the drainage swale is
25	what that means. There's no land donated.

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2	MS. OSBORNE: Is it like a preserve?
3	MR. HINES: No. It gives the Town
4	rights to maintain that ditch.
5	MS. OSBORNE: Do they have the right to
6	do anything else with it?
7	MR. DONNELLY: They can't build on it.
8	MR. HINES: They can do drainage
9	improvements within the thirty-foot wide
10	easement. There's no land donated. It's just an
11	easement.
12	MS. OSBORNE: I know, it's in my
13	backyard. I just want to know exactly what is
14	the measurements from the creek to where the
15	building is going to begin.
16	MR. LYTLE: These houses that are the
17	proposed ones, approximately 70, 80 feet at the
18	closest point. There's other ones that are
19	farther away, over 150 feet. The septics are off
20	the front and this is off the rear.
21	MS. OSBORNE: I was just under the
22	assumption that the closest you could come to
23	that would be the 150 feet would be the
24	closest you could come. I might be mistaken but
25	that's what I understood. I could be wrong. I'm

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asking a question because I really don't know. I
mean I thought 150 feet was the closest they
could come to that creek, to that water.
MR. LYTLE: I believe it's 35 feet.
Pat, maybe I'm wrong.
MR. HINES: It's not a regulated
stream. I will note that the closest houses are
approximately 40 feet based on the scale of the
maps I'm looking at here. The Town does not have
the zone stream corridor protection ordinance or
anything. So it not being a DEC protected
stream, there is no buffer associated with it.
Had it had a classification where it was
protected, there would be a 25-foot buffer
requiring a permit from the DEC. I don't know
where the 150 foot came from. There's no such
ordinance in the Town.
MS. OSBORNE: I just want to make
I'm not exactly sure where you're putting this
driveway going to the cul-de-sac. Is it going to
be on Commonwealth?
MR. LYTLE: It actually will front on
Susan Drive. As you come in, you go passed the
Davis's house then there's two large Sycamore

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2	trees.
3	MS. OSBORNE: I would like to make a
4	comment that I'm not sure if anybody knows the
5	traffic pattern over there, but when you come off
6	of Balmville Road to get onto Susan Drive there
7	is Commonwealth, if that's Commonwealth, and then
8	you have to make a left to get onto Susan Drive.
9	There's only one way to get in there and it's
10	there's a lot of traffic. I believe it's Grand
11	Avenue and Balmville Road, a lot of people use
12	that as a shortcut to cut through all the lights
13	on 9W and end up at the top of 9W. I want to
14	make a note that you have to when you make
15	that left people are coming up the road and you
16	really can't see them. You have to be quite
17	skilled as to not get in an accident every day
18	only because I drive it every day. I'm sure
19	everyone else that lives on Susan Drive can tell
20	you that also. So you're going to be adding more
21	traffic. It's obviously right there where you
22	turn. It's the only way to get onto Susan Drive.
23	So there's going to be more traffic, cars are
24	coming up and you have to stop and look, and if
25	there's nobody coming you have to gun it to make

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2	sure that nobody hits you. I don't know if
3	anybody is aware of that traffic problem but this
4	is only going to make it worse.
5	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
6	Additional comments from the public who
7	haven't spoken yet?
8	Ms. Davis, we heard from you. We will
9	go back for second questions.
10	Ma'am.
11	MS. EVA DAVIS: I'm Eva Davis. I'm the
12	one with the well so I have a concern about
13	drainage.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: You're saying you
15	have a well on your property?
16	MS. EVA DAVIS: Yes. I didn't put it
17	there. It's been there forever.
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Pat Hines, would
19	you like to discuss drainage?
20	MR. HINES: I would like to discuss
21	that well actually. It's not depicted on the
22	plans.
23	MS. EVA DAVIS: Yes, it is.
24	MR. LYTLE: If you go to sheet 2, Pat.
25	MR. HINES: There's a couple Davises.

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2	Okay, I see that now.
3	MS. EVA DAVIS: Mother, daughter.
4	MR. HINES: As far as drainage goes,
5	we've reviewed the project and requested fairly
6	substantial drainage improvements emanating from
7	the private road. The applicant was proposing
8	swales. We've required requested and actually
9	required between my office and the highway
10	superintendent that a closed pipe drainage system
11	be installed to pick up the runoff. Culverts and
12	catch basins from the private road where it
13	enters Susan Drive. There will be several catch
14	basins discharging to the existing drainage
15	system at Susan Drive, roughly the rear yard of
16	Saunders. There's approximately 350 some feet of
17	pipe required to be installed in order to provide
18	for drainage on this site and some drainage
19	improvements along Susan Drive. So we've
20	reviewed that.
21	There's some water quality treatments
22	that have been incorporated into the plan and
23	those swales that will be required to be
24	installed.
25	As far as impacts to the wells, this

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2	plan, should it receive preliminary approval
3	because it is a major subdivision and because of
4	the history of the subdivisions this parcel has
5	been involved with, it will be required to go to
6	the Orange County Health Department for review of
7	the septic systems at which time they'll review
8	the individual septic systems proposed for each
9	of the lots. Because of the number of lots and
10	the history of the project, the Town normally
11	my office would review the septic systems.
12	Because of the number of lots it gets deferred to
13	the Health Department for their review. They'll
14	actually go out and witness the deep tests and
15	percolation tests to make sure those designs meet
16	their requirements.
17	Does that answer your question?
18	MS. EVA DAVIS: Are the septic systems
19	all the same size?
20	MR. HINES: The septic systems are
21	various sizes based on the percolation rates
22	from the testing that was done preliminarily by
23	the applicant's representative. The Health
24	Department will field check those to make sure
25	they're the actual results in the field versus

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2	the design. Because it's a major subdivision the
3	Town does not review the septics, the Health
4	Department does.
5	MS. EVA DAVIS: Percolation and perk
6	tests were done during very dry weather just
7	before a five-day rain.
8	MR. LYTLE: We've done them a couple
9	different times in a couple difference areas.
10	MR. HINES: They'll be done again. The
11	Health Department will come out and witness
12	percolation tests. Not all of them but they'll
13	select certain ones to be done.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Is there anyone
15	here this evening who would like the opportunity
16	to raise a comment or question who hasn't spoken
17	before?
18	(No response.)
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. We'll start
20	back to Ms. Davis.
21	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I just want to
22	mention that the same house I had mentioned that
23	I could see being under a lot of water, that's
24	going to be the first house on Susan Drive when
25	you drive up that you're going to see the back of

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2	the house. I know you're going to tell me
3	there's some leeway but that's the first house on
4	the whole road that you'll be seeing into the
5	back of their house.
6	MR. LYTLE: During the review Karen
7	actually asked in the code the driveways and
8	the house I'm sorry. The houses are asked to
9	front or face the private road. Actually if it
10	turned it would have more of a frontage to both
11	roads. That could be done with Karen if she was
12	okay with that and the Planning Board was okay
13	with that.
14	MS. CINDY DAVIS: It's going to look
15	strange.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Heidi Benson.
17	MS. BENSON: Hi. What are the square
18	footages of these houses?
19	MR. LYTLE: What's shown on here right
20	now is a footprint of approximately 1,500 to
21	1,800 square feet per floor. What they actually
22	build, individual plans would have to be
23	developed and drawn. The septics are designed
24	based on a four-bedroom residence.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Matthew Benson.

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2	MR. BENSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
3	I just had a question for Mr. Wersted.
4	MR. WERSTED: Correct.
5	MR. BENSON: The plan that I'm looking
6	at which was earlier and which has now changed,
7	you had talked about having one driveway onto
8	Susan Drive and that being less of an impact than
9	multiple driveways. The original plan had only
10	two driveways onto Susan Drive and only three
11	houses. Now you've got one road with seven
12	houses all emptying onto Susan Drive, which is a
13	pretty small road. I don't even know if there's
14	a yellow line down the middle of it. People park
15	on that road. I mean emptying seven houses
16	through one slew of traffic on that little road
17	is going to have a much greater impact than three
18	houses and two driveways. Frankly, if this
19	original plan had stayed you would have an
20	additional three houses going onto River Road,
21	which frankly I live on River Road and I would
22	much prefer to have the driveways emptying onto
23	River Road as opposed to having everything
24	concentrated on Susan Drive. People on Susan
25	Drive are my neighbors and it's just this

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2	seems like a much less safe and much less
3	intelligent plan. It's much better to spread out
4	impact as opposed to concentrating it. I just
5	wanted you to consider that.
6	MR. WERSTED: Okay.
7	MR. BENSON: I think, as with my other
8	neighbors, there's a big concern about this one
9	road with seven houses, or six houses. Sorry.
10	My other question to Mr. Lytle was Mr.
11	Johnson who lives to the north of those three
12	houses is going to be impacted by this
13	development. I would ask the Town when we
14	went before you before we asked if we could have
15	a buffer, a landscape buffer of fifteen feet, and
16	that was written into the approved plan. Now we
17	subsequently bought a lot from you, lot 1 on
18	River Road, so that buffer became sort of
19	incidental because we own the land now. We
20	basically bought a big buffer.
21	MR. LYTLE: That was up against your
22	house, not Mr. Johnson.
23	MR. BENSON: That's right. Now Mr.
24	Johnson is facing the same situation as we did.
25	We're protecting ourselves against one house and

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2	we spent a lot of money for just a buffer. Mr.
3	Johnson now has three houses about to be coming
4	into his land abutting onto his land. You've
5	got a buffer on Susan Drive around the swale.
6	I'm presuming that can't be cleared or cut, it's
7	forested. I know Ms. Arent has been doing a good
8	job with protecting the frontage on River Road
9	with the trees. This is all old estate land with
10	estate trees. There's a lot of Locust and Red
11	Maples. This was a beautiful sort of parkland at
12	one point.
13	Mr. Johnson is not here, he asked me to
14	speak for him as well. He wants the Town and you
15	to consider a buffer between his property and the
16	back of these three houses that are going to be
17	built where land cannot be cleared and the
18	original trees have to be left intact along his
19	property line. He owns six acres to the north of
20	there.
21	MR. LYTLE: Yup. On this side.
22	MR. BENSON: That's right.
23	MR. LYTLE: Right now currently
24	we're looking at the aerial shots his closest
25	point of clearing of trees, he's approximately 60

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	to 80 feet. Again they're getting larger as you
3	go down the property line. You can see here is
4	the north edge of the property. Up on top is
5	actually what he has cleared currently. This
6	landscape buffer he already has on the existing
7	property. We have no proposal for anything down
8	here.
9	MR. BENSON: So he has a buffer the way
10	we do?
11	MR. LYTLE: The natural. Again, on
12	your plan we gave you one and then you purchased
13	a lot. So you bought your own buffer.
14	MR. BENSON: He will be pleased to know
15	that it's not coming right up to his cleared lot.
16	My other quick question is you said a
17	subdivision of ten houses or more is subject to
18	some kind of restrictions in terms of the houses
19	that can be built, they have to be more varied.
20	Is that correct? Is that the Town rule?
21	MR. DONNELLY: Yes.
22	MR. BENSON: Okay. So it's perfectly
23	conceivable a developer could buy this from Mr.
24	Lytle and build seven of the exact same houses,
25	which is what happened behind us. I cannot tell

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2	you how completely wrong and hideous that is to
3	the neighborhood. There's nothing like that in
4	all of Balmville. I know you don't have the
5	power at this point in your bylaws to legislate
6	against it or to tell the developer you can't
7	build six or seven of the same houses, but what
8	would be the procedure for there to be put in
9	some kind of architectural review where that
10	wouldn't happen? I know it is going to happen.
11	MR. DONNELLY: The Town Board would
12	have to enact that. There is at least one member
13	of the Planning Board that wants to ask the
14	developer whether he's willing to place that
15	restriction on the development itself. We may
16	come to that issue this evening.
17	MR. BENSON: That would be a great
18	thing to put in because the fear for everyone who
19	lives in this neighborhood, and it's happened
20	behind us, is that you get two of the exact same
21	houses. I went and saw the building plans for
22	the two houses behind us and it was one
23	architectural drawing. I realized that cost half
24	as much as two drawings. The developers just
25	weren't thinking. For them it's less money to

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2	spend on more architectural plans, let's just
3	build two of the same houses. It actually
4	deteriorates, you know, the aesthetics and the
5	culture, the history of the neighborhood.
6	So I would ask that that be strongly
7	considered, that six or seven of the same houses
8	not be allowed to be built in this case and
9	whoever buys from Mr. Lytle have that restriction
10	written into the deed of sale, that they have to
11	be varied. All of Susan Drive is varied. They
12	may all look like a lot of 1950s ranches but
13	they're all different. Certainly the old
14	historic homes are all different. That's in
15	keeping with the character.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think we have two
17	items before us right now. We have a history of
18	two buildings that went up on the site that
19	turned out to be visually harmful to everyone and
20	quite honestly not in compliance, Anthony, with
21	what everyone thought was going to be prepared.
22	I don't think there's a Board Member here that is
23	ignorant of that fact, and in fact rather
24	concerned when it was built. So I would like to
25	air that because I think it's something we have

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2	to let out our emotions on at this point because
3	it turned out to be a blunder. Things do happen
4	like that.
5	I'll ask Ken Lytle to kind of bring us
6	along as to who he sold the lots to for
7	conversation, I mean we can't go back in time,
8	what he thinks happened. We tried policing that
9	afterwards. There were some walls that were
10	taken down that weren't supposed to have been
11	taken down. There were trees removed that
12	weren't supposed to be removed. Karen went out
13	there and we tried to service the public, service
14	ourselves by, lack of words, putting band-aids on
15	large wounds at that particular time.
16	Then I'll turn to Ed O'Donnell who
17	during our work session had some thoughts as far
18	as deed restrictions. Bring us along on the
19	history.
20	Again, Ken Lytle was cooperative during
21	the whole process in trying to bring his buyer
22	along as to what was damaged based upon what was
23	agreed upon. What happened there and what might
24	happen here? Do you propose on building the
25	subdivision.

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2	MR. LYTLE: It was actually a four-lot
3	subdivision. Most of the Members here know
4	three of the southernmost lots were sold to a
5	developer. Mr. Benson actually bought the lot to
6	have a buffer for himself. The two middle lots,
7	lots 2 and 3, are the ones being built currently
8	right now. He developed house plans done by an
9	architect he uses. The plans were very similar.
10	I submitted them to the building department to
11	have them reviewed. They actually were commented
12	on I believe by the building department that the
13	homes were very similar. He responded back on
14	what the changes were to allow it to go through
15	and get passed. They were allowed a building
16	permit. They look very, very similar right now.
17	I know they're being finished up. The outsides
18	are being finished up currently.
19	During construction I know the land
20	the excavator took out many more trees than were
21	proposed on the plan. Karen Arent went out there
22	a couple times. I believe the building inspector
23	was out there also. They actually required them
24	to replace a bunch of trees. Is that correct.
25	MS. ARENT: Yes.

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2	MR. LYTLE: They'll put it back as best
3	as they can to the woodsy condition it was
4	originally.
5	Where they made the entrances onto the
6	road, the stones were supposed to be restacked on
7	the corner to make it a nice entrance like Stone
8	Gate Drive. That has not been completed yet. I
9	know the lower lot I guess is in the process of
10	doing that now I understand. Again, those are
11	things that were supposed to happen. We tried to
12	work with the Town and let them know what was
13	going on out in the field. We did the stake out
14	for these lots. Again, we staked out the
15	clearing limits so there would be no question
16	about what is on the plans and what should have
17	been done. Those things were pretty much just
18	avoided and overlooked, not actually done, not
19	built within. They did what they wanted
20	unfortunately.
21	These lower lots down here, what we're
22	proposing again, we're kind of upset with what
23	the developer did himself up there. Our goal is
24	to propose and build this out ourselves so we
25	have control. The homes when we originally went

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2	to the Planning Board were not supposed to look
3	the same. They were supposed to be something
4	that fit into the area, nice higher pitches, all
5	kinds of information. That's what we're
6	proposing to do down here.
7	Mr. O'Donnell is going to ask us in a
8	couple minutes about some notes to put on the
9	plans so the homes don't look the same. I don't
10	see any problem with that. Just in case, it
11	could happen, it does get sold, there would
12	actually be some way for the Town to stop it from
13	actually happening so you don't have duplicate
14	homes side by side for the same reason.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Again, before I
16	turn to Ed O'Donnell; Mike Donnelly, deed
17	restrictions, how are they enforced? What can
18	the Town do? I don't want to err again. Let's
19	try to describe what we're talking about.
20	MR. DONNELLY: If the applicant were to
21	record a declaration of restrictions that covered
22	this entire parcel, then those restrictions would
23	bind any subsequent purchaser of any of the lots.
24	Because that declaration would be part of a plan
25	for the development of this land, any of the lot

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2	owners would have the authority and the standing
3	to enforce those restrictions as against anyone
4	that violated them. That would not necessarily
5	give standing to property owners who were beyond
6	the confines of the subdivision unless the
7	declaration were to specifically announce that it
8	was intended to benefit those surrounding
9	property owners. If the declaration included
10	that language, that it was intended to benefit
11	the surrounding property owners and was
12	enforceable by them, then any property owner
13	within the reach of that declaration would be
14	permitted to enforce any violation of the
15	declaration. That declaration would not in and
16	of itself give the Town any authority to enforce
17	it. We're not talking, as I understand what
18	we're discussing, a conservation easement that
19	would give to the Town, or land trust, or
20	historic organization, or anything of the kind
21	the authority to enforce. If properly drawn for
22	the benefit of identifiable surrounding property
23	owners it would be enforceable by them.
24	Legitimately the restrictions could relate and be
25	enforceable for any of the items we're talking

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2	about, limitations on the size of the house,
3	style of the house, orientation. We were talking
4	earlier about the popularity some years back of
5	almost uniform restrictions that didn't allow
6	anyone to put an above an outside clothesline
7	or above- ground swimming pool in. There were
8	certain declarations that were very in vogue for
9	a period of time. If the applicant is willing to
10	volunteer that, we would incorporate that
11	voluntary offer into a condition of the approval
12	and before the plat was released for filing a
13	satisfactory declaration would be reviewed and a
14	deed would be required to be recorded
15	simultaneously with the filing of the plat. That
16	would be the legal outline of what we're
17	discussing and how it could be implemented and
18	enforced.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Anthony, you had
20	your hand up.
21	MR. SALERNO: First I wanted to respond
22	to what Mr. Donnelly said earlier when he
23	explained the scope of the regulations as to the
24	issue of ten houses. Had the property, as we
25	asked, all of this development been reviewed as
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2	one development, which it in fact turned out to
3	be, the amount of houses in question would have
4	been twelve reduced to eleven. The Bensons
5	bought one. We would now be looking at eleven.
6	Then the concerns and the ability, the authority
7	of the Town to have imposed these other
8	restrictions and to have taken the concerns about
9	the historical district of the public into
10	consideration would have been implemented. You
11	would have had the ability to implement it. I
12	said then and I'm going to say it again it was
13	extremely disingenuous of the developer and I
14	believe the Town should have known better. It
15	was not like you were in the dark. We alerted
16	everybody that this was the concern, and it turns
17	out that when you add it all up it's over ten
18	houses. The rules would have been there. You
19	know the reason it was done this way is to avoid
20	the issue of the ten houses, so why would we even
21	dance around that issue. I really think that the
22	Town Board should reconsider this density in the
23	context of including it into the original
24	development, now that we know what this
25	development is, and really look at it as one

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2	whole development with the authority that the
3	Town already has, because you have the discretion
4	to look at it as one development. So that's what
5	I'm asking.
6	As to the things that Mr. Donnelly just
7	said now as to those restrictions, I'm certainly
8	interested in those but they bear they're
9	basically based upon what the developer will now
10	offer, what Mr. Lytle will offer, and what the
11	Board will require. They would require
12	enforcement on the part of the neighbors, which
13	is fair enough. I mean why take the burden off
14	of the Town. I would say we would have
15	eliminated that issue had the Town looked at this
16	development for what it was at inception.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
18	MR. DONNELLY: On that issue could I
19	just make a suggestion and a possible request to
20	the applicant? Would the applicant agree that it
21	would be bound by the ten or more lot
22	architectural review provisions of the Ordinance,
23	and we could then incorporate that agreement into
24	a condition that would in fact bind you to those
25	provisions? You're familiar with them, you've

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2	seen them elsewhere. If you can't answer the
3	question this evening the Board could do no more
4	than preliminary approval at this point. We
5	could take it up later. I don't know if it's
6	that onerous to you.
7	MR. LYTLE: I don't see any problem
8	with allowing for the architectural review. Our
9	goal was for the other lots and these lots to
10	make something nicer, to blend in better with the
11	neighborhood, not to have cookie cutters side by
12	side.
13	Regarding having an attorney draft up
14	something, Mr. Loeb from Mr. Loeb's office is
15	already working on something for us for that
16	reason to actually get filed with the map.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: So we will at a
18	point in time be doing ARB on the proposed seven
19	houses. There will be a declaration describing
20	the deed restrictions that will be discussed this
21	evening.
22	Heidi Benson.
23	MS. BENSON: Is this new cul-de-sac a
24	Town road or a private road?
25	MR. LYTLE: It will be private.

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MS. BENSON: At what point do you put
in street lamps like on River Road?
MR. LYTLE: No. No street lamps are
proposed. I don't think there's any street lamps
along Susan Drive, is there?
MS. CINDY DAVIS: Yes.
MR. LYTLE: We're not proposing any
street lamps. It's a very short road. There's
no poles for any lights.
MS. BENSON: River Road when we have
four new homes south of us
MR. LYTLE: Okay.
MS. BENSON: It's just a very dark
road.
MR. LYTLE: Again, there's no street
lamps proposed. When the subdivision is done
over again, this one here, we're proposing one
new lot. Again, no street lamps are proposed.
You could possibly talk to the Town about that.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Matthew Benson.
MR. BENSON: Thank you. The power
access to these new developments, along River
Road now to service the two houses that went in
massive poles have gone up and now Central Hudson

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2	wants them outside the stonewalls. Not only do
3	you have these two houses which seemed to be
4	problematic when they were built or anyone wanted
5	yet there they are, we also have these massive
6	telephone poles. I approached Central Hudson and
7	said wouldn't it be nicer to bury the power
8	lines. It's a lot less maintenance, you don't
9	have the storms and wires. That was a money
10	issue. The developer was going to have to bury
11	the lines and pay for it. Are you planning to
12	run power lines which clutter up the development
13	and clutter up houses or are you going to bury
14	the lines?
15	MR. LYTLE: Everything we're proposing
16	for this new subdivision again will be
17	underground. There is a pole along Susan Drive
18	that will go down to the bottom of that and then
19	go underground and service all these homes from
20	underground.
21	This new home here, I believe what
22	you're talking about is the new pole that was
23	installed because the power was on the west side
24	and from there it went down underground.
25	MR. BENSON: As you know Mr. Johnson

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2	had an easement for the lot that you sold to Ms.
3	Benzakein and that easement when it was signed
4	over said you couldn't sell that lot at all. It
5	was understood that those power lines would be
6	buried.
7	MR. LYTLE: That is agreed to in the
8	sale of contract.
9	MR. BENSON: Okay. Now this situation
10	with Central Hudson we've been fighting this
11	for a month and we thought we had something
12	agreed and now Central Hudson does not want to
13	bury the power line. They want to put in another
14	pole along our driveway and add to the clutter
15	along our driveway now. So they're backing out
16	of this proposal that we had agreed on with you
17	and Mr. Johnson signed where everything was going
18	to be buried.
19	MR. LYTLE: If you want to call my
20	office tomorrow, I know you have the number, we
21	can give you copies of those. Again, it was our
22	agreement when it went to Ms. Benzakein. We're
23	not building the house. Actually in that she was
24	going to put in those lines underground at her
25	cost.

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2	MR. BENSON: That has now stalled out.
3	We've run into a problem with the lots to the
4	north and the lots to the south. We're a
5	little you know, we're feeling a little
6	beseeched frankly.
7	MR. LYTLE: Okay.
8	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ms. Davis, I think
9	you had your hand up.
10	MS. EVA DAVIS: I like Cynthia's idea.
11	She has a little house and she has enough
12	problems. I think you should move it over.
13	Looking at the drawing I don't know why you
14	couldn't move it over.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think based upon
16	the experience that we have from our
17	professionals, the Town Engineer, the Town
18	Highway, it is in the best location at this
19	particular time.
20	MR. DONNELLY: One of the objectives
21	was to save those large trees.
22	MS. EVA DAVIS: The trees are going to
23	go sometime or other when all that equipment gets
24	in there. I've seen that happen. Look at the
25	little buffer she has.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: There will be tree
3	protection that will be done around these
4	particular trees. There's a lot of design that
5	went to protect them to keep up with the
6	character of the neighborhood. They're 42-inch
7	caliber Sycamore trees.
8	I'll turn to the Board Members at this
9	particular time. Frank Galli?
10	MR. GALLI: No additional comment.
11	Everything was brought up. Ken knows our
12	concerns about that. We tell him every time he
13	shows up. That's basically it. Everything was
14	brought out in the public hearing.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne?
16	MR. BROWNE: I just wanted to ask Ken
17	for the benefit of everybody, the code
18	requirement for buffers in this type of
19	development is what?
20	MR. LYTLE: For a buffer. There is no
21	buffer required. It's something we offer.
22	MR. BROWNE: What you are proposing for
23	a buffer is
24	MR. LYTLE: Above and beyond what's
25	required.

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2	MR. BROWNE: To be good for the
3	neighborhood.
4	MR. LYTLE: That's right.
5	MR. BROWNE: Thank you.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich?
7	MR. MENNERICH: The applicant agreeing
8	to ARB on this subdivision will be very helpful.
9	The other thing I think the public
10	should be aware of is when this goes to the
11	Orange County Board of Health, if the septic
12	systems don't perform as Ken predicts, they will
13	make them reduce the number of lots.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
15	MR. O'DONNELL: What I wanted to say I
16	think both you and Mr. Donnelly have already said
17	relative to the ARB.
18	I did want to mention that in a prior
19	life I also had a subdivision in the Town of
20	Newburgh. It was six lots and I had deed
21	restrictions. I thought that the reason that I
22	needed them was to protect each lot owner against
23	what goes next to them. I think that that's
24	something that should be done here.
25	On a second thought I want you to know

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2	where I live in Balmville is on a cul-de-sac with
3	six houses that's been there for twenty-two
4	years. This is not something that's never been
5	done before. I also want you to know that the
6	traffic that's generated by those six houses is
7	negligible, not even noticeable, and I've been
8	there for twenty-two years. So that's just some
9	thoughts I had. I wanted to share them with you
10	because I know how important it is to you.
11	In addition to which what Mr. Salerno
12	said relative to the zoning and one acre, I think
13	you're right. I think it ought to be two acres.
14	Change it. You've got to lobby the guys that we
15	elect as supervisors and councilmen. That's
16	where you've got to go and beat them up. All we
17	can do is enforce what is presented to us and
18	what the code and regulations are.
19	But I think that we're going to do well
20	here. We did a terrible thing with those two
21	houses. Nobody ever thought that would happen
22	and it did. It's not going to happen here. When
23	we have the ARB, come and sit.
24	MS. CYNTHIA DAVIS: Sir
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Excuse me. At this

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2	point, Ms. Davis, I turned the meeting over to
3	Planning Board Members for their comments. We
4	have one more Board Member, Joe Profaci, who
5	hasn't had the opportunity to speak.
6	MR. PROFACI: I would just like to
7	commend Ken on agreeing to the ARB. This is not
8	something he has to do. He's not forced to do
9	this at all. To agree to combining those houses
10	that are already built with this is a noble
11	gesture. So thank you, Ken.
12	MR. LYTLE: Yup.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ms. Davis.
14	MS. CINDY DAVIS: The two houses that
15	everyone is so unhappy about on River Road,
16	what's the square feet of those houses?
17	MR. LYTLE: Again, we weren't involved
18	in the plans.
19	MS. CYNTHIA DAVIS: They're 4,000?
20	MR. LYTLE: I think they're around
21	4,000.
22	MS. CYNTHIA DAVIS: And these houses
23	are how many square feet?
24	MR. LYTLE: Again the footprint we have
25	shown is somewhere between 1,500 or 1,800 per

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2	floor.
3	MS. CINDY DAVIS: A lot of little
4	tiny
5	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: That's per floor.
6	MR. LYTLE: That's per floor. Some are
7	like 2,500.
8	MS. CINDY DAVIS: That makes me feel
9	better.
10	MR. LYTLE: It's similar to the ones
11	around Susan Drive.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'm making my last
13	round with Heidi Benson.
14	MS. BENSON: If you're feeling really
15	noble can you take out a house? Throw us a bone
16	here. That's it. I apologize, I know you have
17	other things on the agenda but thank you for
18	letting us speak tonight.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: In all fairness, we
20	saw the error, we saw the mistake and it wasn't
21	that far after the construction between the
22	building department, between Karen, between the
23	Planning Board Members we were aware of what
24	happened. You're right, we don't control the
25	process after we approve it. We hope that people

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2	stand up for what shows on the site plans. You
3	do run in to this problem both on a residential
4	level and a commercial level. We try and
5	establish clearing limit lines, we try and
6	maintain tree protection. There are those that
7	think we overdo that, but again they're not
8	sitting in the audience meeting after meeting
9	hearing from the public that's saying the
10	character of the neighborhood on Union Avenue
11	where a large project is going in that's
12	127 acres, that 109 acres are going to be cleared
13	and there will be trees lost. They're not here
14	to hear that. They are not hear when people like
15	yourselves are talking about the character of the
16	neighborhood that's changing. The issue of the
17	street lighting comes up. I can tell you that
18	opens up a whole other Pandora's box. Do you
19	want lighting? Do you want to keep the
20	tranquility without lighting?
21	I myself apologize for what happened
22	out there. I think it should have never
23	happened. I mean I think we even said that to
24	Ken many times. He is responsible. He is
25	responsible. I don't know if you could sense it

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2	but even the way he presents himself in public
3	with his presentation, he has character in what
4	he's saying. I do believe he gives it his best
5	effort.
6	MR. HINES: John, one of the things you
7	may want to address with the public is the new
8	tree protection notes that have grown out of that
9	project and some of the other
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen, why don't
11	you speak to that.
12	MS. ARENT: I have to say those
13	projects could have been a lot worse because all
14	the trees could have been cleared, the stonewalls
15	could have been taken down. We put all these
16	notes on the drawings to try to help that from
17	happening. That's another River Road, I think
18	that road is one of the most beautiful roads in
19	the County and the projects that have come before
20	us have had so many openings in that stonewall
21	and along that tree cover. Our job has always
22	been to preserve all of the unique gateway
23	entrances. That's one of the reasons why this
24	project was redesigned, so we could save those
25	trees, save as much of that stonewall as

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2	possible. Every single driveway that goes
3	through that stonewall, you take down twenty feet
4	of it. The least amount of disturbance to that
5	whole run is what we were looking to do. We
6	successfully did it.
7	Those houses, they cleared more trees
8	than they were supposed to. They had a stop work
9	order. They now have to put trees back. It
10	would look a lot better if they kept the trees
11	like they were supposed to, but unfortunately
12	they didn't.
13	One of the things the public can do is
14	if you see construction going on with no tree
15	protection fencing up, call the building
16	department because that will get a stop work
17	order put on the project. That's the best we can
18	do. We've been the project I have to say
19	we've seen along this road could have totally,
20	totally changed. I think that what you have is
21	much better than what could have been.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Pat, you were
23	referencing the new ordinance. I don't know if
24	we got clarification on that.
25	MR. HINES: Because of some of the

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2	situations that have occurred in the past, the
3	two lots we were talking about, we're requesting
4	and actually requiring applicants to put several
5	notes on there that are now enforceable by the
6	building inspector. Karen actually worked them
7	up. They are on this set of plans. They are
8	probably not on the other ones. There's a note
9	that states tree replacement shall be required
10	wherever trees are cleared within protected areas
11	without authorization. Tree replacement shall be
12	equal to the basil area of the cleared trees. If
13	you cut down a very large tree you have to
14	replace very many smaller trees in order to come
15	up with that basil area, the surface area of the
16	tree that was cut as determined by the Town's
17	Landscape Architectural Consultant for the Town
18	of Newburgh. That gives the building department
19	and Karen when she goes out there the power to
20	require replacement of those trees. Developers
21	are more and more aware of that because some of
22	them have spent considerable money putting trees
23	back to make up for clearing outside the limits
24	that are now shown on the plans.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The last question,

Matthew.

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3 MR. BENSON: Thank you. I appreciate 4 it. We were driving to this meeting tonight from 5 our house on Stone Gate Drive and we drove past 6 the two big houses which we've been driving by 7 for a year now. Heidi and I said well -- we were 8 looking at this plan -- I guess they're going to 9 put in two more driveways. We sort of said it 10 will even it out. It will look more like a 11 neighborhood. Ironically what you're saying, as 12 right as it is, also makes the mistake more 13 glaring because you drive up River Road, there 14 are no driveways, no driveways, and suddenly all 15 these little driveways. It just makes it look 16 more out of balance. If you drive up River Road 17 and there's a driveway and there's a driveway, 18 it's sort of even. It's a neighborhood. But now 19 that you've got these two houses which clearly 20 there were problems with when they were put in 21 and there are two driveways right next to our 22 driveway and another driveway, it looks more like 23 a mistake. I just want you to consider that. I 24 know that sounds ironic that I want more 25 driveways but it just makes it look a little more

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2	evenly developed.
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: As Mike Donnelly
4	had said earlier, when you look at the overall
5	character of Susan Drive, it really is in harmony
6	with what is on Susan Drive.
7	I'll make one other suggestion to the
8	Board Members if they so agree, that Karen Arent,
9	Ken Lytle and Ms. Davis meet out in the field to
10	look at the proposed road that will be going in
11	along your home to see what potential other
12	mitigation measures may be installed for some
13	kind of buffer protection. That's the best we
14	can do.
15	MS. CINDY DAVIS: If they have to use
16	dynamite because there's a lot of hills and rocks
17	will I get a notice?
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Are you proposing
19	any dynamite?
20	MR. LYTLE: No. We see no reason for
21	any dynamite. There's a rock on top but we're
22	not we're not proposing any dynamite. If for
23	some reason it had to be done, I guess the whole
24	procedure would have to be done. All these other
25	homes that were built it was not the case.

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2	MS. CINDY DAVIS: I grew up in this
3	backyard since 45 years. I know all of the
4	land. I know where all the water is and I know
5	all the mistakes that you people
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think the Town
7	code requires notification.
8	MR. HINES: There's a permit process
9	and notification process for blasting in the
10	Town.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
12	motion from the Board to close the public hearing
13	for the seven-lot subdivision for Balmville
14	Estates.
15	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
16	MR. O'DONNELL: Second.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
18	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Ed O'Donnell.
19	Any discussion of the motion?
20	(No response.)
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
22	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
23	MR. GALLI: Aye.
24	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
25	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.

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2	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
3	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
5	carried.
6	At this point I would like to turn to
7	Mike Donnelly to give us conditions for
8	preliminary approval.
9	MR. DONNELLY: As was mentioned by Pat
10	Hines earlier, because it's a major subdivision
11	this can be given only preliminary approval at
12	this time. What that means is the applicant
13	would next have to go to the Health Department,
14	and only if and after Health Department approval
15	is obtained can final approval be considered.
16	I've broken the resolution into two
17	sections, the conditions that would need to be
18	satisfied before final approval and an
19	announcement of those that will be built into the
20	final approval.
21	First, the approval is conditioned upon
22	the applicant will have to obtain, before final
23	approval, approval from the Orange County
24	Department of Health, both realty subdivision
25	approval and water main extension approval. I

2	believe the Town Board will also have to approve the name of the private roadway. As part of the
4	conditions of final approval several of the
5	offers made by the applicant will be built in.
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	One that was not mentioned was a request that you
7	consider consolidating several of those driveways
8	where they meet the cul-de-sac for some distance
9	so that we don't have six individual driveways
10	coming off the cul-de-sac. If that can be built
11	into the final plans, that was a suggestion that
12	was made by Ed Garling. Next there were a number
13	of issues in Karen Arent's letter that all need
14	to be satisfied before final approval. We will
15	build into the resolution of final approval the
16	agreement that you've announced this evening to
17	be bound by the ten-lot ARB provisions of the
18	ordinance. In addition, we will incorporate into
19	the resolution your offer to present to us a
20	proposed set of deed restrictions that relate to
21	the architectural issues that were discussed that
22	will need to be satisfactory to the Planning
23	Board, and that instrument will need to identify
24	those properties that are sought to be protected
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2 J	and that will have standing to enforce it. As

2	noted earlier, there are certain map notes
3	regarding clearing limits. I think that we
4	should also build in to those declarations and
5	restrictions the same type of restrictions on
6	permit and clearing and a requirement of
7	replacing any damaged or removed plantings either
8	intentionally or inadvertently, again to be
9	enforceable by the same group of people that are
10	identified for the other purposes. There will be
11	a requirement at the time of final approval of a
12	landscape security and inspection fee. I believe
13	a stormwater improvement security and inspection
14	fee. A private road security and inspection fee.
15	Of course the payment of fees in lieu of
16	parkland. Additionally, if any changes are made
17	to the plans by the Health Department in their
18	review that weren't the imposition of further
19	conditions, those will be added to the final
20	resolution as well.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any comments from
22	the Planning Board Members?
23	MR. GALLI: No additional.
24	MR. BROWNE: None.
25	MR. MENNERICH: Nothing for me.

2	MR. O'DONNELL: No.
3	MR. PROFACI: No.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Having heard the
5	conditions for preliminary approval from our
6	Attorney, Mike Donnelly, I'll move for that
7	motion.
8	MR. PROFACI: So moved.
9	MR. GALLI: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
11	Joe Profaci. I have a second by Frank Galli.
12	Any discussion of the motion?
13	(No response.)
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
15	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
16	MR. GALLI: Aye.
17	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
18	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
19	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
20	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
22	carried.
23	Mr. Salerno, the Bensons and the
24	Davises, I would like to thank you all for
25	coming. I think the process worked well this

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2	evening as far as the balance. I hope you would
3	appreciate that and understand it. We do
4	apologize for what happened with those two homes,
5	and it's been a learning experience. As Pat
6	Hines said, there's been some changes to the
7	Ordinance based upon that. We're not really
8	asleep, we're trying to learn from errors and
9	improve upon them. I think really our main goal
10	is to try and maintain the character of Newburgh
11	as best as possible based upon what we have for
12	standards. The Town in the last four or
13	five months has developed guideline standards to
14	help the Planning Board to reach some of the
15	goals that the public is looking for and that
16	basically is what everyone is looking for, to
17	kind of hold on to the community character as
18	best we can. We struggle with that. Some people
19	think we're a little too hard with them on that
20	but we hear from the public and we try our best.
21	Again I apologize. I wish it had been better.
22	MR. LYTLE: Thank you.
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24	(Time noted: 8:43 p.m.)
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7	I, Michelle Conero, a Shorthand
8	Reporter and Notary Public within and for
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1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 NEWBURGH PARK ASSOCIATES (2007 - 37)6 Drury Lane 7 Section 89; Block 1; Lot 19.22 IB & R-3 Zones 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X 9 CONCEPTUAL SKETCH PLAN 10 TWO-LOT SUBDIVISION Date: October 18, 2007 11 Time: 8:46 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 12 Town Hall 13 1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman 15 BOARD MEMBERS: FRANK S. GALLI CLIFFORD C. BROWNE 16 KENNETH MENNERICH 17 EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI 18 19 ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. 20 PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT 21 KENNETH WERSTED APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: KENNETH LYTLE 22 23 - - - - - - - - - - - - X MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The next item we
3	have before us this evening is Newburgh Park
4	Associates. It was listed as a conceptual sketch
5	plan for a two-lot subdivision located on Drury
6	Lane in an IB and R-3 Zone represented by Ken
7	Lytle.
8	Ken, I'm going to ask Mr. Donnelly to
9	speak on this for the benefit of time.
10	MR. DONNELLY: I had spoken to Ken on
11	the phone. This is somewhat of a recurring issue
12	in the Town of Newburgh. This property is
13	divided by Drury Lane as well as by a piece of
14	property owned in fee by New York City Water
15	Department or aqueduct. Therefore the land,
16	though it has a single tax map parcel number
17	assigned to it, is actually an assortment of I
18	believe four separate pieces, one on one side of
19	the road and three on the other if I have it
20	correct.
21	MR. LYTLE: That's right.
22	MR. DONNELLY: Your subdivision
23	regulation in the Town of Newburgh says that for
24	purposes of this subdivision law a parcel shall
25	be considered already to have been subdivided

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2	into two or more parcels if bisected by one or
3	more public streets, railroad, rights-of-way.
4	Therefore we have taken the position in the past
5	and we've discussed it with the real property tax
6	service the fact that where a parcel where a
7	piece of land that would be a subdivided piece
8	under this definition has a single tax map
9	number, that that is for tax issue convenience
10	only and that the tax maps can be returned to
11	what the ordinance reflects upon a report from
12	the Planning Board. What the real property tax
13	service needs to complete that is both a consent
14	from the Town as well as a map that shows the
15	newly reconfigured tax map parcels, each with a
16	metes and bounds description and each with a new
17	computation because on occasion issues that you
18	haven't realized have come up.
19	I suggest that you make the report that
20	you will issue this evening, and I'll come back
21	to that in a moment, subject to a sign off by the
22	assessor, Mr. Fogarty, to make sure there's not
23	something that we're missing. It is not truly a
24	resolution because we're not approving the
25	subdivision, we're simply reporting to the real

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2	property tax service the state of affairs that
3	there has always been a subdivision by virtue of
4	that roadway.
5	I think as we figure out how best to do
6	this, I propose preparing for you to consider not
7	a resolution but rather a report that will
8	reflect the configuration by identifying the map
9	presented, a site with definition, and announce
10	in the report that the Town has no objection to
11	the assignment of individual tax map parcels
12	subject to the preparation of the map showing the
13	metes and bounds and acreage and subject to the
14	sign off of the town assessor. If we're going to
15	that level of formality I think that report
16	should be voted upon subject to a motion. It's
17	not an action within SEQRA, it is merely a
18	report. It would require referral to the Orange
19	County Planning Department. Of course there's no
20	other agencies that would have any approval
21	authority over it. So while we have not in the
22	past done it other than by letter, maybe it's
23	better we get into the habit of having a
24	resolution or a report as I propose, and I will
25	prepare that, containing the information I just

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2	outlined.
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: So basically it's a
4	metes and bounds description and this approval by
5	the assessor, Mike Fogarty?
6	MR. DONNELLY: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any questions from
8	the Board Members?
9	MR. GALLI: No.
10	MR. BROWNE: No.
11	MR. MENNERICH: No.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Then I'll move that
13	the Board accept this letter as a form of
14	acknowledgement to be sent to Mike Fogarty and
15	eventually to the County the County will be
16	the receiver of taxes?
17	MR. DONNELLY: Real property tax
18	service which is part of the county clerk's
19	office.
20	MR. LYTLE: One question. Does the
21	Planning Board need to sign it also, Mike, or no?
22	MR. DONNELLY: When we do lot line
23	changes, because that's the equivalent, are they
24	signed by you?
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: They are.

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MR. DONNELLY: I think the answer is
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CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay.
MR. BROWNE: So moved.
MR. PROFACI: Second.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have an agreement
de by to move forward with this by Cliff
owne. I have a second by Joe Profaci. Any
scussion of the motion?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Not a motion but
e agreement.
There being no discussion, I'll poll
e Board Members for their final agreement.
MR. GALLI: Okay.
MR. BROWNE: Aye.
MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
MR. DONNELLY: Aye.
MR. PROFACI: Aye.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself.
Thank you.
MR. LYTLE: Thank you.
(Time noted: 8:52 p.m.)

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9	the State of New York, do hereby certify
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4 5	in the Matter of	
6 7	Northeast corn	ORANGE COUNTY TRUST (2007-03) er of Noel Drive & North Plank Road tion 76; Block 2; Lot 1
8		B Zone
9 10		X SITE PLAN & ARB
10		Date: October 18, 2007
		Time: 8:46 p.m.
12		Place: Town of Newburgh Town Hall
13		1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550
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15	BOARD MEMBERS:	JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman FRANK S. GALLI
16		CLIFFORD C. BROWNE KENNETH MENNERICH
17		EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI
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19	ALSO PRESENT:	DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ.
20		PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT
21		KENNETH WERSTED
22	APPLICANT'S REPR	ESENTATIVE: THOMAS DePUY
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24	Wal	MICHELLE L. CONERO 10 Westview Drive lkill, New York 12589
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Our next item of
3	business this evening is Orange County Trust.
4	It's here tonight to discuss the site plan and
5	ARB. It's located on the northeast corner of
6	Noel Drive and North Plank Road, it's Zoned B and
7	it's being represented by Tom DePuy.
8	MR. DePUY: Tom DePuy, DePuy
9	Engineering representing Orange County Trust.
10	Basically I'll do a quick review of the site
11	plan, and then we also have the architect here to
12	go over the architectural.
13	Basically Orange County Trust is
14	proposing a branch office on the corner of 32 and
15	Noel Drive. Basically it will have its access
16	one access off of Noel Drive and then a common
17	access off of Route 32. We'll have drive-up
18	windows in the rear. We'll have parking along in
19	the front.
20	We're collecting the stormwater and
21	bringing it down to an existing pipe that goes
22	under Route 32. As you know we're involved in a
23	joint venture on correcting the stormwater down
24	the rest of the way down Gidney Avenue.
25	Basically it will get its sewer and

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2	water from the Town of Newburgh public system.
3	We basically are using subsurface sand filters
4	for stormwater management.
5	We also have a joint board here just to
6	give the reference to where it is to the other
7	project which I think is in front of the Board.
8	This is Noel, this is Orange County Trust and
9	this is the Walgreen's and the Key Bank project.
10	So that's basically a quick review on
11	the site plan. I have Chris DeHaun here who can
12	review the architecture.
13	MR. DeHAUN: We're proposing a single
14	story wood frame structure for the bank. It's
15	very similar to the structures they've done
16	elsewhere in the County with a pitched roof over
17	it. The building has three-foot high masonry
18	around the base of the building with stucco from
19	three foot up to the soffit line. The soffit
20	lines are very deep. They are almost a four-foot
21	deep overhang. This is similar around the whole
22	building, again keeping in the same vain as all
23	of their other structures that we've been working
24	on.
25	We did this three-dimensional view for

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2	you. I also have submitted elevations, so on
3	those we have just straight-on views. I think
4	this is more representational of it because you
5	get better scale and proportion to the structure.
6	Again, the front facade here faces Route 32, this
7	side here faces Noel Drive, the rear of the
8	drive-through canopy and then the side that faces
9	the adjacent property.
10	We did bring samples of all the
11	finishes. Again, they're the same finishes that
12	we've used in previous structures for them. I do
13	have those to pass out if you'd like to look at
14	them. Again, they're the same materials that
15	we've utilized in the past.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Can you explain to
17	the Board what similarities in building material
18	or lighting fixtures that this site will have
19	with the bank and pharmacy?
20	MR. DeHAUN: At the work session that
21	we were at, it was a joint work session with the
22	other property, they had proposed a light fixture
23	that quite frankly would fit in fine with this.
24	I had made a suggestion that possibly we use that
25	same fixture. I'm certainly not opposed to it
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2	and it would help to tie in the two properties.
3	I think the stonewalls, if I'm not mistaken, are
4	the same materials on both sites. So the
5	buildings will be distinctly different but that's
6	okay.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Is there a sidewalk
8	being proposed in front of this building?
9	MR. DeHAUN: This is correct. Along
10	the Route 32 side and then it crosses over Noel
11	and then there's a sidewalk that runs up Noel on
12	the adjacent side.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any comments from
14	Board Members at this time?
15	MR. GALLI: No additional.
16	MR. BROWNE: The 3-D view, when I look
17	at your rendition what would I see when it's
18	actually built out as far as what's around it?
19	Trees and all that?
20	MR. DeHAUN: From a landscape, no.
21	It's hard to sort of project that in the time
22	that we've had to put in the landscaping that was
23	there. We sort of thought that might come up. I
24	think it was just to show that there is a
25	softening with the landscape around it. That it

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2	is not just pavement right to building, that
3	there is landscaping proposed around the
4	building.
5	MR. BROWNE: For me I'm trying to
6	visualize this thing without that landscaping
7	there and it's kind of tough. It's very nice
8	looking. I guess for me I kind of I always
9	have a problem when it's presented that nicely
10	and I know it's not going to look like that.
11	MR. DeHAUN: Frankly I think it's going
12	to look nicer because one of the things that I
13	think Orange County Trust prides themselves on is
14	their branch banks that they have and the
15	landscaping and how they're maintained. They do
16	spend a lot of time and money and effort to
17	maintain that look.
18	MR. BROWNE: I'm going to hold you to
19	it. Thank you.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich?
21	MR. MENNERICH: To tell you the truth,
22	the pictures you provided of the Middletown
23	architecture look nicer than that does.
24	MR. DeHAUN: That's why I said quite
25	frankly it's going to look better. That's one of

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2	the reasons why I presented those. That is a
3	very good representation of what we will have
4	here as we do in Middletown. It's the same
5	landscape architect, Steve Esposito.
6	MR. MENNERICH: I'm talking about
7	specifically the building. There's more
8	variation on the surfaces of the building. You
9	have the clock tower, you have
10	MR. DeHAUN: Understood.
11	MR. MENNERICH: not the long surface
12	that will be along Noel Drive.
13	MR. DeHAUN: Understood. The
14	difference is that that building there is a 5,000
15	square foot building, this is 2,500, so half the
16	size. Different constraints but you certainly
17	try to draw upon those. You would love to be
18	able to keep utilizing it but you do have to make
19	some modifications. One of the ones we had done
20	is on the front side that faces 32 is bringing
21	this entrance off of the front. In the
22	Middletown one it's an entry from the corner of
23	the building. So there's distinctly different
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	things but I think the overall character and feel
25	of the building will be very similar.

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2	Just your note on the clock. A real
3	problem to maintain. When that is one minute off
4	everybody and their mother calls you and tells
5	you you're one minute off.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you. Ed
7	O'Donnell?
8	MR. O'DONNELL: I have nothing. It
9	looks very nice. I mean if it's comparable to
10	the building in Middletown, it's going to be fine
11	with me.
12	It's just half the size?
13	MR. DeHAUN: That's correct.
14	MR. O'DONNELL: The reason is?
15	MR. DeHAUN: Demand. The demographics
16	of the bank and the clientele they're serving.
17	MR. O'DONNELL: Is this your first
18	facility here in Newburgh?
19	MR. DeHAUN: In the Town of Newburgh,
20	yes. We've done one in Vails Gate, one in
21	Montgomery, one in Middletown. We're working on
22	one down in Chester right now. In the Town of
23	Newburgh they're expanding out.
24	MR. O'DONNELL: Okay.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?

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2	MR. PROFACI: I'm good. It looks fine.
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mr. Wilson, we
4	still have to declare our intent for lead agency
5	which we haven't yet done.
6	With that I'll move from the Board.
7	There's some outstanding items that will have to
8	be satisfied. We'll have Pat Hines talk about
9	some of them. Karen might have one or two
10	comments. Bryant Cocks who isn't here this
11	evening; Karen, if you could reference the fire
12	department which is outstanding.
13	Pat, do you want to talk about the few
14	items?
15	MR. HINES: This project and the
16	coordination between the adjoining project, there
17	are similar comments. There's the drainage issue
18	that both projects are working to resolve at the
19	intersection of Noel and 32 which involves
20	improvements further downstream. The mechanism
21	of how that's going to be worked out and paid for
22	needs to be resolved. The plans are done and we
23	find that to be acceptable.
24	Sign off from the jurisdictional fire
25	department. I know the plans went to the

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2	Cronomer Valley Fire District. We haven't heard
3	back.
4	The flow acceptance letter from the
5	City of Newburgh is a procedural matter that
6	needs to be accomplished.
7	Our previous technical comments
8	regarding water, sewer, drainage, et cetera have
9	been addressed by the applicant's representative
10	and we find them to be satisfactory.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen Arent,
12	Landscape Architect.
13	MS. ARENT: I believe Pat talked about
14	most of Bryant's comments in reference to the
15	fair share drainage costs.
16	He's mentioned that you need to declare
17	yourself lead agency.
18	All of his site planning questions were
19	addressed in the work session.
20	You received Orange County Department
21	of Planning. They have no issues.
22	My comments are: Chris, just make sure
23	that the same light is put on the landscape plan.
24	MR. DeHAUN: Yes. We had specified Kim
25	light originally.

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2	MS. ARENT: It's still Kim light. That
3	needs to be revised.
4	I understand the wall heights are being
5	revised.
6	There's some minor comments in
7	reference to plant material.
8	You showed the signage calculations on
9	the plan. I think everything is addressed.
10	I just received a cost estimate and
11	I'll review that.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: You received a cost
13	estimate for? Not for the dollar amount.
14	MS. ARENT: \$3,738, but there are
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: For the
16	landscaping.
17	MS. ARENT: I'm sorry. Yes, the
18	landscaping. Sorry.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Wersted, there
20	is a fair share contribution that will be part of
21	the negotiations on this for the improvements on
22	Gidney and Gardnertown Road.
23	MR. WERSTED: Correct.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Can you just
25	discuss that for a moment with us?

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MR. WERSTED: Sure. We've met with the
applicants as well as another applicant that was
proposing intersection improvements to Gidney
Avenue and Gardnertown Road. Those improvements
include the inspection of signals and so forth.
Recognizing that these projects are only a block
away from the intersection, there was talk of
these two projects contributing monies towards
that improvement to implement that. One of the
applicant's traffic consultant developed the
formula. We reviewed that in terms of providing
a fair share contribution and that was forwarded
on to Mark Taylor, the Town Board Attorney.
That's being reviewed. There needs to be some
type of mechanism that provides that these two
applicants, you know, provide into that fund.
Also there's a question as to whether that
mechanism is applicable to other developments
down the road that aren't at the table currently.
So that's currently being looked at by the Town.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mike, would you
like to add anything to this?
MR. DONNELLY: Just a few things. We
talked about some coordination issues and where

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2	we are in the timeline. We really can't take any
3	kind of action, apart from the SEQRA issue that
4	we're just moving forward on this evening, until
5	you get your sewer acceptance flow letter from
6	the City of Newburgh. That's because under the
7	contract between the Town and the City we are
8	prohibited from approving anything until that
9	flow letter is obtained. I think that's in
10	process. For the other site I think it's even
11	easier because there's existing capacity.
12	MR. HINES: Similar to this site, both
13	of the sites have occupied structures. We just
14	need a sign off from the City. There are three
15	structures on the parcel.
16	MR. DePUY: It will have less flow
17	coming off the parcel than what exists today. I
18	forwarded a letter.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Does the letter go
20	to Hauser or
21	MR. HINES: I know Hauser has a copy.
22	MR. DONNELLY: That's going to come in
23	due course. That needs to be resolved.
24	Are there any other agencies that
25	require coordinated review under SEQRA?

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2	MR. HINES: DOT.
3	MR. DONNELLY: So we need to wait out
4	the clock on the notice of lead agency. I don't
5	anticipate them challenging that but at the next
6	meeting we would be in a position to issue a
7	declaration of significance, which I think from
8	all the discussion that has occurred is likely to
9	be a negative one. After that the Board needs to
10	decide whether or not to hold a public hearing.
11	I think that will be taken up in a moment.
12	In terms of implementation later on, we
13	talked about a few things. First, the two sites
14	working hand in hand. The drainage and road
15	improvements will need to be completed by
16	someone, whoever starts first, before either
17	project can get its CO. We want to make sure
18	that's an understanding.
19	Next, while the resolution can refer to
20	the agreement on the fair share contribution, you
21	probably need to get back to the Town Board and
22	see if we can firm that up because I think in
23	fairness to you if you're going to make the
24	contribution you need to know is it going to be
25	held in an escrow account? I assume it will.

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2	Will it earn interest? How long can the Town
3	hold it if they don't use it? What is the
4	formula to compute it? I think we need to move
5	that forward. I don't think it will hold up
6	action by this Board but I think it's better for
7	all of us if we can resolve that.
8	There's other implementation issues on
9	the other site but I don't think they cross over
10	to the Orange County Trust site.
11	One thing, for the off-site public
12	improvements that are to be made, and there will
13	be the requirement in addition to the on-site
14	public improvements an of appropriate financial
15	security. I don't know how as between the
16	applicants you will dice that up, it's not our
17	concern, but we want to make sure you start
18	talking about that because it may become an issue
19	later on.
20	I think what we've seen tonight is a
21	notice of intent on lead agency. At the next
22	meeting hopefully you'll have your sewer
23	allocation letter and a negative declaration. I
24	don't know whether the Board is inclined to hold
25	a hearing on this or not. You can't schedule it

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2	until you issue a declaration of significance.
3	That's really the thing that will control the
4	timeframe. Unless you want to put this on for a
5	board business item after the thirty days has run
6	at which time you could consider a declaration of
7	significance, and if there's an available date if
8	you're going to hold a hearing, set that hearing
9	up now. I don't want to step on your toes. I'm
10	trying to get an idea of where we go time wise.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Listening to you
12	and feeling the pain of it, our next meeting
13	would be the 16th of November at which point the
14	thirty-day timeframe would be outstanding. If
15	there were a way of accomplishing a sign off from
16	the DOT between now and the 16th, then we could
17	make a determination on the 16th and set the 6th
18	of December for a public hearing. If not, then
19	we would carry this forward until the 6th of
20	December and make a determination and then we
21	would have to allow for at least ten days for the
22	public hearing. We are having three meetings in
23	December.
24	MR. DONNELLY: The 6th, 13th and 20th.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The available date

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2	then would be the 20th of December. While we air
3	that for a moment I'll poll the Board Members
4	first to see if they would like to have a public
5	hearing on this. Frank Galli?
6	MR. GALLI: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne?
8	MR. BROWNE: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich?
10	MR. MENNERICH: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
12	MR. O'DONNELL: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
14	MR. PROFACI: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself yes.
16	So we will be having a public hearing
17	on this.
18	Do you think there's any way to
19	expedite a sign off from the DOT as far as lead
20	agency? I mean I don't know
21	MR. DePUY: I can try.
22	MR. HINES: That's the only answer I
23	would give.
24	MR. DePUY: There's nothing else I can
25	say.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: What I'll do now is
3	move for a motion to set this up for the next
4	available date for a public hearing.
5	MR. GALLI: So moved.
6	MR. MENNERICH: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
8	Frank Galli. I have a second by Ken Mennerich.
9	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Frank
10	Galli.
11	MR. GALLI: Aye.
12	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
13	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
14	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
15	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Aye.
17	I'll set this up for Board business for
18	our meeting of November 16th. If we receive a
19	letter from the DOT or some kind of
20	acknowledgement that they are fine with us being
21	lead agency, at that particular meeting I'll move
22	for a motion from the Board to set it up for a
23	public hearing on the 6th of December.
24	Dina, would you make note we'll set
25	this up for Board business for the meeting of the

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1 2	125 16th of November?
3	MS. HAINES: The meeting is on the
4	15th.
5	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. The 15th of
6	November. Fine.
7	MR. MENNERICH: Did we do the intent
8	for lead agency?
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Excuse me. Thank
10	you. At this point I'll move for a motion to
11	declare our intent for lead agency for the Orange
12	County Trust site plan.
13	MR. GALLI: So moved.
14	MR. MENNERICH: Second.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
16	Frank Galli. I have a second by Ken Mennerich.
17	I'll move for a roll call vote starting with
18	Frank Galli.
19	MR. GALLI: Aye.
20	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
21	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
22	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
23	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself. So
25	carried.

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2	Thank you.
3	Dina, thanks for the correction.
4	MR. DePUY: Thank you.
5	MR. O'DONNELL: Just a question on this
6	public hearing. That would be for both parcels?
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We'll make that
8	determination when the next applicant comes
9	forward. I would assume yes.
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6 7	PROPOSED PHARMACY AND BANK (2006-57) North Plank Road, Noel Drive & Stanley Place Section 77; Block 2; Lot 5
8 9	B Zone
10 11	SITE PLAN & ARB Date: October 18, 2007 Time: 9:09 p.m.
12	Place: Town of Newburgh Town Hall
13	1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550
14 15	BOARD MEMBERS: JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman FRANK S. GALLI
16	CLIFFORD C. BROWNE KENNETH MENNERICH
17	EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI
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19	ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ.
20	PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT
21	KENNETH WERSTED
22	APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: NEIL WILSON
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The next item of
3	business we have this evening is the proposed
4	pharmacy and bank. It's a site plan and ARB also
5	located on North Plank Road and Noel Drive and
6	Stanley Place. It's zoned B and it's being
7	represented by Neil Wilson.
8	MR. NEIL WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
9	Chairman, Members of the Board. Neil Wilson, the
10	attorney representing the applicant.
11	We received a number of comments. I'm
12	going to actually turn it over to Tim O'Brien in
13	just a minute to address the written comments. I
14	know you have reports that you have your
15	consultants also read.
16	I wanted to actually update the Board
17	with reference to this cost sharing agreement
18	with Orange County Trust. I don't know Ken
19	Kirby is still in the audience here. He and I
20	have had kind of a running dialogue if you will
21	basically over the last month. We have an
22	agreement, I think we're probably a couple days
23	away from actually finalizing the agreement,
24	which identifies all of the costs, the shared
25	costs, which ones are pro rata, which ones are

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2	our obligations. That is actually moving along
3	quite well. We have a confidence in terms of
4	completing that, being able to share that with
5	the Board, with your counsel and with the town
6	attorney as well. That agreement covers the
7	intersection improvements, the driveway I'm
8	sorry, the sidewalk, the intersection
9	improvements as well as the downstream drainage
10	if you will.
11	So that leaves, frankly, the only
12	outstanding question about cost sharing relative
13	to the agreement that Ken briefed us on is that
14	the Town Board still needs to tell us what it is
15	that they are expecting from us in the way of a
16	contribution for the traffic improvements down
17	the road so to speak. So that's something we'll
18	have to work on.
19	We have an agreement with Orange County
20	Trust. That actually, to our mind, takes care of
21	one of the major items obviously the Board was
22	looking to have us address. We've done that.
23	MR. HINES: That agreement covers the
24	security also? The posting the work needs to
25	get done but also security needs to get posted.

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2	MR. NEIL WILSON: It provides for an
3	escrow and assures it's set up in a way that
4	which ever party is going first actually
5	undertakes the construction and there's an
6	agreement for, you know, review of the bid
7	packages and understanding of what the costs are,
8	the actual costs. Right now we're working off of
9	estimates. We have that mechanism addressed,
10	yes.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. Mike, do you
12	want to add anything at this time?
13	MR. DONNELLY: No. You had done your
14	lead agency back in January. I think you would
15	be in a position to issue a declaration of
16	significance. It does need the sewer flow
17	authorization but I would think if you were to do
18	a public hearing it would make much more sense to
19	do the two simultaneously even though this one is
20	slightly ahead of the other.
21	MR. NEIL WILSON: Well, we still have a
22	parking variance that we still need to obtain.
23	MR. DONNELLY: Even though one is
24	behind the other.
25	MR. NEIL WILSON: Yes.

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2	MR. DONNELLY: Yes, you would need to
3	get that.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: They do have to be
5	referred to the ZBA for a parking variance. The
6	requirement is for 114 parking spaces. I believe
7	the applicant is proposing 82. Is that correct?
8	MR. NEIL WILSON: That's correct.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We'll take a pause
10	for a moment. I'll move for a motion to refer
11	this to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a parking
12	variance. Again what is required is 114 and what
13	is being proposed is 82.
14	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
15	MR. O'DONNELL: Second.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
17	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Ed O'Donnell.
18	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Frank
19	Galli.
20	MR. GALLI: Aye.
21	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
22	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
23	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
24	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself yes. So

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2	carried.
3	Before I move for a motion for a SEQRA
4	determination I'll just one more time summarize
5	what may be outstanding.
6	Ken Wersted, you had one or two
7	comments on this. Do you want to discuss them
8	right now?
9	MR. WERSTED: Just a follow-up
10	question. Previously we had asked about the
11	other developments included in the traffic study
12	and we got a response back on that which didn't
13	include the proposed Orange County Trust
14	building, recognizing that the traffic study for
15	this project was initiated before the application
16	for the other project came on board. So the
17	information that they have in there is accurate
18	based on the timeframes that the projects came
19	online.
20	I just ask the question as to whether
21	the growth rate used in the traffic study would
22	account for some amount of the Orange County
23	Trust. In addition to the credits that weren't
24	taken for this project, if they were taken in
25	conservatism used in this study, if that would

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2	also account for the Orange County Trust traffic?
3	That's a follow-up question that the applicant's
4	traffic consultant can take and review and get
5	back to us on.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thank you.
7	Pat Hines, we met earlier today during
8	the work session, and Jerry Canfield, the
9	building department official was here, and we
10	discussed the phasing plan. I believe you met
11	with Jerry, there was a question of can we
12	maintain the existing bank while phase I was
13	being built.
14	MR. HINES: At work session we were
15	able to get Jerry Canfield's comments on that.
16	It's been a comment of mine for several months.
17	It was Jerry's that feeling with adequate
18	security in place, that a sixty-day timeframe
19	after issuance of the CO for the proposed
20	building that the existing structure would have
21	to be removed.
22	Also there's a landscaping component
23	there. We talked about putting off the
24	construction of the stonewall along the front
25	because that could also be impacted by the

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2	location and ultimate removal of the existing
3	bank, to include that also in the security and
4	the same sixty-day timeframe tied into that CO.
5	Jerry felt comfortable with the security in place
6	and the timeframes in place that he could issue
7	the CO for the building. So that resolves that
8	issue that's been outstanding in my comments.
9	MR. DONNELLY: Jerry wanted forty-five,
10	Pat went for ninety. They settled on sixty. Is
11	that realistic for you?
12	MR. BEYER: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen Arent, we
14	discussed the phasing as far as landscaping and
15	improvements. It was agreed how we would manage
16	that with this plan.
17	MS. ARENT: That instead of all the
18	work being done before the building is issued a
19	C of O it would be done within that sixty-day
20	timeframe as well.
21	MR. HINES: Two separate components.
22	Not the entire landscaping.
23	MS. ARENT: The landscaping along the
24	front and side as well as the stonewall. For
25	that reason you need to include the stonewall in

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2 your landscape estimate.	
3 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: You had som	ne minor
4 comments based upon disturbance notes in	the
5 landscape plan that would be on the revis	sed plan.
6 MS. ARENT: Yes. You need to p	out the
7 tree protection and disturbance notes on	the
8 grading and erosion control plans, not or	ı the
9 landscape plan because by the time contra	actors
10 see the landscape plan that work has been	n well
11 that's been done already.	
12 And then there's some minor	
13 housekeeping to make sure your land yo	our
14 drywall details are the same as what we'r	re asking
15 for. There's two different drywall detai	ils. You
16 have to just fix them.	
17 I had a question about your sig	yn. What
18 will that be constructed with, do you kno	≥w ?
19 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: For the rec	cord your
20 name?	
21 MR. MARK WILSON: Mark Wilson f	from BL
22 Companies. I'm the project architect. I	[t has a
23 stone surround as you see on the drawing.	. The
24 sign is an aluminum frame with an opaque	sign
25 itself which is white and red.	

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2	MS. ARENT: Can you please label that
3	on the drawing?
4	MR. MARK WILSON: Yes.
5	MS. ARENT: Just to put the proposed
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: You may have to
7	speak up.
8	MS. ARENT: Put the proposed light
9	locations on the landscape plan and adjust the
10	landscaping if necessary so that it's not
11	interfering with the lights.
12	That's all my comments regarding the
13	site plan.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any additional
15	comments from Board Members. Frank Galli?
16	MR. GALLI: No additional.
17	MR. BROWNE: No.
18	MR. MENNERICH: I have a question on
19	the landscaping. If it's tied in to the CO in
20	sixty days, wouldn't that depend on what time of
21	the year whether they could plant?
22	MR. HINES: It's really just the
23	stonewall component of that. The driveway and
24	stonewall. There's a possibility of impacting it
25	by the demolition. What they proposed was to

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2	build half at a time. There was a concern with
3	different contractors or different materials
4	MR. MENNERICH: What about the plants
5	themselves?
6	MS. ARENT: There because a lot of
7	plants are next to the same stonewall so that
8	that's also an issue. Usually it's tied in to
9	the C of O. Perhaps we can just make sure that
10	the two-year warrantee runs from the time of the
11	first inspection, first landscape inspection.
12	MR. MENNERICH: What we want is all the
13	landscaping in prior to the CO for the second
14	portion of the building.
15	MR. DONNELLY: I think what Pat is
16	saying is all the landscaping will be done
17	normally
18	MS. ARENT: It can't be.
19	MR. HINES: With the exception of those
20	components identified that may be impacted by the
21	demolition of the building. Those will be left
22	out. If there's a time that the sixty days falls
23	on January 15th, then we have the security, the
24	landscaping security. We'll have another
25	conversation I think.

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2	MR. DONNELLY: That's a recurring
3	possibility. It's one of the reasons for the
4	bond.
5	MR. HINES: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
7	MR. O'DONNELL: I'm okay.
8	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
9	MR. PROFACI: No thanks, John.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
11	motion from the Board to declare a negative
12	declaration for the proposed pharmacy and bank
13	site plan and to set it up for the next available
14	date for a public hearing.
15	MR. GALLI: So moved.
16	MR. PROFACI: Second.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
18	Frank Galli. I have a second by Joe Profaci.
19	I'll move for a roll call vote starting with
20	Frank Galli.
21	MR. GALLI: Aye.
22	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
23	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
24	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
25	MR. PROFACI: Aye.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
3	carried.
4	Thank you, Dina. On the 15th of
5	November we'll have a better understanding as far
6	as the date for the public hearing. It will be
7	sometime in December.
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9	(Time noted: 9:20 p.m.)
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11	CERTIFICATION
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13	I, Michelle Conero, a Shorthand
14	Reporter and Notary Public within and for
15	the State of New York, do hereby certify
16	that I recorded stenographically the
17	proceedings herein at the time and place
18	noted in the heading hereof, and that the
19	foregoing is an accurate and complete
20	transcript of same to the best of my
21	knowledge and belief.
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25	DATED: October 25, 2007

1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 SHOPPES AT UNION SQUARE 6 (2007-05) 7 Route 300 & Orr Avenue Section 96; Block 1; Lot 6 8 IB Zone 9 - - - - - - - - - - - - X 10 SITE PLAN & LOT LINE CHANGES 11 Date: October 18, 2007 Time: 9:21 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 12 Town Hall 13 1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 15 JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman BOARD MEMBERS: FRANK S. GALLI 16 CLIFFORD C. BROWNE KENNETH MENNERICH EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. 17 JOSEPH E. PROFACI 18 19 ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. 20 PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT 21 KENNETH WERSTED 22 APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: CHRIS VIEBROCK - - - - - - - - - - - - X 23 MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The next item of
3	business we have is the Shoppes at Union
4	Square. It's before us tonight for a
5	site plan and lot line changes. It's located
6	on Route 300 and Orr Avenue, it's in an IB
7	Zone and it's being represented by Chris
8	Viebrock.
9	MR. VIEBROCK: Good evening. I'm Chris
10	Viebrock and I'm with Langan Engineering. I'm
11	here tonight representing the Shoppes at Union
12	Square. Alongside with me and my team is Mr.
13	Larry Wolinsky from Jacobowitz & Gubits, the
14	project attorney; Mr. Steve Tinkelman and Mr.
15	Eric Neiler from Tinkelman Architecture; and Mr.
16	Adrien Goddard, the project sponsor.
17	Just as a short little recap, the last
18	time we were in front of you was the June 21st
19	Planning Board meeting. At that time we had
20	received the conceptual site plan approval for
21	the current plan. That came with an
22	understanding that landscaping and architecture
23	should be further addressed and presented in
24	subsequent submissions.
25	Additionally, following this

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2	understanding the Board declared its intent for
3	lead agency for the project. It's our
4	understanding that thirty days has passed and
5	that the that understanding is the Board is
6	automatically designated lead agency.
7	Following this meeting we had taken the
8	conceptual plan and brought it to a stage with
9	full detailed site plan submission that was
10	submitted to the Board and its consultants for
11	review. These included such design elements as
12	grading, drainage and utility design. We also
13	incorporated in the site plan documents all the
14	comments from the Planning Board consultants.
15	Significant attention was taken to the
16	landscaping and the architecture.
17	Additionally, the site plan documents
18	and architectural rendering was submitted as part
19	of the documents to the Board to provide
20	additional information regarding the proposed
21	architectural design character that we're
22	presenting for the project.
23	For this element of the project we've
24	added a new design member, Mr. Steve Tinkelman
25	and Eric Neiler. Mr. Tinkelman has with him

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2	tonight some additional renderings to display to
3	the Board and provide a brief overview of the
4	design character for the Board's understanding.
5	Right now I'd like to pass it on to Mr.
6	Tinkelman and Mr. Neiler for a brief presentation
7	of the architecture.
8	MR. TINKELMAN: Good evening. We have
9	a series of renderings that we've generated from
10	our office of different views of the project.
11	The goal, from what we understood, was to find
12	the genesis of design from the Cosimo's
13	restaurant. The idea is that being a successful
14	project, it has a real nice appeal from the road.
15	It's a well-known restaurant. It just is a very
16	successful project. Good inspiration from that
17	building. That structure you would probably have
18	a difficult time trying to pin down what its
19	architectural name might be. You might call it
20	Italian, rustic. We used some of that
21	inspiration with the materials, the colors.
22	There's a lot of natural colors in there, the
23	stone. Also, that building originally was a
24	residence so there's a scale issue that's
25	different from when you're building new

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2	commercial structures. Part of the project
3	involved not only taking that style and trying to
4	move it into a different scale but also trying to
5	keep some of the spirit of it.
6	We also mixed with that Italian style
7	some notions of arts and crafts or emission
8	detailing, so you'll see you'll see that in
9	some of the demonstrations and some of the
10	bracketing on the soffits and fascias and such.
11	This view that you're seeing
12	currently maybe we want to see the site plan
13	next to it is from the intersection. We're
14	looking southwest. This is the new stonewall
15	that's projected along here. You can see that
16	wall as well. This first structure is what
17	you're seeing here. We'll have a blow up of that
18	in a minute. This is the addition to the
19	Cosimo's. Again, currently it's a two-story
20	structure, 5,000 square feet on each plate, the
21	lower level being commercial, the upper level
22	being an office space.
23	MR. NEILER: This is looking in the
24	opposite direction back across the face of the
25	Cosimo's building towards the new retail

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building. You can kind of see we've picked up
some of the key motifs from the original building
but expanded them and extrapolated them. The
scale jumps up a little bit, as Steve was eluding
to, on the new building. That's one of the
requirements of a typical retail box.
MR. TINKELMAN: Again, one of the ideas
that we're developing here is to try to create a
set piece. We've got five buildings. We're
dealing with some corporate identification so you
have to honor or respect that. We're really
trying to let each building feel like it's part
of a larger whole so there is some continuity in
the sense of trying to use the stone and some of
the efface that we're proposing. You can begin
to see some of the window patterns we're using
and trying to move that along. Some of the other
buildings haven't been developed yet. We wanted
to begin to show you the flavor of where we're
starting from.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Questions from
Board Members at this point. Frank Galli?
MR. GALLI: Is that the restaurant, the
last one you just held up?

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2	That's my preference as one person. What you're
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4	showing me I like so far.
=	MR. TINKELMAN: If I can just take that
5	point further. An interesting comment. We're
6	trying to make this feel in creating that sense
7	of place that it's a little bit more active.
8	There's a little bit more detail, and scale
9	change, and texture change and such so that it
10	does feel that there's a lot smaller parts and
11	such. That works that way in terms of sense of
12	time on it.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich?
14	MR. MENNERICH: I think you're off to a
15	good start. It will be interesting to see how
16	you develop the buildings to the rear to keep
17	with this pattern, especially if you have to
18	consider brand identification. That will be a
19	challenge. I'll be interested to see how you
20	approach it.
21	MR. NEILER: I think the approach of
22	material and scale, you may change things a
23	little bit from building to building to building
24	but when you see the similar elements playing
25	against each other you'll see the connections. I

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2	think it's also kind of important that they not
3	be too similar because if one hand appears to
4	have done it all you don't have the sense of
5	variety that you really look for in a semi-urban
6	setting.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think the
8	question is who is looking for variety and how
9	much variety. I would be curious to know what
10	percentage of what you're showing on this main
11	character building would carry forward on the
12	other buildings, meaning the stone and the motif.
13	If you're saying this is the example I'm
14	trying to visualize it with you. My first
15	question is who is your proposed tenant for this
16	and is that tenant willing to go along with that?
17	MR. GODDARD: The answer is they are.
18	The corner, there are two spaces proposed in this
19	building. Currently it will be Vitamin Shops.
20	This is very much in keeping with the kind of
21	building they use. A small tenant next to it is
22	not going to have enough control because of the
23	size to really dictate very much.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. What
25	percentage of this material do you see going in

2 with the big box stores? I'm not going to	
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3 dominate the meeting, I just want to go back	
4 forth. We had thought that the six-foot bed	that
5 you were proposing in front of the major	
6 building, that you had said we had thought	2
7 wasn't adequate enough for landscaping. You	had
8 come up with a comparison saying well this	
9 percentage is equal to the percentage if you	look
10 at Kohl's and there's a balance. So I throw	this
11 back to you as far as percentages. I still d	lon't
12 agree with a six-foot wide bed in front of th	nat
13 building being adequate for the height and th	ne
14 length of the building. As we begin to talk	
15 scale and design, I myself have my own opinio	ns
16 as far as where you're eventually going with	
17 this. We're talking about a small building i	n
18 front where you're saying everyone will go al	ong
19 with it. The major impact and the balance th	nat
20 we're trying to get and uniformity is with th	ne
21 big tenants. This looks fine but it's not ev	ven
22 the icing on the cake. I'm not arguing the p	oint
23 with you, I'm just trying to be creative with	
24 and seeing where your creativity how far i	-
25 will go. I'm going to depend on Steve to som	

extent.

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3 MR. VIEBROCK: The reason why we chose 4 the front here is it's Route 300. This is what 5 everybody is going to drive by and see. That's 6 why we focused in on this area. 7 The two big buildings in the back 8 looking at the site plan is still going to be 9 kind of behind some large trees that already 10 exist in these residential properties. You're 11 going to have some screening from the back. The 12 architecture will be consistent from building to 13 building to building. 14 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: How much 15 consistent? I think I know where this might be 16 going and -- you don't really control the back of 17 the site because your key tenants have what they 18 want to see. Again, I want to move on with this. 19 MR. GODDARD: One of the tenants back 20 there is Circuit City. I think you probably were 21 aware of that on some level. 22 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'm not. I'll be 23 honest with you. 24 MR. GODDARD: They've indicated they 25 like this location and they'll work with us.

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2	It's a process of balance and consideration. You
3	know, I think this is a very good tone that's
4	been set and, you know, I'm sure they'll see it
5	enough the same way for us to be, you know,
6	successful in putting together a nice project
7	here.
8	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Fine. Ed
9	O'Donnell?
10	MR. O'DONNELL: I kind of like what
11	I've seen so far. I just hope that you carry it
12	through. If you do that I think we'll all be
13	very happy.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
15	MR. PROFACI: I'm just curious about
16	the other three buildings. They're just all big
17	box stores? They are not subdivided at all?
18	MR. GODDARD: They'll all be part of
19	the same project.
20	MR. PROFACI: One tenant?
21	MR. GODDARD: Not necessarily. One of
22	the two big boxes in the rear is leased. The
23	other one is not yet. The restaurant building
24	behind is close to being leased but discussions
25	with that tenant have indicated that they will

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2	cooperate with, you know, conforming to an
3	overall design standard up to a limit, which
4	we'll explore.
5	MR. VIEBROCK: We'll be bringing at the
6	next meeting some of the images of those back
7	buildings. Tonight was to give you a sense of
8	where we're starting from. One of the nice
9	things about this palette is it's going to allow
10	us to break down the bigger masses into buildings
11	that, you know, are part of the character we're
12	trying to create.
13	MR. PROFACI: One building is a
14	restaurant and the other two will be retail?
15	MR. GODDARD: Correct.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Which is Circuit
17	City?
18	MR. TINKELMAN: This one.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. Let's move
20	forward with the site plan now.
21	MR. VIEBROCK: What I would like to
22	follow up with is we received comments, current
23	comments from your consultants, from Pat Hines,
24	from Karen Arent and from Ken Wersted. We
25	haven't received any comments from Ed Garling's

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office. We've been trying to get in touch.
We're sort of disconnected. As you said earlier,
there was a surgery. Any comments, we really
can't respond to those comments tonight.
However, there are still
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: There must have
been a you may have not been for some
reason you may not have been e-mailed or there
may have been a breakdown because we received
comments from Bryant. I'll share with you the
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MS. HAINES: I have an extra.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I don't think we'll
address them tonight.
MR. VIEBROCK: Do it on the fly.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Tonight is not the
time to do it.
MR. VIEBROCK: What I want to get to is
the comments we received were very detailed and
we believe that these comments, as I stated at
the last meeting in June, are not going to
significantly change the current site plan. We
believe these comments are going to be based upon
making the site even more aesthetically pleasing.

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2	We believe that at this point, not having a
3	preliminary site plan approval, that we would
4	like to move forward towards that with the site
5	plan we have in front of you. What we would like
6	to set up possibly is a meeting with the
7	consultants to go over those details because we
8	value those comments. We would like to work them
9	through to come up with a plan that really meets
10	not only their comments but, you know, we can
11	incorporate some of our design ideas with them
12	instead of trying to do it via letters and trying
13	to comment our responses with letters. We would
14	like to sit down with them and go over all the
15	issues that they have and get them out on the
16	table and really work them through. I remember
17	talking to you about this. The Board would like
18	to see the plans. We've done that. We think the
19	details we can work out with the consultants at
20	this time without significantly changing the
21	site. At this time we would like to request for
22	that consultants' meeting.
23	Secondly, we would like to first I
24	would like to clarify with Mr. Donnelly the
25	process for the public hearing as well with the

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2	SEQRA and how that works and just try to move the
3	project along.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: As far as SEQRA,
5	I'll speak for Mr. Donnelly and I'll step on his
6	toes since he stepped on my toes the last time
7	around. The Board isn't at a point in time where
8	we're going to be making a SEQRA determination
9	right now. That answered that question ,number
10	one.
11	At this particular time if you'd like
12	I'll move for a motion from the Board to set this
13	up for a consultants' meeting realizing that
14	there's still some issues that were raised by our
15	consulting team that need to be addressed. Some
16	of them you may think are minor in nature, some
17	of them important. Again, you sat here earlier
18	in the evening when we heard from the public as
19	far as visual impacts, the quality of life
20	changing in the area. That holds true for Union
21	Avenue. So again, there's some issues on Orr
22	Avenue that will have to be defined more clearly.
23	There may be some trees that need to be
24	identified more clearly and saved on the site. I
25	know your client has been eager to move forward

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2	on the work session, Chris. I say to you again,
3	these points aren't minor in nature. The purpose
4	of a consultants' meeting is so you can discuss
5	with the consultants some issues that you have.
6	I think what everyone fails to realize is the
7	final decision comes from the Planning Board and
8	not the consultants. They make recommendations
9	to us, as it was described at the earlier
10	presentation, but it's not their final say.
11	MR. VIEBROCK: Okay.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mike, do you want
13	to answer his questions as far as SEQRA now?
14	MR. DONNELLY: No. I think you have.
15	I wouldn't want to risk stepping on your toes. I
16	thought I would add one other thing. There are
17	two referrals that I think need to be made, one
18	is to the Orange County Planning Department, and
19	I don't see any reason why that couldn't be done
20	now.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: To do what?
22	MR. MENNERICH: We did that.
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We got a laundry
24	list back from them.
25	MR. DONNELLY: I'm sorry. My notes say

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2	this needs a variance for setback on the Cosimo's
3	parcel. Am I correct on that?
4	MR. VIEBROCK: That is correct.
5	MR. DONNELLY: Normally we would close
6	out SEQRA before referring it but there's no
7	reason why the Zoning Board couldn't segment out
8	their own review on that issue. I don't know how
9	the Board feels about that.
10	MR. WOLINSKY: Larry Wolinsky. On that
11	latter point, I think we wanted to, yes, complete
12	SEQRA, and at least before we went to the ZBA
13	make sure, absolutely make sure the dimension was
14	fixed and we knew exactly what variance we had to
15	apply for.
16	MR. DONNELLY: Very good.
17	MR. WOLINSKY: Pursuant to the earlier
18	thing, I think it may not have been articulated
19	correctly. In no way, shape or form were we
20	looking for a SEQRA determination tonight. I
21	think his question was basically are we going to
22	wait for completion of SEQRA before a public
23	hearing would be scheduled.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Yes.
25	MR. DONNELLY: My advice to the Board

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2	is that they need to close out SEQRA before the
3	public hearing is scheduled. Although I think
4	we've had this conversation, it is explicit in
5	the subdivision section of the Town Law, I think
6	it is implicit in my view in the site plan
7	section as well. Therefore, based upon that
8	advice this Board will not schedule a public
9	hearing until we've closed out SEQRA either with
10	a negative declaration or the acceptance of a
11	D.E.I.S.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: So we'll wait to
13	hear back from you.
14	MR. VIEBROCK: Well
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I just wanted to
16	see where you were coming from on that. I got a
17	laugh out of you on that.
18	I'll move for a motion to set this up
19	for a work session for the 23rd of October.
20	MR. PROFACI: So moved.
21	MR. MENNERICH: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
23	Joe Profaci. I have a second by Ken Mennerich.
24	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Frank
25	Galli.

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2		MR. GALLI: Aye.
3		MR. BROWNE: Aye.
4		MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
5		MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
6		MR. PROFACI: Aye.
7		CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
8	carried.	_
9		MR. WOLINSKY: Thank you.
10		MR. VIEBROCK: Thank you.
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3	In the Matter of	X	
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C	MID-HUI	DSON II HOLDING CO., INC.	
6	(2007-34)		
7	North Plank Road		
0	Section 80; Block 7; Lot 7		
8		B Zone	
9		- $ -$	
10 11	C	ONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN	
		Date: October 18, 2007	
12		Time: 9:46 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh Town Hall	
13		1496 Route 300 Newburgh, NY 12550	
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15	BOARD MEMBERS:	JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman FRANK S. GALLI	
16		CLIFFORD C. BROWNE KENNETH MENNERICH	
17		EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI	
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19	ALSO PRESENT:	DINA HAINES	
10		MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ.	
20		PATRICK HINES	
		KAREN ARENT	
21		KENNETH WERSTED	
22	APPLICANT'S REPRI	ESENTATIVE: ANTHONY COPPOLA	
23		X	
		MICHELLE L. CONERO	
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The next item of
3	business we have is Mid-Hudson II Holding
4	Company, Inc. It's a conceptual site plan
5	located on North Plank Road. It's zoned B and
6	it's being represented by Anthony Coppola.
7	Go ahead.
8	MR. COPPOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9	Real briefly, this is our first presentation to
10	the Board for this project. What we're proposing
11	is a one-story retail office building,
12	4,500 square feet. It's on a vacant parcel, an
13	approximately 1-acre parcel just slightly less
14	than 1 acre. This is basically on Route 32
15	adjacent to Monroe Muffler and across the street
16	from the Mobil station.
17	Again, basically the configuration
18	here, how we came up with this configuration in
19	terms of the size of the building and the
20	orientation of the parking, basically at the
21	start of the project we met with the DOT resident
22	engineer, did a field visit with her to take a
23	look at her preferred location for the entrance.
24	This entrance location is based on the other
25	adjacent entrances and basically was her

2	preference. That's what she had chosen. We
3	started our design from that and came up with
4	this circular one-way parking flow. You come
5	into the property, either park in front or make a
6	right turn. All the parking is basically one way
7	around the building. There's a total of 30
8	parking spaces that meet the 1 per 150 square
9	foot requirement.
10	Because of the rear buffer area, the
11	landscaping buffer, that kind of pushed
12	everything forward so the rear of the property
13	borders the R-3 and the houses back here. I
14	believe we do meet the buffer requirement back
15	there. Basically there's going to be a
16	drive- through on the west side of the property
17	and a pass through lane thereto.
18	It's very straightforward in terms of
19	site utilities. We're making a water connection
20	in the road. The sewer main is going to be a
21	force main. We diagramed that but we have not
22	detailed that yet. That's basically going up
23	towards the street. That's past Monroe on the
24	edge of the existing pavement.
25	We have not begun any architectural

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2	drawings for this project yet. We hope to do
3	that next and would bring that back at a next
4	meeting here.
5	There are a couple comments. We did
6	receive Karen's comments, Pat's comment and Ed's
7	comments. I received all of those either
8	yesterday or today.
9	One or two things I just want to kind
10	of quickly comment on before we let this go. We
11	strongly feel, and certainly all the retail
12	projects that I've been involved with to date in
13	the Town of Newburgh allow parking in front of
14	the building. I guess it's our strong we have
15	a strong preference to be able to do that. I
16	think with retail it's important to be able to do
17	that, especially retail on a small scale like
18	this. So what we are showing in front also
19	our handicap parking is located there is just
20	5 angled parking spaces. There are 5 additional
21	spaces located next to kind of adjacent to
22	that. Some of the comments came across as far
23	as adding the stonewall or doing a berm or a
24	buffer there. That's something we would be
25	willing to do. We do have a strong preference to

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2	keep at least some minimal parking in front of
3	the building. I mean the bulk of the parking is
4	clearly behind and to the sides.
5	One of the other comments that I just
6	wanted to clarify again relates to the buffer
7	laws which we're kind of struggling through. I
8	believe what we're showing here and depicted on
9	our landscaping plan is correct for the buffer
10	that borders the R-3 Zone. It's a 30-foot
11	landscaping buffer. We've put a fairly large
12	amount of plantings in there. That's on our
13	landscaping plan. I do not believe, unless
14	somebody tells me otherwise, that we're required
15	to have buffers on the side, buffers which are
16	from our commercial property to Monroe and from
17	our commercial property to the other adjacent
18	commercial property. We do meet the setbacks but
19	I'm not quite sure we're required to have the
20	buffers on the sides.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen, do you have
22	an answer for that?
23	MS. ARENT: According to Bryant you
24	need the 30-foot buffer for the rear yard is
25	correct. The side yard must be the greater of

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2	the side yard setbacks, 15 feet and 25 feet as
3	stated in the buffer and screening table. The
4	25-foot side yard buffer will be required for the
5	site in conjunction with the 30-foot rear yard
6	buffer.
7	MR. COPPOLA: So if I'm understanding
8	you correctly, even between a commercial and a
9	commercial property we're required to have a
10	buffer?
11	MR. MICHALSKI: I think that was meant
12	for residential. If you abut a residential on a
13	side yard.
14	MS. ARENT: We'll look into this. I
15	didn't bring the buffer table with me. We'll
16	have to look at this.
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We may not have the
18	time to explore. I think I have mine with me.
19	Go ahead.
20	Pat Hines, why don't we move forward,
21	and Ken Wersted and Karen Arent, and talk
22	about
23	MR. HINES: He has my comments. I've
24	got a lot of clean-up comments, contouring and
25	changes on the plans. There's two-footers and

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2	one-footers there. That needs to be consistent.
3	The 600-foot contour in the front, I don't know
4	if you looked at that already. I know it's on
5	there. You can take a look at it. You've got
6	two 600s in a row there. The grading doesn't
7	work the way that's shown.
8	MR. COPPOLA: I see where you're
9	saying.
10	MR. HINES: Take a look at that.
11	MR. COPPOLA: We can certainly take a
12	look at that.
13	MR. HINES: The drainage plans identify
14	an existing drainage course in the rear of the
15	property but the topo doesn't really show that.
16	They are discharging out to your landscape buffer
17	onto properties around the pond. I don't see on
18	the topo where there's a drainage course there.
19	If you could take a look at that or I'll take a
20	look in the field as this moves forward. I'm
21	concerned that the point discharge is from your
22	other parking detention pond.
23	We reviewed the stormwater report.
24	With the underground storage we're going to need
25	to do some soil testing to make sure it doesn't

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2	fill up with groundwater prior to filling up with
3	stormwater.
4	The sewage disposal, I was under the
5	impression you were going the other way. This is
6	not tying into the Lennar
7	MR. COPPOLA: No.
8	MR. HINES: With that a flow letter
9	from the City of Newburgh will be required.
10	You'll need a DOT approval to run that
11	force main down their right-of-way. DOT approval
12	for the access drive is required.
13	The water main needs to be located and
14	sized correctly on the plans.
15	There's an existing sewer line easement
16	it says.
17	MR. COPPOLA: Yes.
18	MR. HINES: If you're planning on using
19	that we need that submitted to show what that
20	allows you to do there.
21	That's all we have at this point.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We received a
23	comment from Ed Garling before he left. Maybe
24	Karen can speak for Ed and Bryant.
25	MS. ARENT: Ed mentioned that this site

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2	does not work as designed because when you pull
3	into the main entrance many of the parking spots
4	are inaccessible, that you have to do a couple
5	maneuvers in order to get in and that you can't
6	drive around the site as shown on the plan, the
7	radiuses are too tight. I guess this is more of
8	Ken as well.
9	They think that the drive-through shown
10	on the plan is questionable on such a small site.
11	We wondered if there's any loading
12	docks on the site?
13	MR. COPPOLA: He was questioning
14	loading areas actually.
15	MS. ARENT: Right.
16	MR. COPPOLA: I think we're required to
17	designate a loading area. There would be at
18	grade entrances in the rear. I think we're
19	required to designate a loading area.
20	MS. ARENT: And then he goes on to
21	other comments. For example, about a sidewalk in
22	the front of the site to be in keeping with the
23	other projects that were just before the Board,
24	to put the sidewalk in front of the site.
25	MR. COPPOLA: I just want to point out

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2	there are not adjacent sidewalks.
3	MS. ARENT: There's never going to be
4	if somebody doesn't start. Anyway
5	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Good answer.
6	That's really what it's coming down to.
7	MS. ARENT: The road there is
8	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: It's a piecemeal
9	effect to what eventually will be a chain link
10	effect.
11	Ken Wersted, can you look at the
12	interior circulation and comment or would you
13	like to have time and get back?
14	MR. WERSTED: I can make some
15	generalizations and follow up with more
16	specifics. I didn't have an opportunity to
17	review the project before the meeting but just
18	some initial thoughts looking at it. I can
19	understand Ed Garling's comment, when you pull in
20	the first parking space on your right may be
21	difficult to get in. You have to make a U-turn
22	to get in. As you circulate around into the
23	back, making the turn to get into the drive-
24	through lane with the narrow radius there would
25	be difficult. I can look at putting some turning

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2	templates on there and check those in some more
3	detail. There isn't a lot of room to work on the
4	site I realize just because it's a relatively
5	small site.
6	One of the other comments that I'm
7	looking at is DOT typically requires that the
8	terminus of your curb radii end 5 feet before the
9	projection of the property line.
10	MR. COPPOLA: We are cheating that a
11	little. I know exactly what you're referring to.
12	MR. WERSTED: That's not to say that it
13	can't be allowed but I think you would need to
14	get a sign off from the adjoining property owner.
15	If they are agreeable to that then DOT would use
16	that to okay the entrance.
17	MR. COPPOLA: She was specific about
18	the distances between the entrances, too. We do
19	meet that.
20	MR. WERSTED: Okay.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen, your
22	comments.
23	MS. ARENT: One of my main comments is
24	that the site plan is designed with parking in
25	the front. In accordance with design guidelines

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2	the site plan should be designed with parking on
3	the side or back and not on the road. I just
4	wonder if that could be considered. Maybe a
5	different arrangement or something.
6	I was wondering if it's possible to
7	connect to adjacent properties. I think a good
8	example before us of how a small site can be
9	developed nicely is the Orange County Trust that
10	was just before us. They got an easement onto
11	the side properties since they have a very small
12	site as well. They were able to use that so that
13	they didn't try to do everything on a little,
14	tiny piece of property. It's also a smaller
15	building. This is a big building on a very tight
16	site.
17	I think sidewalks should also be shown
18	on the front of the property as well as
19	connection to the front door of the property
20	somehow, or the front doors or the sidewalk in
21	front of the building. I thought you could
22	possibly move the building closer to the road if
23	you connected at the side properties and this way
24	you could even almost share the sidewalk in front
25	or the sidewalk along the building.

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2	I was thinking that this property is
3	developable. It can be done nicely if maybe
4	there was some thought given to how it can be
5	done nicely.
6	I didn't know what the rectangle on the
7	south corner of the site was. I thought maybe it
8	was the pavement from the adjacent site.
9	MR. COPPOLA: It's an encroachment.
10	Yes.
11	MS. ARENT: Why can't you use some of
12	that? Maybe these two sites can connect since
13	the asphalt is there.
14	That's it.
15	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any additional
16	comments from Board Members. Frank?
17	MR. GALLI: The building as it stands,
18	the drive-through, is that considering because it
19	might be a bank or something like that? Is that
20	why
21	MR. COPPOLA: That's correct.
22	MR. GALLI: the drive-through?
23	MR. MICHALSKI: The bank has expressed
24	interest in the site actually.
25	MR. GALLI: I was just curious what the

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2	drive-through is. That's the only question I
3	have.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne?
5	MR. BROWNE: We're reviewing this for
6	conceptual. I'm not sure if it's ready for
7	conceptual at this point.
8	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I agree.
9	Ken Mennerich.
10	MR. MENNERICH: I agree with Cliff. I
11	think the site needs to take better consideration
12	of the design guidelines.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ed O'Donnell?
14	MR. O'DONNELL: Anthony, you've been
15	involved with several of these projects that
16	we've had before us so I think you're pretty
17	familiar with what our standards are. I would
18	expect that they are going to be applied here on
19	this project.
20	MR. COPPOLA: Okay.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Joe Profaci?
22	MR. PROFACI: My only question was
23	about the drive-through. I got an answer.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think you're
25	going to have to work on the plans.

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2	MR. MICHALSKI: Could I speak? I'm the
3	owner. Can I speak as the owner?
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Your name is?
5	MR. MICHALSKI: The only thing is one
6	of the
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Your name is?
8	MR. MICHALSKI: Steve Michalski.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Thanks.
10	MR. MICHALSKI: I'm the owner of the
11	property. One of the comments was about the
12	parking in the front. If you look at every other
13	property along that road, every other property
14	has parking in the front. It's a retail space.
15	Generally retail you have parking in the front.
16	It is a small site. I think that's the only way
17	it's really going to work is to have some parking
18	every other place you go to has parking in the
19	front of it. If you want to drive through it
20	would be consistent with the neighborhood and the
21	design quidelines. I think it's a generalized
22	thing for certain neighborhoods. In this case it
23	would be consistent with everything else. I feel
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24	kind of strongly that would make sense. It would
20	be in character with the neighborhood. If

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2	anybody wants to look at the neighborhood and see
3	what it looks like, it just fits.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Right now the
5	general consensus I'm getting from the Board and
6	from our consultants is that the concept before
7	us just doesn't seem to be working right. It's
8	up to you to come back with something more
9	creative. I think the example I'll let Ed
10	speak. The example is Orange County Trust. I
11	don't know the exact difference in lot size but
12	we had an approximately 2,500 square foot
13	building situated on the lot that we tried to
14	work here and that was the bank. Here we have
15	something almost double that square footage.
16	You're putting a lot into this site.
17	Ed.
18	MR. O'DONNELL: I think you missed the
19	point a little bit. What exists today is, as you
20	described it, not good enough. We're looking to
21	make this Town better. We've made significant
22	strides with that over here on Route 52 and Union
23	Avenue. We've done it with the two projects in
24	front of us tonight and we intend to do it with
25	this one. I don't know what else I can tell you.

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2	The standard today is not good enough for raising
3	the bar and we expect you to raise it also.
4	MR. MICHALSKI: Okay.
5	MR. O'DONNELL: I don't know how else
6	to say it.
7	MS. ARENT: I think it is possible to
8	put parking in the front but there has to be
9	enough
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen, I don't
11	think we can design it now. It's getting late in
12	the evening. We have other business and we're
13	not here to design projects.
14	MS. ARENT: Okay.
15	MR. COPPOLA: Thank you for your
16	comments.
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18	(Time noted: 10:00 p.m.)
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1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS 6 (2005-58) 7 Change of sidewalk pavement 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X 9 BOARD BUSINESS 10 Date: October 18, 2007 Time: 10:00 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 11 12 Town Hall 1496 Route 300 13 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman 15 BOARD MEMBERS: FRANK S. GALLI CLIFFORD C. BROWNE 16 KENNETH MENNERICH 17 EDWARD T. O'DONNELL, JR. JOSEPH E. PROFACI 18 19 ALSO PRESENT: DINA HAINES MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. 20 PATRICK HINES KAREN ARENT 21 KENNETH WERSTED 22 23 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - X MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: At this point I
3	would like to turn the meeting over to Dina
4	Haines, Planning Board Secretary, to go through
5	the amended Board business.
6	Dina.
7	MS. HAINES: The first item we have on
8	Board business tonight is a letter dated
9	September 26th from Karen. It's regarding Orange
10	County Choppers. The second paragraph in that
11	letter states, "Two changes that affect the
12	architectural review approval include a change of
13	proposed sidewalks from concrete and pavers to a
14	permeable pavement consisting of recycled tires
15	and gravel, and the installation of solar panels
16	on the roof of the building."
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Karen.
18	MS. ARENT: This is the permeable
19	pavers. It's a poured-in-place pavement that
20	they would like to put in front of the site
21	instead of the brick pavers that they originally
22	had. They're thinking about that color. It
23	actually looks better. I thought these were
24	hideous. The Hampton Inn in Fishkill where they
25	put it under their entrance way, it looks better

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2	in place.
3	MR. PROFACI: How durable is it?
4	MS. ARENT: They claim it's durable.
5	They've used it in Rochester for ten years.
6	MR. GALLI: It won't wear out.
7	MS. ARENT: It's rubber. They would
8	like to put this in place. They are doing a
9	green or trying to go for a green building and
10	this is as far as the solar panels, I asked
11	them to show us an illustration before we
12	consider it.
13	MR. O'DONNELL: What do you think?
14	MS. ARENT: It's scary because I would
15	hate to do this for The Market Place or the
16	shopping centers instead of brick pavers. On the
17	other hand it's a green concept so it's hard to
18	deny.
19	MR. PROFACI: Is that aggregate held
20	together what kind of glue holds that
21	together?
22	MS. ARENT: I'm not exactly sure. I
23	should read exactly I will have to let you
24	know.
25	MR. PROFACI: It looks like it would
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2	melt or fall apart.
3	MS. ARENT: They said it was used in
4	Rochester for ten years and it held up.
5	MR. PROFACI: It held up for the snow.
6	What about the sun?
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Have you
8	experienced this?
9	MR. HINES: I have not seen it used.
10	There is a lot of literature out there.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think I even
12	circulated something a few months ago based on
13	impermeable surfaces.
14	MR. PROFACI: This is permeable.
15	MR. HINES: Did you pour water through
16	it?
17	MS. ARENT: If anybody wants to take it
18	to the bathroom, go right ahead. If you want to
19	look at it, there's a Hampton Inn in Fishkill.
20	MR. HINES: We should be reviewing it
21	for aesthetics. How long it lasts is going to be
22	the applicant's problem, if they have to maintain
23	it and put it back if it falls apart.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Even with concrete
25	sidewalks, depending how they do the subbase.

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2	Sure.
3	MR. HINES: If you like the look
4	what I'm concerned about is that aggregate in
5	there. I don't know if it's available locally.
6	It looks like some kind of beach gravel. It may
7	look different than what you get. I don't know
8	where they manufacture the material that comes
9	MS. ARENT: We can ask for a different
10	type of gravel.
11	MR. GALLI: It's actually rubber tires
12	ground up.
13	MR. HINES: There's aggregate in there
14	with it.
15	MS. ARENT: Here are some better
16	photographs of what it looks like.
17	MR. BROWNE: The question is can they
18	use this instead of
19	MS. ARENT: Pavers and concrete. It's
20	tough. My concern is it is setting a precedent.
21	That's the only concern I have.
22	MR. O'DONNELL: What do you mean?
23	MS. ARENT: I think it would be we
24	have beautiful design guidelines for The Market
25	Place. I would hate to see that change to

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2	something like this.
3	MR. HINES: We want impervious pavement
4	on The Market Place.
5	MS. ARENT: In fact, I have been
6	working on a green building, a library in Warwick
7	where they have actually considered this and
8	not this particular pavement but they're willing
9	to vacuum twice a week. Actually on another
10	project, the supermarket in Warwick, they have
11	agreed to vacuum the whole parking lot twice a
12	week with the big vacuum.
13	MR. HINES: Most supermarkets do.
14	MS. ARENT: That will prevent the
15	clogging of the pores. That's the maintenance of
16	this. It has to be vacuumed every so often.
17	MR. BROWNE: That's permeable. What
18	goes under it?
19	MS. ARENT: I have to look that up. I
20	would assume a similar base course.
21	MR. HINES: Sand, gravel.
22	MS. ARENT: It is poured in place.
23	MR. MENNERICH: It would be in the
24	parking lot?
25	MS. ARENT: No. This is going to be

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2	the sidewalk. I would love it if it was in the
3	parking lot. In the Hampton Inn they used it for
4	where you pull up in your car.
5	MR. HINES: It doesn't get puddles and
6	freeze. The advantage is that it's a green
7	product.
8	MR. GALLI: They get a tax break by
9	using it?
10	MS. ARENT: Yeah. I think that the
11	person that is selling this is using that as a
12	showcase for him.
13	Crushed rock four inches thick.
14	MR. BROWNE: Crushed rock goes under
15	it?
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Subbase.
17	MS. ARENT: Two inches thick multiplied
18	by 22 percent.
19	MR. GALLI: What's your recommendation?
20	MS. ARENT: That's why I'm
21	MR. DONNELLY: She's been like this for
22	weeks now.
23	MS. ARENT: I think that it's a good
24	thing to do because of its green status. It's
25	good for the environment and I think it looks

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2	better than I thought it would. I worry about
3	setting a precedent on all the other projects
4	before us.
5	MR. BROWNE: If we did this and we
6	can't do the caveat on the approval
7	MS. ARENT: That would be a question
8	for you. How precedent setting is it?
9	MR. DONNELLY: How large is the area
10	we're doing?
11	MS. ARENT: It's a big plaza. It looks
12	nice in place.
13	MR. DONNELLY: You've already made
14	findings there be a requirement of a mix of brick
15	pavers. I don't think you need to worry about it
16	on that project. I don't think if you allowed
17	this in one area of one project that was a
18	building of a certain character why you would be
19	required to do it elsewhere. If our experience
20	is negative you might not want to.
21	MS. ARENT: That's true. This building
22	is very modern so it kind of goes with the whole
23	cutting edge type of building. It's the perfect
24	place to try it.
25	MR. PROFACI: Is this the color they're

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2	proposing?
3	MS. ARENT: They think they like the
4	reddish.
5	MR. PROFACI: Is the color different?
6	MS. ARENT: They even have a green.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The question before
8	us tonight is is the Board in agreement that we
9	basically could amend one of the details on the
10	final site plan to allow for rather than
11	concrete sidewalks to allow for a flex pave
12	installation where is it?
13	MS. ARENT: Orange County Choppers.
14	The plaza.
15	MR. GALLI: I would like to see it.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for that
17	motion.
18	MR. GALLI: So moved.
19	MR. PROFACI: Second.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
21	Frank Galli. I have a second by Joe Profaci.
22	Any discussion of the motion?
23	MR. O'DONNELL: Yes. Are you going to
24	document that we're making this slight change to
25	our guidelines and then

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2	MR. HINES: I don't think it's your
3	guidelines.
4	MR. O'DONNELL: It doesn't conflict
5	with our
6	MS. ARENT: No.
7	MR. O'DONNELL: Then it's in conflict
8	with the site plan.
9	MR. DONNELLY: The motion, as I
10	understand it, is to authorize it as a field
11	change. Somebody would need to document that. A
12	letter from Karen or something.
13	MR. O'DONNELL: And then it would be a
14	follow-up letter from you at some point in time
15	as to whether you thought this was an effective
16	change or not?
17	MR. GALLI: To use in the future.
18	MS. ARENT: Sure. I would follow up.
19	I would love to. I think it's a really
20	interesting product.
21	MR. O'DONNELL: So we'll have two
22	letters from
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We'll amend the
24	motion that the applicant as far as a field
25	change will be allowed to install the flex paver

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2	in place of the concrete walk in front of the
3	MS. ARENT: Building.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: the building and
5	that we'll receive follow-up reports from Karen
6	Arent as far as the installation and how
7	functional it is.
8	MR. BROWNE: Could I add one more thing
9	to that? It be installed per manufacturer's
10	requirements. That's probably understood but you
11	never know.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: It will be
13	installed according to manufacturer's
14	requirements.
15	So we had a motion originally by Frank
16	Galli. We had a second by Joe Profaci again.
17	I'll move for that amended motion.
18	MR. GALLI: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
20	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
21	MR. GALLI: Aye.
22	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
23	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
24	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
25	MR. PROFACI: Aye.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
3	carried.
4	Dina Haines, would you read the next
5	item of Board business.
6	MS. ARENT: The solar panels I want to
7	come back to you because I think that's a very
8	visual thing. That's something we have to be
9	very careful with. They are preparing a drawing
10	that will show us exactly what it will look like
11	as well as they're going to submit photographs of
12	another project. Apparently they have non-glare
13	type solar panels that are less reflective and
14	not visually obtrusive.
15	MR. PROFACI: They can be very ugly.
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Dina.
3	MS. HAINES: The next item as well as
4	the one after that are both regarding Quick Chek.
5	The first one is a memo from Karen dated
6	September 21, 2007. It's regarding the
7	illuminated box sign.
8	MS. ARENT: Quick Chek during our work
9	session they're very concerned. One of their
10	I guess main advertising things is their
11	illuminated sign with their price on it. We've
12	had several other projects before us now that
13	have conformed to the signage guidelines, the two
14	banks and the pharmacy. Especially the pharmacy.
15	The Key Bank had illuminated signs to begin with
16	and they changed to externally illuminated rather
17	than internally illuminated. The Quick Chek
18	asked to come before the Board to see if you
19	would allow for them to have an internally
20	illuminated sign.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: The question is
22	since we adopted the Town adopted new
23	guideline standards and we're beginning to follow
24	the standards, Karen is referencing tonight the
25	proposed Walgreen's and the bank. We're getting

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2	agreement from new applicants with their site
3	plan. We received a letter from Howard Geneslaw
4	and he's saying that if the Board isn't willing
5	to allow their free standing internally
6	illuminated sign that they would want to be
7	referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
8	The first question I pose to the Board
9	is is the Board willing to permit Quick Chek to
10	have an illuminated box sign?
11	MR. GALLI: No.
12	MR. BROWNE: No.
13	MR. MENNERICH: No.
14	MR. O'DONNELL: No.
15	MR. PROFACI: No.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. Mike, so
17	what happens?
18	MR. DONNELLY: I don't think there is a
19	referral to the Zoning Board because it's not a
20	code provision, it's a guideline and it's
21	waivable or not by you. I don't think there's
22	any jurisdiction for the Zoning Board. I'll
23	double check but I don't believe
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: So at this
25	particular point would you prepare a letter,

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2	Mike, to the applicant?
3	MR. DONNELLY: If I'm not correct on
4	that I'll report back to you. That's my belief
5	and my memory as to how it was set up.
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Dina, we have three
3	more.
4	MS. HAINES: The next three items are
5	all for placement on the next consultants' work
6	session for October 23rd. One of course is The
7	Market Place. That was a letter dated October
8	12th from Bob Wilder wanting to get on that
9	consultants' work session.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: What is it that he
11	wants to discuss, Dina?
12	MS. HAINES: On that work session he
13	wants to discuss paving and sidewalk details. He
14	also would like to discuss the hardscape details,
15	like benches and trash receptacles, the facades
16	among the big box stores and also the lighting
17	plan.
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
19	motion from the Board to set up The Market Place
20	to be placed on the next consultants' work
21	session for 10/23 to discuss the items that were
22	just presented by Dina Haines, Planning Board
23	Secretary.
24	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
25	MR. PROFACI: Second.

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
3	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Joe Profaci.
4	Any discussion of the motion?
5	MR. GALLI: The applicant pays for all
6	the time; correct?
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Correct.
8	MR. GALLI: Aye.
9	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
10	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
11	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
12	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
14	carried.
15	I happened to meet on my way over here
16	tonight Councilman Woolsey and he commented to
17	me, and I think you should know that he sat in on
18	the last work session with The Market Place, it
19	was the first time, and he was very, very pleased
20	contrary to what he was hearing from outside
21	sources as to maybe how we cave in at these work
22	sessions, actually how effective they were and
23	meaningful. So he wanted everyone to know that
24	he was very pleased and he would like to attend
25	the next one, that being this one.

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2	Dina Haines will notify him tomorrow.
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Dina.
3	MS. HAINES: The next one also is for
4	placement on the consultants' work session of
5	October 23rd for Palmerone Farms.
6	We received a letter from Kevin Dowd
7	dated October 17th. He wasn't very specific in
8	what he wanted to discuss at the meeting, he was
9	just requesting to be on it.
10	MR. BROWNE: No.
11	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: What is happening
12	here, and we heard that from Jerry, is when
13	Mike, why don't you speak on that. You know what
14	is really going on as far as what we approved for
15	the total site. Explan what might be a phased
16	site plan and the possibilities involved here.
17	MR. DONNELLY: If you remember, the
18	entire site was approved with a number of stores.
19	There was no phasing at all. There is still no
20	real phasing, meaning they have to build all of
21	the improvements before they begin. They are
22	willing to do that, if I understand what they are
23	telling us correctly. They may not build all the
24	buildings at once. The issue then arises is what
25	happens to the spot where a building is going to

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2	be until it gets built. Obviously we don't want
3	to see it be a refuse pile, nor do we want to see
4	footings put in and nothing else. Pavement may
5	have drainage implications. I think there are
6	some technical issues to resolve. There may be
7	more to it than that. I don't know. I think
8	that's the nature of what it is. They may not
9	build all the buildings at once. Thus far they
10	haven't told us they want to scale back on the
11	implementation of the overall site plan. I think
12	most of that work is done already.
13	MR. HINES: Site grading and utilities
14	are installed.
15	MR. DONNELLY: Certainly they need the
16	full circulation of the roadway, they need the
17	MR. HINES: They need to address the
18	gap in the site.
19	MR. DONNELLY: There's a technical
20	level to that that your consultants may be able
21	to make recommendations on. I think it's a
22	policy issue for you as well based upon the
23	recommendations as to what you allow the interim
24	condition to be. Should there be some temporary
25	landscaping? Is grass cover good enough? That

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2	type of thing.
3	MR. HINES: What they did at Lowe's
4	before Friday's was they paved it. They brought
5	it to grade and paved it so if nothing was ever
6	built it was just a parking lot. When they got
7	ready to build it they cut out the asphalt and
8	built the building.
9	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Jerry Canfield was
10	instrumental about a month ago in wanting to meet
11	with them. He has a building permit issued on
12	Chili's and he wants to know what happens when
13	you have a CO, what am I going to be looking at.
14	Jerry is going to be there to advise everyone as
15	to what he may need.
16	MR. BROWNE: The only issue I have,
17	John, with this is they haven't specifically told
18	us what they want. We're guessing what they
19	want.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Right.
21	MR. BROWNE: From my perspective I
22	would say okay as long as this is what they want
23	to talk about. Something else I would say no.
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: It's interesting
25	and I agree with you wholeheartedly. I got a

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2	call from Kevin Dowd was it yesterday, Dina,
3	or the day before? When is the letter dated?
4	MS. HAINES: The letter is dated the
5	17th.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I got a call from
7	him. Originally he was supposed to be at our
8	he called me at 6:00 and said John, I'm on my way
9	over there, I just want to let you know. That's
10	when I said Kevin, it's at 2:00 in the afternoon.
11	I don't know what went wrong here. He called me
12	again on Tuesday and said I would like to come
13	before the Board for a work session. I said
14	okay, prepare a letter for me, I'll have Dina
15	contact you with the e-mail and we'll make it
16	Board business. So this is what I received from
17	him. I think it's a good letter read by a good
18	attorney.
19	MR. GALLI: Not asking for anything.
20	MR. DONNELLY: Perfect, he said
21	nothing.
22	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Primarily what
23	we're doing is setting up a format for Jerry
24	Canfield to find out exactly what's going on
25	there. That's what Jerry wants to know.

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2	MR. HINES: Jerry is looking for some
3	guidance as to when he can issue a CO.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We're supporting
5	Jerry on this one.
6	That being said, I'll move for a motion
7	to approve
8	MR. DONNELLY: The Market Place,
9	Palmerone and Polo Club.
10	MS. HAINES: We didn't go over Polo
11	Club.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Palmerone for
13	the work session of the 23rd of October.
14	MR. GALLI: So moved.
15	MR. MENNERICH: Second.
16	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
17	Frank. I have a second by Ken. Any further
18	discussion?
19	(No response.)
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
21	roll call vote starting with Frank.
22	MR. GALLI: Aye.
23	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
24	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
25	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.

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2	MR. PROFACI: Aye.	
3	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself. So	
4	carried.	
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6	(Time noted: 10:22 p.m.)	
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CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Dina, do you want
to read the last one.
MS. HAINES: The Polo Club wants to be
on the next consultants' work session. We have a
letter from Ross Winglovitz dated October 17th.
They want to be on because they have increased
the number of units by 4 so now they're up to

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ney're up to _ts by SO 130 units. They have also eliminated their recreational courts and moved the clubhouse to the front of the building and now they will no longer be seeking the waiver for the recreation fees, they'll just pay them. CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: He's also talking about reducing the size of the buildings. He may not have said that there. MS. HAINES: I don't think I did. Sorry.

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CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: It has nothing to do with you. It's late in the evening. Cliff, I'll ask you if you have any

22 questions? MR. BROWNE: I didn't follow the whole 23 24 thing he was doing. 25 MR. DONNELLY: Just remember where we

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2	are. This is one where you did the D.E.I.S. and
3	you had the hearing, and they're in the process,
4	I think, if I'm right in my timeline, of
5	preparing the F E.I.S. They are searching for
6	how to address the issues that were raised, what
7	do you need at a technical level to have in the
8	F.E.I.S. That type of thing. Obviously the
9	F.E.I.S. ultimately has to be to your
10	satisfaction. They are trying to see what
11	changes they can make to try to address some of
12	the issues along the way.
13	MR. GALLI: That was the big public
14	hearing. I missed that one. We told the public
15	when we had the hearing it was this amount of
16	units, it was this recreation court.
17	MR. HINES: There was not a lot of
18	people in attendance. There was like four
19	people.
20	MR. DONNELLY: I don't know that if you
21	increase it by 4 units on 126-unit project, that
22	that's such a dramatic change that you would feel
23	some need to re-open to public comments. There's
24	no rule that the project can't change over time.
25	There's a request that sets forth a number of

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2	things.
3	MR. GALLI: Put them on.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: What's happening,
5	and I think we're realizing more and more, is the
6	market conditions change, people are revising
7	their plans to see what they have that may be
8	saleable based upon these conditions.
9	That being said, I'll move for a motion
10	to set up The Polo Club for the 23rd of October
11	work session.
12	MR. GALLI: So moved.
13	MR. PROFACI: Second.
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
15	Frank Galli. I have a second by Joe Profaci.
16	Any discussion of the motion?
17	(No response.)
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
19	roll call vote starting with Frank Galli.
20	MR. GALLI: Aye.
21	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
22	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
23	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
24	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
25	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself.

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2	Surprise me at our meeting of
3	November
4	MS. HAINES: November 1.
5	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: November 1st
6	with an idea if you want to have a quarterly site
7	inspection.
8	I'll move for a motion to close the
9	Planning Board meeting of the 18th of October.
10	MR. GALLI: So moved.
11	MR. PROFACI: Second.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
13	Frank Galli. I have a second by Joe Profaci.
14	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Frank
15	Galli.
16	MR. GALLI: Aye.
17	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
18	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
19	MR. O'DONNELL: Aye.
20	MR. PROFACI: Aye.
21	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself. So
22	carried.
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