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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK  
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
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August 19, 2021  
Third Street Fire Station  
5:00 p.m.

- KAREN DOHERTY - CHAIRPERSON
- LORI MEI - MEMBER
- DENNIS MC MAHON - MEMBER
- JANE RATSEY WILLIAMS - MEMBER
- ROSELLE BORRELLI - MEMBER

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1 (The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.)

2 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: So I'd like to call  
3 the meeting to order at 5:02. Thank you for  
4 attending the Village of Greenport Historic  
5 Preservation Commission meeting of August the  
6 19th, 2021 at the Third Street Fire Station. I'm  
7 Karen Doherty and I'm Chairperson of the Historic  
8 Preservation Commission. Would the members of  
9 the Historic Preservation please introduce  
10 yourself.

11 MEMBER WILLIAMS: My name is Jane Ratsey  
12 Williams.

13 MEMBER BORRELLI: Roselle Borrelli.

14 MEMBER MEI: Lori Mei.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: Dennis McMahon.

16 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: We have a quorum.

17 We will now move to agenda Item No. 1 -  
18 650 Main Street. Discussion and possible motion  
19 on the application of the First Baptist Church of  
20 Greenport. The application seeks approval to  
21 replace a 4-foot enclosed picket fence with a  
22 classic style cedar fence located between the  
23 back of the church and the neighbor's property.  
24 SCTM #1001-3.-4-12.1.

25 Bill, can you please come to the

1 microphone?

2 MR. VON EIFF: Sure.

3 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: State your name and  
4 address.

5 MR. VON EIFF: Sure.

6 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: And describe the  
7 project for us.

8 MR. VON EIFF: Sure. Hi. I'm Bill Von Eiff.  
9 My address is 74605 Main Road, Greenport, but I'm  
10 here on behalf of First Baptist Church of  
11 Greenport, 650 Main Street. And just asking for  
12 the approval to -- we had a picket fence, 4-feet,  
13 that was enclosed, to match the cedar fence we  
14 have behind that's 4-feet high. Very similar,  
15 just a flat top instead of a picket top.

16 And I saw some questions about it being  
17 painted. We will not paint it, it's going to be  
18 left natural. There's no gate in it. It's very  
19 nice looking.

20 And the funny part of it is because it's  
21 between the church and our neighbor's house. The  
22 old fence was just falling apart. We're just  
23 replacing it to make it look nice, but you can't  
24 really even see it from anywhere.

25 (Laughter)

1 MR. VON EIFF: Maybe a little bit on the  
2 road, but that's it, yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Okay.

4 MEMBER MEI: Could I ask you a quick  
5 question?

6 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

7 MEMBER MEI: So I did a site visit and I  
8 saw -- I was at the street, so I saw a fence  
9 behind. Is that the fence that's already up, or  
10 is that --

11 MR. VON EIFF: Yes, the one at the back of  
12 the parking lot. Is that the one you mean?  
13 That's what it's going to match, like it's in the  
14 photograph.

15 MEMBER MEI: Oh, so that's not -- I see.  
16 So that's not -- I thought you had already put  
17 the fence up.

18 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, no, no, we haven't  
19 installed it yet. We started doing the work. We  
20 didn't realize it would be a problem.

21 MEMBER MEI: Uh-huh.

22 MR. VON EIFF: And that's when they said  
23 you need to get a permit for this.

24 MEMBER MEI: So it's going to be on the  
25 side?

1 MR. VON EIFF: It's going to be in between,  
2 yes, the church and the neighbor's property.

3 MEMBER MEI: Okay.

4 MR. VON EIFF: Yeah.

5 MEMBER MEI: Thank you for clarifying that.

6 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, you're welcome.

7 MEMBER MC MAHON: Is it this little  
8 alleyway, is that all we're talking about?

9 MR. VON EIFF: Yes, the alleyway between  
10 the church and the house, yes.

11 (Laughter)

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: It was very nice of you  
13 to show up.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Oh.

15 (Laughter)

16 MR. VON EIFF: Of course.

17 MEMBER MC MAHON: Well, we do appreciate  
18 it. And we sincerely mean that, because, you  
19 know, it is the little things sometimes.

20 MR. VON EIFF: Yes. Yeah, of course.

21 MEMBER MC MAHON: And that's wonderful.

22 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, okay. Well, that's  
23 nice. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Roselle, any  
25 questions?

1 MEMBER BORRELLI: No.

2 MEMBER MC MAHON: No, we're all set.

3 MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm good.

4 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Okay. Thank you, Bill.

5 MR. VON EIFF: Okay.

6 MEMBER MC MAHON: Thank you so much for  
7 bringing it to our attention.

8 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Thank you.

9 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, you're welcome. And, at  
10 this point, do you vote on it as --

11 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: We will still --

12 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Yes.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All right. I would  
16 like to note, we are only voting on the work  
17 described in the July 23rd, 2021 application. If  
18 there are any other changes or additions, you  
19 will need to come again before the HPC.

20 MR. VON EIFF: Sure, yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: I make a motion to  
22 approve the application and issue a Certificate  
23 of Appropriateness, as the application is in  
24 keeping with the criteria of Greenport Village  
25 Code Section 76-7. Is there a second?

1 MEMBER BORRELLI: I'll second.

2 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All in favor?

3 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

5 MEMBER MEI: Aye.

6 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Aye.

8 Motion carries, application is approved.

9 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Thank you very much.

11 MEMBER MC MAHON: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: And I will sign the  
13 Certificate of Appropriateness tomorrow morning.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, thank you very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Okay.

16 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Agenda Item No. 2 --

18 (Siren Sounded)

19 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Agenda Item No. 2,  
20 motion to accept and approve the minutes of the  
21 July 15th, 2021 meeting. Do I have a second?

22 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All in favor?

24 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.



1 MEMBER MEI: Aye.

2 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Aye.

4 Agenda Item No. 3, motion to accept and  
5 approve the minutes of the July 8th, 2021 Work  
6 Session. Do I have a second?

7 MEMBER MC MAHON: Second.

8 MEMBER BORRELLI: Second.

9 MEMBER MEI: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All in favor?

11 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

13 MEMBER MEI: Aye.

14 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Aye.

16 Agenda Item No. 4, motion to schedule the  
17 next Historic Preservation Commission meeting for  
18 5 p.m. on September 16th, 2021 at the Third  
19 Street Fire Station. Do I have a second?

20 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All in favor?

22 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

23 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

24 MEMBER MEI: Aye.

25 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Aye.

2 Before we adjourn, do any members of the  
3 HPC have anything to say, or comment, or question  
4 or --

5 MEMBER BORRELLI: I have one question.

6 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Okay.

7 MEMBER BORRELLI: Did you say before the  
8 Historic Preservation Committee for the next  
9 meeting on the 16th? Did you say that there was  
10 another meeting?

11 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: No.

12 MEMBER BORRELLI: Okay. I thought I missed  
13 it. Wait a minute, I didn't write that down.

14 MEMBER MEI: I realized that it was that we  
15 approved the work session.

16 MEMBER BORRELLI: Oh, the work session, okay.

17 MEMBER MEI: Yeah, we approved the minutes.

18 MEMBER BORRELLI: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Okay?

20 Agenda Item No. 5, I make a motion to  
21 adjourn the meeting. Do I have a second?

22 MEMBER MEI: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: All in favor?

24 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

1 MEMBER MEI: Aye.

2 MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON DOHERTY: Aye.

4 Motion is adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

5 (The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.)

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