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8 Third Street Firehouse  
9 Greenport, New York

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11 January 6, 2014  
5:00 P.M.

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13 B E F O R E:

- 14 FRANK UELLEDAHL - CHAIRMAN  
15 ROSELLE BORRELLI - MEMBER  
16 LUCY CLARK - MEMBER  
17 DENNIS MC MAHON - MEMBER  
18 CAROLINE WALOSKI - MEMBER  
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20 DAVID ABATELLI - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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1           CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: All right. So  
2           welcome back, everyone, here in the new year.  
3           Happy New Year to everyone.

4           I'm going to open the regular meeting of  
5           January 6th, 2014. It is now 5:09. Not so  
6           bad, Lucy. Come on, relax, it's a new year.

7           We have two items on the menu today, on  
8           the agenda.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I like menu better.

10          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yeah, I do, too.  
11          That's why it just comes out like this. And I  
12          don't know if we have Mr. --

13          MR. BROKOW: Yes. Bennett Brokow.

14          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Bennett Brokow is  
15          here?

16          MR. BROKOW: Yes.

17                   CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So we can  
18                   start with Item #1. This would be a  
19                   discussion and possible motion on an  
20                   application submitted by Matthew Ritter on  
21                   behalf of Bennett Brokow, in parenthesis, 449  
22                   Main Holding, LLC, the owner of the commercial  
23                   property located in the Historic District at  
24                   449 Main Street. The owner would like to  
25                   install replacement windows, rebuild Yankee

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1                   gutters, restore the elaborate gingerbread  
2                   trim at the gables, replace the front porch  
3                   railings and remove the kitchen entry  
4                   overhang. This is Suffolk County Tax Map  
5                   #1001-4-7-18.

6                   Mr. Bennett.

7                   MR. BROKOW: Yes.

8                   CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: I will move the  
9                   chair for you so we can be a little bit more  
10                  personal.

11                  MR. BROKOW: Oh, okay, up front and  
12                  personal?

13 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, up front and  
14 personal.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So you sit right  
16 here and you tell us what it is that you want  
17 to do and then we'll decide.

18 MR. BROKOW: What's what.

19 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: What's what,  
20 right?

21 MR. BROKOW: Okay. All right.

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So let me  
23 just see what we have filed here. So this is  
24 a beautiful home that you bought.

25 MR. BROKOW: It is nice, isn't it? The

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1 inside is gorgeous.

2 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: It's commercial,  
3 right?

4 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: And residential.  
6 It's the residential portion?

7 MR. BROKOW: I -- no. I'm taking out

8 the kitchens. It's going to be --

9 MEMBER WALOSKI: Which room is it going  
10 to be?

11 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Is this working  
12 here?

13 MR. BROKOW: Yes. It's right next to  
14 Special Effects. It's in between the hotel  
15 and --

16 MEMBER WALOSKI: Oh, that's that  
17 wonderful house, yes.

18 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, yeah. The inside is  
19 in great --

20 MEMBER WALOSKI: It needs a lot of work.

21 MR. BROKOW: The floors are in great  
22 shape.

23 MEMBER WALOSKI: Are they, because I  
24 went in there last year and I thought that  
25 there was a lot of work that needed to be done

1 inside.

2 MR. BROKOW: Oh, yeah. We had to  
3 restore all the plaster.

4 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, I thought it

5 was --

6 MR. BROKOW: Six weeks, yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yes. We do not

8 have a lot of images, or pictures, or

9 anything. So is everybody --

10 MEMBER BORELLI: I know, that's a

11 beautiful home, yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: I mean, everybody

13 knows where this --

14 MEMBER CLARK: Yes.

15 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes

16 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- house is?

17 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: It's a beautiful

19 historic house, and I know it needs a lot of

20 work and you're willing to --

21 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, that's okay. That's

22 what we're doing.

23 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- do part of

24 this.

25 MR. BROKOW: Yeah

1           CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So, Mr. Bennett,  
2           please tell us what you are proposing what  
3           needs to be done.

4           MR. BROKOW: Okay.

5           CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I know Matthew is  
6           working on your property.

7           MR. BROKOW: Yeah, yup.

8           CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: And tell us what  
9           you need us to approve.

10          MR. BROKOW: All right. I'll take you  
11          through it.

12          CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yes.

13          MR. BROKOW: We'll restore -- like we're  
14          going through the siding, replacing all the  
15          rotted siding with new planks wherever is  
16          needed. Matt is rebuilding the Yankee  
17          gutters, the soffits, trim, fascias. We  
18          removed an overhang that was really something  
19          that was maybe added on in the -- it looked  
20          the '50s or '60s. It was really -- it had a  
21          corrugated plastic roof, and so that has been

22 removed.

23 There's also another add-on that was  
24 built, it's like a box in the back. It was  
25 built on dirt, and the Building Inspector

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1 thought that was structurally unsound and  
2 requested that we remove it, if possible. We  
3 looked into it and we are applying for a demo  
4 permit to remove it. It's not really -- it  
5 was not anything original, it was more of a  
6 hodgepodge. But it's still up, if you care to  
7 look at it. I would welcome your input on  
8 that also.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: One thing. I  
10 mean, since we don't have any photos or any  
11 plans --

12 MR. BROKOW: Correct.

13 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- that you  
14 submitted, it's a little bit difficult for us  
15 to fully understand what you're trying to do.  
16 We know your building from -- because we're  
17 walking by or driving by every day, but we are



18 not familiar with the specific details.

19 MR. BROKOW: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So that's why you  
21 have to be a little bit more specific, or we  
22 may have to ask you to submit some photos or  
23 additional information so we can make a  
24 decision.

25 MR. BROKOW: Okay. Well, I did submit

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1 photos to the Building Inspector when I made  
2 this application, so I don't know if they were  
3 passed on to you.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah, okay.

5 MEMBER CLARK: How many?

6 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Excuse me. David  
7 Abatelli?

8 MR. BROKOW: Half a dozen.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Do we -- I mean, I  
10 don't have those.

11 MR. BROKOW: It's not a big deal.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Do you have them?

13 MR. BROKOW: I can get them to you.

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right, right.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So I do not have  
16 them in this file here that you gave us. We  
17 may not be able to come up with, you know, a  
18 decision tonight, but we want to --

19 MR. BROKOW: Okay. That's fine, sure.

20 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- listen to you,  
21 because we -- I think we all like very much  
22 what you're trying to do, but we may need more  
23 information --

24 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, that's fine.

25 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- in order to

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1 sign off on this.

2 MR. BROKOW: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay? So --

4 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes. If you could give  
5 us like specs on the windows, you know, what  
6 you're planning on putting in.

7 MR. BROKOW: Yes, I can. Basically, you  
8 had recommended on my last project the

9 Andersen replacement windows, and I'm using  
10 those windows to replace the sizes up to what  
11 Andersen will build.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: Standard, right.

13 MR. BROKOW: The windows that are too  
14 large for the Andersen replacements, we're  
15 retrofitting those with insulated glass. So,  
16 basically, those large beautiful windows will  
17 remain pretty much original, except they will  
18 have retrofitted insulated glass. So that's  
19 what we're doing with the windows.

20 MEMBER WALOSKI: So you would be  
21 repairing the existing windows and then  
22 putting in a supplement?

23 MR. BROKOW: The smaller windows we're  
24 replacing with the white Andersen replacement  
25 windows.

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1 MEMBER WALOSKI: Do you have -- have you  
2 made a decision on how many mullions and --

3 MR. BROKOW: There were no mullions on

4 the building at all on the original windows,  
5 so it's just clear glass.

6 MEMBER MC MAHON: So they're  
7 one-over-ones is what you're saying?

8 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, exactly.

9 MEMBER WALOSKI: Oh, all right.

10 MR. BROKOW: That's what's there.

11 MEMBER WALOSKI: All right.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: That's what you said?

13 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah.

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: Okay.

15 MR. BROKOW: And that's all original  
16 glass that is there. So there will be some  
17 new ones, and the large windows we will  
18 retrofit with insulated glass.

19 MEMBER WALOSKI: Right. Okay, got it.

20 MR. BROKOW: So you're going to see --

21 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So all the new  
22 replacement windows will be insulated windows?

23 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yes.

25 MR. BROKOW: We're doing the first floor

1       this year due to costs, you know, budgets and  
2       stuff like that, and then next year we'll go  
3       upstairs. Inside, you know, we're just pretty  
4       much restoring what's there, you know,  
5       refinishing the floors. We pretty much redid  
6       all the plaster in the house and --

7               CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah. This is not  
8       a registered landmark, so we are not really --  
9       you don't -- we don't really have any say on  
10      what you're doing on the inside, as long as  
11      the Building Department is fine with what  
12      you're doing.

13             MR. BROKOW: Right.

14             CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: You may need a  
15      permit for some changes or structural changes.

16             MR. BROKOW: Yes.

17             CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: But that's not  
18      what we are looking at. We are basically  
19      looking at the exterior, the outside.

20             MR. BROKOW: The exterior is going to be  
21      pretty much --

22             CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So we're talking

23 on siding, on windows and the reconstruction  
24 or repair of anything that you want to do  
25 about the porches, and the trim work, and that

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1 kind of thing.

2 MR. BROKOW: We're pretty much keeping  
3 it as original as possible, replacing rotted  
4 wood with good wood. The front porch has a  
5 vinyl rail system, which will be replaced with  
6 wood.

7 MEMBER WALOSKI: Sounds good.

8 MR. BROKOW: And that's pretty much the  
9 spirit of what we're doing.

10 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, sounds great.

11 MR. BROKOW: So you're not going to see  
12 anything changing.

13 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yes. There is  
14 vinyl railing right now?

15 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, that's going.

16 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So how -- I mean,  
17 do you have -- I mean, this is what we would

18 like to see.

19 MR. BROKOW: We don't -- we're not at  
20 that point yet.

21 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Is there anything  
22 that you can show us that --

23 MR. BROKOW: I'll show it to you --

24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- you want to  
25 replace it with?

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1 MR. BROKOW: Yes, prior to doing it.  
2 This is going to be like the last tail of it.  
3 We're not doing that probably until April.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay.

5 MR. BROKOW: Prior to that, I can show  
6 you -- basically, we're getting wood railings  
7 from Riverhead Building Supply, and then Matt  
8 is going to put in the spindles, which will be  
9 to the period.

10 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Right. I mean, so  
11 we may ask you to come back --

12 MR. BROKOW: Sure, of course.

13 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- at one of the

14 next meetings before you are ready for this --

15 MR. BROKOW: Absolutely.

16 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- to show us what  
17 the design of the railing and the spindles  
18 are.

19 MR. BROKOW: I'd be happy to do that,  
20 sure.

21 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay?

22 MR. BROKOW: I'd be happy to do that.

23 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay. So what  
24 else is happening right now as far as  
25 construction is concerned that may need our

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1 approval?

2 MR. BROKOW: You know, it's just a lot  
3 of rotted wood, you know, rebuilding -- you  
4 know, it's just a lot of repairing and  
5 replacing rotted wood and systems such as the  
6 gutters, the Yankee gutters, and the soffits,  
7 the fascias.

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah. Everything I've



9           seen going on so far is just bringing the  
10           house back up to snuff, and it's more or less  
11           keeping it from going any further. You know,  
12           it's simple stuff. It's siding repair.

13                   MR. BROKOW: A lot of cosmetics.

14                   MEMBER MC MAHON: It's the Yankee  
15           gutters, which are primary to keeping water  
16           from dripping down inside the walls.

17                   MR. BROKOW: There you go.

18                   MEMBER MC MAHON: It's all the basic  
19           stuff. Okay? So they've never -- they  
20           haven't gone --

21                   MEMBER WALOSKI: And that's just repair  
22           and rebuilding.

23                   MEMBER MC MAHON: That's all repairs.

24                   MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes.

25                   MEMBER MC MAHON: And it's all very

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1           necessary. He's at a beginning point. He's  
2           really just pulling it together to the point  
3           where he can proceed. The porches would be  
4           the last thing he's going to do.

5 MR. BROKOW: Yeah.

6 MEMBER MC MAHON: Everything is pretty  
7 much beat up. The stringers and risers are  
8 shot, pretty much, so I can see that that will  
9 be the last thing where he'll progress.

10 In regards to the back portion that  
11 you're tearing off --

12 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- that's here nor  
14 there, as far as I'm concerned. They might  
15 have different feelings about it, but if  
16 you're tearing anything that was added on and  
17 getting back to that point is getting it more  
18 back to what it was.

19 MR. BROKOW: That's what we're doing.

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: So that's where we're  
21 heading with that. If you were going to reuse  
22 that and doctor it up and change it to maybe  
23 add some of the components of the house, it's  
24 not a point, because you're tending -- you're  
25 planning on getting rid of it.

1 MR. BROKOW: It's going.

2 MEMBER MC MAHON: So there you go. So  
3 that's no need for --

4 MR. BROKOW: Pretty much.

5 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- more discussion in  
6 that regard.

7 MR. BROKOW: We're going to try to get  
8 the house tight at this point.

9 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah. Yeah, tighten  
10 it up.

11 MR. BROKOW: Weather tight.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: That's it. You go top  
13 and bottom.

14 MR. BROKOW: Exactly.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: And then in between  
16 you start doing your windows and all your  
17 siding repairs.

18 MEMBER WALOSKI: That's more a Building  
19 Department thing that --

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah, it's not even.

21 MEMBER WALOSKI: As far as preservation.

22 MEMBER MC MAHON: It's not even, yeah.

23 When the demo comes into it, that's a permit.

24 MEMBER WALOSKI: It's the building.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Permit item.

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1 MR. BROKOW: I think you guys want to  
2 know that I'm not putting in, you know, glass,  
3 rechanging glass, clear glass.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right.

5 MR. BROKOW: Door fronts and --

6 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right, right.

7 MR. BROKOW: You know, I understand.

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: It's one-over-ones,  
9 it's what was there. We can't ask you to  
10 throw in two-over-ones. When you bought it,  
11 that's what --

12 MR. BROKOW: Right.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: That's what you saw.

14 As far as you know and as far as I know,  
15 that's what the house was.

16 MR. BROKOW: Oh, yeah.

17 MEMBER MC MAHON: So that's where you go  
18 with it.

19 MR. BROKOW: Yeah.

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: So that's where he's  
21 heading.

22 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, that's fine.

23 MEMBER MC MAHON: I think you're doing a  
24 great job. I know Matt's doing a good job.

25 MR. BROKOW: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Listen to him.

2 MR. BROKOW: Okay.

3 MEMBER MC MAHON: Well, that's it. I  
4 mean, if we want to -- if you want to come  
5 back and show us what the rails are, then  
6 that's fine.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yeah. I mean, I  
8 think we would like to see that, too.

9 MEMBER MC MAHON: The spindles are what  
10 they are. It's very obvious those spindles  
11 will stay, and the rail itself that captures  
12 these things, it's just -- for your sake has  
13 got to be probably something that's a little

14 beefier and probably -- I don't know if you  
15 can get it at Riverhead Lumber. I've not had  
16 much success, but it can duplicated and added  
17 to --

18 MR. BROKOW: We'll he's going to -- the  
19 railing, the top rail --

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yes.

21 MR. BROKOW: -- we're going to buy.

22 Matt's going to make the spindles.

23 MEMBER MC MAHON: Okay, fine.

24 MR. BROKOW: So he's going to make a  
25 beefy square one and he's going to actually

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1 add -- I believe he said he's going to add  
2 some Victorian centers to it. So it probably  
3 would be a good idea. You know, if you'd like  
4 to see it, we'll --

5 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah.

6 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah, it would be nice  
7 to see what you've got going on.

8 MR. BROKOW: We'll bring in some  
9 components in and we'll show it to you.

10 MEMBER MC MAHON: Bring one, because  
11 you're going to want a mock-up anyway --

12 MR. BROKOW: Yeah.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- that you can see --

14 MR. BROKOW: Exactly.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- and then approve  
16 it, and then just bring it by and let us see  
17 it.

18 MR. BROKOW: We'll lay it out and I'll  
19 take a picture of it on the counter and lay it  
20 out or something.

21 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah, that's all.  
22 That's right.

23 MEMBER WALOSKI: This won't hold you up  
24 in any way?

25 MR. BROKOW: No.

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1 MEMBER MC MAHON: No. No, we don't want  
2 to hold you up, that's the big thing. And at  
3 the point you are right now, I understand that  
4 you are marching through the basics. You're

5 really just tightening it up. You're getting  
6 the Yankee gutters done.

7 MR. BROKOW: Find no surprises.

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: You're doing what you  
9 got to do, that's all. That's right. And you  
10 will find surprises and find --

11 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, besides the raccoons  
12 and the --

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: That's right. All  
14 right. So good, good to go as far as I'm  
15 concerned.

16 MEMBER BORRELLI: When was it built?

17 MR. BROKOW: I don't have the exact  
18 dates. I'm thinking 18 -- mid 1800s is what  
19 I'm thinking.

20 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: David Abatelli, do  
21 you have any information when the house was  
22 built?

23 MR. ABATELLI: If it's not in what  
24 Roselle is looking through right now, just on  
25 the second page --



1 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Well, it

2 doesn't --

3 MEMBER BORRELLI: It doesn't say.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yeah, it doesn't

5 say. Well -- but, anyway, it doesn't --

6 MEMBER BORRELLI: I'm just wondering.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: It's not that

8 important for us to make the decision.

9 MR. ABATELLI: That's all we would have.

10 MR. BROKOW: I know there's an old well

11 that's in the basement, so, I mean, it's a

12 stone foundation, it's old.

13 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Well, now you're

14 hooked up to public water and sewers.

15 MR. BROKOW: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So that's beyond

17 us, yes.

18 MR. BROKOW: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So, I mean,

20 I have a feeling that you are really trying to

21 do -- to reconstruct, and repair, and restore

22 the house close to where it was at one point,

23 even though it has gone through some

24 changes --

25 MR. BROKOW: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- over the course  
2 of time.

3 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: And, you know, I  
5 -- you know, I'm happy, you know, to say that,  
6 you know, I like what you are going for. We  
7 need maybe a few more -- a little bit of  
8 information as far as some of the details are  
9 concerned.

10 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, I'll take a whole --  
11 I'll talk to Eileen about the photos. If she  
12 doesn't have them on her computer, I'll take  
13 some more photos.

14 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah. Well, let's  
15 open up the discussion more. Lucy, do you  
16 have any other questions?

17 MEMBER CLARK: (Shook head no).

18 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I mean, I'm

19 willing to make a motion to basically approve,  
20 you know, the next step before -- you know,  
21 the windows, for example, because that's  
22 something that you need to order --

23 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- at one point.

25 And it's one-over-one. I mean, there's

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1 nothing special about mullions or anything.

2 MEMBER WALOSKI: No that's fine.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Right?

4 MEMBER WALOSKI: That's fine with me.

5 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So it's basically  
6 replacement in kind.

7 MEMBER MC MAHON: Exactly.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Are there any  
9 windows that may be a little bit larger,  
10 because --

11 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- the Building  
13 Department asks you to provide egress and  
14 they're going to -- I don't know. It's not a

15 residence.

16 MR. ABATELLI: Yeah.

17 MEMBER MC MAHON: It's preexisting.

18 MR. ABATELLI: Not that I'm aware of.

19 But, as he said, I think the first floor is

20 certainly going to be commercial.

21 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah.

22 MR. BROKOW: Second floor will either be

23 like a gallery or office.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: It's going to be

25 commercial, yeah.

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1 MR. BROKOW: Because I'm moving the --  
2 I'm removing the kitchens, so there's no  
3 dealing with sprinklers. And I don't think I  
4 want people living above a commercial use  
5 downstairs.

6 MR. ABATELLI: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay. So you  
8 will, at one point, come back to show us some  
9 more details about the ongoing project as far

10 as --

11 MR. BROKOW: Absolutely.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- porches and  
13 some of the details are concerned. But other  
14 than that, you are going to restore what was  
15 there before, even the gingerbread?

16 MR. BROKOW: The gingerbread, as much as  
17 is practically possible. Some of it is so  
18 intricate that I haven't -- to be honest, I  
19 haven't even looked into --

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: Recreating it, yeah.

21 MR. BROKOW: -- matching it up, because,  
22 you know, we're missing a lot of it. So that  
23 is -- the jury is still out on my end --

24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay.

25 MR. BROKOW: -- only because of, you

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1 know, budgetary stuff. But it's something  
2 that, you know, any pieces that we take down  
3 we will keep, so we can --

4 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Good.

5 MR. BROKOW: -- deal with it at a later

6 date.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I mean, this is  
8 part of the application, restore the elaborate  
9 gingerbread trim at the gables, so that's  
10 something that we will have to discuss going  
11 forward, whether that is possible.

12 MR. BROKOW: Yeah. I have to look into  
13 where I can --

14 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Because some of it  
15 is missing, correct?

16 MR. BROKOW: Oh, yeah, a lot of it,  
17 yeah.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah.

19 MR. BROKOW: I'll have one half and the  
20 other half is missing, so we're trying to see  
21 if we can steal some from a blind side of that  
22 property --

23 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Right.

24 MR. BROKOW: -- to have the front.

25 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: But facing the

1 street, the street elevation is pretty --  
2 that's the part that is more intact; is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. BROKOW: It's more intact, but it's  
5 still missing some pieces, too. It is missing  
6 some pieces.

7 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: All right. So we  
8 will work with you on this. I mean, I think  
9 we would be more interested in getting the  
10 street elevation possibly --

11 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes.

12 MR. BROKOW: That's what we're trying,  
13 to do.

14 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- done, and then,  
15 you know --

16 MR. BROKOW: We're trying to move it to  
17 take pieces.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Possibly do  
19 something simpler on the side.

20 MR. BROKOW: That's what we're trying to  
21 do.

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. All right.

23 MEMBER BORRELLI: Have you seen the

24 house on First Street that sold. It's between  
25 Center and the IGA. It's very similar to the

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1 gingerbread on your house, and maybe -- I'm  
2 thinking they might have been built by the  
3 same builder, maybe. I'm just wondering about  
4 the gingerbread, because maybe they have  
5 extra.

6 MR. BROKOW: You know, I'm not sure, but  
7 I did pass a house and I said, "Boy, it sure  
8 looks like it might have been the same  
9 builder." I don't know if that was that  
10 house, though.

11 MEMBER WALOSKI: Is that the one that  
12 Schneider was working on?

13 MEMBER BORRELLI: Yeah, Schroeder.

14 MEMBER WALOSKI: Schroeder, yeah.

15 MEMBER BORRELLI: Maybe they have extra,  
16 or maybe they -- I don't know, or have found a  
17 place where they make replacement for it, you  
18 know, or -- I don't know, but you might see.  
19 It looks like the same stuff to me.



20 MR. BROKOW: There is a -- there's a  
21 renovator's catalogue, VanDykes --

22 MEMBER BORRELLI: Yes.

23 MR. BROKOW: -- Restoration.

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yes.

25 MEMBER WALOSKI: Perfect.

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1 MR. BROKOW: They actually have  
2 reproduction.

3 MEMBER BORRELLI: Yup.

4 MEMBER WALOSKI: They do?

5 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, they have -- yeah.

6 MEMBER WALOSKI: Thank goodness for Old  
7 House Journal, right?

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: All right.

9 MR. BROKOW: So we'll know what to do.

10 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So are  
11 there any other questions for Mr. Bennett?

12 MEMBER WALOSKI: Not at this time.

13 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Oh, no. I'm  
14 sorry. I mean, you're --

15 MR. BROKOW: Bennett.  
16 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Yeah, it is  
17 Bennett.  
18 MEMBER MC MAHON: Brokow.  
19 MEMBER WALOSKI: Bennett Brokow.  
20 MR. BROKOW: Right.  
21 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: May I call you  
22 Bennett?  
23 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, sure.  
24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay. So --  
25 MR. BROKOW: My kids do.

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1 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Would you like to  
2 make a motion?  
3 MEMBER MC MAHON: I will make a motion  
4 to approve the work thus far and plans. And  
5 just get back to us in regards to, you know,  
6 anything that you feel or we feel is going to  
7 be an architectural issue, yeah.  
8 MR. BROKOW: The railings. I'll come  
9 back in the spring with the -- you know, the  
10 railing layout. I'll do some homework on some

11 of the details that -- you know, I may say,  
12 "Look, I can get this. It's not exact, but  
13 it's real close."

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right.

15 MR. BROKOW: It's of the period, you  
16 know.

17 MEMBER MC MAHON: That's the way it  
18 goes. That's the way it goes.

19 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, we'll make -- it is  
20 what it is, yeah.

21 MEMBER MC MAHON: So approach it the way  
22 you're approaching it.

23 MR. BROKOW: Yeah.

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: And I think everybody  
25 will be very happy with your outcome.

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1 MR. BROKOW: Okay, good. Thank you very  
2 much.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay. So then  
4 Dennis made that motion. I --

5 MEMBER WALOSKI: I second the -- oh,

6           okay.

7           CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL:  Caroline --

8           MEMBER WALOSKI:  I second the motion.

9           CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL:  -- Waloski seconds  
10          the motion.  And all in favor?

11          MEMBER BORRELLI:  Aye.

12          MEMBER CLARK:  Aye.

13          MEMBER MC MAHON:  Aye.

14          MEMBER WALOSKI:  Aye.

15          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL:  Aye.  So all in  
16          favor.

17          MEMBER MC MAHON:  Keep plugging away.

18          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL:  So we'll see you  
19          back when you feel like you have something  
20          more to show.

21          MR. BROKOW:  Yeah, okay.

22          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL:  And so we can  
23          continue.

24          MR. BROKOW:  And stop by any time you'd  
25          like.

1           MEMBER MC MAHON:  Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Oh, we will.

3 MR. BROKOW: Yeah, good.

4 MEMBER WALOSKI: I pass by it all the  
5 time.

6 MR. BROKOW: Oh, good. Stop by.

7 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, okay.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Well, thank you  
9 very much for --

10 MR. BROKOW: Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- stopping by  
12 and --

13 MR. BROKOW: Okay.

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: Thanks.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- showing us your  
16 wonderful project.

17 MR. BROKOW: Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So moving right on  
19 to Item #2, which is a continued discussion  
20 and possible motion on an application  
21 submitted by Bill von Eiff from the First  
22 Baptist Church. The church is located in the  
23 Historic District at 74605 Main Street, The  
24 previous application.

25 MR. LAMOTHE: 650.

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1 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: 65?

2 MR. LAMOTHE: Zero.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Oh, God. All  
4 right. Located at 64 -- 650 Main Street.

5 MR. LAMOTHE: 650.

6 MEMBER CLARK: 650.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: 650.

8 MEMBER CLARK: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So what I wrote in  
10 my agenda is correct, Tom?

11 MR. LAMOTHE: 650 is the address.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So what does it  
13 say on my agenda?

14 MR. LAMOTHE: I don't have a copy of it.

15 MEMBER CLARK: It says 74605 Main  
16 Street.

17 MR. VON EIFF: That's my address.

18 MEMBER CLARK: That's his address.

19 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. That's the

20 confusion.

21 MEMBER CLARK: That's the confusion.

22 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So what is --

24 okay. So what is the -- what is --

25 MR. ABATELLI: Building the steeple on

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1 your building?

2 MR. VON EIFF: Building the steeple on

3 my building, there we go.

4 MEMBER CLARK: Listen closely, 650.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Sometimes things

7 get lost. You know, what can I say?

8 MS. CLARK: Got it now.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Do you want to

10 proceed with reading the Item #2?

11 MEMBER CLARK: Sure. Would you like me

12 to?

13 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: No, no, no.

14 MEMBER CLARK: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: You can speak

16 later.

17 MR. VON EIFF: Lucy's all ready.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I know, I know.

19 The previous application called for  
20 replacing the church steeple with a  
21 prefabricated 26-foot-four high fiberglass  
22 steeple. The much larger circa 40-foot-high  
23 historic wood steeple was removed in 2010.

24 The HPC Board Members requested that the  
25 Applicant research alternatives for a design

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1 that would more closely match the original  
2 historical steeple -- historic steeple. The  
3 property is located at Suffolk County Tax Map  
4 #1001-3-4-12.1.

5 Welcome back, Bill.

6 MR. VON EIFF: It's good to see you,  
7 Frank.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: All right. So, I  
9 mean, this also is an ongoing project, and,  
10 you know, we have discussed this many, many



11 times, but you have something new to show to  
12 us.

13 MR. VON EIFF: Well, what we did was we  
14 -- as I said the last meeting, that we don't  
15 have that many options. The widths and the  
16 designs of the steeples, this is the way  
17 they're made. So, as I said last time, we  
18 just couldn't possibly put something like that  
19 back up on the building for many reasons.  
20 One, it's just cost prohibitive. Second is  
21 we're getting back into woods and materials  
22 that give way, and we're back into leaking  
23 into the building.

24 So these are built very nice. They're  
25 built to mount on the building, so they bolt

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1 through, but it's sealed very nicely. We're  
2 not talking a lot of them.

3 So what we did was there was one other  
4 company that we had worked with three years  
5 ago to get quotes, and that was -- there's  
6 really two big ones, Piedmont Fiberglass and

7 Unlimited Fiberglass. Both companies  
8 specialize in church steeples and that's what  
9 they do, plus other types of things, but  
10 mainly steeples.

11 So I talked to the fellow I talked to  
12 years ago at Unlimited Fiberglass and he's  
13 able to -- it's something they've done before.  
14 They're able to build us an additional base,  
15 which is what is shown there. That will be  
16 seven-feet-four-inches wide. And the steeple  
17 will be all one piece, except one part. I  
18 mean, there's one part that we'll meld, the  
19 top part, but it will be custom made so that  
20 we have a wider base. So instead of the  
21 six-foot base, the very --

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Excuse me.

23 MR. VON EIFF: Yes, go ahead.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Except for the  
25 14-foot original base.

1 MR. VON EIFF: Well, the -- I didn't

2 think we were going back to the original, I'm  
3 talking where we are now. But looking at what  
4 we propose, the six foot, we're able to get up  
5 to seven-feet-four-inches, and that's the -- I  
6 talked to them about -- they just can't make  
7 it any wider. They don't have the moulds.  
8 You know, there's a lot of -- Dennis, you and  
9 I, we know.

10 MEMBER MC MAHON: These people are in  
11 the business --

12 MR. BROKOW: Yes.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- to crank these  
14 things out, and they do not -- it's like any  
15 other company. Once you start to increase  
16 inventory, how many churches need steeples?

17 MR. BROKOW: Right, exactly.

18 MEMBER MC MAHON: How many variations  
19 are you going to include, and where can you go  
20 with it?

21 As far as I'm concerned, just to open it  
22 up a little bit, this is a big improvement  
23 over the first one that you had proposed.

24 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

25 MEMBER BORRELLI: I think it's perfect.

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1 MEMBER MC MAHON: I think it adds a lot  
2 more attention.

3 MR. BROKOW: Exactly.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: And if you just flip  
5 back to the original, first off, to include  
6 that, the shape of that vent system is a lot  
7 better than the other one. That makes me feel  
8 a lot better.

9 MR. BROKOW: It matches the windows,  
10 which is nice, on the side.

11 MEMBER MC MAHON: You got closer to the  
12 height. You're 35 feet, as opposed to the 40  
13 that was original. That's quite a bit over --  
14 that's another six feet over --

15 MEMBER BORELLI: Yup.

16 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- the 29.

17 MEMBER BORRELLI: Yup.

18 MEMBER MC MAHON: So I understand  
19 Frank's concern, and whatever, but once you  
20 start getting wide like that, then -- have you

21 removed the interior post that used to go down  
22 to the basement, or whatever?

23 MR. VON EIFF: Those are still in the  
24 building.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: They're still in the

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1 building, yeah.

2 MR. VON EIFF: Yeah, because they go  
3 right through the building.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right through the  
5 building.

6 MR. LAMOTHE: All the way through, yeah.

7 MR. VON EIFF: And they're still, you  
8 know, pretty good.

9 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah.

10 MR. VON EIFF: It's everything else  
11 that --

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: Understood.

13 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: But, I mean, that --  
15 see, that's where you start heading with that.

16 And then you're talking -- that's big bucks to  
17 even start getting that.

18 The base, then, you have to marry the  
19 base to the second and third portions of that.

20 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

21 MEMBER MC MAHON: So it's not just  
22 making a wider base.

23 MR. VON EIFF: No.

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: You can't just get  
25 away with a wider base, I understand that.

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1 You have to then -- everything has to be  
2 scaled again and again and again.

3 MR. LAMOTHE: Exactly.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: And then you get back  
5 to the weight, which became the problem.

6 MR. VON EIFF: Yes, with the original.

7 MEMBER MC MAHON: Of the original.

8 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

9 MEMBER MC MAHON: I don't know, and we  
10 had this discussion. This church was moved at  
11 some point.

12 MR. LAMOTHE: Yeah.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: And how much was  
14 original to this?

15 MR. LAMOTHE: I can tell you what  
16 happened. The forward part of the building  
17 was moved to --

18 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Can you identify  
19 your name for the minutes, please?

20 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes, she has it. She has  
21 my name.

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: She does?

23 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Lucia?

25 MR. LAMOTHE: She took it earlier. Yes,

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1 she did.

2 MS. BRAATEN: I did.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Oh, good. Thanks.

4 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes. The building that  
5 you see there now is half the size. What is  
6 now the forward portion --

7 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right, right.

8 MR. LAMOTHE: -- where the pulpit is was  
9 the original building. It was where the North  
10 Road and the Main Road meet, and it was moved  
11 in 1845, 1846 to the present location and  
12 expanded on.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right.

14 MR. LAMOTHE: And so it's -- so you're  
15 looking -- what you see, actually, when you  
16 come down the street is all the addition.

17 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right, yeah.

18 MR. LAMOTHE: It's the wider portion  
19 further into the parking lot that was the  
20 original building. That goes back to about  
21 1833.

22 MEMBER BORRELLI: I think it looks great  
23 compared to the other one. I think it's fine.  
24 It's almost perfect.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah, I like it a lot

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1 better.

2 MEMBER BORRELLI: Compared to the way



3 it -- you know.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: You made an effort.

5 MR. VON EIFF: Yeah.

6 MEMBER CLARK: Yes.

7 MR. VON EIFF: And we felt everyone, you  
8 know, on the Board really likes it, felt it  
9 fit, you know, a lot nicer, even looks -- when  
10 you look at the stained glass windows and all  
11 and the shape and length, it really looked  
12 nice with the vents.

13 MEMBER CLARK: Yup.

14 MR. VON EIFF: So I was very thankful we  
15 were able to find this company. We spent a  
16 lot of time researching what they had. I told  
17 them the situation and they do the best they  
18 can.

19 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah. The first  
20 drawing doesn't have the staging of the  
21 second.

22 MR. VON EIFF: Exactly.

23 MEMBER MC MAHON: Right. It looks more  
24 like -- well, at least it's an attempt to --

25 MEMBER BORRELLI: It looks like a

1 needle.

2 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- address the stages,  
3 because the first stage now has a trim detail  
4 to it, whereas the last one you proposed  
5 really just lacked a lot of detail. The fact  
6 that there's a little gable on the top of --  
7 the very top of the spire adds something to  
8 it, and it has these little columns that kind  
9 of replicate the front of what you have going  
10 on, even though the columns are not original.

11 MR. VON EIFF: Right.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: You got to keep on --  
13 you got to keep all this stuff in mind.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: Any time I go into an  
16 older building, I try to drag into it whatever  
17 the last renovator did.

18 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

19 MEMBER MC MAHON: You have to start  
20 somewhere so you can go back. If there's more

21 of the detail of what was the church at some  
22 other point, you try to drag that forward and  
23 do with it what you're trying to do.

24 I understand that we don't have the  
25 depth and the width of this beautiful thing

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1 that was original steeple.

2 CHAIRMAN UELLEDAHL: I'm glad you said  
3 beautiful thing.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: It was -- no --  
5 beautiful, it is. I mean, none of us would  
6 doubt that.

7 MR. VON EIFF: Oh, no. We love it.

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: It's got the dental  
9 mouldings up there that we will miss.

10 MR. VON EIFF: We had a hard time taking  
11 it down, but we had no choice. I mean, we  
12 would have lost the whole piece.

13 MEMBER MC MAHON: Well, we have cupolas  
14 that are missing off our own homes.

15 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

16 MEMBER MC MAHON: And when I started

17 thinking about this project, I was in my attic  
18 the other night --

19 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

20 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- and thinking that  
21 if I put this back, will the structure that I  
22 have in my house now handle the weight of what  
23 is going to --

24 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Right. I have the  
25 same problem with my house.

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1 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah, because yours --  
2 ours were both --

3 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: We're neighbors.

4 MEMBER MC MAHON: -- the same builder as  
5 well, not to muddle the conversation with  
6 that. But understood, that when you start  
7 adding a lot of structure back into that  
8 building, you take the chance of adding the  
9 weight and recreating some of the issues that  
10 they had prior to them taking it down. So, I  
11 mean, you know, you got to -- there's a

12 practical issue in regards to that, so I  
13 understand it.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So, if we can --

16 MEMBER MC MAHON: I'm fine with this.

17 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yes.

18 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: You are fine and I  
20 feel that there are quite a few Board Members  
21 fine with the improvement. But I'm not fine  
22 with this, because I really would like to have  
23 the original back, if I --

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: Sure.

25 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- I wanted to.

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1 And I have no comparison whether -- how much  
2 more or maybe less money it would be to build  
3 at least the lower tier, the first tier to  
4 make it a little bit more substantial and have  
5 it built by a local builder, and then put  
6 maybe something else on top of it. But, you  
7 know, we still have to discuss the fact that

8           this is going to be a totally different  
9           steeple --

10                  MEMBER WALOSKI: I agree with Frank,  
11           yeah.

12                  CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- and a different  
13           appearance.

14                  MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah.

15                  CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: And the next  
16           question would be, would the Village be better  
17           off not approving something like this, where  
18           the congregation spends a lot of money on, and  
19           not having a steeple at all, and maybe 10  
20           years from now there might be money to put  
21           something original back up. I'm just tossing  
22           this at the conversation because we need to  
23           have that conversation. I'm not willing to --  
24           personally, I'm not willing to just approve  
25           something that is from a catalogue.

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1                  MR. LAMOTHE: If I may just speak to the  
2           money-down-the-road issue.

3           Very briefly, we're a small congregation  
4           comprised of elderly and working people,  
5           single mothers, whom we have to help, as a  
6           congregation, pay the rent. There is no way.

7           Now, we were given a gift towards this  
8           that could just about cover this as a special  
9           designated gift. Outside of this, there is  
10          nothing that can be done. There is no money  
11          coming down the road.

12          MR. VON EIFF: There's other issues  
13          that, you know, we need to take care of, too.  
14          You know, with a building from the 1800s, it's  
15          just endless.

16          MEMBER MC MAHON: Well, it's  
17          maintenance.

18          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So why not then  
19          use the gift for something else that is -- I  
20          mean, I'm not putting -- I'm not trying to put  
21          words into your mouth, but help the single  
22          mothers and their kids.

23          MR. LAMOTHE: No, we're maintaining. My  
24          point is we cannot invest thousands and  
25          thousands and thousands of dollars into a

1           steeple. We can do this.

2           MR. VON EIFF: I think there's two -- I  
3           think a lot of this, too, Frank is your  
4           personal opinion, and we're really trying to  
5           do our best. And, you know, with this, I  
6           mean, I -- as a church, as people who belong  
7           to the community of Greenport, we all care,  
8           and we care what it looks like, we devote our  
9           time. To me, it's a little disheartening that  
10          you're giving a church this much problem  
11          trying to put a steeple back on a church.

12          CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I'm not -- I'm not  
13          trying to give you --

14          MR. VON EIFF: I know, but it's your  
15          personal opinion.

16          CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: I'm just trying to  
17          expand the discussion --

18          MEMBER WALOSKI: Yeah, but I also agree  
19          with Frank on this.

20          CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: -- the  
21          conversation on this.



22           MR. VON EIFF: I know. But what it is,  
23           it's also coming down to there's weight  
24           issues. There's possibly more damage in the  
25           church. If you've been in the church, it's

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1           one of the most beautiful churches around. We  
2           have to be very careful with the interior,  
3           too, because --

4           MEMBER WALOSKI: Then why -- is it  
5           possible you could live without the steeple?

6           MR. VON EIFF: Well, we've lived without  
7           for three years and it would be nice to put it  
8           back on. I think it would look --

9           MEMBER WALOSKI: It would be nice to put  
10          it back on if it were in proportion to what  
11          was originally there.

12          MR. VON EIFF: Well, we're talking  
13          about --

14          MEMBER BORRELLI: Can I just say one  
15          thing?

16          MR. VON EIFF: Sure, yeah, Roselle.

17                   MEMBER BORRELLI: What's originally  
18                   there, I don't even know that originally  
19                   that --

20                   MR. VON EIFF: Right.

21                   MEMBER BORRELLI: -- as squat and fat as  
22                   it is makes more sense than what they're  
23                   thinking of putting on now. I'm kind of  
24                   liking what they're -- it's thinner and it's  
25                   taller, or maybe the height is the same. But

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1                   I'm thinking fat and -- I had just made the  
2                   suggestion to go just a little bit bigger just  
3                   to make it --

4                   MR. VON EIFF: Sure, you have to.

5                   MEMBER BORRELLI: But the fact, like  
6                   exactly what Dennis said, that looked a little  
7                   plastic.

8                   MR. VON EIFF: Right, it looks --

9                   MEMBER BORRELLI: It looks like a  
10                   darning needle to me.

11                   MR. VON EIFF: Sure.

12                   MEMBER BORRELLI: Like I'm going to get

13 my needle, point de pois, and I'm going to go  
14 out there and I'm going to do that with a  
15 needle.

16 And, as Dennis said, putting the  
17 columns -- matching the front, putting the two  
18 things, the two -- the base and then the one  
19 above it has given it a lot of architectural  
20 detail than putting that -- the little shutter  
21 window thing on there, the grille in the form  
22 of a gothic sort of window matching the  
23 stained glass in the front. I'm with Dennis.  
24 I'm thinking it --

25 MEMBER CLARK: I'm with you guys.

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1 MEMBER BORRELLI: We actually improved  
2 maybe upon the original, I'm thinking, I mean,  
3 in a sense. I'm not sure that I like so much  
4 fat and -- I'm liking it. I mean, I don't  
5 like the original.

6 MR. VON EIFF: Sure. No, and --

7 MEMBER BORRELLI: That one only looks

8 plastic and crazy, but this one looks  
9 beautiful.

10 MEMBER WALOSKI: Well, that's going to  
11 be plastic, too, though.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: This will look  
13 plastic, too.

14 MEMBER BORRELLI: But you don't have to  
15 know it's plastic. But you won't know that.  
16 I'm thinking, with the detail that they put on  
17 there, actually matching the front door, the  
18 columns in the front, and picking up the thorn  
19 of the stained glass is exactly what the  
20 original is -- had done originally. And I  
21 think it even improves on it, as Dennis said,  
22 with the two levels of boxes there, these  
23 bases, is even better than what you originally  
24 had, so I say go for it. I mean, I don't  
25 know. I think it's actually improved upon --

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1 MR. VON EIFF: Can we take the vote and  
2 then --

3 MEMBER BORRELLI: -- than the original.

4 MEMBER CLARK: Can we make a motion?

5 MR. VON EIFF: Let's make a motion,

6 because --

7 MEMBER CLARK: Can we make a motion?

8 MR. VON EIFF: Can we make the motion?

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yeah.

10 MEMBER CLARK: I could make a motion.

11 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Is there more  
12 discussion on this before we take a motion?

13 MEMBER BORRELLI: Well, I would never  
14 tell a -- I mean, apart from taking a motion,  
15 I would never tell a congregation, "Don't put  
16 a steeple on a church," because the steeple on  
17 the church is what sends the church, and the  
18 prayers, and whatever the people who are the  
19 believers in that church up to God. So you  
20 can't tell a congregation, "Don't put a  
21 steeple," "Don't use your money in that way."

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So this, Bill --  
23 that's why I like this Board to open up the  
24 conversation.

25 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

1           MEMBER BORRELLI: Their faith in God is  
2 steering people, they want it up to God.

3           CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So everybody can  
4 say something. And everybody has maybe a  
5 different opinion, but we need to go through  
6 this.

7           MEMBER BORRELLI: You can't tell someone  
8 what their faith depends on.

9           CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: We need you to  
10 understand that there --

11          MEMBER BORRELLI: Faith depends on  
12 history, and history, it always has a steeple  
13 on a church.

14          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: She's still  
15 talking, yeah.

16          MEMBER CLARK: She's allowed.

17          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Yes, she's  
18 allowed.

19          MEMBER CLARK: Thank you.

20          CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So -- and you are,  
21 too.

22 MEMBER CLARK: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So that's why we  
24 need to talk about this, because --

25 MEMBER BORRELLI: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- you know maybe  
2 my point of view. Maybe I am a little bit too  
3 anal about this, but there are -- this is a  
4 new Board. When you came here three years  
5 ago, it was a totally different Board and they  
6 were much more hostile to your initial  
7 proposal, and, you know, things have changed.

8 MEMBER MC MAHON: Yeah.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: The economy has  
10 changed. The church, the congregation maybe  
11 has changed a little bit.

12 MEMBER CLARK: They've come back with --

13 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So we take all  
14 this into consideration.

15 MEMBER CLARK: And they did that. They  
16 went, they did their homework that we asked  
17 them to do.

18 MEMBER BORRELLI: Exactly.

19 MEMBER CLARK: They are trying to work  
20 with us.

21 MEMBER BORRELLI: It's improved upon,  
22 it's better.

23 MEMBER CLARK: I think it's lovely. I  
24 like it a lot better than --

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: The thing, too, is

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1 that every building goes through its changes,  
2 and I think you have to respect that  
3 particular -- you know, we're in 2014 now.  
4 You know, of course, these things go -- these  
5 buildings go through their changes. These  
6 columns weren't original to the building  
7 either. So, you know, what are you really  
8 saying at that point, you know?

9 MEMBER BORRELLI: They're Grecian.

10 MR. LAMOTHE: They were put on in the  
11 early 1930s.

12 MEMBER CLARK: Right, what are we



13 saying?

14 MEMBER MC MAHON: How much do you go  
15 back? And, you know, do you tell them to tear  
16 off the columns because they're put in in the  
17 '30s? I think you just move ahead and you  
18 kind of respect -- you drag elements of what  
19 you think was there, which I think, again, is  
20 a vast improvement over the first drawing.

21 MEMBER BORRELLI: Exactly.

22 MEMBER MC MAHON: And I think the  
23 effort's made.

24 I agree with Frank as well, you know,  
25 because I'm trying to be a politician and I'm

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1 going to ride both sides of the fence, but I  
2 think -- but I think what has to happen here  
3 and what you've done, I think as far as we can  
4 really -- we can't predict what the financial  
5 being, you know, is going to happen with your  
6 church here, we can't do it. And, at this  
7 point, you're telling us, you know, that it  
8 doesn't look good, and you're trying to

9 maintain -- you've got other issues you've got  
10 to deal with, and you're trying to help your  
11 congregation at this point. I think that is  
12 first and foremost. And I think that the fact  
13 that you --

14 MEMBER BORRELLI: And it's also a gift.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: There you go, yeah,  
16 yeah.

17 MEMBER BORRELLI: It was gifted by the  
18 congregation. Somebody wants to make a gift  
19 of the steeple.

20 MR. LAMOTHE: Right.

21 MEMBER BORRELLI: So you say, "Yes, sir,  
22 thank you very much," and let's find the best  
23 steeple we can put up. We can't say, "No,  
24 don't give us the gift."

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Let's make a motion,

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1 then, okay?

2 MEMBER CLARK: I make a motion.

3 MEMBER MC MAHON: Could we make a motion

4 on this, then?

5 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: If there is no  
6 other discussion --

7 MEMBER BORRELLI: I make a motion to  
8 approve.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Caroline, you are  
10 still pensive.

11 MEMBER WALOSKI: I'm voting no.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: Okay, that's good.

13 MEMBER CLARK: There's no motion yet.

14 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So then we  
15 can -- well, we can -- so make a motion, Lucy,  
16 if you want to.

17 MEMBER CLARK: I make a motion to accept  
18 the application for the First Baptist Church  
19 to renovate their steeple according to the  
20 latest, with the 35-foot height, the  
21 seven-foot-four-inch width on their church --

22 MEMBER MC MAHON: And I'll second it.

23 MEMBER CLARK: -- as submitted.

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: I will second that.

25 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye. I'm in favor.

1 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: You're in favor?

2 MEMBER WALOSKI: I vote no.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: You vote no. I  
4 abstain, because I know you're --

5 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Where you're  
7 coming from. But with three votes -- that's  
8 why I wanted a full quorum here.

9 MR. VON EIFF: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: That's it, because  
11 we didn't have a full quorum the last couple  
12 of meetings. So I was thinking that it might  
13 pass the way it was going last month.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So when are you  
16 going to possibly put the steeple up?

17 MR. VON EIFF: We can order it now,  
18 which is exciting.

19 MEMBER CLARK: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Good.

21 MR. VON EIFF: It won't be delivered  
22 until May, so it would probably be May that it

23 would actually be installed on the --

24 MEMBER MC MAHON: Better weather.

25 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: But you do need a

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1 building permit.

2 MEMBER MC MAHON: Better weather.

3 MR. VON EIFF: Yeah, better weather.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: So you do need a

5 building permit.

6 MR. VON EIFF: Yes. We'll file -- I'll

7 see Dave and take care of that.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Okay. All right,

9 Bill, thank you for your patience.

10 MR. VON EIFF: Great. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN UELLENDahl: Tom, you, too.

12 MEMBER MC MAHON: Give the people their

13 steeple.

14 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you, Roselle.

15 MEMBER BORRELLI: You're welcome.

16 MR. VON EIFF: It was nice meeting you.

17 I didn't meet you last time, Caroline.

18 MEMBER WALOSKI: Nice meeting you, too.

19 MR. VON EIFF: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: All right. So we  
21 have a couple of points to discuss -- not to  
22 discuss.

23 MEMBER MC MAHON: No, we have motions.

24 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: We've got motions.

25 So Item #3, motion to approve the

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1 minutes of the November 4th, 2013 meeting. We  
2 read them all, I think. Well, I did.

3 MEMBER MC MAHON: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: It was a  
5 relatively brief and very concise one, and we  
6 made some -- I made an addendum and a change.

7 MEMBER CLARK: That there was no such  
8 person, yup.

9 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Right. So I make  
10 that motion to approve the minutes.

11 MEMBER CLARK: I second.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: All in favor?

13 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

14 MEMBER CLARK: Aye.

15 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

16 MEMBER WALOSKI: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Aye.

18 Item #4, motion to accept the minutes of  
19 December 2nd, 2013, which was last month's  
20 meeting. I make that motion.

21 MEMBER CLARK: I second.

22 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. All in  
23 favor?

24 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

25 MEMBER CLARK: Aye.

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1 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

2 MEMBER WALOSKI: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Aye.

4 Motion to schedule the next HPC meeting  
5 for -- I think it's February 3rd, unless there  
6 is a holiday or anything --

7 MEMBER WALOSKI: It is February 3rd.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- preventing us

9 from being here. Are we going on vacation to  
10 Florida or the Caribbean?

11 MEMBER CLARK: No.

12 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: So everybody  
13 should be here?

14 MEMBER WALOSKI: Yes

15 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay. So then I  
16 make that motion to --

17 MEMBER CLARK: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: -- to schedule  
19 the --

20 MEMBER CLARK: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Okay, second. All  
22 in favor?

23 MEMBER BORRELLI: Aye.

24 MEMBER CLARK: Aye.

25 MEMBER MC MAHON: Aye.

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1 MEMBER WALOSKI: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Aye.

3 All in favor means, Lucia, that

4 everybody will be here. We'll see.



5 Motion to adjourn at 5:55.

6 MEMBER WALOSKI: I make a motion to  
7 adjourn.

8 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Thank you.

9 MEMBER CLARK: I second.

10 CHAIRMAN UELLEND AHL: Caroline made the  
11 motion to adjourn at 5:55.

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