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| 9 | 6:00 p.m. |
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| 13 | DAVId CORWIN - MEMBER |
| 14 | DINNI GORDON - MEMBER |
| 15 | JACK REARDON- MEMBER |
| 16 | ARTHUR TASKER - MEMBER (Absent) |
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| 18 | ROBERT CONNOLLY - ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY |
| 19 | PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE AdMINISTRATOR |
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(The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All right. Folks, people that are tuned in, this is the Village of Greenport Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting. It's June 16 th at 6 p.m. Those that are interested can tune in via GoToMeeting. Someone's calling my house, I'm not going to answer that.

Item No. 1 is a motion to accept the minutes of the February 18th, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. So moved.

MEMBER REARDON: I'11 second.
MEMBER CORWIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: A11 in favor? A11 in
favor?
MEMBER REARDON: Aye.
MEMBER GORDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote aye.
Item No. 2 --
MEMBER CORWIN: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry. Did somebody speak? No?

Item No. 2 is a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21st -- January 21st, Zoning -- 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

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So moved.
MEMBER CORWIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: A11 in favor?
MEMBER GORDON: Question. I wasn't at that meeting. Can I vote or no?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Did you read the minutes?

MEMBER GORDON: I must be honest, I did not.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So perhaps you should abstain.

MEMBER GORDON: Okay, I abstain.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack.
MEMBER REARDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'11 vote aye. David.
MEMBER CORWIN: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Any abstentions besides Diana?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And David votes aye. All right, so that's -- that's approved.

Item No. 3 is a motion to schedule the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for July 21st, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Station One of the Greenport Fire Department, Third and South Streets,

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Greenport, New York, 11944, or via GoToMeeting. So moved.

MEMBER CORWIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
MEMBER CORWIN: Aye
MEMBER GORDON: Aye
MEMBER REARDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'11 vote aye.
Item --
MEMBER GORDON: May I make a comment?
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry.
MEMBER GORDON: You know, I just want to make a comment. If we are in the third phase, there will -- there supposedly would be a limit of 25 people in a meeting. Do we think there's any chance that there would be 25 people, and should we be -- or more than 25 people. Should we just be doing something to be sure that we -that we observe that?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I'm really -- I mean, if everyone wants to express their opinion as they did in emails, I think I have 19 emails on one side of the coin, and perhaps 17 or 18,19 emails on the other side of the coin for this particular application that I assume we're going

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to have a public hearing for next month. So, you know, if we use -- if we use a mathematical equation, that's 36 or 37 people right there, that we would have to add in the Board Members, we would have to add in the applicants. So we would have to work something out with the Village to accommodate everyone that would like to speak and voice an opinion.

I think -- I think -- you know, I go to
Home Depot all the time, we queue up outside. When there's enough room inside, they let five or ten or twelve or more people inside. Perhaps that might be something we could consider for our meeting.

MEMBER GORDON: Wel1, another, another way to do it would be to ask people to make reservations and to stop it at 25.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, you know, we could ask people to make reservations and they would -- I feel like we're like Studio 54 when we ask them to like stand. But we could ask -- we could ask people to make a -- we could ask people to make a reservation, and then we could also ask them that after they make their comment, to step outside and keep a social distance from their

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neighbors, and then let other people in to make their comments.

You know, it's contrary to what a public hearing is really about, because people, again, pro and con, feed off of -- the cat is up on the table. Come on, get out of here. People, people feed off of what other people have to say.

So maybe that's a discussion Paul and the rest of us could have, you know, after we -first, assuming we're going to accept the application, and then set a date for a public hearing, and we'11 have 30 days to work out the logistics.

I'11 ask Paul, what do you think?
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. If I may, I think the process we want -- we would certainly want consistency across all Boards. So, you know, I would be working with the Chairs, in addition to the Mayor, because there's Village Board meetings to consider as well, to make sure that we are consistent and we are following all of the State mandates. So together, I think we will work on -- we will come to a solution that is fair to anyone that --
(Audio Interference)

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ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Anyone that's not speaking, if they could mute their phones, please. Mute your microphones. Thank you. That is fair for anyone that desires to speak.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Members, what do we think? David?

MEMBER CORWIN: You're talking about next month, you're saying?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, the next meeting would be July 21st. So for all we know, the Holocaust might be before that and this is all moot. But I don't know. I mean, I take grade stock into public hearings, so, you know, I would -- I would really like everybody to be able to voice their opinion. And this seems like to most people, again, pro and con, an important application.

Again, $I$ don't want to get ahead of ourselves here, we haven't even accepted this application. I'm assuming we will, or perhaps we might. But to be proactive about the meeting date and what will happen at that meeting, I'm assuming that this application will be accepted and we'11 set a public hearing for July 21 st. But everybody should have, I think, the right to

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stand someplace and voice their opinion about an app1ication.

So I'm sure the Village will be fair. I know certain Boards have different, different apprehensions. You know, I know the Village Board had an apprehension, was apprehension -apprehensive about meeting and masks and sanitizing. My Board, our Board has been polled. We're kind of comfortable in the public hearing setting.

So, again, I'm sure in the next 30 days, we can speak to Paul, we can speak to the Attorney, and work out something that's best for the public. What do we think?

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: What do you think?
MEMBER CORWIN: I think some people are going to have to wait outside the meeting.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, logistically we can work it out, David. We can, you know --

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: With advice and counsel from the Village, we can work that out. Whether 20 people are allowed in the room and voice their opinion, and then perhaps if they're willing to

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leave and let another 20 people in to voice their opinion, I think that would be -- I think that would be beneficial to all of us, to everyone involved, the applicant and the community.

Jack, what do you think?
MEMBER REARDON: Well, I'm willing to go either way. I mean, right now, we have 36 people, you know, attending, and they're all doing it virtually, so, you know, we could probably manage it all virtually.

But, you have -- you do have a point, that there's a little more, I don't know, compassion and comprehension when it's in person. But I'm -- this is my first virtual, so I'm willing to try either way. Not a bad idea to have 20 people speak and then another 20 people speak.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Again, that's something -- that's something we have 30 days to -- actually, we have 35 days to work that out. I think maybe we're getting a little ahead of ourselves here. Maybe we'11 just move on with the agenda and kind of work that out, and let the public know what's going to happen after a week or two and we'11 see what happens. All right? Can we move on? All right.

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Item No. 4 -- I'm sorry. Item No. 4 is 621 Main Street. It's a Motion to accept the application, schedule a public hearing, and arrange a site visit for the application of Community Action Southold Town (CAST), for the property located at 621 Main Street, Greenport, New York 11944. This property is located in the R-2 District, One and Two-Family District, and is located in the Historic District. This property also requires an area variance and approval by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Before we move to the application, I'm going -- I'm going to speak to the Building Department on the Notice of Disapproval.
(Audio Interference)
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I'm sorry. Can I ask those -- if I can ask those one more time, if you could mute your microphone if you're not speaking, please.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: On Notice of Disapproval, the application is for an area variance, and the Code Enforcement Officer has signed under the application, "This application is therefore denied requiring the above mentioned use variance."

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The Notice of Disapproval and the application is dissimilar. So if the Building Department can assure this Board that that's a typographical error, $I$ don't think -- I don't think the members would have a problem. If it's something other than a typographical error, I think we're going to need a little bit of a discussion.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chairman, the -it is a ministerial error. The enumerated variances all refer to area variances, so it just -- it just didn't get translated properly in the last few sentences. It should have said in those sentences that it is an area variance.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. I'm going to go to the members. Members, are we comfortable with that, David, Jack, Dinni?

MEMBER CORWIN: I am not.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MEMBER CORWIN: I would just like to point out two things. At the Planning Board hearing, as I recall, this was designated by the CAST Attorney, Mr. Flanagan (sic), as a Type I Action. And they submitted a short --

MS. BRAATEN: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, hold

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one second. I'm getting an echo in the back.
Paul, I'm getting an echo in the background and I can't understand.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, I hear it as wel1. I will ask, please, if everyone could mute their microphones. We're hearing a lot of background noise, very difficult for the Transcriptionist to hear, very difficult for anybody that's trying to listen to this to hear. So I would ask once again if we could mute, please.

MS. BRAATEN: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: David, go ahead.
MEMBER CORWIN: I don't have a problem with -- all right. Let me chime in. Mr. Flanagan (sic) asked the Planning Board called out as a Type I Action. Submitted was a Short Environmental Assessment Form. A Type I Action requires a Long Environmental Assessment Form. I don't see any reason to hold the application up for that, but I would like that to be cleared up about parking. That's one thing.

The other thing, as far as the use variance goes for -- number one on the list, it says, "Lot size requirements. Each such use shall occupy a

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lot which will have an area containing not less than one acre." And it's implied that's a use variance, and -- or, rather, a variance, an area variance, and I contend that's a use variance.

That's the same thing that we did for Mr. Olinkiewicz on Kaplan Avenue when we had that discussion about whether his application should be an area variance or a use variance.

So as far as I'm looking at it, number one should be a use variance, the others I see as area variances.

MR. CONNOLLY: The use contemplated in this location is a conditional use in this district.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That was my understanding, also, that this application would be a conditional use, whereas the other application that you mention was specifically disallowed for that particular piece of property. So I'm not --

MEMBER CORWIN: This is allowed -- this is allowed, too -- disallowed, too, because it's not one acre.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well --
MEMBER CORWIN: The Olinkiewicz property was what, 50 feet instead of 60 , and you guys

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said, "Oh, that's a use variance." This is a half an acre, instead of an acre, and I'd say if you did it with Kaplan Avenue, you need to do it for Main Street on 621.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I think what we're getting into is what's allowed on that particular piece of property. Anything other -again, I don't want to get into Mr. Olinkiewicz' application before we have the public hearing. We had an interpretation, we had a -- we had a -- we scheduled -- we decided that he, in fact, needed a use variance. And with this, I mean, here you have a piece of property that the use that they're proposing is a conditional use in the -- in that district. So I'm just -- I'm just not quite seeing, me personally, am not quite seeing use variance, so -- but I'm anxious to hear from the other members. Jack, what are we thinking? I can't hear you, Jack, microphone.

MEMBER CORWIN: You got your mic off, Jack. Your mic's off, Jack.

MEMBER REARDON: Okay, I got it.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MEMBER REARDON: I was at the website, the Village website getting a copy of the
application, because I did not know how to get it, so I just communicated with Amanda and I have one. So your question again? I did hear it, but I don't remember it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: The question is do you agree that we're going to agree, we're going to give the Building Department the benefit of the doubt that their requiring a use variance is a typographical error, and so there's no conflict with the application?

And then David raised a question that his opinion is that this might meet the requirement, the need for a use variance. I'm not sure I -I'm not quite sure I see that without hearing more. A philanthropic organization is allowed in our code, it is a conditional use in the $R-2$, so I don't -- I don't really see use variance, but I'm anxious to hear what the members have to say.

MEMBER REARDON: Well, I'm willing to accept that, you know, obviously it's being -it's a typo, and to help expedite this matter. It's already cumbersome enough, I'd be willing to accept it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MEMBER REARDON: Does that help answer?

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: In part, sure, okay. And, Dinni, what are we thinking?

MEMBER GORDON: Yeah, it's fine with me to treat it as an area variance. I am a little concerned about the fact that the form is different and we -- and we nonetheless, even if it's a typo, we have one -- we have the applicant saying, they're asking for area variances, and we have the Notice of Disapproval saying something else. And I think dotting the I's and crossing the T's is very important in this application, we need to get everything right.

So I am a little concerned about the form. But I also -- I agree with you, this is a conforming use -- I mean, a conditional use. And so, you know, if it were -- if we didn't have this little formal problem, I would say yes, we are -- we are -- we are going to be making decisions based on our understanding that we need area -- that they need area variances.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, under -- and I agree. And under normal circumstances, if we were there together and in each other's presence, I mean, to alleviate everybody's fears, we could just, you know, type in -- we could just pencil

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in "area variance".
The head of the Building Department is here. He is the CEO's immediate superior. He could initial it and -- and Rob is here. Would that -- would that cover us in progressing this application? I mean --

MR. FINNEGAN: Can I comment briefly?
MR. CONNOLLY: It's a scrivener's error and that's what it was.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry?
MR. CONNOLLY: If the Building Department agrees that it's a scrivener's error, if the Building Department feels that it's area variances that are required, and it's the Building Department who makes that determination, I think that's all you need.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Is there -- did I hear someone else ask about this? I'm sorry.

MR. FINNEGAN: I'm just -- it was just me, Martin Finnegan, for the applicant.

You know, this was the third amended Notice of Disapproval. We -- the notice is to the applicant, and to put us on notice of our right to appeal and to come before you, which we are doing for area variances. I don't -- you know,

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it would only be our objection to an incorrect notice and we don't have any objections. So we would waive any issue with that. We request that it just be treated as an area variance, which is what it is. We don't have -- I don't believe that there's any implication for a use variance here. It's a conditional and permitted use in your code, and we would like -- respectfully request that we move ahead and have a public hearing scheduled at the Board's convenience.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, the Board appreciates your opinion, and we'11 take it into consideration, but there are other interested parties, and we would -- we like to explain to them that this is what, in fact, happened. So it's obvious that the applicant is not going to take exception to the typographical error, but there are neighbors and other interested parties that we would like to explain this to and alleviate their concerns. So the more people know, the more we explain to them, the less likely there'11 be an interested party that might want to progress some kind of judicial review in the future about accepting the application.

As far as the application itself, that will be their right down the road, I guess. But right now, just to accept the application, we thought to give everybody that's 1 istening the full and complete story, so this way everybody knows what's in front of them, everybody knows what's being discussed, and everybody is satisfied with the process just to accept the application, not about a decision about the application, just to accept the application.

So having said that, do any members have any questions about the application?

MEMBER CORWIN: I just want to point out no one complained my arguments that the area variance, or, rather, the lot size variance is a use variance as to a mistake there may have been into the public notice and the agenda.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. So everyone having reviewed the application, having gone through the, I believe, 18 pages, the environmental form, the Planning Board already declared itself Lead Agency, so I'm sure they'11 perhaps have questions about the EAF or not. So I'm going to make a motion that we --

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chair.

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Mr. Chair, if I may.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Sure.
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Before you move and make a motion, $I$ did want to point out I did receive three comments that are about the application itself. If you want me to read them now, I can do so.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I think if -- I think if we're about to -- about accepting the application, $I$ think perhaps the time's to -this is the time to read them.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Very well. The first comment comes from Marcia Kebbon. I apologize if I pronounce anyone's name incorrectly. And it reads, "In the CAST application it states twice the lot size variance is likewise necessary for the conversion to philanthropic use, and although" -- this is in quotes -- "although the lot is substandard for philanthropic use," end quote, "both speak to the understanding that this would require a use variance in addition to an area variance" -"area variance, why are they not both being considered?"

The next comment comes from Gwendolyn

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Groocock. The comment reads, "This is specifically disallowed because of the covenants and restrictions to a single-family only, plus, there are six area variances needed, not two?"

The next comment, and last comment, comes from Gwendolyn Groocock as well, and it reads, "I strongly request that the ZBA consider that this proposal is a use variance. CAST is a commercial operation as defined by the code. It acknowledges that in the application" -- "it acknowledged that in the application. The code allows philanthropic groups in the R-1 and R-2 zones subject to hefty conditions, such a 50-foot setbacks all around and an acre lot size. By the strict letter of the code, CAST is a philanthropic organization, but I do not believe the framers of the code every expected a full-on grocery store/school/commercial kitchen/parking lot to try to shoehorn itself into that definition. NF" -- "NFHA and its quiet offices near the IGA is an example of this kind of use, CAST is not."

That's the end of the comments, Mr. Chair.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: This Board has no -has no way to reach into the framers' minds, we

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have the code to go by, we have the written word to go by. So if the code -- if strictly interpreted that this organization is a philanthropic organization, it would be a conditional use in that area.

The questions about lot size, about area, those, those will be addressed, I believe, in detail at the public hearing.

As far as the covenants and restrictions, the Planning Board chose not address them. I kind of take exception to that. I think they could have offered an opinion. They could have either offered an opinion one way or the other. We would be here if they did, or perhaps we would be -- we wouldn't be here if they did, but they chose not to.

But in reading the covenant, it said that any resident -- and it's Item No. 1, it's Paragraph 1. It says, "Any residence located on the lot created by this subdivision shall be limited to use as a single family residence." That was my recollection also at the Planning Board meeting where this was discussed.

I'm going to ask our Attorney if there's something else that we should know about this.

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MR. CONNOLLY: No. It's my understanding from -- in my recollection from when the Planning Board was discussing -- sorry, my little kids are running around. When they were discussing this back in 2017, it had solely to do with the use as a residence. A conditional use wasn't contemplated by the Board at that time. The Planning Board then was looking to limit residences to single-family residence and not two-family residence on that property. But the Planning Board does, you know, have a work session next week, if you want clarification from them on that point.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, anything -again, I mean, because, you know, the redundancy kills me. Anything we decide here, the Planning Board gets the application, and because there's zoning attached, they immediately refer it to the Zoning Board. And we've been through this with subdivisions and I voiced my opinion about that. And now -- and now, you know, with this application about a C \& R that's attached to the application -- I'm sorry, is somebody talking to me?

And now with this application, I think -- I

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think they could have -- they could have -whatever's decided here at the Zoning Board, we should all remember, has to go back to Planning anyway. So we could spend the next two or three months, hopefully not, but spend the next two or three months addressing al1 the neighbors' concerns about every page of this application, and then send it back with either a variance or not, and the Planning Board will decide about the covenant, the C \& R at that time.

As far as 1 and use, as far as area, as far as once we decide -- once this Board has decided that a philanthropic organization is a conditional use in that district, $I$ kind of think that it takes area variance -- use variance off the table. I didn't feel like that in the beginning, but in reading the C \& R, it's kind of clear that they're talking about not building a two-family house there. It doesn't mention anything other than if the 1 and is used as a residence.

So I'm going to go back to the members to try to get me off the hook here. Members, what do we think?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chair, I
apologize again. Before you do that, there are additional comments that have come in. I can continue to read them now.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, can we -- can we just hear, before we get -- before the members have too much to consider, just hear what they think about this, and then we'11 hear about the comments again?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's entirely up to you, Mr. Chair.

MEMBER GORDON: I would like to say that I'm troubled by being given, you know, no notice whatsoever to consider these things that have come in at the last minute. I mean, we are not -- this is not the hearing, this is the determination of whether the application is to be accepted for a hearing. And it seems to me, you know, we should have had these concerns -- we've had a lot of concerns already expressed that we've read in good time, but to bring this up at 6:30 in a 6 o'clock meeting seems to me untoward.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, Dinni, in fairness to the neighbors, I did say we wouldn't entertain anything about the merits of the application, only about the validity, only about

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the application itself. And it seems some of the members -- some of the neighbors are -- do have questions about the application process. I think a lot of those concerns should be addressed at the public hearing, but we want to be fair and we want to do things aboveboard.

So maybe we'11 -- again, neighbors, this is on1y about the application, it's only about accepting this application. Our training tells us that an application has to be complete and it has to be correct. So to progress this application as an area variance for these, for these variances requested, from my looking at the application, I'm content that the application is correct, but I'm certainly willing to listen.

So, Jack, did you have something to say before we ask Mr. Pallas to tell us something else?

MEMBER REARDON: No. It seems like it is in order as an area variance. I mean, I'm all for going forward with that.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Pau1, do you -- do you want to read a couple of more of the neighbors? And then -- then I think before it gets -- it gets too close to public testimony, we might

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vote. So do you have -- we'11 leave it to you. Do you have any comments that address the application directly?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I mean, well, yes and no, John. I mean, it's -- you know, it's mixed in with comments about the application, which could easily migrate into testimony for the hearing. I would assume that if the application is accepted, that a lot of the things that are being commented on will be repeated. But, you know, it is -- they are specifically talking about the application itself.

MR. CONNOLLY: And in fairness to the applicant, this is on for accepting the applications. I don't think the applicant was prepared to come here tonight to, you know, lay out their case for the granting of the variances, so I don't know if it's proper.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, no, I wasn't -- I wasn't suggesting that he should or -- I just -when we accept an application, it's only about the application, and normally it's minutia, you know, something, a word here or a word there is wrong, or perhaps a wrong code chapter is quoted, and we give the applicant an opportunity to

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correct that. We usually don't get into testimony until the public hearing.

You know, I'm okay with the Head of the Building Department telling us that this Notice of Disapproval, it's a typographical error, and the rest of the application I think should be addressed at the public hearing. So having said that, I'm going to ask the members if we're kind of okay voting on this now, and the members' opinions will be expressed in their votes. To the neighbors, every members' opinion will be expressed in their vote. So are we -- are prepared to go forward with this?

MEMBER GORDON: Yes, I am.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack, what do you think?

MEMBER REARDON: Well, to tell you the truth, I'm prepared to go forward with the application, but the inundation of comments from everybody who has submitted a comment, and there have been many, and the accusations or statements made by a variety of people require me, at least, to do more research in terms of what has been said that's valid and what is said that is questionable, and what has been said that is

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invalid.
So, yes, I'd accept this application, but I need to do more research. And not that I'm putting a caveat on anything, but $I$ just want it said that not everything seems -- everything cannot be aboveboard on both sides, because there's too many contradicting statements. That's what I wanted to say.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, isn't that kind of squared away at the public hearing? I mean, isn't that like when somebody gives testimony, that you weigh it and then you decide what's relevant and what isn't?

MEMBER REARDON: Yes, but I don't want to just take people's word for it, I need to do my own research. So I'm just saying -- perhaps I'm saying I'm somewhat naive in the breadth of all of this that's going on, and I need to look more into the minutia of all the statements that are made. So yes with the --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I think that's all we all do. I think -- I think that's commendable. I think, you know, when somebody walks in that door and they expect a deal from the ZBA, they expect a fair shake that we all did

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our homework and we come to a reasoned conclusion. So, yeah, I agree with you, I'm going to take the same position.

David, what are we thinking about accepting this application?

MEMBER CORWIN: I just want to point out one thing, that as I understand it, the public hearing is the official record. So sending applications, objections for it now I don't think is so important. It's a public hearing that eventually a Judge might look at. So, yes, I want to move it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Just -- and I agree with you, David, I think everything should come out at the public hearing, I think that's where the laundry is washed. I think that's where people get to voice their opinion and respond to other people's opinions.

In the past, this Board, the only time we normally reject an application is if the application is flagrantly wrong, where somebody is applying for an area variance and they had an interpretation and it was clearly a use variance. And so -- and, listen, in my -- I don't want to make it sound like enthusiasm here to accept

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this, but I think 99 9/10\% of the people's questions and concerns can be and should be addressed at the public hearing. I think by accepting the application, we give every concerned neighbor the right to voice their opinion. Right now, all we're doing is accepting opinions about -- about an application that some people may or might not have an opinion about mistakes, about code chapters, about --
(Phone Sounded)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry, I have to shut this off. I don't know how to shut my phone off.

So, I think -- I think the path forward is, again, once we have the assurance of the Building Department that the application is not being progressed in error as far as use or area, all the other questions about the application can be addressed at the public hearing. And the people that have questions about the application, or about setback requirements, about lot size, about parking, that's all part of the public hearing process. I'm not sure -- I'm not sure why anyone would be opposed to being able to voice their opinion about a particular project.

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So I'm going to -- I'm going to make a motion that -- that we accept this application. So moved.

MEMBER GORDON: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
MEMBER CORWIN: Roll call vote.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: David.
MEMBER CORWIN: I'm voting no, because I believe, number one, it should be a use variance. I have no problem with the other variances, so no.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Jack.
MEMBER REARDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Diana.
MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'm going to vote
yes. Arthur's not here.
So we're going to -- we're going to set this public hearing for July 21st. We set them all at 6 o'clock. We're going to do -- are we allowed to do a site inspection? Is social distancing, does that allow us to do a site inspection?

MEMBER GORDON: Sure.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I was going to

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ask the Village Administrator.
(Laughter)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm not sure of the mandate, so if a site inspection --

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It would be permitted. You have to follow all the social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines, but it would be permitted, yes.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And you'11 remind us of all of this, right?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Of course.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So we'11 do a site inspection. We'11 set the public hearing for July 21 st at 6 p.m. We'11 do a site inspection at -- what are we thinking? We'11 give ourselves an extra few minutes, 5:15? Folks?

MEMBER GORDON: Okay.
MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Diana, 5:15?
MEMBER GORDON: Yep.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. So we'11-- so the public hearing is July 21st at 6 p.m., and the site inspection is the same day at 5:15.

Is there additional construction? I read the plans and there's a couple of hundred square

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feet. Are we going to ask them to stake that out so we know exactly what's going on? Is the Attorney here for the applicant?

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes, please.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Is there externa1
construction? I read somewhere in the plans five hundred and something square feet. We could ask the applicant to stake that out to let us know exactly where --

MR. FINNEGAN: Yes, we could. Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: -- where that is going to take place. And also --

MEMBER CORWIN: And the parking and the loading zone, right?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And also the parking and the loading zone, so we would need --

MR. FINNEGAN: You want that staked out? You want parking --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Like four strings and some stakes, yeah.

MR. FINNEGAN: Okay. We'11 have to -- we will discuss that with the owner of the property and set that up. Just for the day of the hearing?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: You can set it up

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whenever you please, but we'11 be there at 5:15 the day of the hearing.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: This is James
O1inkiewicz. There's no problem with staking everything out on the property.

MR. FINNEGAN: Okay.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I don't see you, Jimmy, but okay. I knew you knew the deal, so -- so all right. So we're going to move on. So we're done with this. Thank you, folks. Thanks for your interest. Thanks for attending. Thanks for offering your comments.

We're going to move on to -- Item No. 5 is 415 Kaplan Avenue. It's a Public Hearing regarding a use variance requested by 415 Kaplan Ave Greenport Incorporated, James 01 inkiewicz Contract Vendee, for the property located at 415 Kaplan Ave., Greenport, New York 11944. The property is located in the R-2 (One and Two-Family) District and is not located in the Historic District.

Is the applicant here?
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Yes, I am. I'm here, James 01 inkiewicz. CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jimmy, maybe you can

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turn your camera on so we can take a peek at --
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: How's that?
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I don't see you.
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: See me okay?
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No.
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Hang on a second. Web cam, are you webcams all talking? Okay, share my webcam. Hang on, I'm working on it. How's that?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That's good, that's good.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. You want to tell us what your deal is?

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: So I'm the contract vendee with JoAnne Keh1. We've looked at -- I'm asking for a use variance for the property. I'm just trying to get online, because I sent you guys some information. I don't know if you got it this afternoon. You had asked me for -- you had asked me for some houses in the area and the values.

I had shown last time that we had a meeting, when we first started to discuss this, that the reason why we're asking for a use variance is the fact that no matter which way the

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Kehls would go, because the application has the Kehls as owner, not me, because based on the rules of New York State, the contract vendee has to discuss the terms as if they -- for the owner, and not for themselves, for what the purchase price that the owner has.

So the contract vendee -- or let's just roll back, I'm sorry. The Keh1s, JoAnne Keh1, if she was to build a piece -- a building on that property to get a reasonable rate of return. I had done all of these attachments that you guys had gotten back in January or February, which we had discussed the valuation of building the property out. Do you want me to go through all of that again?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jim, it's your time, you do whatever you want.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: So what you have is that the Kehls, if they were going to build the property, they paid $\$ 125,000$ for the land. Right now it's $\$ 250$ a square foot to build a house. So to build a 2,000 square foot house would cost $\$ 500,000$, so they bid a total cost of 625,000 . The appraised value of that described house would be 675 for resale. So after paying the real

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estate commission, they would really have no rate of return, so they wouldn't make a single penny on it.

Then back in January, based on -- back in January, based on --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Wait, wait, wait, wait.
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Go ahead.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm looking at your figures and it said the appraised value of the described house is \$675,000.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Correct.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So assuming they have to pay into a real estate and whatever -- I'm not sure of the $2 \%$, it says they're going to get a $1 \%$ rate of return.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Correct. So if you had -- if you had $\$ 675,000$ of the value to sell the property at and you have 625,000 , you take out the real estate commission of $5 \%$, that's 32 grand, right? That's the average, is 5 or $6 \%$. So there would be a $\$ 17,000$ profit on $\$ 625,000$ invested, which is less than $1 \%$, okay? So the profit would be so minimal that it was -- it doesn't pay for them to build.

If they -- if they rented the property and

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they rented it for -- as a one-family house for $\$ 2600$ a month, which is the going rate now for a house, that's $\$ 31,200$ a year. After you pay all the expenses, the rate of return would be about $3 \%$, so if they built and rented the house.

If you went and built a two-family house at $\$ 250$ a square foot, you'd have to up it to 2300 square feet, which is what the application is, approximately. It would cost 600,000 to build, and their rate of return on that would be $5.7 \%$, which is a reasonable rate of return based on the expenditure.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Where do you -- just for my information, where do you -- where do you get this table of a reasonable rate of return? Where -- you know, I know a 10-year T-bill now pays like a quarter point. I know my bank pays like a quarter point. Where do you get $51 / 2 \%$ as a reasonable rate of return when the government thinks a quarter of a percent is a reasonable rate of return?

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: So are you saying that the government is always correct?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I'm saying --
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I'm just -- I'm just --

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm saying that I have the government on one hand and a builder on the other hand. I was just wondering where we get -where we're getting our numbers from, that's all.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay. So when you build a spec house, normally, you would expect to make $20 \%$ on your money. I've done tons of them, that's what you expect. So what you invest, if you invest 600,000, you expect to make 20\%, you expect to make $\$ 120,000$ on the build of the house as a spec house, okay?

So you go as low as $15 \%$ when you're building out and you're doing it. When you're doing rental properties, you try to get between 7 and $9 \%$ rate of return on the property, okay, because of the amount -- because of all of the issues that deal with the rental property.

So, I mean, that's -- I guess I could go back to the industry and find you all of the paperwork on that, but other than that I do this for a living and I've done it for 35 years, right, I mean, I have a better -- I have a better handle on it. Yes, the government will only pay you a half a percent --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Yeah, but what you're

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not taking into consideration is the code. The code doesn't have a table. The code, the code -MR. OLINKIEWICZ: The code asks for a reasonable rate of return.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: A reasonable return. It doesn't say profit, it says reasonable return. It doesn't say you're entitled to make a profit. MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right. So then that's a matter of opinion whether you may accept a reasonable return as $11 / 2 \%$. I would never accept a reasonable rate of return on $\$ 650,000$ of $11 / 2 \%$. I would expect to get 5 to $7 \%$ minimally. So, I mean, that's just -- I mean, that's just who you are and how you invest.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I'm not talking about me personally, but I'm talking about what I'm reading in this book. You know, this book also says that profit is not one of the motivating factors. You know, an additional profit isn't -- isn't one of the motivating factors, it's what -- it's what this Board thinks.

Anyway, I'm -- I just didn't want to lose my train of thought, it's getting dark in here. And I apologize for interrupting, so.

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MR. OLINKIEWICZ: No, no problem. No problem. So, yeah. So I guess depending on what you expect as a reasonable rate of return on your money, right, that would weigh into the situation of whether it's worth a use variance or whether it's not, right? And, you know, only you guys can decide if they build out the property and made $1 \%$ on their money, if that was worth all of them putting all of that money at risk or not. I mean, for me, a reasonable return, you know, over the long period is more than that.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Okay. MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I think for dealing with rental properties, and all the issues and all the tenants, and the people not paying at times, and everything that you have to do to maintain and keep up, which you don't have to do with a normal house, right, you would expect to get a little more, $I$ don't know, return on your investment, right? I mean, it's not -- with all the staff you have to deal with and everything else.

Now, granted, we're talking from the Kehls perspective, so we can't talk about it from my perspective, and they're not landlords. Would they put $\$ 600,000$ into the property to make $15 ?$

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I don't think so. I don't think there's a person in this room or that I'm talking to who would put $\$ 600,000$ down and hope to make 15,000 in the real estate market, whether you know it's going up or going down, right?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well --
MR. OLINKIEWICZ:
So how do you judge -- so how do you judge a reasonable return? Reasonable return to me is that I buy the property, I build a two-family house and do the work, I rent it out, I give housing to people that need housing that's in desperate need, and I get a $41 / 2$ or $5 \%$ rate of return on the money, plus we help, you know, the community. Is that reasonable? To me it is, to you guys it might not be. So that's just a decision you have to make whether you decide or not.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Yeah, but, Jimmy, we don't deal -- we don't deal in -- we don't deal in that, we deal in the code. We deal in -- we deal in one-family house, two-family house. We deal in a code that says -- that says profit is not the motivator, what a reasonable return is. MR. OLINKIEWICZ: But it does say --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We also deal in the fact that if you chose to build a house, and not in your situation, in someone else's situation, they chose to build a house and live in it, and do they expect -- and build equity in that house, you know, does the profit come today or does the profit come 5 years or 10 years from now?

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: That is -- I get it, I understand it, that's why we're having this conversation. So is it based off of this moment if they built, would they get a reasonable return on their money? No. But if they waited 25 years from now, they probably would.

So this is a total issue for you guys to discuss. Whichever way it goes it goes. I mean, I just -- I'm just saying that to expect a reasonable return, you would need to build a two-family house and rent it, in my mind and how I have it. If you have a difference of opinion, that's okay, that's a decision for you guys to make on whether this property, which is 11 1/2 thousand square feet, which is far bigger than needed, but it's 8 feet too narrow or 9 feet too narrow, whether that doesn't warrant being able

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to build a house for a, you know, reasonable return.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, as far as -- as far as the lot size and as far as being too narrow, we already covered that. We had a hearing.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right, we had --
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We had the application for a use variance. It was decided by this Board unanimously that you needed a use variance. So we're going to take the size of the lot out of the narrative now.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay. So the use variance -- so a use variance --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Now we're going to talk about money. We're going to talk about money.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: The use variance depends on what is an acceptable rate of return for each person there, whether I should expect, if I buy the building, to get 5 or $6 \%$, or whether I don't buy it and the Keh1s expect to get $1 \%$ on their money if they build a house there. That's what it comes down to.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Members, do we have any questions for the applicant?

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MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Just one other thing.
You had asked for information on other houses in the area that sold, just to verify that my numbers were correct. So we sent you -- we had sent it back in February. We resent it to Amanda this morning, the list of the neighboring six houses or seven houses that sold, and I don't think any of them sold for over 600,000. Maybe I'm wrong. I don't have that information in front of me. For some reason my office manager decided not to email it to me again. But everything -- I don't think there was a single one of them over 600 grand in the block-and-a-half surrounding this property.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jimmy, just to clarify, we had gotten this information in February? This is the same information that you sent us, too, in February?

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I believe it was. I didn't verify with my office manager. I asked her to --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: It's just hard for us -- it's just hard for us to disseminate, to absorb the information when we get it at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the day of the

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meeting, whether --
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Correct.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: -- it's area comps. If it's the same information, we're aware of it. If it's different information, $I$ have to be honest with you, I didn't look at it, just because --

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I would probably say that she added a couple of extra to the other information. There are ones in there that match. She added some more when she sent it out today, because I think she sent --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, in all fairness to the Board --

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: We11, I think she sent out --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: In all fairness --
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Well, I think she sent out three back in February or four. She sent out six this time, because there were a couple of other closings that happened from February until now that she added in.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. But in all fairness to this Board, this last -- our last meeting was in February and now this is June. So if there was any additional information to get to

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this Board, it should have came to this Board prior to 4 o'clock or 4:30 on the day of the meeting. So we will take that into consideration.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I get it, I get it.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I apologize for myself, I can't speak for the rest of the members.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I get it, but there stil1 is not a single house that's sold over 600 grand in that neighborhood or in that area.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: So, I mean, that's --
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Any member have any questions for Mr. Olinkiewicz?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No, okay. Jimmy, thank you. Is there anybody else from the --

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Is there anybody else from the public that would like to speak?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chair, we do have two comments through the chat function on the GoToMeeting app, if you'd like me to read them.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Sure.

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ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The first one comes from Gwendolyn Groocock. It reads, "Well, now this is very interesting, isn't it? Why do I think this cushy rate of return might be relevant to 621 Main Street?"

The second comment is from someone, Brennan is the only name on screen. It says, "Ten-year Treasury rate is $0.65 \%$. Our community is not obligated to guarantee a property owner or developer with any rate of return, it is entirely developer's risk."

I do not believe we received any additional email comments by the 5 p.m. deadline.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. I apologize to the first commenter. I -- honestly, I can't -I'm not relating to the comment. My mind doesn't work the same way. I don't know what 621 Main Street has to do with 415 Kaplan Avenue, aside from the same, the same contract vendee. And we're talking about two different variances, about two different -- so I'm not sure about that.

I apologize to the second commenter if I got the 10 -year T-bil1 rate wrong. I don't have any T-bills, so I don't check daily. I thought

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that was a quarter point. It's . 65 , I apologize, Jim, if I gave you the wrong information. So --
(Video Malfunction)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: But we'11 certainly move on from there.

Is there anyone -- anyone else has any questions for the applicant due to this public hearing? Members have any comment or questions?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No? A11 right. I'11 make a motion that we close this public hearing?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chair, I don't know if you can hear me. I think there may be some connection problems.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I didn't hear you, Paul, I'm sorry. I can't hear you.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I'm not sure if it's just my -- I think we're having some connection problems.

MS. BRAATEN: I had the same problem. I couldn't hear his last statement very well.

MEMBER CORWIN: Everybody is having troubles, too.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Did you hear my comments?

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ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Most of them, John. If I just -- I'm going to go off screen for a moment and see if $I$ can find the problem. Bear with me.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. It's probably the Coronavirus affecting everybody's hearing. (Laughter)

MEMBER GORDON: I can't see you, John. Is your camera on?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: It is, it is. I don't have a clue how to fix this, so I'm going to have to -- I'm going to have to rely on somebody helping me here. I see myself here, and I see Dinni, I see Diana.

MEMBER CORWIN: It's the bandwidth, it's a bandwidth problem.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry, David.
MEMBER CORWIN: It's a bandwidth problem, the machine just can't keep up to it. The server can't keep with what's going on, it's a bandwidth problem.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I just paid my cable bill, it was $\$ 270$, and you're telling me $I$ can't hear you talk to me? That's crazy.

MEMBER CORWIN: Maybe it's the server.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That's crazy talk.
This is why we should be at the Firehouse looking in each other's eyes talking about this stuff.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I made a few changes, hopefully, that helps.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Yeah, I hear you fine. Is there -- and I think we left it at is there any member that might have a comment about -- about this public hearing before -- did I make a motion to close it already?

MEMBER CORWIN: You did, it was not voted on.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. So before -before we vote on closing the public hearing, I'11 give the members one more opportunity. Does anybody else have something to say, or perhaps ask the applicant?

MEMBER CORWIN: I have a few comments I want to make either before or after the public hearing.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, why don't you make them now, David, so they're part of the record of the public hearing.

MEMBER CORWIN: Just to look at example one Mr. Olinkiewics put together, it's a 3,000 square

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foot house, which is a very good size house for a one-family house, particularly in that area.

I don't think the Village of Greenport is in business to make sure developers or builders make money on every deal they make. Going in the stock market, sometimes we lose money. You just hope you make more money. So maybe the original purchaser made too much money from the property.

I also want to remark that we're in a troubled time and we really don't know what's going to happen with any figures, building construction, interest rates, work, who knows. That's it.

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay. Can I respond for one quick second?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Absolutely.
MR. OLINKIEWICZ: So the only issue with that is you're looking at it as me. I'm here talking about the Kehls. This has nothing to do with a rate of return for me. This has nothing to do about a profit, what's a reasonable return for my money. This is based off of if I was JoAnne Keh1 doing the project. That's how I had to come in and talk about that, that's how by law I'm supposed to talk about it. It has nothing to

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do with me, so I am an innocent party on a rate of return. The rate of return deals on what JoAnne Kehl should possibly expect on her money and whether she's happy with that or not. That's all I have to say.

So to put it against a builder, or a developer, or anything else has nothing to do with me. This is not a -- not a dig at what my rate of return is, this deals with whether it's a reasonable return for the Kehls, period, nothing with me.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MR. KEHL: John, this is Bob Keh1.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I didn't take it as a dig at you, but okay.

MR. KEHL: John, this is Bob Keh1. Can I say something?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Absolutely. Can you turn your camera on?

MR. KEHL: Okay. Well, I don't know how to -- we don't know how to work it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Join the club, Bob. (Laughter)

MS. KEHL: Hold on, we can try.
MEMBER GORDON: The bottom of the screen.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: While Bob's figuring that out, I have to get up one second, I want to turn the light on in here. I can't read any of the papers anymore.

MS. KEHL: Well, hold on.
MR. KEHL: She's going to take over the camera, go on.
(Laughter)
MR. KEHL: Is that better?
MS. KEHL: Wait, hold on.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We can see part of you.
MR. KEHL: There we go, I'm here now.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
MR. KEHL: A11 right. I agree with John, because -- I mean, Jim 01inkiewicz, because if I couldn't make $20 \%$ on the thing, it wouldn't be worth it. I mean, right now, you say we're not worried about making a profit for the contractors, or whoever is selling a piece of property, but it seems like everyone's worried about all the people downtown in this Village making a profit in their restaurant. So what is the difference?

I mean, they don't realize, when we say $20 \%$ on something, or even making, 1 ike you said, 5 or

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$7 \%$, that doesn't even cover half of the time that we spent and we aren't even figuring for. There's a lot of paperwork and running around time that no one even has a clue to. It's unbelievable the stuff we just let slide that we don't count for or get credit for. And everyone thinks everyone's making a big profit. You're not making a big profit.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Bob, first of all, first of all, nobody's -- nobody's accusing anybody of trying to make an excessive profit, or whatever.

The other thing I want to mention is this is the Zoning Board of Appeals, it's not the Business Improvement District, so what happens downtown, unless they're looking for land use, we're not involved in that. That you have to go to the Village Board meeting on Thursday nights and voice your opinion there as far as who makes a profit downtown.

This Board has to go by New York State Village Law and Greenport Village Code, and nowhere in any those codes is there a number. There's a phrase that says, "A reasonable return." The training sessions that we go to

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tell us that profit is not -- is not one of the motivators in how you vote on a use variance. So we have to take that into consideration, and we have to take the code into consideration.

I think -- I think by now, after watching this Board for a few years, that with this Board, it's all about the code, it's not -- it's not about who deserves what, or nice guy status, or what I think, or what David thinks, or what the applicant thinks about what's -- what's fair to make.

I'm not a -- I freely admit, I'm not a contractor. I have no clue what your profit margin has to be, but, again, the code doesn't dictate profit. So there's -- and that's only one portion of the four questions that we're going to ask. You know, and again, by State Law, by New York State Village Law, a plurality of a yes answer for any one of the questions, it's not like we have any latitude. We're mandated to say yes or no. It almost takes the decision out of our hands, except how we vote.

So I don't want to be like unsympathetic. You know, you paid a lot of money for a piece of property, it cost you a lot of money to build a

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house. You expect some cash in your pocket after you go through five, six, eight, however long it takes you to build a house, but that's your job. Our job is to apply the code in every situation. So I can assure you the members hear what you're saying, but -- do any of the members have any questions for Mr . Keh1?

MEMBER GORDON: I don't have a question, I have a comment.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Sure.
MEMBER GORDON: And that is as a former, thank God no longer, landlady with rental, with tenants, and a very long time experience with this, 43 years, I think this is a perfect -- 5 to 7\% seems to me a perfectly reasonable rate of return, and well within an industry standard, at least for a relatively modest neighborhood.

Something we haven't talked about is what would happen if you built a one-family house? That it's not clear to me that a one-family house that is sizeable and expensive to buy is going to give you the rate of return ever that you would really have to have. And I just think we need to be thinking about the neighborhood and the houses that are already there. We know that none

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have -- none have sold for more than 600,000 . So, you know, there are other things to consider.

But I just wanted to comment on the rate of return question based on my experience, and I'm sorry.
(Audio Interference)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I have to be honest with you, I don't know who's talking now. Dinni, are you done? I'm sorry.

MEMBER GORDON: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Are you finished?
MS. KEHL: I'm sorry. It looked like Jim was going to say something.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: He's got that look? (Laughter)

MR. OLINKIEWICZ: No, I'm good. I'm good. My phone's almost dead. I'm trying to find a battery to plug it in.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: You know, again, I have to apologize for this. I know we're all -- we're all 1istening. For some of you business folks, I guess this is -- this is fairly routine. But for me, this is -- this is -- I feel like I'm on a prairie someplace trying to, you know, signal for help. So, hopefully, in the future this is not

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going to be the paradigm the Zoning Board employs.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mr. Chair.
Mr. Chair, if I may.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Sure.
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: There was one, one additional comment that has come in. I don't believe you've closed the hearing, so I don't know if you want me to read off that comment.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We haven't closed the hearing, so sure, read the comment.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. It's a comment from Mitche11 Pickman. It reads, "I agree with Corwin, it is not the Zoning Board's responsibility to guarantee a profit for a builder."

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Does Mr. Pickman have an address? Is he -- did he give you his address? No? Okay.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Members, what are we -what are we thinking? Are we going to keep this public hearing open, are we going to close it? Hello.

MEMBER CORWIN: I make a motion that we

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close it.
MEMBER GORDON: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: David makes a motion we close the public hearing, it's so moved. Is there a second? Dinni seconds it. All in favor?

MEMBER CORWIN: Aye
MEMBER GORDON: Aye
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I vote aye. Jack?
MEMBER REARDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay, moving on.
Item No. 6, 415 Kaplan Avenue.
Discussion and possible motion on the use variance applied for by 415 Kaplan Ave Greenport Incorporated, James Olinkiewicz Contract Vendee for the property located at 415 Kaplan Ave., Greenport, New York 11944.

Comments, members?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No member has a comment? Well, I'm going to read -- I'm going to read -- I'm going to read the provision in Village and State Law for a use variance, and then perhaps that will solicit some comments.
"A Use Variance. The Board of Appeals, on appeal from the decision or determination of the

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administrative officer charged with the enforcement of such 1ocal law, shal1 have the power to grant use variances, as defined herein.

No such use variance shall be granted by a Board of Appeals without a showing by the applicant that the applicable zoning regulations and restrictions have caused unnecessary hardship. In order to prove such unnecessary hardship, the applicant shall demonstrate to the Board of Appeals that for each and every permitted use under the zoning regulations for that particular district where the property is located; the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return, provided the that lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence; that the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood; that the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood;" and number 4 is "that the alleged hardship has not been self-created.

The Board of Appeals, in the granting of use variances, shall grant the minimum variance

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that it deems necessary and adequate to address the unnecessary hardship provided by the applicant, and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community."

So those are the four questions that we have to address. The financial questions, we have an opinion by some that they put a dollar figure on what's reasonable; some disagree. The thing that -- the thing that strikes me the most is that the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return provided the lack of return is substantial, that the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district.

I'm willing to admit there are an equal amount of two-family houses, as opposed to one-family houses. So the fact that he's required to build a one-family house doesn't make the hardship unique.

And no such use variance shall be granted by the Board of Appeals without showing that the applicant -- that the applicable zoning regulations have caused -- in order to prove --

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the applicant shall demonstrate to the Board that for each and every permitted use under the zoning regulations for that particular district where the property is located.

The contract vendee's contention is he needs to build a two-family house to realize a reasonable rate of return. The owner of the property's contention is they arbitrarily decide that it's a 2,000 square foot house, and that $\$ 250$ is -- per square foot is what it costs to build that, for a total cost of $\$ 625,000$. If they built a smaller house, it would be less money. And the appraised value of the described house is \$675,000. Assuming there is a real estate, assuming that -- well, we know there are other fees, you know, $2 \%$ transfer, well, the buyer pays that, not the seller, right? The buyer pays that. So I'm just not sure of this $1 \%$ rate.

Those are the questions I have. Those are the things that go through my mind. I would like to hear from the other members. I don't think -I don't think this Board should decide what profit and loss, what reasonable -- what a builder, or a property owner, or an investment
piece of property should pay back that particular owner. I think -- I think it's -- I'm just having a hard time getting around that. If I'm being a little thick-headed or obtuse, I apologize, but $I$ just -- I just can't square that away in my mind.

The owner of the property doesn't have to build a house and he could sell the -- sell the land, you know, if actually the 1 and is for sale, to a contract vendee for $\$ 140,000$ above what they paid for it. I mean, nowhere does it say in this code that we have to build a house on this property. Nowhere -- you know, it's each and every use of the 1and. So you could use the land to build a house, you could use the land to sell and make a profit or --

MEMBER GORDON: But nobody's going to buy the land without intending to put a house on it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Diane, we don't know what people are going to do today in the hopes of --

MEMBER GORDON: Are the going to have a little park on Kaplan Avenue? I mean, I want to be realistic. We can't -- it's not a commercial area.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I think we would be overstepping our bounds to decide that that would be the only use of that land is to build a house today. We don't know. We don't know. We don't know what somebody with "X" amount of dollars in their pocket enough to buy this piece of property in the hopes -- people buy land all the time in the hopes of building a home down the road. We don't know. We're applying -- you and I are applying our standards to that -- to that lot for today. We don't --

MEMBER GORDON: I think we're applying the standards of a reasonable purchaser.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We have never heard, you have never met anybody or heard somebody that bought a piece of property and built a house perhaps a year, two years, three years, five years later? I have.

MEMBER GORDON: Sure.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I've done it.
MEMBER GORDON: Just it's hard for me to imagine a person who's going into this transaction thinking that they would leave the land vacant for any significant period of time, given -- I'm also thinking about what Greenport

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is like these days. You know, people want to come here and they want to build here, and I just think that's what's going to happen, and it's very -- it's pretty limiting.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, to that point, to that point, we all read the former Mayor's, at least I did, we read his op-ed today or yesterday that people, in fact, do want to come here. And you and I live in West Dublin, we've seen the prices in West Dublin. There's absolutely no way I would pay for my house for what people would pay for it. So, I mean, it's ridiculous, the prices.

So to say that because of a particular block, the -- yeah, perhaps today on that block prices may be limited and on the lower end of the scale, but you and I, and I'm looking at the folks on -- that are tuned in now, except for Connolly, you and I are old enough to remember when we wouldn't live in Bedford-Stuyvesant, or Williamsburg, or Ridgewood, or, you know, a lot of those places that -- I could speak for my -- I can't speak for you, I could speak for myself, I can't afford to live there now. You know, I can't afford to buy a house there now. We

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remember what the prices are on -- in Alphabet City on the Lower East Side. I couldn't -MEMBER GORDON: We11, that's where -that's where I bought in the '60s, and I certainly know it was a very modest neighborhood full of children, and working class families, and druggies, and, you know, prices go up. But even there, then, when somebody was buying a piece of property, the intention was to put a building on it. So I just -- you know, I just would like to be realistic about what is likely to be the approach of somebody building on Kaplan Avenue. Okay. I've said enough, you know what I think.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I think I've said enough, too. I think everybody knows what I think. David, Jack, anybody, any comments? Excuse me. No?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Do we want to -- do we want to think about this for a-- or do we want to go through these four questions and vote on this tonight?

MEMBER CORWIN: Let's get the agony over with. CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I didn't hear you.

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David, was that you? I didn't hear you, I'm sorry.

MEMBER CORWIN: Let's get the agony over with.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. I'm going to make a motion that --

MEMBER REARDON: John, can you repeat what he said, because I can't hear his microphone.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: David said let's get the agony over with.

MEMBER REARDON: Oh, thank you.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No. I'm taking that to mean let's vote, right, David?

MEMBER CORWIN: Correct.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. So I'm going to make a motion that the Zoning Board of Appeals declares itself Lead Agency for the purposes of SEQRA. So moved.

MEMBER CORWIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: A11 in favor?
MEMBER CORWIN: Aye.
MEMBER GORDON: Aye.
MEMBER REARDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'11 vote -- and I'11 vote aye.

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And I'm going to make a motion that this is a, Rob, Type II Action?

MR. CONNOLLY: Type II Action.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Type II Action for the purposes of SEQRA, so moved.

MEMBER REARDON: Second.
MEMBER GORDON: Second.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And all in favor?
MEMBER CORWIN: Aye
MEMBER GORDON: Aye
MEMBER REARDON: Aye
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'11 go through these four questions. I have them, I have them here. Actually, I don't have them here, I'11 read them out of this book. This is from Village Law. This is from -- this is -- so if they're not the same questions as -- that are in David's book, they're the same. I don't have my Village Code book in front of me, I have New York State Village Law in front of me.

Number one is the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return provided the lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by financial evidence. You know what, that doesn't -- that doesn't kind of sound right to me.

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MEMBER CORWIN: That's the correct question, Mr. Saladino. It's a very confusing question and $I$ never understood it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I hope you understand it well enough to vote on it.

MEMBER CORWIN: I'm going to vote with an explanation, and I think we have to have a roll call vote for all these.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Since I'm used to starting with you, I'm going to start with you, and then do our usual. I'm going to start with you, go to Diana, Jack and myself for all the four questions. Is that okay?

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. So number one is the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return provided that the lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence. David.

MEMBER CORWIN: I'm voting yes, because I feel that if it's tuned properly, the size of the building, whatever, it can be a reasonable rate of return. I'm voting yes in that respect.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Diana.
MEMBER GORDON: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack.
MEMBER GORDON: Mute, yeah.
MEMBER REARDON: There we go. What did David vote? I did not here him.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: He voted yes.
MEMBER REARDON: Okay. Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: He voted yes with an explanation.

And I'm going to vote yes. Oh, wait a second. Wait a second, we're on question one. Actually, I'm going to vote no. I think -- I think the applicant can realize a rate of -- a reasonable return for whatever use the property is used for. For all the uses that property can be used for, I think there can be a reasonable return. So it's three yeses.

MEMBER CORWIN: Let me just say -- John, let me say your vote and mine are the same for the same reason, but I voted yes and you voted no. That's the problem with this question, it doesn't really make sense. So I'11 say again, I voted yes, because I think the applicant can make a reasonable rate of return if the project is sized properly and is done right.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So shouldn't you -- do

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we go and ask the Attorney? Shouldn't you have some related to what --

MR. CONNOLLY: How about we say this: Has the applicant provided substantial, or demonstrated by competent financial evidence that without the use variance it cannot realize a reasonable return?

MEMBER CORWIN: And the answer to that is no.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So you're changing your vote to no?

MEMBER CORWIN: I will change my vote to no to accommodate it as far as Mr. Connolly said it.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Anybody else want to change their vote?

MEMBER GORDON: (Shook head no)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No? Okay. So that's two nos and two yeses. Arthur's not here, so we don't have a plurality, we don't have a majority. I'm going to have to go back to the Attorney with this.

MR. CONNOLLY: If there's no majority, it's a deny, it's a no.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. No. 2-- so that's a no for question one. No. 2, that the

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alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood. David.

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Diana, Dinni.
MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack.
MEMBER REARDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Again, I don't see this as being unique. I see there's a ton of 50 -foot lots in the Village that would prevent somebody from building a two-family house on it. So I'm going to vote no. So that's 3-1. I think there's -- my house is a 50 -foot lot, so I couldn't build a two-family house here.

No. 3 is that the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. David.

MEMBER CORWIN: No, it will not alter the essential character.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Dinni.
MEMBER GORDON: No, meaning no, it will not alter the neighborhood. Yeah, okay, no.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Jack.

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MEMBER REARDON: I'm going to say no, but I swear all of these are razor thin. You know, it does alter the character of the neighborhood, maybe not today or next week, but it does, because it is an eight-bedroom house and that alters the character. It's got the potential for a lot of change.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. I'm going to vote -- I'm going to vote no. I think there's a lot of two-family houses in --

MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: You know, within "X" amount of blocks of that house. So I really -as a member of the Zoning Board, I don't -- if yous know me, I don't -- I don't even like going inside these houses, I don't want to know what's inside. We deal with land use. So one bedroom, eight bedrooms, I don't really care. But I'm going vote no.

The last one is --
MEMBER GORDON: That's four, four, four nos.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Four nos, four nos. The last one is that the alleged hardship has not been self-created. David.

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MEMBER CORWIN: Yes, it has been
se1f-created.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Dinni.
MEMBER GORDON: No.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack.
MEMBER REARDON: Yes, it has been
self-created.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'm going to vote yes.

So I think our vote on No. 1 and No. 4 kind of takes it -- and, again, I'm going to consult with the Attorney, because he would have to handle any lawsuit if we get it wrong. Does that take like voting on the variance out of our -out of our hands, that it is a denial on 1 and a denial on 4 ? Does that kind of take -- make it mandatory that we vote no to the variance? Is that the way I understand?

MR. CONNOLLY: Well, when you don't have a plurality or a majority when there's a member missing and there's a split vote, when that occurs, it's a denial without prejudice.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I'm talking about, I'm talking about my understanding of use variance under New York State Village Law is

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that --
MR. CONNOLLY: Right.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If one of the conditions --

MR. CONNOLLY: Is not met, then it's a denial.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Is -- you don't meet the standard, it's a -- you're mandated to deny the variance.

MR. CONNOLLY: Correct.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Am I getting that wrong? No?

MR. CONNOLLY: Yep.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So I'm going to -- I'm going to -- I'11 make the motion to the members, but I'm not sure if it's -- if it's --

MEMBER GORDON: Yeah. If it's a denial because of the two conditions on which we voted no, or which the group voted no, then we don't need to -- it's just a no without voting on the overal1 question, right?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That would be my guess. But I want to say, Mr. Connolly going to court for an Article 78, and just kind of like do it right, so would we vote anyway or just let the --

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MR. CONNOLLY: Just vote on the request, the overall request.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And we would have to take into consideration the vote on No. 1 and No. 4.

MR. CONNOLLY: Correct.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Al1 right. I'm going to make a motion that we grant the use variance. David.

MEMBER CORWIN: I don't understand.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Question 1 failed because of the 2-2 vote. Question 4 failed because of the unanimous vote. Because of New York State Village Law, when one of these questions fail, it's a denial, it's mandated that there be a denial.

MR. CONNOLLY: Right. The case law says that the Board must find that each of the elements of the test has been met by the applicants.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So if No. 1 and No. 4 hasn't been met, we can't grant the variance.

MEMBER GORDON: And then that means that if we're voting on the overall matter, nobody can vote yes.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We'd have to vote no.
MEMBER GORDON: We can't vote yes if we've decided that we haven't met the requirements.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I think, I think, I think our vote on 1 and 4 has shown what we decided, so, I mean --

MEMBER GORDON: So then a unanimous vote on the larger question must occur and must be no.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That's my thinking.
MR. CONNOLLY: Correct.
MEMBER GORDON: I don't like it, but I wil1 comply.

MEMBER REARDON: It doesn't necessarily have to be a -- or can it be a motion to deny the variance?

MEMBER GORDON: But how could anybody -- a motion to deny the variance, how could anyone reject that, given what has happened with the two -- the two questions that may not --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I apologize for interrupting.

MEMBER GORDON: No, I just thought --
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: You're talking about voting in the affirmative or voting in the negative? It's just, you know, to -- the motion

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was to approve the area variance. According to the law, and according to the Attorney's opinion, we're almost -- we're obligated to vote no.

MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If we vote -- if we phrased it -- if I phrased it to say approve the variance --

MEMBER GORDON: No, I understand.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: -- then we would
vote -- to deny the variance, we would vote yes. It's just in the phrasing, I think Jack raised the question. So I'm going to do it --

MEMBER CORWIN: John, you said area variance, and it's a use variance.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I didn't hear you, David, I'm sorry.

MEMBER CORWIN: You just said area variance. This is a use variance, that's why we're --

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I apologize. Everything, everything, everything in terms of this application revolved around use variance. This light is really strong, it's giving me a little bit of a headache, so $I$ apologize for misspeaking.

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I'm going to make the motion again. I'm going to make a motion that we approve the use variance. David.

MEMBER CORWIN: No.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Dinni.
MEMBER GORDON: No.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Jack.
MEMBER REARDON: No.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'm going to vote no.

I'm going to move on. I'm sure we'll talk to Mr. Kehl in a little while or tomorrow, but right now we're going to move on a little bit.

Item No. 7 is kind of important, and I hope you guys -- I know we're here, I know it's getting late, but -- and I apologize, but Item No. 7 is kind of important. Just to let some people know we're serious about doing our job.

Item No. 7 is since the Zoning Board of Appeals frequently reviews applications where parking is an issue, the Village Board of Trustees has requested input from the ZBA on two Village of Greenport Code Sections: 150-12 -excuse me -- and 150-16. To that end, the

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Village Board of Trustees has requested the Zoning Board of Appeals place this on the agenda -- on the agenda for discussion.

Diana has stepped up and she and I had a few discussions. She made up a draft document. I believe she mailed it to all the members for comment.

MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm going to ask her -I'm going to ask her to read it, and the members can either add to it, they can subtract from it, they can concur. If we get plurality, if we get a majority, we'11 pass that on to the -- to the Village Board as our recommendation on those two portions of the code. Are we okay with that? We'11 let Dinni read her draft and we can either yes, no, or indifferent. All right, members? I'm going to take their silence as an affirmative. Dinni, could you read your --

MEMBER GORDON: Yeah, I'11 read the draft. I'm going to read it from the computer. And I'm curious, because I don't understand this process very well, can you see me now?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Yes.
MEMBER GORDON: Oh, okay. I can't see

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myself, I can only see my document.
Okay. This is revising 150-12 (B) and (C), and conforming 150-16(A)(1).
"Greenport's economic base has changed dramatically in the last 30 years, as evidenced by the increase in restaurants and public accommodations of various kinds in the Waterfront Commercial and Retail Commercial Zoning Districts.

Adaptation to the development of the tourist economy has also included changes in modes of transportation used to get around and in and out of downtown. Our business areas are attractive to guests because they are walkable, and density of retail establishments is not a detriment to our kind of tourism. Many of Greenport's visitors do not rely on cars to get around town, and, increasingly, there are options for those who need vehicles to explore the North Fork. These realities suggest that it is time to modify the provision for exemption from off-street parking requirements, as set forth in Section 150-12(C) of the Village Code.

In recent years, the Zoning Board of Appeals has wrestled with two variance

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applications for businesses that could not have operated in compliance with the off-street parking requirements of Section 150-12(B), and were not eligible for the exemption of Section 150-12(C), because they were not applying for buildings in existence as of January 1, 1991. Both projects were in other respects desirable additions to Greenport's Commercial Districts, and it is conceivable that applications for other such businesses will be forthcoming."

I wanted to part from the text just to remind everybody that the two applications for businesses that I'm referring to are the Menhaden Hotel and the Greenporter.
"The simplest way to change the law to allow for greater flexibility in off-street parking requirements is to update the operative date of 150-12(C). If the objective is to enable current businesses to make modifications without running afoul of 150-12(B), but leave room for regulation of new ones, a date reflecting the immediate present, for example, July 1, 2020, could be chosen and substituted in 150-16(A).

In addition the word "building" in
150-12(C) should be changed to "business" to

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reflect the possibility that future projects may involve expansion beyond a single physical structure.

A slightly more complicated solution would be to update only the provision for exemption from off-street parking regulations and delete the exemption for payment in lieu of parking.

The Planning Board has recommended some form of payment as a tool to curb unfettered expansion by existing businesses, and keep some control over parking decisions by new ones.

There is general agreement in the Village that there is a need for additional off-street parking. The revenue received for payment in lieu of parking could address that need by funding new parking projects, relieving the taxpayers from bond payments that disproportionately benefit the Business District.

On balance, the ZBA supports the idea of payment in 1 ieu of parking spaces as a compromise that respects the interests of both the developer and the Village. We do not take a position on the amount of such payments.

Beyond these changes questions remain. Retaining the last sentence of 150-12(C), that

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the last sentence, the sentence that says the exemption shall apply thenceforth to improved parcels only, and shall not apply to unimproved parcel, notwithstanding other provisions to the contrary. So retaining that sentence, the last sentence of 150-12(C) allows for greater Village control over future development. Eliminating it would give a business owner greater freedom in planning a new structure.

Modifying 150-12(B) to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces required, or changing the method for calculating that number, are possibilities also. But modifying the code in both these areas would require a more extensive discussion of aims and processes than the changes proposed above."

So that's my draft. What do you think?
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I understand it was a lot to absorb. We had it -- you know, I had read it before, so I'm kind of -- the other members, any thoughts, any comments?

MEMBER CORWIN: I didn't do my homework. I saw it. I did read what Diana said, but my concern remains existing structures that go out and say, "I'm putting 20 more chairs in, I'm

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filling up my backyard with chairs and tables, and I don't need parking." I don't see, as I understood it, that that's the gist of what was said.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, I think, I think if you -- if you take the letter of the -- if you go to the spirit of the draft and you change "property" to "business", that might give the Planning Board for those -- for those -- or we could include that, we include that into the draft. We could include that into our comments to the Village Board, you know, that a change from "property" to "business", or the expansion of a business, would be required to pay payment in lieu of parking.

MEMBER CORWIN: Payment in lieu of parking for property was put in place by myself, what, 30 years ago, but that went towards -- 2500 was a reasonable figure today. As I've said before, 2500 is giving a parking space away. So to me, a perfect example is the place north of First and South, what used to be (inaudible) house, and the guy came in, he was from the vineyard -- from a vineyard, I don't know which one, and he said, "Hey, I want to make the whole thing, the whole

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backyard paved and put in tables and chairs, plus anything I could put inside." And to me, that's just too much. That's no parking places, and making half a dozen or more tables and chairs outside. To me, that's a problem, because once you open it up, everybody's going to say, "Hey, I can get more tables in there."

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That business was
Sparkling Pointe, but next to First and South.
MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And that would -- that would -- you know, this suggestion to the Board would eliminate stuff like that happening. They would have to comply with parking. If we added the caveat, if we added the -- if we add to the draft, and where it goes from building or property to business, every time the business turns around, they would have to comply with the parking or payment in lieu of. If there's an expansion of the business, it would give the Building Department the right to go in there, recalculate the need and charge accordingly.

As far as the amount, I personally don't think we should get involved in the amount of a parking space. I think we're not elected

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officials. The Mayor, the Village Board, they're elected to decide. Me, personally, I would like to see it -- actually, to get people to go along with this, make the price even less. You know, you say 2500 was 30 years ago, and 30 years ago that was probably appropriate. Now you're saying that it should be more than that. But for a guy that's opening a business on a shoestring, or maybe not even a shoestring, is going to invest 50, 100, \$150,000 of his money and he needs 20 parking spaces, and he's got to come up with 100 grand for -- just to pay for parking might be -- you know, it might be the tipping point whether that guy comes here, opens that business, or goes someplace else.

You know, so -- you know, it's a discussion we can have if and when the Village Board has the -- takes up the discussion. So I think it might be a mistake for us to opine about a dollar figure for a parking space. You know, we should let them do their job and let them decide how much a parking space should cost, if, in fact, they take this recommendation seriously. So --

MEMBER GORDON: And to David's -- to David's point, I mean, if we did the simple thing

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and simply updated the exemption date, the date at which a business can call and claim the exemption, you have control over what comes in the future, and we don't -- we don't currently have businesses that are eager to pave over the parking and put chairs and tables.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I didn't understand that.

MEMBER GORDON: He was concerned about -he was thinking back to the paving over the parking lot and putting in chairs and tables. If you update the exemption, the exemption provision to -- and it applies on1y to current businesses, you're not going to have that problem, because it wouldn't be a current business who was coming in and proposing the kind of thing that David saw -worried about in the past.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Exactly, exactly, you're right. You know, it would have to be a date -- basically, if you don't add the provision about expansion of business, then it would only apply to any new business that --

MEMBER GORDON: Right.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: From whatever date we would like to recommend, you know, yesterday, or

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tomorrow, a week from tomorrow. I remember the original law was passed in 1990, but they gave exemption for any business prior to 1991, so --

MEMBER GORDON: January 1, it was the same sort of idea.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So -- but we can certainly continue to discuss this. Dinni maybe can send it out again. If we agree with it, we can add our signature to it. I'm not sure if Paul's back. When is the Village Board meeting, Paul?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: There's a work session next week, and then a regular meeting the following week.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: This would be better served -- I think, I think the Village Board would be better served if they had it at a work session, as opposed to a regular meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, I would agree. Yes, I would agree with that.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Dinni, do you think you could get it, you know, a copy to Amanda and she can mail it to the members?

MEMBER GORDON: Sure, of course, yep.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And then we could agree

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or disagree and forward it to Paul to be included maybe at the work session, or when they feel -you know, what they told you in our email was, well, we did our job, we did our job, and now the Village Board has like four or five years to ponder this and come to a decision of it.

MEMBER GORDON: I want to be sure, I want to be sure I understand what you said. You said I should send to Amanda the existing draft, or I should send it around to all of you? I wasn't clear.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I think, I think, I think all of that. I think it would be good to send it to all of us.

MEMBER GORDON: To the Board Members again and to Amanda? Sure.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And to Amanda.
MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And if the Board -- and if the Board Members, via email, concur with what you say, and there's no redlining, or whatever, we could just ask her to type it up and give it to the Village Board as our work product. No?

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: If I may. Mr. Chair, if I may, I don't believe there's an

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agenda item for -- an agenda item for this issue at this month's meeting, just to be clear. So I'm not sure if they will do much other than accept the -- accept it and table it for a discussion at a later date when they take up the issue specifically.

MEMBER CORWIN: Fine, there's no rush, the way things --

MEMBER GORDON: Right.
MEMBER CORWIN: -- go in life, that's for sure.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Just I didn't want -- I didn't want you folks to think that it was being ignored. If we get it to the Board and they say nothing, it could be just simply because the agenda is finalized at this stage, that's all.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're used to being ignored by the Village Board. We're used to it.

ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: There's a work session this week. If I said next week, I meant this week.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All right.
ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So actually two days

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from now.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We had it on our agenda, it was a request made by the Village. We're good soldiers here, we did our duty. We're going to give it to you. What you guys do with it, you know, we'11 see what happens next.

I really want to thank Dinni, she worked hard on this, took a lot of thought, a lot of -a lot of effort. And I think it's -- I think it's -- there's some really valid suggestions there. I think everybody believes that. I think -- I don't think there's a -- except maybe one or two or three or five business owners that would disagree. But I think the overwhelming majority of the population of the Incorporated Village think that might -- this is an idea that's -- whose time as come. But we're going to do that.

So, and moving on is Item No. 8, any other Zoning Board of Appeals business that might properly come before this Board. I only see a few initials left up there. If there's anybody that has a question for this Board that they need answers, other than something about the public hearing that we scheduled for next month, we

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would be glad to answer that. No?
(No Response)
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: The only thing I would have is I would like to square away with the Village Administrator that -- about the acceptance of applications and stuff. And also make an apology to the neighbors about the confusion with the public hearing and stuff. I don't think it was an overstep, $I$ don't think it was anybody exerting undue authority. I think it was just a miscommunication between myself, Paul and Mr. Connolly when it came to -- it came to accepting the application for 621 Main Street and scheduling the public hearing. I think it was just a miscommunication between us. I don't think anybody was overstepping their authority. I know I certainly -- that wasn't my intention, and I believe my colleagues, that they weren't doing the same.

So as far as accepting the applications, I understand the Village has every right to do it. I understand other municipalities do it. This Board has at least two other -- two other conversations, discussions about it. The Board was always comfortable in their role as accepting

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the application. It's been a 50-year tradition. The only thing I would ask, and I'll ask the members to comment, also, is that if it is a change of policy, that we make it an official change of policy; that it's discussed by the Village Board, they decide that this is, in fact, the policy going forward, and we'll live with it. We'11 -- again, we're good soldiers, we'11 do what's expected of us.

Any member have any comment about that, about accepting applications? No?

MEMBER GORDON: I think we should be the ones to do it, because we're then going to have to deal with what we've accepted.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I understand. Yeah, I agree with you. I think since we're the Board, that we're intimately familiar, all the members are intimately familiar with the code, not that the Attorney or Building Department isn't, but -and I understand the process, that a building permit is applied for, a Notice of Disapproval is written, an appeal is applied for. I just kind of thought that that appeal should be -- that form, that appeal should be accepted by the Zoning Board.

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But, again, if there's going to be a policy change, if the Village is more comfortable doing it the other way, all I would ask is that we make that policy official.

So anybody else? David, Jack, anybody? Jack, what do you got headphones on? Were you wearing those headphones the whole time?

MEMBER REARDON: No. That's the only way I can hear everybody.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Oh.
MEMBER REARDON: Is it -- can you hear me? Is the mic still working?

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Yes.
MEMBER REARDON: Okay. How about making your request a motion for the Town Board? Because I, too, feel that better that we accept the applications and review it for its appropriateness, only -- maybe that's because that's how I was brought in, that's all I'm familiar with, but we are that body and responsible for the acceptance. And, you know, I've seen you have to deal with miswritten or misinterpretations of half what people said. So making a comment about it is one thing. Making -- you know, like perhaps the Town Board

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could make it official, and one way to assure that is for us to move it out of our venue with a motion.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We11, I don't think we can make a motion. I don't think we have the authority to make a motion to the Town Board that they have to listen to. We can --

MEMBER CORWIN: It's the Village Board. It's the Village Board. The Town Board doesn't listen to us.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay, David, you're absolutely right.

MEMBER CORWIN: At this point, $I$ make a motion to close the meeting.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're all 1ong-time residents, we certainly should know that, but you're absolutely right, sometimes -- see how easy it is to misspeak? Who knows better than Jack or myself or you that it's not the Town Board, it's the Village Board? But sometimes we get tired, sometimes the light is bright, it gives us a headache and we misspeak.

So I don't think we have the authority to progress a motion to the Village Board. We can make a recommendation to the Village Board.

Mr. Pallas is here, you could certainly discuss it with him, and he'11 let us know what they decide.

So, you know, I don't think we should overcomplicate it as far as motions and written requests, or, you know, they know how we feel. The Village Administrator knows how we feel, the Attorney knows how we feel. That's what we're comfortable with. That's been the history and tradition for the last 50 -- since 1949, however 1ong that is, 70 years, since ' 71 at least, since the new code came in. So, you know, that would -- that's what we would prefer. If the Village Board prefers something else, they certainly have the right to do that.

What do we think? That's okay, what we think? Guys?

MEMBER CORWIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Paul, you -- okay.
MEMBER CORWIN: I make a motion we close the meeting.

CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. I was just getting to that. And Item No. 9 is a motion to adjourn. So moved.

MEMBER GORDON: Second.

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CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. A11 in favor? MEMBER CORWIN: Aye. MEMBER REARDON: Aye.

MEMBER GORDON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Aye, and I'11 vote aye. (The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.)
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