1 2 STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD 3 name want detta' thank detta tetat dayt andet manne fisher enter santa mann barre - - - X In the Matter of 4 5 McDONALD'S (2013 - 20)6 North Plank Road (Route 32) 7 Section 76; Block 1; Lot 1.1 B Zone 8 -----_ _ _ _ _ X 9 SITE PLAN - INITIAL APPEARANCE 10 Date: October 17, 2013 11 Time: 7:10 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh 12 Town Hall 1496 Route 300 13 Newburgh, NY 12550 14 BOARD MEMBERS: JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman 15 FRANK S. GALLI CLIFFORD C. BROWNE 16 KENNETH MENNERICH THOMAS P. FOGARTY 17 JOHN A. WARD 18 ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ. PATRICK HINES 19 GERALD CANFIELD 20 21 APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: KEITH CAHILL 22 23 - - - - X MICHELLE L. CONERO 24 10 Westview Drive Wallkill, New York 12589 25 (845)895-3018

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2	MR. BROWNE: The next item of business
3	we have on our agenda is McDonald's, project
4	number 2013-20. This is a site plan and initial
5	appearance being presented by Bohler Engineering.
6	MR. CAHILL: Good evening, Chairman,
7	Board Members. I appreciate the opportunity to
8	' come up and present what McDonald's is looking
9	and hoping to do to redevelop their site. I
10	think if the Board would like, I can give an
11	overview of the project.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Please.
13	MR. CAHILL: What I would like to do is
14	first orient the Board with the location of the
15	facility. The existing McDonald's that is
16	located on North Plank Road, it's known as 65
17	North Plank Road. It essentially has three
18	frontages, just under 300 feet of frontage on
19	North Plank Road and Gardnertown Road is to our
20	south. Just orientation for ease of description
21	tonight, I'm going to have North Plank running in
22	the north/south direction . We also have
23	approximately 600 feet of frontage on Gidney
24	Avenue on the west side of our property. Just to
25	orientate you, also we have the Citgo service

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2		station that's located at the intersection of
3	·	North Plank Road and Gidney, and we have a retail
4		facility, a strip mall just to our south as well
5		as a bank and the Subway across North Plank Road.
6		The existing facility currently is
7		approximately 2.8 acres. What I'd like to do is
8		bring up my survey just to show you some current
9		features as well.
10		MR. BROWNE: Could you twist the easel
11		around?
12		MR. CAHILL: Certainly.
13		MR. BROWNE: Thank you.
14		MR. CAHILL: This orientation, North
15		Plank Road is along our east side in the north/
16		south direction. The existing facility is
17		approximately 5,600 square feet. We have 90
18		parking stalls in and around the facility.
19		Inside the facility we have about 113 seats.
20		Currently we have two access points on North
21		Plank Road. The enter drive on the north side of
22		our property is approximately 25 feet in width
23		and it's a one-way entrance. You can see we have
24		parking on the north side of the building. Our
25		handicap stalls are actually across the drive

McDONALD'S 1 2 aisle on the entrance drive. The site 3 circulation is intended to be in a 4 counterclockwise direction. We also have the exit movement only on our southern driveway that 5 6 goes out to North Plank Road. The other access 7 point we have is on Gidney. You can see a full 8 movement driveway out to the rear of the site, to 9 the west, and we also have a full movement 10 driveway on Gardnertown Road. Just to note, 11 Gardnertown is a one-way road towards North 12 Plank. So any movements in here, it's a left in 13 and a left out that goes out to North Plank. 14 A couple interesting features and 15 concerns of why this site needs to be 16 redeveloped. Besides being an older facility 17 that's in need of replacement, many things have 18 changed in the McDonald's business over the 19 twenty plus years that this facility has been in 20 operation. In general McDonald's is going 21 throughout the country upgrading and identifying 22 facilities like this to replace and rebuild and 23 do numerous things to them, including 24 enhancements of the overall circulation on site 25 and the drive-through operations. Back when

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1 McDONALD'S 2 McDonald's first started putting this facility in 3 operation their anticipation of the amount of 4 business between the inside of the store and the 5 outside of the store, meaning the drive-through, 6 was about fifty/fifty. Today's numbers 7 throughout the country average in excess of sixty 8 percent, between sixty and sixty-five percent on 9 average, and sites that are on more of a commuter 10 type road or state highway are even higher than 11 that. So they found that they need to really 12 improve the on-site circulation, the 13 drive-through facilities and improve their 14 overall business and not be so concerned with the 15 number of seats inside. In this facility, as I 16 mentioned, they have 113 seats. 17 And a couple other things relative to just this site specifically on why it's kind of 18 19 in need of replacement/redevelopment. A couple 20 things here. On the north side the feature 21 that's behind the existing Citgo, our property 22 juts out behind the Citgo, is our trash 23 enclosure. It's detached from the overall 24 development. Currently the truck that takes the

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trash comes off of Gidney, pulls into this area

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that's not paved, it's a gravel area -- grass/ gravel area, backs up and then pulls back out in an area that doesn't have any curbing, it's relatively uncontrolled and isn't ideal for the current operations or today's practice in terms of operations as well as traffic safety. A couple other points. As I mentioned, the entrance, you can see the stalls are angled.

10 We have approximately a 25 foot drive aisle in 11 this area on the north side of the building. 12 Cars that enter our facility from the Gidney 13 Avenue intersection -- access point or 14 Gardnertown Road, if they wanted to use the 15drive-through, two things they can do if they 16 entered here. They can go along our south side 17 of the building, go out onto North Plank Road and 1.8 come back in, which is obviously not an easy move 19 during peak hours. It's most likely not going to 20 happen. Or you do what I just saw happen twice 21 tonight while I sat there for a half an hour is 22 they enter in, they go the wrong direction in a 23 one-way circulation on the north side, they make 24 a U-turn and then get in the back of the line.

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Also this existing facility has one

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2 ordering point. They have two menu boards to show drivers. There's one I'll say facing north 3 4 at the rear of the building. The ordering point 5 is directly behind the building and then another 6 ordering point -- menu board. In this type of a configuration only one car at a time can truly 7 8 see a menu board. You can only take one order at 9 a time, which just makes it more cumbersome to 10 take an order from a customer. We do have two 11 drive-through windows where the first window on 12 the south side of the building is where you pay, 13 you pull forward and at the second window you 14 pick up your food. Very common in the world of 15 drive-throughs and very common to have a single 16 ordering point. However, McDonald's vast studies 17 nationwide, worldwide is that one of the largest 18 items they don't have control of is the ordering 19 process because it's Joe public sitting in their 20 car, having to order, and they can't pull the 21 words or the orders out of their mouths so they're relying on the customer in that operation 22 23 to occur at the pace that the person does it. 24 For instance, if the mommy soccer van pulls up 25 and six kids are sitting there, it's going to

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2 take a lot longer than the person coming up to 3 grab a cup of coffee. In the overall cue of the 4 drive-through, that one car is going to back up 5 that entire line until that order. They can 6 order ten sandwiches, they're going to have to 7 wait in that line, anybody behind them, until 8 that is processed. We do have a pull forward 9 lane and parking stalls for that, however they 10 still need to pull through the payment process 11 and then come up. Part of this, again, was what 12 McDonald's looked at to redevelop the site and 13 overall operations to really improve and make 14 this facility operate better and safer in regards 15 to the on-site circulation and parking. I think 16 that gives you a pretty good idea of how the site 17 exists and lays out. 18I want to show you what we're proposing to do in regards to the plans that are in front

19to do in regards to the plans that are in front20of you. I'll refer to my next exhibit which is21essentially the site plan that was submitted to22you. We colorized it, enhanced it for ease of23display. Obviously the coloring will be the24landscaping and the gray is the asphalt and the25same colors of the building. For reference

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1 McDONALD'S 2 again, north is along North Plank Road. The top 3 of the page is north. The same orientation. 4 With the overall improvements, we've 5 redeveloped the site and we've anticipated 6 knocking the building down entirely and 7 essentially sliding it further to the south. You 8 can see the operation from our northern property 9 line where the Citgo is. This also drives our 10 drive aisles, the enter and exit lanes, further 11 to the south as well. What this is able to do is 12 modify the overall on-site circulation, improve 13 it drastically. 14 I'll point out the features at this 15 point. In terms of the size of the building, 16 it's about 400 square feet less than what you 17 have there today. In regards to the number of

21 down the Thruway or 9W you may have seen a couple 22 of the newer, modern facilities. 23 I'll show you some elevations. In 24 regards to the overall site, again we're going to 25 maintain an entrance only driveway on the north

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seats, about 10 seats less than what is out there

modern style McDonald's. If you've been up and

today. No more play area. Essentially the

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2 side. We have 60-degree parking on both sides of 3 our drive aisle. We've located the handicap 4 stalls immediately adjacent to the building. As 5 I mentioned before, they were across the drive aisle. We have maintained one-way circulation 6 7 around the entire building in a counterclockwise 8 direction, which again is convenient for the 9 drivers when you're going through a drive-through 10 in your car reaching out and paying. We've 11 maintained our exit point on North Plank Road as 12 well, a right out and left out opportunity. 13 We've maintained our Gardnertown Road access 14 point exactly where it's located today. We've 15 enhanced it with some landscaping and put a 16 little seating here. I think there are a couple 17 tables out there. We created a patio out there. 18 We relocated the trash enclosure from 19 the area that was up on the north side and the 20 truck was basically coming up to the grass and 21 gravel and pulling in. We've relocated it in the 22 rear of the property, again convenient for the 23 workers to get rid of the refuse and also 24 convenient for the on- site circulation of our 25 truck to pick up for the trash and recycling.

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2	We've shown again parking stalls in and
3	around the facility in accordance with your
4	ordinance. As I mentioned, or maybe I didn't,
5	we've reduced the number of parking stalls from
6	90 down to 64. Again, from a McDonald's
7	evaluation, from a business standpoint, not a
8	concern at all. It meets your code requirements
9	and it will meet their business demand. As I
10	mentioned, the amount of business we have going
11	through the drive-through reduced the need for
12	the amount of parking on site.
13	We have relocated the Gidney Avenue
14	access point as well. That went further to the
15	north. What this has done now, anybody entering
16	the site, from any portion of the driveways
17	you're allowed to enter. In other words, the
18	northern driveway with the entrance only
19	driveway, the entrance off of Gidney or the
20	entrance off of Gardnertown can get into our
21	drive-through without making any illegal moves,
22	U-turns, et cetera. The other primary feature
23	we've added, as I mentioned before, previously
24	you entered and went to exit back out onto North
25	Plank Road and go back out to McDonald's, you'd

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2 have to go back out onto North Plank Road and 3 into the facility. We have proposed what we call 4 a recirculation. That is a key element to 5 provide anybody entering the site off of 6 Gardnertown Road to get into this -- along this 7 drive aisle on the south side, resurf the site 8 and get in the cue lane where it needs to be. In 9 terms of Gidney, where you enter now you'd be 10 coming into the cue. 11 One thing I forgot to mention on the 12 existing conditions, we have room for eleven cars 13 to stack before you get into the first 14 obstruction of a parking stall. Eleven cars can 15 stack. You still have room to stack into the 16 site but then you start blocking other parking 17 stalls. This reconfiguration, we're introducing 18 McDonald's most efficient drive-through facility 19 operation as they have in their arsenal we'll 20 call it. All of the dimensions relative to the 21 drive-through lane and configuration relative to 22 the building and ordering point are all maxed out 23 in terms of car spacing. So they use it in 25 24 foot increments. The distance between the 25 windows allow for cars to sit in between. Things

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2 of that nature which really improve the 3 circulation and operation of the drive-through. 4 We allow for what we call a side by 5 side. There's essentially two ordering points, 6 one that's closest to the building adjacent to 7 the green area, then you see an island, and we 8 have another ordering point just to the west of 9 the other one. So there are two side by side. 10 If you're going up to a toll booth, you can go up 11 two places to pay your tolls more efficient than 12 one place. Two places to order. As I mentioned 13 before, the slowest portion of what McDonald's 14 facilities encounter and the least control they 15 have is the ordering points. So now they have 16 two points and essentially doubles the efficiency 17 as much as they can from obtaining the order from 18 a customer. The other nice thing, both lanes are 19 always open all the time. If they see a car, a 20 larger mini-van taking seven orders versus a guy coming with one coffee, you can hold that car 21 22 until -- and keep the inner lane operating until 23 that food is getting closer to being ready and 24 have them pull forward. That's the type of stuff 25 that will improve the overall operation, improve

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the efficiency, minimize the amount of time cars are idling or cueing on site. This configuration allows thirteen stalls up to our -- where you come up to the island to split, the fourteenth car before it starts cueing into a parking stall. So you have double the capacity in terms of obtaining the order and increasing the amount of cueing.

10 MR. BROWNE: How do you hold --11 MR. CAHILL: Great question. I answer 12 that one for every board. Essentially if you're 13 familiar with the McDonald's order, what they are 14 going to do, there's a box there you order into, 15 there's a display that shows you what you order, 16 and they will hold you by saying wait until we 17 ask you to pull forward, essentially. Thev're 18 not going to tell you how much, they're going to 19 say come up to window 1, it's X amount of 20 dollars. Every order that goes on at the two 21 ordering points, there's a picture taken of you 22 and your vehicle. That's how they track the 23 The order is tracked internally following order. 24 your order to make sure it comes to the window, 25 who is paying and what food is being picked up.

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1 McDONALD'S 29 2 That's how it happens. Obviously these cars are 3 stopped at this point. They do merge back together. They're alternated between them coming 4 5 through. As I mentioned, you can hold one and 6 have multiple go through. That's to improve the 7 overall efficiency and operation. 8 Again in terms of the configuration of 9 the parking, where we've located it, the handicap 10 stalls, having more stalls adjacent to the 11 building, adding the recirculation lane. This is 12 by far a superior layout for site circulation. 13 You have an existing facility that's successful 14 on a busy road. We're improving the overall 15 circulation on site which will improve the movements that our customers make when they go to 16 17 leave the site as well. 18 A couple of other key components. We 19 are reducing impervious coverage overall by 5,000 20 square feet. We'll be in compliance with the DEC 21 stormwater management regs. We are adding --22 although we're not increasing the impervious, we 23 are adding a water quality device as well. So 24 we're going to be improving the water quality 25 from that aspect on the stormwater management

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.s, bringing new services in. The facility itself is actually getting a little bit smaller. There's no need or concern in the increase in utilization of existing resources.

10 In regards to the interior of the 11 building, modern, more efficient in terms of the 12 layout of the interior of the building so they 13 can prepare food faster, essentially, because 14 they've improved their assembly line per se. 15 They use more efficient equipment in terms of 16 usage of resources. High efficiency equipment, 17 LED lighting on the inside of the building, 18 things of that nature.

19 In regard to the site lighting and 20 things of that nature, the existing site has 21 angled lights and more spill and sky glow and 22 things. We're going to use modern fixtures and 23 down lit box fixtures and things of that nature. 24 In general I really can't say that 25 there's anything -- this is a superior plan and

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We'll be reutilizing the

1 McDONALD'S 31 2 I'm hoping that we can proceed with a site plan 3 application. We understand we would hopefully be referred to the Zoning Board. Being in a B Zone, 4 5 specifically the fast food component is not 6 permitted. It is an accessory use in the IB Zone 7 and in this zone we could be not permitted. 8 A couple quick features. We're adding 9 some sidewalks, just to maintain the crosswalks 10 to improve for pedestrian circulation as well. 11 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Good presentation. 12 I think you summarized everything well. 13 I'll turn to the Planning Board Members 14 to see if they have any questions at this point. 15 Frank Galli? 16 MR. GALLI: Is there going to be 17 curbing along the Gidney Avenue side? 18 MR. CAHILL: We only have edge of 19 pavement there. Again, we're kind of restoring 20 it to the existing conditions. Those are the 21 types of things we would be open to for comment, 22 about sidewalks. 23 MR. GALLI: When they turn off North 24 Plank Road heading east, coming east on North 25 Plank, taking a right onto Gidney, they're going

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2 to take a left into the McDonald's site. Isn't 3 that pretty close to the light? 4 MR. CAHILL: You're referring to the 5 left movement in. I was out there this evening 6 during the peak hour and Gidney does backup, as 7 you all probably are aware, the northbound 8 traffic at that signal. What you do notice, 9 there's still about 270 feet from our access 10 point to the intersection, and you are sitting 11 there, and I've witnessed -- there's gaps there. 12 There is enough for a car to creep up, make a 13 space for a single car to enter into the 14driveway. I also don't feel with that distance 15 -- you know, cars do creep up along it. You're 16 going to get a courtesy gap, I'll call it, to 17 I don't foresee it really make that move in. 18 backing up that distance to the intersection. 19 Also, not that, you know, I should be relying on 20 this but there is a shoulder, a gravel shoulder, 21 that you can see cars utilize now. If it really 22 was a bad situation I'm sure cars would use it. 23 This property to our west is vacant at this time. 24 MR. GALLI: That was the only question

25 I had.

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2 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Cliff Browne? 3 MR. BROWNE: I like the layout a heck of a lot better than what's there now. 4 That's 5 for sure. 6 The cueing back, that entrance on 7 Gidney is closer than the current one and the 8 current one gets backed up. During most of the 9 time that the drive-through is used is rush hour 10 That's when it backs up. I don't know if time. 11 that's going to be an issue, but whatever. 12 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich? 13 MR. MENNERICH: Cars coming in, most of 14 them I would guess come off of North Plank Road 15 and they get stacked up pretty good on the 16 existing arrangement. How are the cars going to 17 get from Gidney Avenue, because they're going to 18 have to interrupt that stream of stacked cars; 19 right? 20

20 MR. CAHILL: Certainly. I'd like to 21 point this out. The vehicle I'm pointing to now, 22 which is, I'll call it the western most side of 23 our rear building here, is the thirteenth car in 24 the cue, okay. The fourteenth car would be 25 sitting here, and the fifteenth. So it would

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2 take about fifteen cars before a car would not be 3 in there. Our experience now, as I mentioned, the existing facility has, and you've seen this, 4 and I saw and witnessed it, the cue line actually 5 comes down the building further. It's 220 feet 6 7 from our pay window to this parking stall on the north side of the building. If you divide that 8 by 20 feet you have eleven cars sitting there. 9 Currently if you had fifteen cars, it's going to 10 stack out to the road essentially. One ordering 11 12 point. It's our, what I'll call least efficient operation from the drive-through. We're now 13 14 proposing to put the most efficient which will improve the hardest item to control for 15 McDonald's, which is the ordering. In this 16 17 position now as I mentioned, you're at this location which is -- would allow for another ten 18 19 cars to get back towards North Plank Road with a much more efficient operation in terms of taking 20 21 the order. So I foresee this as a superior 2.2 layout that won't cue, in our experience of cueing, even beyond this car where you have two 23 behind it. If you're sitting here, you have 24 seven cars to hold before you order. Your seven 25

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1 McDONALD'S 2 cars on the other layout would take you towards 3 the front of the site from that point. So I don't see that as a concern. Again, where those 4 5 cars are dumping in off at Gidney now is in a 6 spot that would be behind, as I mentioned, the 7 fifteenth car, which we really don't foresee that 8 happening here based on the current business and 9 and hopefully an improved business if we improve 10 our operations. I hope that answers you. 11 MR. MENNERICH: Yes. Thank you. 12 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Following Ken's 13 question, during peak hours how many cars would 14you be serving? 15 MR. CAHILL: That's a great question. It varies from operation to operation. Our 16 17 estimate here, you know, in terms of handling in 18 the peak, an hour of a two hour period of time in 19 a magnitude of over a hundred orders to two 20 hundred orders. Again divided over a period of 21 time in a peak hour or two hours. Something in 22 that neighborhood. Again, not a concern from 23 this facility with the dimensions. As I 24 mentioned, we have our largest spacing that 25 McDonald's recommends, 100 feet between the order

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1 McDONALD'S 36 2 point and our pay window. Again, this facility 3 will operate efficiently and safely. 4 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Tom? 5 MR. FOGARTY: Just a couple of 6 comments. That building has been there a long 7 time. Whoever has been in charge of managing it 8 has done a very nice job. It's a good looking 9 building. It's well kept up front and it's 10 always clean. It's really a good operation. 11 My concern was Ken Wersted who did our 12 traffic study mentioned that Gidney Avenue to the 13 north may cause a problem. The more I think 14 about it, because I live out -- used to live out 15 in that area, I very rarely saw anybody, even in 16 the old location of that access, do I remember 17 anybody taking a left into Gidney. If you're 18 coming down 32, you're going to go through the 19 light and take a right. 20 MR. CAHILL: Correct. 21 MR. FOGARTY: So even though it's moved 22 up north a little bit, I don't know how much of a 23 problem it's going to be. 24 MR. CAHILL: Just to add on to that, 25 the current location of the driveway now, it's

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2 about 75 feet further to the south. Currently it 3 does back up along there, passed the driveway. It's not like we're creating it, meaning it's 4 5 there now. Yes, we're getting a little closer. 6 Your point is a very valid point. Anybody 7 heading southbound on North Plank Road, it's a 8 much easier movement to make the right in rather 9 than coming down Plank and making a left, 10 especially in the peak hour. Again, having a 11 nice throat now in terms of trying to make a 12 movement out, you have the ability to stack into 13 the site, not backing up into the site at all. I 14 really don't feel that 75 feet getting closer to 15 the intersection, still over 250 feet, I think 16 270 when I measured it out to the intersection. That's a lot of cars before you start seeing it 17 18 backed up.

19CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: John Ward?20MR. WARD: My question was about your21dumpster, possibly relocating it because you have22picnic tables over there, for one. For two, you23have the merge with the drive-through and you24want your flow for traffic going around the25building. Where it's located, it's like

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employees going out dumping garbage where people eat.

4 MR. CAHILL: It's a valid point and 5 we've had these discussions internally. If it's 6 here or possibly in back by these three stalls we 7 would lose -- we probably wouldn't be able to 8 replace the same number of stalls if we put it 9 back in this location. We may lose a stall or 10 two more. Again, it's not creating any variance 11 or concern from the parking scenario. It is a 12 little bit further for the employees to walk, but 13 that's something that we could definitely 14 entertain in terms of relocating that. 15 MR. WARD: Thank you. 16 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Jerry Canfield, 17 Code Compliance. At this point what's your 18 understanding of the issues before us? 19 MR. CANFIELD: As we discussed in the 20 work session and the applicant's representative 21 -- which also if you could give us a card for our 22 Stenographer, please. We discussed that this is 23 in a B Zone. Fast food restaurants are not 24 permitted in the current zoning in the B 25 District. As it is, it's what's known as

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2 existing nonconforming. With the taking down of 3 the existing building and rebuilding it, we feel 4 that you're going to lose your existing 5 nonconforming protection, therefore this Board I 6 think would be obligated to send a referral or 7 send you to the ZBA for that. If you choose to 8 look at our Municipal Code, our Zoning Code, 9 185-19 is the section that deals with this, and 10 it deals with reconstruction and relocation of 11 existing nonconforming uses. 12 Essentially that's it as far as they're 13 going to need a referral to the ZBA. 14 MR. DONNELLY: We'll make it a referral 15 for both a use variance, if that's needed, or for 16 you to give an opportunity to convince the Zoning 17 Board as a matter of interpretation you're 18 permitted to continue. If in fact you need a use 19 variance, you'll also need some endorsement of 20 your setbacks because the use is not permitted so 21 there are no bulk table requirements for this use 22 because it doesn't exist in the B Zone. So I 23 think whatever the setbacks are, the Zoning Board 24 would have to endorse them.

MR. CAHILL: Okay. I forgot to

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1 McDONALD'S 40 2 mention, under the existing condition we are in a 3 nonconforming setback. 4 MR. DONNELLY: You're protected now. 5 MR. CAHILL: And the proposal would be in compliance with the B. Yeah. 6 7 MR. DONNELLY: There is no --8 MR. CAHILL: Not for this use. 9 MR. DONNELLY: Yeah, yeah. 10 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Will that suit your 11 needs then? 12 MR. CAHILL: Yes. 13 MR. DONNELLY: I'll send a letter with 14 the Board's permission. 15 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a 16 motion to have Mike Donnelly prepare a letter to 17 refer to the ZBA for the application of McDonald's, for whether it be a use variance 18 19 or ---20 MR. CANFIELD: Interpretation. 21 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: -- interpretation. 22 MR. GALLI: So moved. 23 MR. MENNERICH: Second. 24 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by 25 Frank Galli. I have a second by Ken Mennerich.

McDONALD'S 1 41 2 Any discussion of the motion? 3 (No response.) 4 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a 5 roll call vote starting with Frank Galli. MR. GALLI: Aye. 6 7 MR. BROWNE: Aye. 8 MR. MENNERICH: Aye. 9 MR. FOGARTY: Aye. 10 MR. WARD: Aye. 11 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Aye. 12 Nice presentation. Thank you. 13 MR. HINES: John, do you want to do 14 lead agency? 15 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We should really 16 get that going. 17 I'll move for a motion to declare our 18 intent for lead agency. 19 MR. GALLI: So moved. 20 MR. WARD: Second. 21 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by 22 Frank Galli. I have a second by John Ward. I'll 23 ask for a roll call vote starting with Frank 24 Galli. 25 MR. GALLI: Aye.

1 McDONALD'S 42 2 MR. BROWNE: Aye. 3 MR. MENNERICH: Aye. 4 MR. FOGARTY: Aye. 5 MR. WARD: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself. 7 Keith, you'll make it a point of getting the information to Pat Hines and Pat will 8 9 do the coordination on that. 10 MR. CAHILL: Yes. 11 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Is it too early to 12 do a referral to the Orange County Planning 13 Department? 14 MR. HINES: I think the plans are -- my 15 comments are technical in nature. I don't think 16 we're going to see a lot of change in the layout. 17 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a 18 motion under 239-M of the Municipal Law to refer 19 this to the Orange County Planning Department. 20 MR. MENNERICH: So moved. MR. FOGARTY: Second. 21 22 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by 23 Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Tom Fogarty. 24 MR. BROWNE: Discussion. Is that 25 something we can do before we get the -- anything

McDONALD'S 1 43 2 from the ZBA back as far as whether it can go 3 forward or not? CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Yeah, because the 4 5 plans aren't going to change. 6 MR. BROWNE: All right. 7 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I mean there may be a tweak, and we don't even know that because 8 9 there aren't any bulk requirements right now for 10 this use because it's not a permitted use. 11 Whether it's a sixty-foot or a fifty-foot setback 12 from North Plank Road, I mean that's just --13 MR. BROWNE: We're assuming that --14 okay. 15 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I think we had a 16 motion by Frank Galli and a second by John Ward. 17 Was that --MR. GALLI: Ken Mennerich and Tom 18 19 Fogarty. 20 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Any further discussion? 21 22 (No response.) 23 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a 24 roll call vote. 25 MR. GALLI: Aye.

McDONALD'S 1 44 2 MR. BROWNE: Aye. 3 MR. MENNERICH: Aye. 4 MR. FOGARTY: Aye. 5 MR. WARD: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Aye. 7 The only other minor issue is would 8 they now consider approaching the -- for a City 9 flow acceptance letter or --10 MR. HINES: They don't need the City 11 flow acceptance because the building is going to 12 be 400 square foot smaller. That's an exemption 13 under that. 14 I'm going to need five sets for 15 circulation. Get those to my office and we'll 16 get those out. 17 MR. DONNELLY: You will need to submit 18 your own application to the Zoning Board. We'll 19 send a referral letter. If you give me your 20 business card I'll also e-mail a letter to you so 21 you have it. 22 23 (Time noted: 7:41 p.m.) 24 25

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October 21, 2013

Town of Newburgh Zoning Board of Appeals 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, New York 12550

RE: McDonalds, USA, LLC 76-1-1.1 (Zone B) 187 North Plank Road (13.20)

Members of the Board:

I write to you on behalf of and at the direction of the Town of Newburgh Planning Board. The above referenced applicant appeared before the planning board during its meeting of October 17, 2013. The applicant proposes to demolish and rebuild its existing drive-through McDonald's establishment. The property in question is located in the B zoning district of the town where fast food restaurants are not permitted.¹

It appears that this fast food establishment—in existence for quite some time—is a legally protected nonconforming use. In regard to such uses, Newburgh Code Section 185-19 provides, in pertinent part [italics added], as follows:

A. Nonconforming uses. A nonconforming use may continue indefinitely, subject to the following provisions:

¹ In *Matter of O'Brien [Krishna Donuts, Inc]*, your board determined that the selling of "hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, chicken and specialty cuisines" constitutes operation of a fast food establishment prohibited in the town's B zoning districts.

- (1) Alterations. A nonconforming use shall not be enlarged, extended, *reconstructed* or *restored*, except in accordance with Subsection B(2) herein, or placed on a different portion of the lot or parcel of land occupied by such use on the effective date of this chapter, nor shall any external evidence of such use be increased by any means whatsoever.
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- B. Nonconforming buildings. A nonconforming building or a *building housing a nonconforming use* shall not be modified in any way described below, except as provided in Subsection C below:
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 - (2) Restoration after damage. Α nonconforming building shall not be restored for other than a conforming use after damage of more than 50% from any cause, unless a prior nonconforming use is reinstated within one year of such damage; if the restoration of such building is not completed within said one-year period, any prior nonconforming use of such building shall be deemed to have been discontinued, unless such nonconforming use is carried on without interruption in the undamaged portion of the building. No enlargement of a nonconforming building shall be permitted as part of an allowed restoration.
- C. Nonconformity with bulk requirements.
 - (1) Maintenance, repair, structural alteration, relocation, reconstruction or enlargement. Normal maintenance and repair, structural alteration, relocation, reconstruction or enlargement of a building which does not house a nonconforming use, but is nonconforming as to district regulations for lot area, lot width, lot depth, front, side or rear yards, building height, lot coverage, habitable floor area or other such dimensional regulation, is permitted if the same does not increase the degree

of or create any new nonconformity with such regulations in such buildings.

The applicant will be applying to your board for an interpretation and/or a use variance as well as area variances. The planning board refers this matter to you for consideration of the same. The interpretation in question requires addressing the following questions:

- 1. Does the applicant's proposal to demolish and reconstruct its building housing a nonconforming use constitute a prohibited *reconstruction* or *restoration* under subsection A(1) or does it constitute a permitted "[*r*]estoration after damage... from any cause" under subsection B(2)?
- 2. Does the restriction of authorized *reconstruction* contained within subsection C(1) only of buildings that do "not house a nonconforming use" prevent this applicant from carrying out the *restoration* authorized under subsection B(2) by virtue of the final phrase within subsection B authorizing subsection B(2) *restoration* only in accordance with subsection C?

Should you grant either a favorable interpretation or use variance relief to this applicant, you will need to address bulk table issues. Because the use in question is not permitted in the IB zoning district, there are no bulk table provision applicable here. Your board will have to grant variance relief in the nature of fixing bulk parameters for this use that has none provided.

The planning board also suggests that you conduct your SEQRA review of this application—to the extent that it does not constitute a Type II action—on an uncoordinated review basis.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL H. DONNELLY

MHD/lrm

cc: Town of Newburgh Planning Board 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY 12550

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TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD REVIEW COMMENTS

PROJECT:	MCDON
PROJECT NO.:	13-20
PROJECT LOCATION:	SECTIC
PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE:	BOHLE
REVIEW DATE:	11 OCT
MEETING DATE:	17 OCT

MCDONALD'S USA LLC 13-20 SECTION 76, BLOCK 1, LOT 1.1 BOHLER ENGINEERING 11 OCTOBER 2013 17 OCTOBER 2013

- Proposed project presents a zoning issue with regard to losing protection for the fast food use in the B zone (recall Laxmi Estates 2 LLC, 6-23). Substantial changes to a site plan cause loss of pre—existing, non-conforming zoning protection. Mike Donnelly's comments regarding the reestablishment of the fast food use in the B Zone should be received.
- The Applicant's Representative is requested to evaluate the Town of Newburgh design guidelines with regard to proposed parking layout. It is noted that the existing lot has 3 front yards.
- 3. Water service must be designed pursuant to Town of Newburgh requirements whereby potable water comes off fire sprinkler lines such that when fire sprinkler line is terminated, the potable water is also terminated.
- 4. A portion of the lot abuts the R3 Zone. Landscape buffers are required in this part of the parcel.
- 5. Standard notes for connection to Town of Newburgh water and sewer should be provided. Water line piping requires mechanical joint fittings.
- 6. Stormwater management in compliance with NYSDEC redevelopment standards should be provided on the site. An SWPPP is was submitted and is under review.
- 7. It is noted that an 18 inch RCP is proposed to discharge to a 12 inch CMP under Gidney Avenue. This should be evaluated in conjunction with the Stormwater Management Plan.
- 8. Property lines are shown depicted to the center line of the 2 town roadways. Offers of dedication should be discussed with the Applicant.
- 9. County Planning referral and NYSDOT approval are required.

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- 10. Ken Wersted's comments regarding external and internal traffic flow should be received. It is noted that customers entering the Gardnertown Road access road must cross the drive thru exit through a one lane bypass for the drive thru queuing.
- 11. The Applicant's Representative is requested to discuss the dual drive thru queue proposed.
- 12. The proposed structure is smaller than the existing structure such that a flow acceptance letter from the City of Newburgh is not a requirement.
- 13. Information regarding sizing of the grease trap in compliance with NYSDOT requirements should be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers, P.C.

Patrick J. Hines, Associate

Full Size Preliminary & Final Site Plans Page 1 to 17

For Proposed Drive Thru Restaurant McDonald's

& Land Survey Page 1 & 2

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Zoning Board of Appeals Office located at 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY

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