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	4 CD C TRANSCRIPT OF	4	Louis Campana.
	5 TOWN OF EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD MEETING	5	MR. CAMPANA: Present.
	6	6	THE CHAIRMAN: He's frozen. There you
	6	7	go. Jim Bonanno is here. Phil Nemecek, the
	Total to the state of the state	8	last member, is running a little bit late, and
		TER.9	promises he'll be here in less than five
	Building Warter Planning Depar	tment	minutes.
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	13 BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	12	for the minutes because Phil has to be here to
	14 CHAIRMAN JAMES BONANNO AUG 0 6 2021	13	do minutes.
	CHAIRMAN JAMES BONANNO 15 PHILIP NEMECEK, MEMBER MARK CUNNINGHAM, MEMBER	14	Another note for the viewing audience,
	16 LOUIS CAMEANA, MEMBER	15	that the Planning Board will hold a special
	17 RECEIVED	16	meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. to
	10 EASTCHESTER EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE:	17	hear old business items and applications
	20 MARGARET UHLE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	18	referred from the ARB only. The meeting will
	ROBERT TUDISCO, DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY 21	19	be conducted in person again, finally, in the
	22	20	court room in the basement in the Town Hall.
	23 Dina M. Morgan, Reporter 25 Colonial Road	21	Also, as far as the applications
	24 Bronxville, New York 10708 (914) 469-6353	22	tonight, they are 20-19, that is 189-191 Brook,
	25	23	Kidz Korner, and it has been adjourned, and
		24	that was adjourned to the ZBA and ARB review.
l	DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER	25	The second application that's not
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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 continue where we left off. Great. If I start breaking up again, I don't know what we'll do, but maybe I can sign off and you could keep going. We'll see.

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Anyway, let's see, the next is instructions on how to participate in the public hearing for people who are viewing. The instructions are: If you would like to make a comment after the public hearing has been open, use the raise hand feature on your computer or star 9 if you're calling from a phone, Mr. Tudisco will acknowledge you and invite you to speak, please un-mute your microphone, state your name and address, and put forth your comments.

That being said, the first application that we're going to hear tonight is Application 19-42, 5 Ray Place.

MS. UHLE: So I actually have to promote people. Just give me a minute here. I'm going to try this over again. Hi, Phil.

MR. NEMECEK: Hello, Margaret. Sorry about that. I was caught in the city, and I wasn't actually able to find the Zoom invite.

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2 my phone, so I just had to rush home. 3

MS. UHLE: We've been having all sorts 4 of technical difficulties, so you're just fine.

5 Now I'm promoting the applicants for 5 Ray 6 7

Place right now. Here we go.

MR. TARTAGLIA: Are we ready to 8 start? Everybody here? 9

MS. UHLE: I think so. Can you check out your team to make sure everybody is there?

MR. TARTAGLIA: It looks like everybody is there.

MS, UHLE: I think that's it.

MR. TARTAGLIA: I think that's

everybody. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, and members of the board. It will be nice when we

all can get back in person again for a variety

18 of reasons. My name is Daniel Tartaglia. I'm 19 the attorney for Augustus Development, LLC.

20 They're the owner and the developer of this 21

site, which is located at 5 Ray Place. The tax 22

map designation is indicated on your agenda. 23 Excuse me a second, I have a sound coming in

from somewhere else. My own technical

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2 this presentation this evening.

I'm just going to go through a little 4 bit of procedural history for purposes of 5

bringing everybody up to speed to the extent

that they don't remember exactly what has 7

occurred. This was actually a pre-Covid

application, went through Covid, and is now 9 back out on the other end. This started in

10 2019. It's a project that's located, as I 11

said, 5 Ray Place. It's a 21 unit multifamily 12

market rate residential building on a 21,875 13

square foot lot and 31 off-Street parking 14

spaces. It first came to this board with it's 15

initial site plan application, and we

appeared -- although I was not part of the team 17

at the time -- the team appeared before you at 18

your October 24, 2019 meeting. At that 19

meeting, the Planning Board declared its intent 20

to serve as lead agency. There was coordinated 21

review of this project under SEQRA to 22

potentially involve interested agencies, and it 23

was determined to be an unlisted action based

upon the environmental assessment information 25

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that was submitted at the time. 2

With me this evening on my team is 3 representatives from the architect, Ed Vogel,

4 with Warshauer Mellussi and Warshauer; Anthony 5

Nester with JMC Engineering; and I see Phil 6

Grealy here, he's our traffic engineer. 7

When this came to the board and the

8 hearing commenced on October 24th, that's when 9

the public hearing was opened, it remained open 10

and has remained open all this time. There 11

were a number of other meetings and 12

presentations before this board, specifically 13

in February and May and June of 2020. During 14

the SEQRA review of the application, the 15

Planning Board considered and evaluated the 16

potential visual impacts of the proposed 17

building, including building height, massing 18

and design, as well as the project's potential 19

impact on storm water runoff, sanitary sewer, 20

emergency access, traffic and parking 21

conditions in the area. Among other things, a 22 sight distance and signal warrant study were

23 conducted by the applicant. 24

At the meeting of this board on June

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 25, 2020, it was referred to the Zoning Board 2 for a variety of variances that it needed to obtain in order to move forward. One of the reasons for the variety of variances is that 5 the project site is located where two zones 6 meet, so there were a number of variances that 7 were needed. The applicant went to the Zoning 8 Board for meetings in July, September, October 9 and November of 2020. In November of 2020, the 10 Zoning Board finished its public hearing and 11 then voted to approve the project. The 12 Resolution of Approval was dated January 12, 13 2021, and was filed with the Town Clerk in 14 Eastchester on February 17th, 2021. 15 That's been kind of our journey. 16 Since then, we've also appeared before the 17

Architectural Review Board. When I turn this over to Ed Vogel, he could tell you a little bit more about that, but we do have all the representatives here from our team to answer any questions or provide any additional information that the board may be looking for.

I would now like to turn our 24 presentation over to Ed Vogel. 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 MR. VOGEL: Thank you, Dan, I

appreciate that. Good evening, Chairman and 3 members of the board. What I'm going to ask 4

is, Anthony Nester from JMC, he has all the 5 documents, and to prevent us from screening 6

sharing back and forth, if he would share his

screen with the documents, we'll begin to 8 refresh everyone about the project and update 9

the board on the ARB's findings. 10 11

MR. NESTER: Can everybody see my screen?

12 MR. VOGEL: Yes, Anthony, I can see 13 ît. 14

So this is 5 Ray Place, and this is the front elevation. The project is a residential 21 unit project with one bedrooms and two bedrooms. We'll come back to the elevations as we go through the presentation.

So the site is located at 5 Ray Place, and it's near the Brook Street and White Plains Road or Route 22 corridors. DeCicco's Shopping

Center is to the south, and we also have a 23

multifamily residential, The Enclave, which is 24 slightly to the west.

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If we move on to the next slide. 2 Thank you. The project is a single structure, 3 and it's on a terraced site. 4

MR. NESTER: Sorry Ed.

MR. VOGEL: It's okay. It's on a 6 terraced site. So the site, as you can see, is 7 here in the light green. You can see some gray for paving. It is bifurcated almost in the 9 center on two different terraces. The building 10 contains 5 stories and 21 units. It's a 11 mixture of one bedrooms and two bedrooms.

Vehicular access is gained to the site from the two existing curb cuts on the lower terrace, which is right now been shown on the screen, it's the lower level, and there's parking and a lobby. We'll demonstrate that in plan. Then there's an upper terrace, which is 18 located at second curb cut, which then at the 19 second level contains parking and structured 20 parking within the building. The hatched area 21 you see is for Fire Department vehicle access. 22

Here are the floor plans. So if we can zoom into the first level in the upper left

corner. That's perfect. Thank you. You could

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see the entry coming in off of Ray Place. 2

There's a lobby off on the right side, there's 3

some building services, and then parking. On

this level, there are 11 spaces being provided.

When we slide down the sheet to the 6 second level or the second floor, you see here 7

the upper level entry off of the terrace area,

and then this is relegated to parking. There

is, at this point, 20 vehicles. There is trash 10 storage, a modest lobby, and then as I 11

mentioned, you have within the drive aisle the 12

Fire Department vehicle access. 13

From here, the next three floors are 14 the residential units. So the third and fourth 15 floor and then the fifth floor have seven 16 units. There is mixture of one and two 17 bedrooms, as I mentioned. 18

On the roof, there is an amenity for the residents, a small roof garden and terrace for them to enjoy. All these elements are designed to be low to the ground. The pieces 22 that we have coming up are the bulkheads, and

23 that's for the elevator, and then the two

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Our next sheet contains the units, and I'll just briefly point them out. There is a mixture of ones and twos. Some of the one bedrooms have dens. They range somewhere between 700 to 800 square feet for the one bedrooms, and then the two bedrooms are roughly a thousand square feet.

The elevations, as we were going to 9 take a bit of pause, here we did have 10 discussions with the Architectural Review 11 Board, and there was discussion back and forth 12 on the materials and the composition of the 13 facade. The facade is broken -- it's very 14 traditional, and it's broken in a traditional 15 manner with a base being the first floor, 16 there's a body being levels two, three and 17 four, and a top crown being level five, the top 18 being a mansard styled roof with parapet. Then 19 you could see some vertical accents that will 20 come across, signifying entry, and holding the 21 corners of the building. It has a residential 22 character and feel with the rhythm of the 23 windows, as they have been located here in the 24 building, and then materially and texturally 25

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1 they do align with a multifamily residential. 2

So the base is a rusticated stone concrete 3

veneer. The stone here has been deepened or 4

darkened a little bit. The facade or the body

of the facade is a brick. The brick is 6

whitish. It has light creamed colored notes in 7

it, and changes in texture from the rusticated 8

base to a more refined brick. Then the top of

the crown is a metal mansard. It's a diamond 10

shape roof panel, and there too the material 11

has become darker and more of a deeper gray. 12

The windows stay black, and there is some trim 13

that works around the windows, and that is 14

white and has remained as well.

15 If we could scroll up one sheet, 16

Anthony, to the front elevation. Just pausing 17

here, there was some discussion regarding the 18

balconette style railings as a residential 19

feel, and that happens across the top, all the 20

way across the top of the building, and then 21

working its way down the center element, 22 indicating and reinforcing the main entry of

23 the project. These, as you saw, carry from the

front and to the side and to the rear, so all

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four facades are being treated similarly,

2 bringing the architecture all the way around 3 the building. 4

If we move to the next slide, this is a massing study that was done, and you could see here a little more graphically the three layers. Now, granted, this was not updated to current color configuration, but you could see here that we have an open garage parking area 10 at level one, an open garage will also happen 11 at level two, and you see the three levels above that for residential.

This image is from Ray Place looking at the building, and then this image, the second image that you see, is from in front of the CVS, so it's more or less the intersection of Brook Street and White Plains looking back toward the site.

Our next image that we have are the materials. So this is where we've ended with the Architectural Review Board and came to the conclusions. So you can see here as we work our way from this second column in from top to 24 bottom is the diamond pattern of the metal

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mansard, and you could see it's like an orange

2 peel to give it a little texture. You could 3

see there is the white trim that works its way 4

around the windows. B is a softer white with 5

some of those beige or cream accents in it for

the body of the building. We have a rusticated 7

base down below. These are samples. Please be 8

mindful that the rusticated base pieces will be 9

larger in scale and not brick-like, roughly 8 10

inches in height and 8 inches in length. Then 11 to accent the horizontality of the building, we 12

have some cove moldings, which we explored and 13

provided additional details to the ARB, and 14

they are indicated in the details down at the 15

bottom of the sheet. Then you can see the 16

balconette detailing that would work its way 17 across the top of the building and down the 18

center entry, being a (inaudible) system with 19

an ornamental diamond back in the center. 20 That covers the material and the 21

architectural discussions we've had with the 22 ARB. At this point, I would turn this over to 23

Anthony Nester from JMC, and he will then walk 24 through some of the end results of the site 25

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MR. NESTER: Good evening, Chairman, and members of the board and staff. My name is Anthony Nester with JMC. I will go through where we are with regard to the site plan today.

So, as Mr. Tartaglia mentioned, the site is located off of Ray Place. The address is 5 Ray Place, and is on the east side of Ray Place between Ray and Route 22. It is approximately a half acre in size. Currently, there are two parking lots at different levels, which vary around 10 foot in elevation 14 difference between the southern rear portion of 15 the parking area and the northern parking lot. 16 There exists retaining walls that are pretty 17 much along all sides of the property, actually 18 on the east, north and south sides of the 19 property that make the grade changes up for the 20 different levels of the parking area. 21

What I'm going to do now is, I'll go to the layout plan. So as Mr. Vogel had mentioned also with regard to the egresses in and out of the project, the first driveway,

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 which is to the lower level, is the northern 2 driveway, which is 24 feet wide, which accesses the lower level parking. As you further go 4 south, the driveway widens to 26 feet wide, 5 where we are providing the required aerial 6 apparatus access road for fire protection for 7 the building. That access way was reviewed 8 with the Town Fire Department and was found to

be acceptable. Improvements that are being made with regards to trash and pedestrian access from the property to the Ray Street right-of-way, will be provided via sidewalks from the building to the right-of-way. As part of some of the public improvements, which were worked on and agreed to during the review process with the town and their consultants, was that we were going to add a new sidewalk on the east side of

19 Ray Place down to where it intersects with the 20 Brook Street sidewalk, and improve both drop

21 curbs on either side of Ray Place with regards 22

to pedestrian access. Ray Place will also be 23

resurfaced from its intersection with Brook 24

Street all the way up to past our intersection

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 of the south driveway.

2 With regards to you utilities, we have 3 prepared a storm water management report in 4 accordance with DEC requirements, that do meet town standards. The report and storm water design for the project has been reviewed by the 7 town and town staff, which reduces the flows during the hundred year storm. As indicated, 9

we currently have addressed all the comments 10 with regards to the design of the storm water 11 management. The storm water management is

12 going to be handled as an infiltration basin 13

with some underground storm water systems, or 14 CULTECs is what they call them, in each level

15 of the parking lot, which will hold and detain 16

water at certain rates and then release it back 17 into the existing town system within Ray Place. 18

The project will require an extension -- a 19

public extension of water main. We have 20

coordinated with Suez Water with regards to the 21

extension of a public water main. The main 22

will be 8 inch in diameter and extend up to the 23

first or north driveway where it would 24

terminate with a cap for future extension up

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2 As part of the Fire Department aerial access, and for purposes of fire fighting, there was a hydrant that was added to the project, which is located on the north side of 6 the north driveway. 7

The project will also require an 8 extension of a public sanitary sewer main. I do know, which I will get into a little later, 10 that the issues with regards to the I & I and 11 the sanitary sewer I will touch on after we 12 review this, but the project will require about 13 a 220 foot extension of a public 8 inch sewer 14 main, which will provide service to the 15 proposed building. 16

The project also proposes to provide electric, telephone and cable from a utility pole off of Brook Street on the west side of Brook Street, so the services will run up east to the east side of Brook Street, and then up into the building.

A traffic study, a sensitivity analysis, and a traffic signal warrant analysis was prepared and reviewed by the town

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consultant, and it was determined that no 2

further roadway improvements would be required 3

to satisfy the additional traffic being 4

developed by the project. 5

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Lastly, just a little bit on the proposed landscaping. So we are proposing a

series of deciduous trees, which are trees that

lose their leaves throughout the site, as well 9

as some shrubs and ground covers along the Ray 10

Place right-of-way, with some evergreen shrubs 11

at the south entrance and along the south 12 property line, to provide a screen or a 13

division between the existing parking lot to 14

the south and our project. I do understand 15

that during the ARB meeting, that there were 16

some questions with regards to landscaping. 17

The client has reviewed those comments with 18

regards to the landscaping, and has no issues 19

with regards to providing additional data to 20

the town and will work with town staff to 21 22

satisfy those comments.

I would like to go back to the town sewer issue -- excuse me, I'm just having a 24

little difficulty here -- with regards to I &

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I. So the applicant, our office, 2

representatives of the town and town's 3

consultants have met many times and have 4

discussed options with regards to proper or --

to discuss our contribution to the existing I &

I situation with regards to the existing sewer 7

that runs down Brook Street into Harney. There 8

were many options explored. We are currently still working with the town with regards to

10 what exact improvements that this project would 11

warrant based on our contribution based on 12

additional flows into the system, and we will 13

continue to work with them in order to provide 14 a satisfactory solution to our proposed 15

16 mitigation.

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At this time, this is where we are today with regards to the site plan.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. 19

Nester. It was a very thorough review of the 20 project. I do think we all recall and I think 21

it ended up when we saw it last, it was a very 22

handsome project. I think everything has been 23

addressed adequately, with the exception of the 24

last item, which we're going to resolve or is DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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As far as comments, I don't have any. I've seen it. Other members of the board, is

there anything you would like to ask questions 5 6 about?

MR. NEMECEK: Yes. I think Mr. Nester 7 just indicated that the applicant was going to be willing to work with the town on the landscape plan, but is there an updated plan 10 that has taken into account the comments of the 11

Architectural Review Board that you referenced 12 a couple of moments ago?

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MR. NESTER: No, there is not. Since the last ARB meeting, we have not updated the landscaping plan. There were three comments that were pretty much made with regard to the

landscaping. I know Margaret has circulated 18 the comments from that meeting. The applicant

19 has no issues with regards to increasing the 20

caliber of the Sugar Maples along Ray Place. 21

With regards to maximizing the landscaping 22

throughout the site, in our opinion, we can 23 work with Margaret and staff to address that

24 comment, but based on the restrictions, there's

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existing easements for the CVS retaining wall 2

along the north side of the property, there's 3

existing retaining walls and a large embankment 4 on the east sides towards the Route 22 side,

and there's a parking lot to the south side, so

we feel that based on all those restraints, I 7

don't know where there is really adequate 8

spaces to put anymore trees. 9 10

MR. NEMECEK: So there's only so much vou can do?

MR. NESTER: Yes. With regards to the alternating of plant material in the strip on the south bed, I'm sure we can accommodate the town with regards to providing some kind of solution to that comment.

MR. NEMECEK: Okay.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments from 18 the board? 19

MR. CAMPANA: I have no comments.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Great. So our 21

consultants are available. I don't think we 22 need them to present everything because they've

23 seen everything. Mr. Cermele has worked with 24

the applicant on the I & I and Mr. Grealy has **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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25 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 already seen all the traffic studies and 2 everything that's put forth. 3 That being said, this is a public 4 hearing, so I'm going to make a motion to open 5 the public hearing on this application, 19-42, 6 5 Ray Place. 7

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Second. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 9

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MR. NEMECEK: Could I make one comment as well? I think there was a representation by the applicant right at the beginning of its presentation, that Mr. Grealy was its parking consultant, and I believe Mr. Grealy is the town's parking consultant on this. I just want to make sure that's clear.

MR. TARTAGLIA: Thank you.

MR. NEMECEK: We can proceed with the

now open or reopened public hearing. 20 MS. UHLE: Rob, you're muted.

21 MR. TUDISCO: Sorry. At this time, 22

Mr. Chairman, I'm going to ask members of the 23

public who wish to address the board on this 24

application to use the raise your hand feature 25

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and I will invite you to un-mute yourself. 2

Mr. Chairman, at this time I see the 3 hand of -- Mr. Sweeney, is your hand up? It 4

keeps going up and down? It's now down. Okay. 5

At this time, I don't see any hands raised by 6 members of the public. 7

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's give Mr. Sweeney 8 a minute there. 9

MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Sweeney, I'm going to invite you to un-mute yourself. Please un-mute yourself and identify yourself for the board.

MR. SWEENEY: Good evening, planning board members. This is Frank Sweeney from 22

Lakeview Avenue, Scarsdale, New York. Referencing the letter that was part of the

17 proposal that Margaret sent to the Westchester 18

County Planning Board Referral Review, and in 19

that letter it kind of outlines the things that 20

needed to be done, and I would like to just 21 read it to you so everybody understands what 22

the county had suggested take place by the 23

county sewer impacts. I'll read from the 24

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We thank the town for recognizing the County Department of Environmental Facilities policy and municipal government requirements applicants to identify mitigation measures that will offset the projected increase in sewage

flow by requiring the applicant to discuss 7 methods of inflow and infiltration, I & I

mitigation, best means do so through a 9

reduction of I & I at the rate of three to one 10 for the market rate units. 11

The county board further recommends that the town implement a program that requires inspection of the sewer laterals from private homes from leaks and illegal connections to the sewer system, such as from sump pumps. These private connections to the systems have been

17 found to be significant sources of avoidable 18

flow. At a minimum, we encourage the town to 19

enact a requirement that the sewer lateral 20

inspections be conducted at the time ownership 21

is transferred -- let me read that again. At a 22 minimum, we encourage the town to enact a

23 requirement that the sewer lateral inspection 24

be conducted at the time property ownership is

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1 transferred, and the necessary corrective 2

actions be enforced by the municipal building 3

inspector. I don't understand why that has not 4 been done. 5

THE CHAIRMAN: Hold on, Mr. Sweeney. 6

Could you just finish the letter before we go 7

back to that one? Is there anything else in 8 the letter? 9

MR. SWEENEY: There's other things, 10 but I'll take a second best in terms of why 11 this specific item was not suggested. 12

MS. UHLE: Mr. Sweeney, I'm hoping 13 that Joe Cermele address that because I think 14 that letter, which I don't have in front of me,

15 is dealing with two different issues. 16 One, is the responsibility of the 17 builder to provide some mitigation, which is 18

what they are being required to do, and we can 19 over in a little more detail the types of 20

mitigation that were investigated and 21

evaluated. The applicant is required and will 22

be implementing mitigation measures to address 23

I & I issues. 24 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 able to address this more specifically, the 2 second point with regard to the lateral 3 connections is referring to single family homes 4 where there is illegal connections. That would 5 not be something that the applicant would be 6 required to do, that's asking the municipality 7 8

to do that at the transfer of property, I believe. Am I understanding that correctly? MR. SWEENEY: I believe so, but why

hasn't it been done? 11

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MS. UHLE: Town wide?

MR. SWEENEY: No. This specific environment. We're talking about Ray Place to Brook Street to Scarsdale Avenue is basically the areas that we're kind of focused in on here.

MS. UHLE: Sure. But again, what you're talking about would be something that the town could or may do, but that would be unrelated to this particular project. MR. SWEENEY: Didn't we come across

22 the same issue when we were dealing with 23 Summerfield on who was going to pick up the 24 tariff to get the sewerage from Summerfield 25

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Gardens down to Scarsdale Avenue. 2

MS. UHLE: Again, I don't know who's 3

the best -- Joe, can you kind of summarize 4

these issues and the difference between the 5

issues? Also, again, Mr. Sweeney, the only 6

thing that the Planning Board can legally 7

require the applicant to do is provide 8

mitigation measures directly related to the 9

impact that they're creating. So the Planning 10

Board cannot make them resolve all of the 11

issues in the area, but they can help mitigate 12

it and ensure that they don't exacerbate it,

13 which is what they will be required to do. 14

MR. NEMECEK: My recollection was that 15

we can do so with a multiplier effect as well.

I think the letter that Mr. Sweeney just read

17 from is consistent with my recollection that 18

it's supposed to be a three to one ratio. I 19

believe Mr. Cermele referred to a multiplier as 20

well at some point. If it was three to one, 21

then it means if there are 50 gallons that are 22

generated -- 50 gallons of sewer waste are 23

generated by this development, they would have

to mitigate or make an effort to mitigate up to DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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150. That's how I understood it. I don't know 2 if three to one is the right number, but Joe

maybe can enlighten us. 4

THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't we give the 5 floor to Mr. Cermele, our consultant. 6

MR. CERMELE: So the letter from the 7 county discusses two overreaching issues with I 8 9 & I.

One, would be a town wide issue to be dealt with at a town level. That's preventing illegal connections, for one, from sump pumps, and then just an overall maintenance repair of the system as it exists today. So you may have older sections of sewer lines that have either failed for whatever reason, leaking joints or maybe a cracked section of line, maybe a bad joint in a manhole. Similar types of localized

18 remedies that need to be made to the system as 19 a whole. That's just part of routine 20

maintenance program and upkeep by the town as a 21

whole for the entire system, not any specific 22 neighborhood or street. 23

The project itself, based on their 24 design loading and the number of units 25

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proposed, will generate approximately 2

2600 gallons per day of sewage, and the county 3

recommends for projects like this, a three to

one ratio for mitigation. So that was the 5 number from the county. It's a suggested

6 mitigation. It's not a hard line drawn in the 7

sand. It's a target that they like town's to

strive to achieve. That's the same number and 9

the same mitigation ratio we noted in our 10 plans. 11

We've been working with the applicant; with Rocco, your highway foreman; Margaret; and

the owner for months trying to come to an 14 agreement of an appropriate mitigation for this 15

project. As you know, one of the alternatives 16

initially suggested and since explored was the 17

MTA crossing that we've been discussing for 18

quite sometime and also was part of the 19

Summerfield project. We finally were able to 20

arrange a meeting with MTA. I think Margaret 21

was actually able to wave that magic wand and 22

actually get them to show up, but we met with 23 them at the site and reviewed the originally 24

proposed plan, which was to install a sewer 25

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They did offer, as an alternative to that, installing a new line underneath the tracks themselves, and that would be done by jacking a new line under the subbase and within 11 the right-of-way of the MTA. As you, I'm sure, 12 can imagine, the costs associated with that are 13 significant, to the point where I don't feel it 14 would be appropriate to put on any one 15 applicant. It's probably three quarters of a 16 million dollars. We have some rough estimates 17 from the engineer from John Meyer's office, we 18 don't have a detailed breakdown yet, but it's 19 that order of magnitude to do a project like 20 that. So certainly not something that I would 21 recommend to put on any single application. 22

A second alternative that we had discussed is termed pipe bursting, where a new larger diameter pipe would be forced through

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1 the existing smaller diameter pipe, and that

would increase the capacity, theoretically, of 3

the flow in the line. We were considering that 4

alternative along Scarsdale Avenue from the 5

manhole at the Woodruff intersection, which is

the manhole that surcharges under extreme 7

conditions. It would travel south along 8

Scarsdale Avenue to Harney Road and at least 9

one section, if not two sections of the 10

existing main on Harney Road would also require 11

this similar treatment so that all the 12

downstream lines would be increased to the 13

similar diameter of the section of the pipe 14

that crosses beneath the parkway. Again, 15

that's a significant project. We don't have a 16

number on that yet from the owner, but I 17

imagine it's going to be at least what the MTA 18

crossing would be, if not more. 19 20

We've been working with the Highway Department and investigating the existing

sanitary sewer system in the vicinity of the 22 Woodruff intersection, in that neighborhood,

23 and we were able to find a manhole located at 24

Harney Road just before you get to Galloway's DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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Bakery as you're heading towards the parkway. 2

There's an existing sanitary manhole on the

main line that runs in Harney Road, that based 4

on some sewer maps that we have -- the original 5

sewer maps from 1949 -- there is, for whatever 6

reason, a manhole that provided a diversion 7

that allowed sewer flows to either go down

Harney Road on the main line, or for whatever 9

reason there was a bypass that allowed flows, I 10

assume under heavier conditions, to flow down 11

Woodruff, and then to that manhole on Scarsdale 12

Avenue. We inspected the manhole. The invert 13

is in need of repair, and we are under the 14

assumption that the condition of the manhole 15

has deteriorated to the point where if we could 16

make some improvements to that invert on that 17 existing manhole toward what we think were the 18

originally intended flow paths for that sewage 19

and keep the majority of the flow on Harney 20

Road in the main trunk line, and that flow 21

would then bypass this entire area on Scarsdale 22

Avenue that is frequently surcharged. So we've 23

met with the Highway Department a couple of 24

times, we met with them, and then the engineer 25

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1 at the site reviewed the condition of the 2

manhole, we've spoken with the owner and they 3

are amenable to making repairs to that manhole. 4

In addition to that, the line on

Scarsdale Avenue itself is fairly long, there's 6

one section that's approximately 500 feet in 7

length between manholes, which doesn't meet 8

today's standards. Typically you want to have 9

manholes every 2 to 300 feet maximum. So we've 10

discussed installing an intermediate manhole to 11 act as an access point for future maintenance

12 and cleaning of that line on Scarsdale Avenue.

13 That will help maintain the condition of that

14 line, and hopefully, you know, maintain flows

15 that -- maintain full capacity of that pipe. 16

They'll also be, as part of that cleanup 17

installation, we proposed that they televise 18

that line. In doing so, they'll ensure that 19

that line is clean, we can inspect the 20

condition of that pipe on Scarsdale Avenue. 21

Depending on what we find, if there are some 22 localized repairs that could be used or should

23 be done, we could certainly talk to the owner 24

about including those repairs as part of this DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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So I think combined looking at that alternative as a whole, I think there will be an improvement. I can't put a hard number on it for a gallon per day to say, you know, what it will provide, but it's certainly a benefit, and it's certainly something that's tangible and can be done in the immediate future. The other two alternatives that we've been talking about for quite some time are so significant from a cost standpoint and construction standpoint, that realistically to see those ever come to fruition is not likely, at least not in the near feature.

We're leaning towards the third alternative. We're still working with the owner and their consultants to finalize the details of that, but I think it's going to be in the form of preparing an existing manhole, restoring the primary flows on Harney Road, and then making some repairs to the existing sanitary line on Scarsdale Avenue and installing an additional manhole for access and maintenance.

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I don't know if that answered the question or just made more, but that's where

we're at all. MS. UHLE: One thing that I want to

say is that one thing that might have created some confusion with regard to this issue is we could have gone directly to that third

8 alternative, which is probably more typical of 9

what communities do. It was because of the 10 application at 151 Summerfield Street where

11 this concept or idea of going under the

12 railroad tracks was proposed, that we really 13

wanted to do our due diligence with regard to 14

seeing if that really was a viable alternative. 15

Actually, the town staff, our town consultants

and the applicant put in a considerable amount 17

of time simply to come to the conclusion that 18

it's really not a viable alternative, those two 19

alternatives of going under the tracks aren't 20 viable. I think that was good information to

21 have. It's always been kicked around, we'd 22

always talked about it, something may reappear 23

at 151 Summerfield Street, so we really wanted

to know how viable those alternatives were. It DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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took some time to determine that they're just 2

excessively cost prohibitive, that then we went

back to a solution that I think is more of a 4

typical kind of solution that municipalities 5 impose.

I will say, in doing some of the 7 investigation, I think the Highway Department 8 was able to clean out some sewer lines otherwise under any circumstances. There were 10 sort of some improvements done along the way 11 just accidently as we were doing some 12 13

investigation here as well. THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Margaret. MR. NEMECEK: Just to be clear, the reason why going underneath the train tracks is not viable is purely because of cost; right? It's three quarters of a million dollars, which is not a fair imposition on any singular applicant. If it were multiple applicants, we'd probably be hearing about overbuilding,

21 but there might be a way to defray or share the 22

cost among multiple applicants without the 23

taxpayers being affected. But the concern is 24

the cost, it's not that it's impossible to make

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the repair, it's just prohibitively expensive? 2 THE CHAIRMAN: To go under the track? 3

MR. NEMECEK: To go under the track, 4

yes. 5

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think we need to talk about it much longer, but I think Metro North said it would never happen.

MS. UHLE: The ones at the covert they 9 just said not allowed, period, which would be 10 the easiest and the least cost prohibitive.

11 The one where you had to go under the track, 12

that is feasible, they would allow it, but I 13

think even the cost for the required MTA 14 flagmen was something that like \$75,000. I

15 mean, it just is incredibly expensive to do. 16

We did discuss and consider the fact that we have other pending applications or we may, but not to the scale that could justify \$670,000 or \$700,000.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have the cost, put it in the file, now we know. 22

Mr. Sweeney, is he still around? MR. TUDISCO: I thought we were finished with his comment, but his hand is up

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 again. Mr. Sweeney, please un-mute yourself and continue if you have an addition to your

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comment. 4 MR. SWEENEY: I agree with all the 5 activities that have gone on, you know, with 6 this particular project. These are 7 longstanding outstanding issues that we've had 8 for quite some period of time. I think 9 everybody should realize that, you know, the 10 JMC contractor has been involved with another 11 activity that kind of landed up at the same 12 juncture. What are we going to do with the 13 sewage? Everything I heard from so far is like 14 after the fact. I know that we mitigate some 15 things, but we certainly don't want to mitigate 16 after the fact. That's what I'm hearing, is 17 that after the fact in terms of what we're 18 going to do to get it done. We knew that the 19 MTA was never going to allow you to run that 20 thing through the pipe, the covert. We knew 21 that 14 years ago. These are the same 22 engineers that were involved in Summerfield. 23 This is not new, folks. This is not computer 24 science. This is all known as a factor. All 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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of a sudden now we have a new contractor, a new 2

building that's providing housing for the town, 3 and yet we're coming up against a wall that has

4 been known to be a stopping block for 5

everything that we've done up until this point. 6

It's kind of like after the fact, we're trying 7

to now catch up. I mean, they knew this going

in. I'm sure the developer must have known 9

going in, that this was going to be a stopping 10

block in terms of came capabilities of what was 11

going on. Is it overkill? Probably. Is it 12

overdevelopment? Probably. The idea is trying 13

to mitigates it after the fact is not something 14 15

we want to agree with. We want it done before.

The fact that we're going to try to stabilize the mitigation by holding either rain water or sewage on the property until such time that the flow allows it to be released, in my

19 opinion, is not a good solution. It's not even 20 mitigation. Really, if anybody is moving into

21 the building and you're holding the sewage for 22

2500, 2600 gallons of water, doesn't make sense 23

24 to me.

So let's be fair and honest, JMC knew

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this going in. Margaret, you've been involved 2

with this for 14 to 15 years, you knew exactly 3

what the position was with the MTA. No way. I 4

could have told you that 20 years ago, they're

not going to do it. Now all of a sudden we

have re-line pipe, which we haven't done. We 7

don't know how much of it is that needs to be

re-lined, and whether it has the capacity even 9

if they unloaded at a prime time, that it 10

doesn't have sewage in it. Is it going to be 11

able to handle it? I can guarantee that even 12

on a bad day right now, Summerfield -- I mean 13

on Woodruff and Scarsdale Avenue -- I have the 14 photos to present, if you would like them, I

15 can present the exact photos that create this 16

particular problem. Unless we do something 17

about getting the sewage out and under the 18

railroad tracks, I don't know what kind of 19

mitigation is going to really provide. It's 20

not going to be a good solution to anybody. I 21

don't feel that we're doing either the tenants, 22

the developer or the town the right thing in 23

this application. That's my take. 24

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Sweeney. DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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1 Your opinion is always valued, and we 2

appreciate that you take the time to come up 3

here and say those things. I do have to say,

in your last comments there were 5

misrepresentation, and I'm not about to go 6

through them one by one, we could look at them 7 after. 8

The first is -- there are a couple we should address, but it's not going to be a discussion, I'm just going to tell you what I think is important. The first one is, JMC is 12 not the contractor, they're a consultant that's hired by the developer to help him figure out 14 what to do with his project. 15

The second is, I think the process that the town has in place to address what comes from the developer is actually a good process. Mr. Cermele could attest to it, that what we're doing at the end is actually a benefit for the town.

21 The third comment I would like to make 22 is that, as you said, after the fact, and why 23 is everything after the fact, although I do 24 agree it's after the fact because projects get 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 developed and then you solve the associated problems, it is not the developer's issue that it's after. If your concern is about what the town is doing about the issues you're bringing 5 up, that's a town board comment. So if there is anything you would like to say, you can go 7 through your comments and say, look, very 8 little of that has to do with the Planning 9 Board, it's more Town Board, and if there are 10 comments you would like to follow up on, please 11 attend the Town Board meeting and bring them up 12 there. 13

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That being said, I'm not going to continue talking about your comments, I would like to just move on.

MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Chairman, I see another hand from a Michael Fasciglione.

Mr. Fasciglione, I'm going to invite you to un-mute yourself. Please identify yourself fully for the board and offer your comment.

MR. FASCIGLIONE: Good evening. My name is Michael Fasciglione. I live at 43 Woodruff Avenue. I came in with a myriad of

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opinions and thoughts, but I want to address 2 what we were just discussing, basically the

3 sewage situation. It's been a revelation to

4 hear that finally the MTA has put their foot 5

down and said that they were never going to 6

allow egress under their tracks, and that is a good piece of information.

However, there were two other secondary thoughts. One of them was to install a larger pipe around the existing pipe that is there, that would mitigate some of the backup problems that are existing. The second concerns itself with that manhole bypass that was just recently discovered by the town workers basically, as Mr. Cermele said, across from the Galloway's Bakery Shop.

My question basically is going to be, based upon what I heard with the old Summerfield situation. That scary word mitigation kept coming up. We're going to

21 mitigate the cost of where these charges will 22

come from. My concern is, who is going to pay 23 for any and all of these improvements that need 24

to be made for the current system to operate as

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it is. Just to consider adding -- Mr. Cermele 2

made reference to the fact that the number he had was 2600 gallons of waste water per day, I

4 may be mistaken, but my notes, and I'm pretty

sure they're correct, read 3290 gallons of

waste water per day with a three times flow, 7

that's close to 10,000 gallons of water. So

were we to add 10,000 gallons of waste water to

this already extended system, although we're 10

going to repair it, will there be enough

facilities there to hold that? My opinion is, 12

there will not be. Again, living on Woodruff, 13

I witnessed what goes on at Woodruff and 14

Scarsdale at any time that there is heavy rain 15

flow. So basically I'm going to take exception 16 to those questions, and I'm going to ask the 17

question, basically who will pay? Will the 18

developer be charged to pay for that? 19

Again, referring to the letter that Mr. Sweeney discussed, the County Board

21 Planning Referral File dated March 18th, I'm 22

going to again repeat what he said: We 23

encourage the town to enact a requirement that 24

a sewer lateral inspection be conducted at the

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time property ownership is transferred, and the 2 necessary corrective actions be enforced by the 3

municipal building inspector. What that tells

me -- and I'm a laymen -- it's the 5

responsibility of the developer to pay for any 6

and all inspections and/or improvements that 7

need to be done in this particular matter. 9

So I'm going to leave that matter as it is, and I will try to come back later on and 10 discuss some other things that I had in mind. 11 Thank you very much. 12

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. Margaret, I could certainly try and answer it, but regarding who's paying, could you just

14 15 advise? 16 MS. UHLE: I wish I had that 17 18

Westchester County letter in front of me, but the applicant will be required to pay for the 19 mitigation measures that the Planning Board 20 imposes on the applicant as a condition of 21 approval. So the applicant will pay for those

22 improvements. Other town wide generalized 23

improvements would be part of the town budget 24

and the town's responsibility to pay for. The DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 applicant will be required to provide for the mitigation that the Planning Board requires it to implement.

MR. CERMELE: Margaret, if I can --THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MR. CERMELE: -- The county's point in

their letter. The issue related to sewer 8 laterals, this property is vacant and doesn't 9

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have a sewer connection, so that wouldn't apply 10

to this property. That's a suggested means of 11 the town as a town wide effort to try and 12

mitigate sewer flows by eliminating illegal 13

connections on existing homes that have over 14

the years created, for whatever reason, an 15

additional sewage flow or I & I condition that 16 wasn't otherwise permitted. That certainly

17 wouldn't be the responsibility of any developer 18

for any project, that would be something for 19

the town board to consider as policy as a town 20

wide, you know, measure. It's included in the 21

letter, but it wouldn't be related or specific 22 to this project. 23

MS. UHLE: It's regarding the transfer 24 25

of those individual properties. So if you were DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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a homeowner selling your house, I believe what 2

that letter is recommending is that the town 3

test the sewers at that time before you could

transfer ownership of, if you're talking about 5

a single family home, of your single family

home, in which case that could be a cost that 7

was imposed upon a homeowner during the sale of

the property. That's what that's referring to, 9

which, again, is something different and 10 separate from this application. 11

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I agree that that's what that refers to. The gentleman who was speaking also -- Mr. Cermele, if you could just shed a little bit of light on the numbers and the gallons because I think there's confusion as to what the real number is. I hear two different numbers. You said 2600 I 18

think was the number. 19 MR. CERMELE: Anthony, if I misspoke, 20 I apologize, but the letter I'm looking at is 21 from May of last year where we had a sewer 22 calculation of approximately 2600 gallons per 23 day for the project. If that is incorrect and 24 I misspoke, I apologize. There may be a more

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recent calculation that we have, I just don't 2

have it at my fingertips. Whatever the number

is, that number times three is the suggested 4 mitigation by the county. 5

MR. NESTER: Just for the record, if I may, Chairman, the latest calculations that we have, the anticipated generated flow from this project is 2820 gallons per day. So if you're looking at a three to one mitigation ratio, that would equate to 8,460 gallons.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just for the record, so there is no 10,000 gallons of anything going into the sewer. The number is actually what you said. The bigger number is the mitigation number, not the flow number.

MR. NESTER: If you may, if you permit me just to clarify something too. It's not that we're generating that 10,000 gallons of additional flow, we would be required to remove or help eliminate potentially that gallonage entering into the system that's not supposed to be there. 23

THE CHAIRMAN: So actually it's a bigger benefit because you're mitigating even

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2 more. 3

MR. NESTER: Correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just one other thing 4

because I just wanted to ask a question.

Comments have been made about holding the flow; 6 is that the case? 7

MR. NESTER: No, that is not the case.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: That's what I thought. 9

So whoever thinks that we're holding flow and 10 then releasing it, that's not the case at all. 11

MR. CERMELE: Mr. Chairman, that was 12 actually an idea that was discussed at one 13

point earlier on and then for various reasons 14

recommended against it. The water that they 15

are holding on site temporarily is strictly 16 storm water. 17

THE CHAIRMAN: Right, and that's typical for storm water. Storm water is held on roofs not to overload the system, and that works perfectly fine. It's done everywhere.

MR. CERMELE: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Back to the gentleman

that had some comments. I think he said there 24 might be some more comments. It's Mr. 25

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MR. TUDISCO: If Mr. Fasciglione is not finished, I will turn his mic back on. Please un-mute yourself and continue.

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MR. FASCIGLIONE: Am I on? THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, you are.

MR. FASCIGLIONE: Yes, thank you so much. One short comment. If I'm going to drown in 8460 gallons of water, I may as well drown in 10,000 gallons of water. It's a small number, but I accept the number that was given by Mr. Nester because obviously he's done his homework.

The other question basically that I have is, firstly, has the ARB come to a decision about this project or is it still an open forum?

MS. UHLE: The ARB reviewed the application at two meetings. They're an advisory board to the Planning Board. They referred the application back to the Planning Board with a recommendation to approve the proposed architecture. They had only some minor comments, that the applicant mentioned at

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1 the beginning of the meeting, with regard to

basically landscaping. So the Architectural 3

Review Board had completed their review, 4

referred it to Planning Board with a

5 recommendation to approve as was submitted. 6

MR. FASCIGLIONE: Thank you very much.

To that matter, I need to take exception to the 8

decisions that the ARB has made. There were 9

basically two public meetings that I was able 10

to view on the Zoom cast; March 4th and 11

April 1st. Basically most of the comments that 12

were made by ARB, the discussions that were in 13

effect were the visual effects of what the 14

building looks like; the color of the parapet, 15

the color of the base, the color of the bottom, 16

etcetera, etcetera. But that, in my opinion --17

well, not in my opinion, but in the Town Law, 18

Local Law 5's opinion, it's not their sole 19

responsibility. Again, I'm going to have to go 20

back to the textbook and refer to the town of 21

Eastchester Local Law 5, Section 11, which is 22

basically a Planning Board site plan and 23

architectural review. There are certain rules

and regulations that must be followed by this DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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board, that I do not think were considered at 2

all because all I heard in those zone meetings 3

were the discussions of the visual effect and 4

how beautiful this is going to look, changing

the shade of the mansard, changing the shade of

the center, etcetera. There are other 7

responsibilities that I feel are required by

both the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Board. 10

I don't mean to be a school teacher here, but I'm going to have to read some of the requirements that are placed upon these boards for site plan and approval and architectural

review. Section E of the Local Law 5 makes reference to multifamily buildings, which this is obviously, and -- I don't want to become too monotonous about this, but I'm going to read it quickly. Item B states: If there is a striking dissimilarity, visual discord or inappropriateness with respect to other structures located on the same street within

23 200 feet in respect to one or more of the 24

following features, and the following features

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are: Any significant design features, such as 2

but not limited to the height, the width and 3

the length of this design; the exterior

materials and treatments of roof structures and 5

exposed mechanical equipment. That is one of

the items that has to be looked at. But during 7

these meetings, I heard nothing about the

height. Again, without becoming repetitive, we 9

got a 25 percent height variance, we got a 10

23 percent building height variance, we've got 11

a 17 percent bulkhead height, we've got a 12

48 percent bulkhead height within 250 feet of 13

private homes. So there are many variances 14

that have to be looked at, that were never even 15

discussed concerning the height and the size of 16 this building.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fasciglione, I 18 understand what you're putting forth. Is there 19

anything else? We're going to address it, 20 don't worry. 21

MR. FASCIGLIONE: Are you going to address it?

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to answer 24 your question. DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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THE CHAIRMAN: Margaret, I mean, would you sort of explain to Mr. Fasciglione the process here? Mr. Fasciglione, am I saying your name right I hope?

MR. FASCIGLIONE: Good enough.

THE CHAIRMAN: This has been going on for quite awhile. It's been going on for quite awhile, and we've come to the conclusion and we've issued a Negative Declaration about the matters you're bringing up, which they have been addressed. Everything you're bringing up has already been spoken about.

Margaret, I don't know what sections he's referring to right now, but I put my faith in Margaret.

MS. UHLE: I think what the issue 21 is -- first of all, when Mr. Fasciglione refers 22 to Local Law 5, that's actually the Zoning Law. 23 So we're accustom to calling it the Zoning Law.

24 There is a section with regard to Planning 25

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Board and architectural review that talks

about, as part of the site plan approval, the 3

Planning Board shall look at issues related to 4

monotonous similarity, whether things are 5

substantially identical or substantially 6

different. It tells you to look at the size 7

and arrangement of doors, windows and porticos, 8

other design features such as heights, widths 9

and lengths. So Mr. Fasciglione is absolutely 10

correct, that's what the Zoning Law asks you to 11

address, and it says that the ARB will advise 12

you with regard to those issues as well. What 13

will say, as part of the SEQRA process, a 14

preliminary site plan approval process, you did 15

look at those features. I think what the issue 16

is, there are some residents that might 17

disagree with your conclusions, but the 18

applicant showed interactive 3D modeling. You 19

asked the applicant to show the building from 20

various perspectives, from street views at 21

various intersections, at various locations 22 along White Plains Road. The Zoning Board also 23

had the applicant prepare very specific 24

cross-sections that showed the relationship of DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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the height of the building to The Enclave

building at 24 Ray Place. So I will say that 3

both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board 4 looked at the issue specifically related to

height and specifically related to the other

variances actually in great detail, and I think 7

what the issue is, is that there are some

residents that could understandably and

reasonably come to a different conclusion and 10

think that the building is actually too tall 11

and out of character. When you adopted the Neg 12

Dec, you specifically looked at the potential 13

visual impacts of the building, and came to the 14

conclusion that it would not have an adverse 15

impact on the visual quality of the 16

neighborhood. The Zoning Board, in a vote that 17

I believe that was three to two, came to the 18

conclusion also that the variances related to 19

height would not result in a significant 20

adverse impact to the character of the 21

neighborhood, but there were two members that 22

disagreed. So I think really the issue is not 23

that you haven't addressed these issues, 24

because I think you've addressed them in

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1 detail, it's just that you've come to a

different conclusion that some other people may 3

have come to. 4

With regard to the ARB, once you 5 adopted the Negative Declaration and once the

6 Zoning Board granted the area variances with 7

regard to the height, the ARB really has no 8

additional I think authority with regard to 9

decreasing the height of the building. They 10

very much look at materials and finishes. If 11

you watched that meeting, they were getting 12

into the kind of grout that was used and 13

whether it was convex or concave and all sorts 14

of things. They were really looking at the 15

very specific design details, but I think 16

that's largely because the other boards had 17

really considered the issues related to height 18

and scale very thoroughly before it got to the 19 ARB.

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MR. FASCIGLIONE: If I may, I think 21

I'm still on. 22 MS. UHLE: Yes. 23

MR. FASCIGLIONE: I understand

everything you said. I have to respectfully DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 disagree with you pretty adamantly. Again, I 2 have studied this Local Law 5. It's not just 3 the Zoning Law, it is the town of Eastchester Local Law, and it was amended just two or three years ago, so they've been on top of it. 6 I'm going to again be a professor and quote in 7 the area that refers to standards, I'm going to 8 state that it says: A quality of building and overall site design to enhance and protect the 10 character and property values of the adjacent 11 neighborhood, the Planning Board shall evaluate 12 the architectural features of the proposed 13 design to determine if they are in harmony with 14 the neighborhood, including consideration of 15 architectural style, bulk, dimensions and 16 location on the site in relationship to 17 development on adjoining properties. I'm going 18 to have to say that the impact of what amounts 19 to an eight story building -- you could call it 20 a five story building, but realizing the fact 21 that it is on a sharp upgrade and really the 22 base of that building starts at the roof of the 23 CVS building, which is at least two stories

high. So you got the equivalent of an eight

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62 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 story building, which will overcome the poor people that have paid a lot of money to live in 3 The Enclave and to have a wonderful viewpoint 4 of the area. They're going to be closed in, and I think that that truly is against the 6 spirit of what this local law is. 7 I honestly feel that you should relook 8 at it, and maybe we should start this project 9 all over again. I may be preaching to the 10 wrong choir, but I'm begging you to please look 11 at it again. Let's see whether we could do 12 something to make this whole project a little 13 more in the flavor that Eastchester residents 14 would accept. Thank you so much for your time. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. 16 Tudisco, who do you have? 17 MR. TUDISCO: Yes. 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh no, we can't lose 19 you, Rob. 20 MR. TUDISCO: Ms. Gabriele, I'm going 21 to permit you to un-mute yourself. Please 22 identify yourself fully to the board and offer 23 your comments. 24

63 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 24 Ray Place. I first wanted to say, I agree 2 with the last comment that Michael Fasciglione made about not being fair to The Enclave 4 residents, but I actually just have a question. Why does the town not feel that a current traffic study should be done? The traffic 7 study that was done early on was when we were in the middle of the Covid quarantine with very little traffic and DeCicco really had not 10 opened yet. Having lived here now with DeCicco 11 open and everything opening up luckily from 12 Covid problems shall, the traffic has increased 13 a lot. I like to understand why the town does 14 not feel that a current traffic study should be 16 done. The other thing I would like to 17 understand is, knowing Ray Place and the way 18 that street is, it's not a very wide street, it 19

really only has one way in because the other 20 way is the parking lot of DeCicco's, if the 21 town really believes that construction is going 22 to be able to be done with these construction 23 trucks coming in and out of that small little area -- I would like to understand what the 25

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town's viewpoint is on that. I'm not sure if
   this is the right board to look at that. I
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   don't think we were allowed to ask the Zoning
   Board, so that's why I'm asking you.
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           THE CHAIRMAN: This is the board that
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   addresses those questions. Margaret, I think
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   we ask the consultant to answer that or you?
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           MS. UHLE: I think Mr. Grealy should
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   answer the first question about the traffic
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   study.
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           MR. GREALY: Good evening, Mr.
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    Chairman --
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           THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry to cut you off,
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    but for just for Ms. Gabriele, Mr. Grealy is
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    the consultant that works on behalf of the
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    town. He is our expert on traffic, so we
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    always defer to his opinion.
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            MS. GABRIELE: He is the town traffic
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    consultant?
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            THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
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MS. GABRIELE: I like to understand

MS. GABRIELE: He works for the town?

THE CHAIRMAN: That's correct.

MS. GABRIELE: Hi, I'm Pat Gabriele at

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MR. GREALY: Good evening, Mr.

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Chairman, members of the board. Philip Grealy from Colliers Engineering.

Just a little background in terms of our review. We had prepared a total of six review letters or memos on this project dating

7 back to October of 2019. The original data

8 that was collected as part of this study was 9

pre-Covid. The speaker is correct in terms of 10 at the time DeCicco's was not occupied yet. 11

That was one of our comments. The applicant 12

prepared projections with additional traffic 13

for DeCicco's. We also had asked for a 14

sensitivity analysis to see if more of that 15

traffic, if it was to use Ray Place, what the 16 outcome would be, and also a detailed warrant

17 analysis with those additional projections to 18

see if a traffic signal would be warranted at 19

the intersection of Ray Place and Brook Street. 20

In addition, the applicant was making sight distance improvements at the intersection

22 of Ray Place and Brook Street to improve the 23

ability to get in and out, and also certain 24

improvements along Ray Place itself. I would 25

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1 also add, that there was a more recent traffic

count collected at that intersection for a 3

different project, which confirmed that the 4

projections that the JMC study had relative to 5

the additional traffic from DeCicco's, which 6

there has been definitely additional traffic, 7

were in line in terms of peak hours of what 8

they had projected. 9

So based on that, we do not feel an additional traffic study is necessary. It has been done. It's standard procedure in terms of

accounting for that traffic. In terms of the construction traffic, one of our conditions and recommendations is

what's called a work zone traffic control plan.

As part of our review, we've interfaced with 17 the Highway Superintendent. As the applicant's

18 engineer described, they will be upgrading and 19

installing sidewalks along the site frontage 20

and out to Brook Street. They also have agreed 21

to work with the Highway Superintendent on 22 getting that sidewalk extended to the shopping

23 center. Part of the requirements of the work

zone traffic control plan during construction, **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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1 and that covers deliveries, construction

vehicles, is to demonstrate how that will be

accomplished so that traffic flow is not 4

impacted. That typically involves the Police

Department, the Highway Department and us. So

that is a requirement that if they go to 7

construction, that that has to be provided to 9

ensure that traffic flow is maintained and operations are correct. 10

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.

MR. GREALY: The applicant has

12 responded to each and every one of our comments 13 over those six different memos and letters, 14

including all of the comments from the 15

February 2020 public hearing. 16

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you, Mr.

Grealy. Ms. Gabriele, as far as the 18

construction goes, it's something that 19

certainly was addressed and commented upon by 20

our consultants. So I think it would will be 21

controlled, and I think the Police Department 22

will pay attention also. 23 24

That being said, are there any other

comments you would like to put forth? 25

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MS. GABRIELE: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. Mr.

Tudisco? 4

MR. TUDISCO: I see someone that's 5 identified as Nicole has a hand up. I'm going 6

to permit you to un-mute yourself. Please 7

identify yourself fully and address the board. 8

MR. CAMA: Hey, I'm Sean Cama. I live 9 at 24 Ray Place directly across from where all 10

this construction is going to be going on. I 11

actually have a brother-in-law that is with a 12

very large construction company, and they do a 13

lot of work in the city and all over the 14

surrounding tri-state area. He is with me, I'm 15 not going to have him speak, but we have some 16

questions for you. Are there any borings 17

taken? That's my number one question. My 18

concern is that we live directly across the 19

street, and if there is rock, it will cause 20

quite a disturbance to all of the neighbors. 21 If there rock, what is the plan to remove it; 22

by blasting or with a hoe ram? That's my first 23 24

question. THE CHAIRMAN: Keep going, if you

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MR. CAMA: My second question is -can you hear me?

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THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, keep going. MR. CAMA: It will certainly cause

sound pollution and make peaceable living here impossible. I have another question.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would rather you finish.

MR. CAMA: Also, is there a logistical plan that we can review? My concern is, we enter and exit right across the street from my development at the exact point that this development will be built, and what is the plan to protect the adjacent properties on the eastward side of the property, as there is a huge ledge across the street? Patrons park directly below that point as well. If the lot has rock, it will nearly be possible to provide the protection needed to keep those patrons safe. Also, will the vibration monitoring be placed at all adjacent properties? If you are removing rock, it will certainly cause 24 vibrations and potential damage to adjacent 25

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properties. 2 My last thing is, I'm sitting here, 3 and I wanted to be out on my patio tonight, and 4

I hope there are a lot of people listening and 5 I hope there are a lot of people that are just

afraid to come on and speak, this road that 7

comes up, which is basically going into a 8

parking lot of DeCicco's, which is now very 9

busy because now the world is opening and 10

people have their masks off, and there's a lot 11

more population and traffic going on, these 12

trucks that are going to be coming in here, the 13

removal of everything, there is no room. Also, 14

where are you going to access this from with 15

people that are walking up the block? A lot of 16

people walk up from 24 Ray Place and walk down. 17

The blind spot that's right in front over where 18

DeCicco's is, I mean, I almost get into an 19

accident once every three months when I'm going 20

up there. There is no room. 21 22

As the other gentleman before Pat Gabriele had said, I'm going to be sitting here, I'm never going to see the sun again. My place is probably worth, what, \$624,000, never

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going to see the sun again. I guess, you know,

when I spoke before, I had mentioned that the 3 gentleman in the Board before, his mother lives

4 next to me, his mother-in-law lives upstairs.

I'm the guy that brought in 500 people during

Covid that petitioned against this, as well as 7

his mother and his mother-in-law. I asked him

to recuse himself because he is an attorney. 9

He didn't recuse himself. I knew when he 10

didn't recuse himself, he was going to be that 11

third vote to make sure that it went through. 12

Two people on your board, you know, said no, 13

which was great, but he should have recused himself from this. Because of Covid, we have

15 not been able to see you face-to-face and have 16

a real conversation. You've been having these 17

plan meeting, and we know everybody in 18

Eastchester, we know people that work over

there as well, you want this thing to go 20

through. We get it. But the problem is, 21

you're going to be putting a structure in, 22

which has never been put in before in before in 23 the height, as well as what the gentleman said

24 before, you're going to start out two stories 25

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higher than CVS. It is going to be a 2

monstrosity. Also, it's going to be a rental 3

building, that's what it's going to be. Who 4 even knows who's even going to be in here. 5

So at the end of the day, you are going to cause such disruption. You are going

to decrease the value of our properties over 8

here. You are going to make it impossible for 9

us to even have any peace at all, I'm sure for 10

a year. I don't even know with the safety part 11

because of the incline of this driveway, 12

because I do live here, and I'm sure you don't, 13

you live in a whole neighborhood where you 14

don't live on a huge incline, but our incline 15

is so crazy over here, I guarantee if you tried 16

to walk it twice, you wouldn't even be able to 17

do it, you would be so out of breath. Then 18

when it gets icy, the cars just come down and 19

they slide down the hill. So what I'm trying 20

to say is, I'm trying to figure out, why would 21 you want to put in something that is almost two 22

stories higher than what it should be, and 23

you're saying it's because the developer is 24 going to lose money. Who cares? That's your 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 problem. You came in you, you approved it, and now you're going to give them not only the building that is going to protrude like King Kong coming out of the woods, you're also going to give them an extra story and a half because of his profitability on the building. That has nothing to do with us. We live here. We live

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in a nice, peaceful place. Margaret, you talked about Enclave. If you come over to Enclave, yes, they did give a variance or whatever it was, but this place is completely surrounded by trees, everything 13 is silent. I don't even know what you're going 14 to be doing -- I don't know if you did an 15 environmental study as well with all the animals that are around here or whatever, but 17 we have a beautiful selection of animals that 18 come along here that come out of the woods over 19 here. I don't know what you're going to be 20 doing to that as well. The landscaping is 21 never, ever, ever going to be able to be able 22 to grow for the next 20 years. In 2040 it's

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1 this building built, I think everybody on this 2 call doesn't want this building built, but at 3

the end of the day, you should come on over 4

going to be great when all the landscaping is

around. For whatever reason it is you want

here and take a look at how peaceful we are, 5

and you're really going to disrupt us 6 tremendously. 7

I would like if you could, answer those question that I put out there. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Thank you for your comments. So, Margaret, so there's a number -- the four things you brought up, I could certainly go through them. I could try to answer them based on my experience, but I think regarding borings and rock and pollution and sound pollution and logistics and vibrations, typically those matters are addressed -- they could certainly be addressed 19 now, but they're addressed when construction 20 starts.

21 MS. UHLE: I was going to say, I think 22 it's fair for -- this application is going to 23 come back to the July meeting, I think it's 24 fair to ask the applicant to provide some

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additional information with regard to how 2

they're going to deal with rock removal, etcetera. I think that's a very fair question.

4 I think, as Phil Grealy had mentioned, what is

very typical, not so much with regard to

blasting and noise but with regard to potential 7

traffic impacts related to construction

activities and egress and access issues, he had

talked about this work zone traffic control 10

plan. Just as an example, Suez is getting 11

close to getting a permit for the new pump and 12 disinfection station, we had a Zoom meeting

13 just actually on Tuesday with about 20 14

attendees, including people from the School 15

District, Transportation Department, 16

Westchester County Department of 17 Transportation, Police Department, Highway 18

Department, the Fire Department couldn't attend 19

the meeting but they had participated 20

otherwise, our traffic engineer, the 21

applicant's engineer, and the whole purpose of 22

that meeting is to discuss how to implement 23

construction activities with the least 24

disruption to the community. Obviously,

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different sites have different conditions that 2 need to be addressed. So that is something

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that we do on a regular basis on large 4

construction projects, meet with everybody in 5

emergency services, etcetera, to ensure that 6

those things are addressed. 7

That being said, I think it's fair to 8 ask the applicant, if they can't answer that 9 now, prior to coming back to the next meeting, 10 to kind of discuss rock removal issues and 11 things in a little more detail so we can know

12 what to expect as far as that's concerned.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: I agree, that's a good 14 idea. We should ask them to do that. The 15 gentleman brought up obviously the rock 16

excavation and protection to the surrounding 17

areas for the rock and the sound pollution, but 18

he also did bring up a question about a 19 logistics plan. Typically, on construction

20 sites someone draws up a logistics plan, where 21

the trucks come, where they go, and that would 22

be a good document to actually put up. It 23

might be a little bit premature, but I think 24 that would certainly explain what's going on,

EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 where the crane is going to be, where they're 2 loading, all that kind of stuff. Now is a good 3 time to talk about it. So I'm sure it's in the record, so the applicant knows what the issues 5 are, they could, as Margaret said, bring it 6 back. We certainly would like to have it to 7 show the public and address the issues that 8 were just brought up. 9

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MR. CUNNINGHAM: I have to second that. I happen to be one of the board members and also in the construction business in New York City and work for a very large developer. Site logistic plans, rock removal, all that is a very, very important issue to all the surrounding area and to the neighboring buildings and neighboring folks. Site safety plans, all that has to be in place for a project of this size.

Margaret, you mentioned Leewood. I just want everyone to know that all the guys sitting on this board are residents of the town of Eastchester, and I happen to live by where the project is going to go on at Leewood.

24 There's been a lot of conversation about, you 25

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  know, the safety and the movement of
  construction vehicles. The Town takes it very
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  seriously, and they're looking into all these
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  things. It's just not over on 22 and Brook
   Street, it's throughout the whole community.
   This is one of the reasons we're here. It
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   needs to all be addressed and put in place
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before that project starts. THE CHAIRMAN: So just one more issue. 10 Thanks, Mark, I agree. I second that. In 11 addition, the gentleman also brought up 12 something about vibration monitoring on 13 adjacent buildings. I have no idea what the 14 15 developer wants to do about that. That's their 16 call. Just a suggestion, the gentleman said what about vibrations. The owners and 17 developers should know there are ways to monitor the vibrations during excavation, and 19

it's certainly to their benefit to maybe 20 actually consider that to sort of alleviate any 21

vibrations going to the surrounding areas. We 22

would like the owner to come back with those 23 issues addressed at the next Planning Board 24

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   Fasciglione has his hand up again.
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           THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.
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           MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Fasciglione, I will
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   permit you to un-mute yourself. Go ahead.
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           MR. FASCIGLIONE: I promise to be
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   brief. I have one question for Mr. Grealy. I
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   do recall that there was some discussion with
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   reference to egress at the bottom of Ray Place
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   requesting permission from the town of
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   Eastchester to remove one parking spot from, I
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   believe, the western side, and possibly adding
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    that parking spot to the eastern side in order
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    to open the sight area. Has anything moved
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    forward there? Has the Town approved that or
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    have we asked them? Where are we there?
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           MR. GREALY: Yes, Philip Grealy again.
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west, sight distance is very limited. So that DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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the east side, just to the east of where the CVS loading dock area, there is room there.

The applicant had prepared a plan. As you

know, exiting out of Ray Place today when

vehicles are parked in that closet space to the

That was reviewed. I believe the Town Board

weighed in on that, and with the replacement --

basically you're replacing in kind that space,

and it would help alleviate that existing

condition. I believe that that's been 9 resolved. 10

Margaret, I don't know if you have any 11 further information on that. 12

MS. UHLE: The Town Board weighed in on it in an informal way, and indicated that they would approve it. They have not formally approved it at a Town Board meeting yet. I was told by the Supervisor that they would agree to 18 it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Good.

19 MR. GREALY: That would improve the 20 safety of that intersection. Westchester 21 County, since that's a County road, was also 22 involved. The applicant's engineer had gotten 23 input from Westchester County, DPW on that 24

modification also. DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. 2 3

Mr. Tudisco, what do you got?

MR. TUDISCO: I don't see any -- now Mr. Galanek wishes to address the board. Mr. Galanek, identify yourself and offer your

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MR. GALANEK: Can you hear me? MR. TUDISCO: Yes.

MR. GALANEK: One of these days, I'll figure out how to use that raise your hand, if I go when it's blue or if I go when it's white.

Good evening, Mr. Chairman, and fellow members and general public. Charlie Galanek, 21 Potter Road, Scarsdale/Eastchester, New York.

One of the question I have, I brought up a long time ago, and I'm going to start off with that, the retaining wall. The retaining wall that is in existence now, I believe is built by the town. I had asked way back when, who's going to responsible for that wall in this project? If there are any repairs, any problems with it or any additional shoring up of it, or any widening of it, or making

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thicker, for an easier choice of words, which 2 might go on to Town property to do that, I 3

don't think that was ever addressed. I brought

4 it up, but I never heard. That's number 1. 5

If so, if it is a Town wall, shouldn't this be incorporated into this applicant, that

7 if there's any repairs to it, any problems with

8 it because of the construction of this

building, that it's on their nickle or their 10

dime, or lots of dimes, that it's their

11 responsibility to repair it? 12

On some of the things that had happened on this pipeline, the waistline, the sewage line, my recollection was that it was going to be a waistline and it was going to go underneath the train tracks. If that was the case, and that's what I kept on hearing, and Mr. Sweeney kept on saying, that's not going to happen, and he kept on getting shot down over

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numerous times for one reason or another, many 21

times we're not discussing this tonight, it 22 seems like you never want to talk about this.

23 Tonight is one of the nights that we are 24

talking about it, and I'm glad that that's

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happening. When we talk about moving water, 2

the waste water, even storm water down Brook 3 Street, they named Brook Street for a reason,

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because there was a brook at one time

underneath there and there still may be spring

water underneath there, I don't know for sure. 7

When Summerfield Gardens was rejected, one of

the reasons -- I'm not sure that this happened

but Margaret could probably helped me with 10 this -- was because there was a pipeline --

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they needed a bigger pipeline for the flow of 12 that project, and then it was supposedly going

13 to go out to a new pipeline underneath the 14

train tracks. Somehow when the Town wasn't 15

going to pay for it, that sort of ended that project, if I have that correct.

17 Now, two new things that I know that 18 was mentioned tonight was this newly found --19 it came out of nowhere -- newly, found sewer

20 cover, manhole cover, whichever way you want to 21

describe it, opposite Galloway's. Supposedly, 22

it was installed at the same time as the 23

original or the pipeline in 1946. However, it 24

is not in good shape. Well, if that's so, and

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I'm really -- I have a question mark over here, which is a double question, if we have a sewer

line in 1946, was that ever replaced? Did they

do something with that since 1946? If that's 5

been running since 1946, how can this other 6

cutoff, that may have worked some part of the 7

time, is no longer working? Wouldn't it be in 8

better condition since it wasn't being 9

utilized, or do they work worse when they don't 10

use them? I don't know. I would like to get 11

some answers on that. Have we done any flow 12 tests on this pipeline to see exactly how much

13 you could put in there and where it's going? I

14 wonder if that was done. Was it done? I would 15

like to know that. That was number 1, that new 16

discovery. 17

Number 2, they're talking about this 18 way of taking pipe busting. Now, if I 19 understood that correctly, it's taking existing 20 pipe or something and putting another pipe in 21

it, or something like that, to make it run 22

better or go around it or over it. Is that 23

going to run on Scarsdale Avenue on that 24

stretch to alleviate, hopefully, some of the DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 water problems? If that's the case, I got 2 another double question: Mr. Sweeney and Mike 3 have also brought this out over numerous 4 meetings way back to Summerfield Gardens, that 5 they have a problem there. Frank has pictures 6 because he always sees the water coming up. 7 Anyone that lives there has a problem. 8 (Inaudible) We're going to put pipe busting in 9 there, all of a sudden, what happened all the 10 other years when he brought this to the Town's 11 attention? Why is this project such a priority 12 on taxpayer's money to get this project done? 13 You, as the Board, have not shown me, that's 14 listening to this meeting, what it costs the 15 Town. That's part of their project, but it's 16 not supposed to be part of the Town's project. 17 I don't want to hear, well, this was always a 18 problem down here on Summerfield, so we 19 replaced it anyway, it had to get done, and 20 there's no cost to the developer. That's how I 21 feel this project is going, and it's wrong. If 22 you could sit there as board members and not 23 see that and agree and rubber stamp this whole 24 thing, are you really helping us, the rest of

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Where do we start? I do take a little bit of exception to the rubber stamp because we all are town members. We spend time on this. We understand the concerns. We try and sort of weigh it out through all the concerns.

Also, the comment about pipe busting, I think -- and I'm going to go to you, Mr. Cermele -- I think when you mentioned pipe busting, that was just an alternative that wasn't being used here. I'm going to ask Mr.

14 Cermele to talk about some of these things. I

15 copied seven comments. I could certainly tell 16

you what they were, Mr. Cermele. The first one 17

was the retaining wall, and I'm not really 18 familiar with the site plan to know exactly

19 what he's referring to, but if it's on their 20

property, I'm sort of thinking the owner is 21 responsible for it. 22

Do you want to start, Mr. Cermele, if 23 you would? 24

MR. CERMELE: So with regard to the

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retaining wall, we had mentioned that in our 2 first memo over a year ago, questioned the 3

ownership, but for clarity I guess, all the 4

existing walls are -- none of the existing 5

walls are on town owned property. They are all

on privately owned either owned by the 7

applicant or the DeCicco's property. We had

asked, and the applicant has acknowledged, the need to delineate the division of the ownership

10 between the two private property owners. Any 11

proposed walls will be wholly on the 12

applicant's property. No walls will be 13

constructed, removed, modified within the Town 14

right-of-way. There are no walls within the 15

Town right-of-way. They're close, they're on 16 the property line or adjacent to the property 17

line, but they're not Town owned walls, and 18

there will be no proposed walls constructed in 19

the Ray Place right-of-way. 20

THE CHAIRMAN: That covers the retaining wall. In regards to the condition of 22 the retaining walls, is that something that we 23 ask the applicant to review? I mean, it's in 24

their best interest that they do it. Have you

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made comments about their condition? 2

MR. CERMELE: We have, and they've 3 come back -- maybe Ed or Anthony, you may be

able to speak better to your plans with any 5

improvements or modifications to the existing

walls. Some will obviously need to be shorten 7

or removed, newer walls will be added on or /KP 8

extended. There is the centrally located wall 9

between the two tiers of properties that 10

becomes part and parcel of the building 11

foundation, but they've accommodated or 12

accounted for those walls, and they'll be made 13

part of the design, the final construction 14 documents. 15

THE CHAIRMAN: Can we go back to the 16 applicant for retaining walls in a minute? 17 There were other comments that were made and 18

I'm trying to sort my way through them. It was 19

about the manhole at Galloway's ever being 20 replaced, the flow tests and pipe busting,

21 there's a long list. I guess we could go 22

through them one at a time. 23

MR. CERMELE: Generally, we've been 24 working with the Town and with the applicant

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2 evaluate various alternatives to mitigate the 3

sewer impacts from this project. Keep in mind, 4

we've said all along that any mitigation

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efforts by this applicant are not meant to cure

any overall problems for the Town, it's simply 7

to offset the potential impacts specific to 8

this project. So that gets back to that 9

targeted three to one mitigation. For 10

simplistic sake, you know, if you have a 11

thousand gallons of sewage going into the 12

system, we target or the County recommends you 13

offset up to 3,000 gallons. By doing so, 14

you're not curing all the problems of the sewer 15

system, you're just offsetting, and in a

positive way more than offsetting the potential

17 impact from any specific project. 18

We've been working, again, with the Highway Department, with the Town, with the applicant investigating options and

alternatives. The two that we've spoken about 22

were the MTA crossing, and more recently, 23

another thought that was contemplated was the 24

pipe bursting, but as we said earlier, they're 25

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1 just cost prohibitive. The MTA has actually 2

come back and said that the installation of the 3

covert, or the sewer line in the covert, the 4

existing storm covert, due to changing 5

regulations, is just not permitted any longer. 6

So while that might have been an option when 7

the prior Summerfield project was on the table,

it's no longer the case. We've only just found

that out -- Margaret, when was that meeting? 10 11

That was just this Spring with the MTA.

MS. UHLE: Yes. It was maybe a month or two ago.

MR. CERMELE: So that's new information for all of us. They finally came back -- it took some time to get somebody from

16 the MTA to come to the table and tell us that 17

that option is no longer viable. So we've 18 been -- you know, paralleled with that, we've

19 been investigating the Town's sewer system, and 20

in a positive way, we stumbled upon this failed 21

manhole. Things happen over time, certainly 22 over decades, and we came across a manhole that

23 needs some repair. In inspecting that manhole 24

and looking at the sewer layout, we think that DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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by making the repairs and restoring the 2

condition of that manhole, it will certainly 3 help divert the majority of the mainline flows 4

along Harney Road, where we believe they were

originally intended to be, and reduce the flows

from that manhole that currently the majority 7 of which go towards Woodruff and that lower

lining manhole on Scarsdale Avenue. It's all 9

part of the process and part of the 10

investigation. We just found out about that 11

manhole I think it was a month ago. Again, 12

this is all new, evolving information, but we 13

think by, you know, happenstance we came across

that condition and it's a directly related or 15

could be a directly related benefit to this 16

that area. It's certainly worth looking 17 further into. The developer is willing to make

18 the repairs, and in conjunction with the other 19

measures that we talked about, the access 20

manhole and cleanup manhole on Scarsdale 21

Avenue, televising and cleaning the main line 22

on Scarsdale Avenue, I think as a whole will 23

provide a net positive with regard to this 24

project and their impacts. 25

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THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I think you

covered everything. I guess the only other 3 issue is to just quickly go back to the

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applicant and ask them about the retaining 5 walls and about the conditions. You know what, 6

can we just put that on the back burner and the 7

applicant will address it, send something to 8

you, and we'll make sure that it's being 9

addressed. I mean, it's to their benefit, it's 10 their wall; right? 11

MS. UHLE: I think that's something 12 you could ask them to come back and explain at 13 the next meeting, along with the construction 14 protocols. 15

THE CHAIRMAN: I think just put it on the list of things rather than have them up here. They have to look into it, tell us what they're doing, Joe has to review it, and we could bring it up at the next meeting. Okay, I'm good.

21 Mr. Tudisco, is there yet another 22 person out there? 23

MR. TUDISCO: I'm looking, Mr. Chairman. At this time, I do not see any

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1 hands -- wait, there was a hand and it went 2

down again. Okay, this is Mr. Fioravanti. 3

Please un-mute yourself and identify yourself 4 for the board.

5 MR. FIORAVANTI: Hi, this is Bill 6 7

Fioravanti, 24 Ray Place, Scarsdale, New York. I just want to say, I'm up in Yorktown right now, so my cell is a little off, so if I mute

out, I apologize for that.

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I know you guys had a long night. I thank you guys on the board -- I know you guys are volunteers -- for appearing tonight and all the other nights. Thank you as well, Margaret.

I'm going to try to keep it brief here. I'll tell you one thing though, I lived in Eastchester for 30 years, and this is the most ridiculous thing I've every seen in the entire town of Eastchester. I have no fault with the developer or the architect. The owner of this property is just ridiculous. He had no regard for the surrounding area. He really 22 should have -- he or she, I don't know if it's 23 a she -- should have gone out and take a little 24 survey of the area and community there. The 25

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community, you know, Ray Place, CVS, you know,

2 just look at the area and see exactly what is 3 4

going on.

During Covid, I canvassed the entire area -- actually, I feel like running for Town

6 Supervisor in 2024 -- I canvassed the entire 7

area and got over 200 signatures. Behind Park 8

Circle, I met many owners there, owners of 9

houses that when they built Ray Place, they 10

were completely against it. They were 11

completely against the Town. When they built 12

Ray Place, there was a lot of noise, a lot of 13

booming, a lot of loud sounds, construction for 14

months. In fact, two owners across from Brook 15

Street told me their foundations cracked 16

because of Ray Place being built. Now, isn't 5 17

Ray Place much closer to 24 Ray Place? Let me 18

ask that again: Is 5 Ray Place closer to 24 19

Ray Place? Where is -- did this developer -- I 20

mean the owner spend money to at least survey 21

the area, you know, go to, you know, at least 22 Ray Place, CVS, DeCicco's just to do a survey.

23 If there is any damage to our properties, are 24

they going to pay for them? I canvassed owners DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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behind Equinox, behind Mobil for blocks. 2

Everybody was against this. Everybody. I 3

mean, is democracy working here in Town Hall?

I mean, what is going on? Should I go

around -- I bet you I could go all ends of

Eastchester and do a petition for a reduction 7

in taxes, I bet you I could get 5,000

signatures on this. This is ridiculous. I got

to tell you, I've never seen this.

Everybody sitting on this board --I've been attending these meetings for months 12 in different boards, and I understand Margaret 13 is in a precarious situation, I spoke to her 14

the other day, I understand her position 15 entirely, but I feel like our Government is not

16 working for us right now. I just worked for 17

the Board of Elections for 10 days, I feel they 18

do a ten times better job than what is 19 happening here. This is ridiculous. 20

Also, I came across an article in the newspaper that says the town of Scarsdale,

encompassing parts of Eastchester, is going to 23 have to spend a hundred million dollars to 24

upgrade their sewer system. A hundred million. 25

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I tell you, I think I'm going to go to News 12

next week and disclose this whole thing. I'm 3

going to blow this whole thing open and get 4 this on the news. I've already contacted Damon

5 Maher about this. I spoke to him. He was very

amicable and very nice about this whole 7

situation. I tell you, my next step, I'm going 8

to contact Jamaal Bowman. I've already 9

contacted their office. I've got a lot of 10

positive responses from them as well. Maybe I 11

should contact Tony about this project because 12 this is becoming ridiculous. The developer --

13 I mean, I'm not going to say -- I have no

14 problems with the developer, the owner, I'm all 15

for capitalism, I worked in private enterprise 16

for years, you know, this a beautiful building. 17

I tell you, if he put this on Central Avenue or 18

in New Rochelle or White Plains, this would be 19

a homerun. On top of that as well, I went over 20 with Damon Maher, I understand these units are

21 \$1,800 units, 2,000, \$2,100 units. I tell you, 22

this is not helping out affordable housing at 23

all. If, you know, a person is making 40 to 24

\$50,000 a year, they're going to be spending 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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Secondly, in terms what Sean said too,

I've lived here for years, when it snows, you 2

who's probably definitely on board with that.

plow right down into Brook Street. My car 3

almost plowed down there five times in the past 4

30 years. I mean, you're going to cause 5

accidents. As it is on Ray Place now, there's 6

blind spots when you come out of Ray Place. 7

There's a lot of elderly people in here, they

come out of there, cars fly up and down the 9 10

road, you're going to add another capacity of

building here, it's just ridiculous. It's just

insane. 12

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The last thing I'm going to say here is, you know, everybody -- I know you guys know about the tallness of the building. This building is out of character in the area. It looks like a Days Inn plopped down in the middle of nowhere. I mean, the building doesn't even look like anything -- I mean, the brick with Ray Place and CVS, you know, they coincide. Every building on Garth Road looks the same. This thing looks like I4 in Orlando.

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It's ridiculous, I got to tell you. 23

I know guys do a great job. I give 24 you guys a lot of credit for doing these, you

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know, meetings once a month. It's got to be a 2 lot of work. I thank you for your service. 3

Margaret, I thank you as well. I wish you guys 4

good luck and good night. Please do measure

the comments of the community. I know you guys

live in Eastchester as well. I bet you if I 7

went to -- not only just Frank, but I went to

the other 11 residents of the north -- of their

districts of their Civic Association, if they 10

had a project like this that was going up in 11

their area, I would canvas for them for days 12

for free going around to protest against a 13 project like this. So I appreciate you guys. 14

Thank you very much. Have a good evening. 15

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr.

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MR. TUDISCO: At this time, Mr.

18 Chairman, I do not see any additional hands --19

there's another hand coming up. Okay. Mr. 20

Connolly, please fully identify yourself to the 21

bother and un-mute yourself and offer your comments. 23

MR. CONNOLLY: Mike Connolly, 47 24

Webster Road. So I'm just echoing everyone 25

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1 else that just spoke where I'm against this

project. The mass just doesn't fit in with our 3

community. I'm not looking forward to looking 4

out my back window and looking at a hotel on 5

top of Ray Place. I've lived in this

community -- I remember when those stores 7

didn't even exist and it was just all woods. 8

My mother actually lived on top of that hill 9

when their family came from Italy. I'm just 10

entirely against this project, so hopefully you 11 12

vote it down. That's all.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Connolly. I'm not even going to ask. I figure if you don't say anything, there's nobody else.

MR. TUDISCO: I'm working it. Hold on one second, please. If there is anyone else --I don't see.

MS. UHLE: I think, Jim, too, you know, you are going to keep the public hearing open, so there will be an opportunity at the next meeting to speak.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right. Rob?

MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Sweeney's hand went

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MR. DAVIS: Good evening. I'm Bob Davis. I'm the attorney for the applicant.

3 Hopefully, we'll keep you awake for just a 4

little while longer. 5

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As you know, we met with your board on 6 May 27th, and with the ARB on June 3rd. We'll 7 meet again with them next Tuesday. We've been 8 working very extensively since the last meeting 9 with you, with Margaret and Phil working on a 10 landscaping plan that we're quite proud of, and 11 a lot of site improvements, related traffic and 12 parking matters. So Tonight we would like to 13 present to you the rather substantial 14 landscaping plan we put together and all of our 15 site improvements. We've added to our plans as 16 a result of all the efforts these past few weeks, and we do hope that the board will be comfortable enough at the conclusion of this meeting, to request Margaret, perhaps, to

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20 prepare a Resolution for your consideration at 21

the special July meeting. We're very 22

appreciative, by the way, of your holding that 23

meeting. I look forward to wearing an entire 24

suit for the first time in perhaps a year and a 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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With me tonight, again, our project 3 team, we have Jose Olmo Gonzalez, he's the

4 Senior Director of Real Estate Development for 5

Street Works Development; we have, of course, 6

Diego Villareale from JMC, our planners and

7 engineers; Ron Hoina of Design Development, our 8

project architect; and, of course, John Canning 9

of Kimley-Horn, our traffic engineer.

So without further ado, I'll turn the floor over to Diego, who will take you through the landscaping plan and the site improvements, and then John will have a few things to say

14 about the traffic and parking matters. 15

MR. VILLAREALE: Thank you very much, Bob. Good evening, all. For the record, my

17 name is Diego Villareale with JMC, the 18

engineer, planning and landscaping consultant 19

working with the applicant. You see Lucille 20

Munz is with me this evening. She was not with 21

us at the last meeting. Lucille and I have 22

been working together collaborating, obviously, 23 with Street Works and Ron Hoina, the project

24 architect, on developing really this overall

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1 site plan, including the landscaping plan for 2 the project. 3

I do have a bunch of slides to take 4 you through this evening. Understanding the

hour is late, I'll try to go through it as

quickly as possible, but I think it's important 7

just to take you through some of the

improvements. So if it's okay, I would like to

share my screen just to take you through a 10 couple of things. 11

THE CHAIRMAN: We would like to see

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MR. VILLAREALE: I just want to make 14 sure everybody sees my screen. 15

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I do.

16 MR. VILLAREALE: Okay. Just jumping 17

right in, I'll jump to the next slide, this is 18

a copy of the overall site layout and 19

landscaping plan that we prepared. We will 20

formally submit this. I understand the board 21

really has not seen this yet at this point. We 22 really just wrapped it up over the last couple

23 of days. I had an opportunity to preview it 24

with Margaret to take her through a number of

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the improvements that are now being proposed to the center. As directed really by this board,

meeting with Margaret, meeting with staff,

having an opportunity to walk the site, we took 5

a step back and developed just a global site 6

plan and landscaping plan for the property, 7

addressing, again, primarily landscaping 8

features in and around the building and around 9

the perimeter of the property, but also 10

addressing a number of the site improvements, 11

sidewalks, curbs up against the building, 12

landscaping and lighting. So this is the 13

culmination of all that work that has gone into 14

it. It really summarizes the improvements that 15 are being done. 16

We also had an opportunity again working with Mr. Canning and then working with Mr. Grealy, addressing a number of the comments and concerns that were raised by him as it

relates to traffic and circulation. I'm going to take you through some of those items that we have again have addressed.

23 As Bob had indicated before, John will take you 24

through a couple of those things a little later 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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With the site plan -- just take you through it pretty quickly here -- starting in the southwest corner of the property, really, again, where the main entrance to the office component is -- and, please, if anybody wants me to step back, I'm going to defer and not recap on some of the things we discussed at the last meeting, I'm really just going to focus on the site improvements, but if anybody wants me to recap, please let me know. Again, this portion of the parking lot is really going to serve as the main entrance to the proposed office use. You could see the main entrance is highlighted here. We've looked at the striping and the circulation in this area, and have a 22 circulation and striping plan that reflects 23 that. There was a comment that was made by Mr. 24 Grealy regarding the access. We made some 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 modifications to the driveway and the circulation in this area here. Originally, you were able to come into the shopping center, 4 then make a quick left-hand turn, or you were able to come out of this drive aisle and make a 6 quick right-hand turn, really limited the 7 amount of stacking in this area that was available. By creating this canoe and 9 reworking the drive aisle just a little bit, it 10 provides a more channelized entrance, and then 11 out onto White Plains Road. 12

Again, the landscaping, which Lucille is going to get into it, there are a number of slides that addresses that, was really looked at along the entire frontage of the property, including all of the landscaped areas up against the building and along the entire roadway itself. The landscaping around the main entrance has been redone, as well as on the south side of the property as well.

As we go around in a clockwise fashion around the perimeter of the property, you could see all the landscaping improvements that were done here. Similar to the White Plains Road

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curbing improvements that's being done to the 3 New Wilmot Road entrance. In a similar

fashion, we created this canoed island right in

this area here, if you could see that, which 6

really channelizes everybody as they approach 7 this intersection out onto New Wilmot Road, and

reduces some of the conflict points that exist out there today.

One of the big changes you'll see as well along the site plan, and it's really on the eastern side of the property in this area here, is the introduction of all these landscaped islands at the end of the parking

bays. Each of the parking bays we've 16 incorporated a landscaped island, and what that 17

was allow us to reduce the drive aisle back 18

there. If you recall, there is really an 19

oversized drive aisle. It's very wide. It's 20

easy to get confused with where you should be 21

driving. This really channelizes that drive 22

aisle along the back portion of the property. 23

One of Mr. Grealy's comments as well was to 24

help better define the drive aisle along the

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back portion of the project. There is some 2 striping that we need to add. We're going to

add a better line along this back drive aisle,

with is something that's not shown on the plan 5

right now, but we will add that to this drive

aisle as well. It helps with the traffic and 7

circulation aspect of it, but it also gives us 8

an opportunity to incorporate a significant 9

amount of landscaping along that back drive 10

aisle with each of these landscaped islands. 11

You'll see some of them have trees within it, 12

some of them do not. Islands without the trees 13

in it have existing light fixtures. We didn't 14

want to block it or go against it with the 15

trees that are being proposed, so we really 16 tried to limit that to the islands that don't

17 have the existing lighting feature in there. 18

You'll see attention was also paid to the neighboring properties to the east. During the last meeting, we heard from Mrs. Castaldi regarding some of the concerns that she had with sheds from the proposed building

23 modifications and the windows that were being 24

installed on this facade of the building. So a

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 couple of things just to point out, the new 2 windows and the office use is really being 3 limited to this portion of the building here, in this area here. You could see where the 5 residential properties are located. It's quite a bit distance away. The way the line of sight 7 is, it's really shielded by a bunch of the existing landscaped areas along the back 9 portion of the property. Regardless, we really 10 tried to look at the existing vegetation along 11 that area there. Supplemental screening was 12 installed. We're going to remove some of the 13 dead vegetation that's directly behind Ms. 14 Castaldi's property and replace it with some 15 new evergreen plantings. Again, one of the 16 suggestions that was made with these landscaped 17 islands, we incorporated a number of trees in 18 here, which will also help create a little bit 19 of screening between the residential properties 20

and this property as well. Going to the next slide, touching on some of the sidewalk and curbing improvements that are also being done, these are some photos of the existing curbs and sidewalks that exist

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out there. All of that will be removed and replaced with new curbing and new sidewalks. No more yellow curbs up against the building. The cracked sidewalks will all be replaced. Then the light fixtures as well is another thing we were going to address. Again, they're yellow concrete, we'll get rid of that, new parging of the concrete bowl bases, and then the intention is to paint the individual light fixtures black so that they blend a little

better with the existing conditions out there. Now we dive into the landscaping itself. This is a rendered version of the site plan. I'm going to turn it over to Lucille again to quickly go through these individual areas and the improvements that are being made, and then we'll turn it over to John at the end of this.

Lucille, if you want to jump into this.

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MS. MUNZ: Thanks, Diego. My name is Lucille Munz. I'm a Senior Landscape Architect at JMC, and I worked with Diego and the team on the landscape design.

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So we're going to start very quickly 2 with an overview and our approach. Our goal 3 here was to respect and pay homage to the 4

simplicity of the industrial design of the

building, which was designed by Raymond Loewy, 6

considered the father of industrial design, and 7 also to provide a cohesive vocabulary material

to create a unified appearance throughout the

site. Having Maples along the perimeter and 10

Red Buds creates this vocabulary. Our goal was 11

also to provide seasonal interest with 12

perennials and ornamental grasses. We tried to 13

chose plant material that is best suited for 14 the site, that would thrive in these 15

conditions. 16

Finally, we were very mindful of the privacy concerns at the east of the property with the residential units, so we tried to provide additional screening with Norway Spruces in that back area.

We'll go through area A, which is in 22 the front. Essentially, we're keeping the two 23 24

main trees that are by the main entrance. They 25

are Chinese Chestnuts. There is one there,

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1 actually, that we would like to remove in the

corner. There are actually two in that one 3

corner. Again, keeping all the -- where the 4

steps are, that area there, we're taking out 5

the Hollies because windows are going in, so

we're keeping all the plantings there very low. 7

Then there is very attractive stone wall, so 8

we're keeping, again, the hedges low there with 9

some ornamental perennials and some lawn area. 10

What we tried to also do is create some 11

seasonal interest with the Red Buds along the 12

roadway, keeping those underneath -- obviously 13

they're lower in height so they won't get 14

mauled by the -- hopefully they will not get 15

mauled by Con Edison coming in and pruning 16

because they are way underneath the height of 17 the wires. 18

Again, we worked with some interesting plants at the canoe area, and then tried to

find some trees, which are the Sunset Red 21

Maples which are throughout the site that we 22 23 are proposing.

Quickly, this is just some visuals to help folks understand. So again, those blue

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 areas that we're noting, those are proposed to 2 be Taylor Junipers. We're taking out all the 3 plant materials there, putting in the low 4 evergreen hedge. You could see in the 5 right-hand corner where we say, remove the tree

in the corner because there are actually two 7

there, and we're proposing to limb it up so we 8

can get some interesting plant material 9

underneath there. Again, if you look at the 10 lower slide, lower image, all of those shrubs 11

and/or trees are just smashed against the 12 building. So we're removing those because 13

windows are going in, and keeping everything very low and interesting.

This is a rendering of the site, and again, it shows how we're handling certain elements. We have, again, the Tailored

Junipers as sort of keeping up with that, you 19 know, upright position, showing the stone wall, 20 low perennials and hedges. Then as you start

21 to look at the left of the screen, we are 22

proposing Fastigiate Hornbeams to create a 23

green wall effect on that one wall area that's 24

quite open. Again, this is just the front of 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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the building. Again, you could see here there 2 are windows going in, and we're keeping the

3 plantings there very low. There's not a lot of 4

real estate, if you will, for the actual

5 plantings, so we are trying to go with what we 6 7

have.

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This is area B as we start to move north on the road. This is that area we're proposing to put Fastigiate Hornbeams. Again, there are the flowering Red Buds along the roadway, and again, some interesting shrubs and perennials as we move along.

Next slide, Diego. Again, the proposed rendering is above, some existing below. That's what the Fastigiate Hornbeam hedge would look like in that area. We're using Fastigiate Hornbeams in between the windows. Again, there's not a lot of real estate for landscaping, so we're trying to

20 capitalize on what we have with the right plant 21 material. 22

This is the rear area, I guess the 23 side area on New Wilmot Road. Again, not a lot 24 of real estate in front of the building and

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where the sidewalk is, so what we're proposing 2

to do here is use Fastigiate Sweetgums, again, 3

mirroring the simplicity of the industrial 4

architecture and being respectful of that. So

we have a row of Fastigiate Sweetgums on both 6 sides proposed, with Coral Bark. 7

Japanese Maples at the corner, and 8 some evergreens in the planters. 9

This is a view of the entrance as you go into the site from New Wilmot Road, and what we're proposing here is actually removing some 12 of the hedges on both sides of the driveway 13 because it is a bit of a sight distance issue. 14 By removing those hedges on either side in 15 those blue circle areas, we will be putting low 16 perennials and grasses with some Red Buds on 17 either side, again, trying to keep that same 18 vocabulary at each of the entrances, and make 19

it interesting when you go into the facility. 20 This would be eastern side of the 21 property looking at the back of the building. 22

Again, not a lot of real estate for 23

landscaping. What we're proposing here 24

actually in this instance is making the 25

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planters a little bit smaller, and that allows 2 us to get some landscaping and add some

3 planters on either side. Again, upright

4 Ginkgos on either side with some planter boxes 5

with some evergreen shrubs in the back. 6

Similarly, just a little south, same 7 instance, same treatment, again, flanked by

8 that consistency of low perennials, shrubs with 9

the trees.

10 Just the overall plant pallet just to 11 give you a sense of where we're going with 12 this. The Columnar Ginkgo, which is in the 13

rear. We're also using multi-stem Birch in 14

between several of the embankments of the 15

parking area where there are currently Junipers 16 now. The Red Sunset Maples as the vocabulary

17 trees around the site. Norway Spruce in the 18

back for screening. The Columnar Sweetgums in 19

the lower left-hand photo gives you a sense of 20

what we're trying to accomplish in that area. 21

The Eastern Red Buds, and then the Coral Bark 22 Japanese Maple with the proposed Hornbeams as a 23

hedge. Again, we're keeping the pallet really 24

simple, proposing some Viburnums, Tailored

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 Junipers, Ruby Slipper, Oakley Hydrangea, 2 Japanese Holly, which is a lower version. You 3 can see here the lower left-hand side we're 4 proposing a hedge where that stone veneer wall is. That's what it might look like. Here are some of the perennials for the sun and for the 7 shade. So we're trying to create a simple 8 vocabulary that will be peppered throughout the 9 site so there is consistency. 10

This is essentially the landscape plan again at the end. Diego, I guess I'll turn it over to you.

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MR. VILLAREALE: That's great. Thank you, Lucille. I know we tried to move a little bit quick there. I just wanted to get through it. Again, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, just wanted to give you an idea of the exercise that we really went through to take a global look at the property, try to come up with a comprehensive landscaping plan that addresses a number of the comments that we received from the board and from staff, as well as addressing 23 the number of comments that were received from 24 Mr. Grealy regarding traffic, and incorporate 25

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We really think we came up with a very comprehensive plan for the property, that will really just give it a good facelift as compared to what's out there right now.

John, I can I guess at this point turn it over to you if you want to do just a quick recap on where we are with Mr. Grealy and addressing his comments. You're muted, John.

MR. CANNING: My apologies. Thank you. I'm trying not to make noise here.

Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. For the record, my name is John Canning. I work for Kimley-Horn. We prepared the traffic impact study for the re-occupancy of this building. As Diego indicated, we have incorporated Dr. Grealy's suggestions into the site plan, and the applicant has elected to implement them all immediately after approval.

Dr. Grealy did have some other minor comments and questions on the traffic study. Items such as the use of trips rates versus trip formula, no indication of DOT regarding signal timing changes, providing computer

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2 We have prepared a response memo to 3 provide the requested additional information 4 and clarification, and we will submit this shortly. Obviously, Dr. Grealy has to review and concur with our conclusions, but we are 7 confident that if there are any items that we have overlooked, they could be easily resolved 9 as any conditions of approval. 10

We believe the proposed plan to reoccupy the building will have a minimal impact on traffic, as most uses are less than the former Lord & Taylor, and we've implemented a number of the measures, in fact, all of the measures that Dr. Grealy had suggested to improve conditions at the site. Thank you.

MR. VILLAREALE: That really concludes our presentation at this point. Happy to answer any questions, comments, thoughts, concerns at this point. That does it for us.

THE CHAIRMAN: So, first off, thank 22 you for being so brief. I apologize that I 23 asked you to run through it so quickly, but 24 even in the short amount of time that you took 25

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showed us how everything looks very nice. The 2

landscape plan is certainly going to bring 3

color and life to a -- it has always been a 4

little bit barren, I hate to say, but I think

we're looking forward to seeing that. Very

nice job to the landscape architect. 7

Otherwise, I think it's going to look much 8

nicer, and I appreciate the work you guys have 9 done. 10

Guys on the board, any comments or 11 clarifications we would like? 12

MR. NEMECEK: I just wanted to confirm with Margaret that this -- particularly the landscape plan, which has been a big emphasis of what we've seen today -- is going back to the ARB for its review.

MS. UHLE: Yes. It's going to be on the agenda for a special meeting next Tuesday, June 29th. I believe that meeting will be in person as well. We're kind of trying to confirm that. Yes, that will be on the agenda.

22 MR. NEMECEK: Good. I know the Vernon 23

Hills Shopping Center, which is just to the 24

south of this former Lord & Taylor building, DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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property with some nice plantings. It looks very well conceived from my amateur's view. MS. UHLE: I would like to hear what Jennifer thinks, because I actually think the plant pallet is very lovely for the tight

spaces, and unusual in a good way.

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MR. NEMECEK: Yes, I defer to her on those issues myself.

THE CHAIRMAN: You could have an opinion on landscaping, Phil.

MR. NEMECEK: I know what looks nice and what doesn't. I think I could do that. It looks nice.

MR. CAMPANA: I think this is quite an improvement to the area. One question I had was, with all the beautiful trees that you're introducing to this location, have you taken into consideration some landscape lighting in

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terms of up-lighting and things of that nature because that would really look beautiful? I'm

sure it's going to be implemented, it's a work 4 in progress. 5

MR. NEMECEK: Can I point out the irony that the guy that's barely visible here is talking about lighting.

MR. VILLAREALE: It's certainly something we could look at, especially around 10 the main entrances of the building, you know, 11 some tree lighting, something like that. We 12 can certainly discuss that as a team and come 13 back. I think that's a minor item we could 14

look at and certainly be considered. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: That's very true. I 16 never thought about that. That's a great 17 point. 18

We have to do a public hearing, so just standby, guys. I make a motion to reopen the public hearing on this application, 21-22, 750 White Plains Road.

22 MR. NEMECEK: Second. 23

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 24

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un-mute yourself. Please identify yourself fully and offer your comments to the board. MS. GABRIELE: Hi, this is Pat 6 Gabriele, 24 Ray Place. I just stepped away 7 for a minute after the 5 Ray Place discussion 8 was over, so I missed the beginning of this 9 presentation. Is this just the owner fixing up 10 the building in preparation for renting it out,

11 or is somebody specifically going in there that 12 you know of yet? I'm just curious. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: You know what, Mr. --

14 where is your attorney there? 15

MR. DAVIS: Right here. 16

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to answer 17 18 that?

MR. DAVIS: Yes, certainly. As we 19 discussed in some detail at the last meeting, 20 we do have a tenant for a flex work space for 21

90,000 square feet of the building. It's an 22

office type use. We are working on the 23

branding of that, so we don't have the exact

name of the tenant, but it's an affiliate of

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1 the owner and developer, Hudson Bay Company, and their affiliate, Street Works Development,

so it is within our control. They've had some

sites that they've been opening around the

country, and it's a very nice design. We

showed the interior of it at the last meeting 7

in May. It's a very open design. So it's 8

primarily an office use, and as a result it

will actually decrease any non-conformity in 10

parking. By the way, our landscaping plan, as 11

extensive as it is, didn't decrease one parking 12

space. We retained 650 parking spaces. So, 13 yes, we have an office tenant for 90,000 square 14

feet of the 215,000 square feet, and we've 15

indicated that the approval which we're seeking 16 will encompass any use in the office, retail or 17

medical office variety, which will not increase 18 the parking to the site.

19 MS. GABRIELE: Thank you. Just 20 curious. 21

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your 22 comments. Mr. Tudisco? 23

MR. TUDISCO: Yes. A hand is up for 24 25

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THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

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2 MR. TUDISCO: Please un-mute yourself 3 and address the board. 4

MR. CONNOLLY: Hi. Mike Connolly, 47 Webster Road. So I attended the Architectural Review Board and asked some questions about traffic, so they told me to come here. So my first question -- and I went to the Town website to see if I could find the traffic study, and all I could find was I guess the firm that the Town hired to review the traffic 12 study, so I wasn't able to find out what was 13 done. My first question in regards if the 14 study considered relocating the Post Road 15 entrance to Swift Place, opposite Swift Place 16

where the traffic light is? MR. DAVIS: I'll let Mr. Canning answer that. That was a comment that was raised for us to consider by Dr. Grealy, and we've addressed that at some length in our perspective submission to his comments, and perhaps John can address that a little further. MR. CANNING: Sure. Thank you, Bob.

24 So the analysis indicates that the existing 25

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driveway, which is a right turn in, right out

driveway on White Plains Road, functions

acceptably at Level Service B or Level Service 4

C conditions, which is quite good. If we 5

relocate the driveway opposite Swift Avenue, we 6

would be increasing the number of movements in 7

and out. We would be adding left turns in and 8

left turns out, and it's likely to take what 9

issues are going on down at Farrela Way and 10

create the same sort of issues further up at 11

12 the subject property. It also has some other

issues associated with it. Instead of allowing 13 vehicles to enter the driveway from either 14

side, because right now there's parking on 15

either side, the vehicles would only be able to 16

enter the parking from one side of the 17

driveway, the south side of the driveway, so 18

that would increase traffic across the parking 19

area in front of the building. It would also 20

increase traffic and have circulation issues in 21

front of the doorways. So on the face of it, 22 we view this as not a benefit to the site. In

23 fact, it could be very detrimental to the site.

We do know that the proposed uses are all **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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reducing traffic as compared to the previous 2 department store use, and so we believe that

3 they're not needed. But we will be

participating in a post occupancy study, which 5

Dr. Grealy has requested, and we could

certainly revisit the matter at that time. 7

MR. CONNOLLY: What about putting in 8 lighting at the existing entrance and exist, so 9 opposite Fresh Market? 10

MR. CANNING: Sure. So to install a traffic light requires the satisfaction of a number of warrants, or at least one of a number of warrants, which measures a number of issues such as the volume of traffic over eight hours entering and passing, the number of

16 pedestrians, the number of school children, and 17

then a few crazy ones like trains, that don't apply. Based on a review of the traffic

19 volumes and the fact that Swift Avenue is quite 20

close to the signal, we don't believe that the 21

signal would be warranted at that location. 22

But again, that is something that we could look

at as part of the post occupancy study. 24

MR. CONNOLLY: Then you could talk to DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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Police Chief Bonci and tell him he no longer

needs to permanently place a police car at that

entrance to give people tickets when they make

left-hand turns from Post Road into the Lord & Taylor lot because it's done constantly. Now

maybe it will be less with this new use, but 7

invariably on Fridays and weekends and so 8

forth, there is always a police officer 9

stationed there to give tickets.

10 So I live on Webster Road, which is 11

directly opposite the Wilmot Road exit, so I 12 remember years ago when the Town deliberately

13 changed the traffic pattern to funnel traffic 14

onto Webster to take it off of White Plains 15

Road at 22. Did this study at all look at 16

reducing the volume of traffic on 22? Those of 17

you who live in Town, know that Cooper Field 18

has been getting a tremendous amount of use by 19

various leagues, and there's lots of children 20

walking up and down Webster Road, so there is a 21 lot of concern about the traffic volume and

22 trying to reduce it. 23

MR. CANNING: Understood. Well, our 24 analysis indicates that each of the 25

EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 contemplated uses will actually reduce traffic 2 volumes as compared to what would formally have 3 been generated by the store, or what would be 4 generated by the building if it were entirely 5 leased out for retail in the future because office traffic is considerably less per square 7 foot than retail. Medical office is even less 8 than retail during the busiest periods. The 9 proposed action will reduce traffic volumes as 10 compared to what the building is currently 11 permitted for. 12

MR. CONNOLLY: But we don't know, right, what the rest of the building is; it could all turn into retail?

MR, DAVIS: Not 90,000 square feet of

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MR. CONNOLLY: I'm saying the remainder of the building. Frankly, that can easily be converted to retail; right? It's just some office -- the remainder of that -any retail, frankly, is not going to be something like Lord & Taylor or Neiman Marcus, it's going to be multiple stores, probably something along the line of TJ Maxx, and those

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MR. CANNING: We certainly looked at it, and we looked at having 90,000 square foot of the store, which is over a third, I believe, be office, which is a much lower generator. Any change of that would require, I guess, further study. At this point in time, the contemplated development of the property will generate less traffic than previously.

11 MR. CONNOLLY: Okay. Thank you. Is 12 it possible --13

MS. UHLE: John, can I ask you a question? I think Mr. Connolly, maybe this is what he was going to ask. I don't know whether this was my oversight. Did you submit a formal traffic study to us? I know that you've been going back and forth with Phil Grealy and you guys have communicated, but it might have been our oversight that we did not post your traffic

21 study on the website. 22 MR. DAVIS: There is an extensive 23

traffic study, Margaret, that was submitted by 24 John in early May, I believe it's dated 25

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 May 4th, and that's what Mr. Grealy commented 2 3 on.

MS. UHLE: I want to see whether we 4 linked it to a previous agenda. Well, I guess you haven't been here. We may have been 6 negligent in not posting that. I think I was 7 anticipating more of a final report in response to some of Phil's comments and some things were 9

going on behind the scenes, but I will post 10

what you submitted in, along with Phil's 11 comments, so people could review those. 12

MR. DAVIS: John discussed it at 13 length at the last meeting. That was the total 14 focal point of his discussion on May 27th, he 15 16 took us through that.

MS. UHLE: Yes, I understand that, but at that point I don't think we had actually 18 received the physical report, or we had just 19 received it. It was subsequent to that meeting 20 or the night of that meeting. So, Michael, 21 I'll make sure that we post that, whatever we 22 have, along with Dr. Grealy's comments, so that 23 you could see all of those. 24

MR. CONNOLLY: Great. Thank you.

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MS. UHLE: The other comment I was 2 going to make, and this is one thing that I 3

think Phil Grealy had recommended and we still

have to look into a little more detail, is that

the applicant is asking for approvals to allow permitted retail and office uses to occupy the

building without coming back for site plan

approval in the future, but we may determine

that there are certain thresholds depending on

the type of use where they may have to come 11

back for site plan approval. We need to 12

discuss that prior to the next meeting as what 13

those thresholds might be. With regard to your 14

concern about retail uses that might generate a 15

lot of additional traffic, if that was the 16

case, I think we would incorporate something 17

into a Resolution that requires the applicant 18

to come back for additional approvals and 19 20 evaluation.

MR. CONNOLLY: Thank you very much. 21

MR. CANNING: Thank you, Mr. Connolly. 22

MR. TUDISCO: I don't see any 23

additional hands raised, which would indicate 24 that there are no members of the public that

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2	wish to address the board on this application	2	MR, VILLAREALE: Goodnight.
3	tonight.	3	THE CHAIRMAN: Two down, two to go.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So we'll leave	4	The next one is 21-20, oddly enough, 20
5	the public hearing open, or am I supposed to	5	Greystone Circle subdivision.
6	make a motion to do that? I guess I could.	6	MR. MAIORANO: Can you hear me?
7	MS. UHLE: No, you can just keep the	7	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, we can.
8	public hearing open for the special July	8	MR. MAIORANO: Good evening, board
9	meeting.	9	members. Adamo Maiorano from Community Designs
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Right. The	10	and Engineering. On behalf of the applicant,
11	public hearing is going to be, as Margaret	11	Steve Piacquadio, we are proposing a two lot
12	said, on July 20th. Hold it. Do we have any	12	subdivision at 20 Greystone Circle.
13	more comments from the board?	13	I'm going to share my screen. Can you
14	MR. CAMPANA: No comments.	14	see that?
15	MR. NEMECEK: No.	15	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Then, as we said, the	16	MR. MAIORANO: Just to recap very
17	final traffic study will be done before that,	17	quickly in regards to our last month meeting,
18	and Mr. Grealy will review it. Then, as we	18	again, this is two lot subdivision. The
19	just found, the landscaping plan is going to go	19	existing residence is proposed to remain.
20	in front of the ARB, and that will be commented	20	There are existing impervious areas that we
21	on before the next meeting. As you know,	21	will be removing as part of this project, that
22	Margaret, right, as far as the SEQRA, before	22	has actually been updated in this subdivision
23	the end of the meeting, we will get to the	23	plot that is highlighted in yellow. Also,
24	point of adopting a Negative Dec. Okay.	24	there is an adjustment to an existing retaining
25	MR. DAVIS: May we also ask, Mr.	25	wall on the middle portion of the property that
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143 141 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 1 MR. IANNACITO: Okay. So here we 2 2 MR. NEMECEK: No. have -- what's going on here? Let me just this THE CHAIRMAN: Great. So then let's 3 3 really quick. do the public hearing. I make a motion to 4 4 MR. NEMECEK: Could you put your 5 reopen the public hearing on this application, 5 credit card number up there too, John. 21-20, 20 Greystone Circle. 6 6 MR. IANNACITO: What happened? Hold MR. NEMECEK: Second. 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 8 on. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Take your time. 9 (AYE) 9 MR. NEMECEK: Everybody turn away. MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Chairman, at this 10 10 MR. IANNACITO: All right, that time I do not see any hands from the public. 11 11 12 worked. Here is the site plan. We are If there is anyone that wishes to make a 12 requesting a special use permit tonight for comment, raise your hand now. 13 13 outdoor dining at the existing residence. This There are no hands, indicating no 14 14 is the site plan and this is the location of members of the public wish to address the board 15 15 the outdoor dining in front of the existing 16 on this application. 16 restaurant. THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. So I make a 17 17 I'm going to zoom into this area here. 18 motion to close the public hearing on 18 The existing condition did have a planter there Application 21-20, 20 Greystone Circle. 19 19 at one time. I'm not quite sure when that was MR. NEMECEK: Second. 20 20 removed. It might have been removed by this THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 21 21 existing tenant. When we looked back at the 22 (AYE) 22 photo of when the space was Bagel Cafe, here is THE CHAIRMAN: With no further ado, I 23 23 what the planter looked like. Today, the make a motion to approve Application 21-20, 20 24 24 planter is gone and this is the new dining Greystone Circle subdivision, subject to the 25 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER 144 142 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 1 area. As part of this application, we are final review and approval by the Town's 2 going to submit drawings legalizing the removal 3 engineering consultant. 3 of this planter and providing new pavers in MR. NEMECEK: Second. 4 this area that they want to use as a permanent THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 5 seasonal outdoor dining area in front of the (AYE) 6 restaurant. The tables will be similar to what THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. 7 they have inside with aprons. The chairs will MR. MAIORANO: Thank you. That ends 8 be wood chairs, similar to what they have 9 that. inside. They will have this velvet rope around THE CHAIRMAN: Have a good evening. 10 10 the seating area and some planting that can be 11 MR, MAIORANO: Thank you. I 11 removed every evening and brought back inside. appreciate your time. 12 12 This is another view of the dining tables along 13 MR. NEMECEK: He may be being attacked 13 the walkway here, and a third view from the 14 by a wolf. 14 other side. The tables have been pulled away THE CHAIRMAN: The last application is 15 from the main covered walkway which accesses John Iannacito. That's Application 21-25, Sea 16 16 all the other shops, and doesn't really Flame, 693 White Plains Road. He promised to 17 17 obstruct any pedestrian or vehicular traffic in 18 keep it brief. 18 the parking lot. MR. IANNACITO: Okay. Good evening. 19 19 That's basically it. Thank you for My name is John Iannacito, I'm an architect, 20 20 your time, and I'm happy to answer any 21 and I'm representing Sea Flame Restaurant and 21 Bar this evening. I'm going to share my 22 questions. 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Could you 23 screen. Can everyone see that? 23 just go back to the pictures of the tables, I 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 24 just want to see it again, please. Okay, got 25 MS. UHLE: Yes. DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

147 145 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 1 MR. NEMECEK: Second. 2 2 it. THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor. 3 MR. IANNACITO: So they'll be 6 3 tables, 4 chairs at each table, so 24 chairs. (AYE) 4 4 MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Connolly, I'm going MR. NEMECEK: The furniture would be 5 5 to invite you to un-mute yourself. Please taken in every day? 6 6 identify yourself fully for the board. 7 MR. IANNACITO: It goes in, yes. So 7 MR. CONNOLLY: Thank you. I'm just they're probably pulling it out for lunchtime, 8 curious -- Michael Connolly, 47 Webster Road. and then it will be out for the day, unless 9 9 They've already removed the planters put these it's raining because it's not covered where the 10 10 tables in. So they've already done this. 11 tables would be. So if it rains, they wouldn't 11 Isn't this illegal? Did they have to pay a 12 have outdoor dining that day. 12 fine to the Town or has the Town fined them? 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Okay. Looks 13 MR. TUDISCO: I could answer that 14 good to me. 14 question, Mr. Chairman, if you would like. MR. NEMECEK: No awnings? 15 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, please do. MR, IANNACITO: Everything is 16 16 MR. TUDISCO: There are a number of existing. The lighting stays the same. The 17 17 violations against this business with respect brick, everything stays the same. 18 18 to permits, etcetera. We've been working in THE CHAIRMAN: There is just one 19 19 court -- I'm the person who prosecutes these. entrance into the restaurant? 20 20 There are a number of issues that are facing MR. IANNACITO: Yes. So the entrance 21 21 the court right now. We seem to have gotten is right behind this column here. This glass 22 22 here is actually part of Chico's. If you look the applicant into compliance, and we're trying 23 23 to resolve the cases that are currently at the plan, the Chico's is right here. So the 24 24 pending. restaurant only has this one door right here. 25 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER 148 146 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/24/2021 1 1 MR. IANNACITO: They did some interior 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Right. I see. The 2 alterations without permits. We did file those seating actually overlaps with the Chico's 3 3 plans, and they were approved. We're moving window. 4 forward with that. When we file the drawings MR. IANNACITO: A little bit here, 5 for this, I'm sure there will be some kind of a yes, up to this column. 6 legalization fee for removing the planter and 7 THE CHAIRMAN: I mean, there isn't 7 repaying this area. anything about who owns the sidewalk, I guess, 8 MS. UHLE: I think the problem here 9 in their lease? If there was, they would know; with regard to the outdoor dining, we have 10 riaht? 10 during the pandemic been issuing temporary MR. IANNACITO: I'm sure if they have 11 11 permits for outdoor dining that don't have to a problem with it, they probably would have to 12 12 go before the Planning Board, and this 13 reduce it by a couple of tables. 13 particular applicant, I think, was hoping to 14 THE CHAIRMAN: We're not going to get 14 get a temporary permit from us, but because 15 15 involved in that. they did remove the planter without the proper 16 MR. IANNACITO: This is a temporary 16 permits and approvals, we were not able to dining area for a little bit here, and no one 17 issue the temporary permit, and I think then we 18 has had any issues with it. 18 issued a violation and summons. There are a 19 THE CHAIRMAN: If they give them some 19 lot of other restaurants in town that have 20 food, they'll be fine. 20 temporary permits for outdoor dining. They 21 MR. IANNACITO: Right. A couple of 21 were hoping to do that, but we issued the 22 22 steaks. violation because of the removal of the 23 THE CHAIRMAN: So I make a motion to 23 planter. 24 open the public hearing on Application 21-25, 24 MR. CONNOLLY: They had tables in the Sea Flame, 693 White Plains Road. 25 DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.

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