

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

2 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK

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4 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

5 REGULAR MEETING

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7 Third Street Firehouse

8 Greenport, New York 11944

9 November 21, 2024

10 5:00 p.m.

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12 BEFORE:

13 JANE RATSEY WILLIAMS - CHAIRPERSON

14 ROSELLE BORRELLI - MEMBER

15 JANICE CLAUDIO - MEMBER

16 DENNIS MCMAHON - MEMBER

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19 MICHAEL NOONE - CLERK TO THE BOARDS

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1 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Good  
2 evening. It's 5:00 p.m.

3 My name is Jane Ratsey-Williams,  
4 and as Chair, I welcome you to the  
5 November 21st, 2024 meeting of the  
6 Historic Preservation Commission at the  
7 Station One Firehouse.

8 Will the other Board Members  
9 please identify themselves?

10 MEMBER BORRELLI: Roselle  
11 Borrelli.

12 MEMBER CLAUDIO: Janice Claudio.

13 MEMBER McMAHON: Dennis McMahon.

14 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
15 Thank you. We have a quorum.

16 Item number 1, motion to accept  
17 and approve the minutes of the October  
18 7, 2024 special meeting. Do I have a  
19 second?

20 MEMBER BORRELLI: I'll second.

21 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
22 those favor?

23 (Aye said in unison.)

24 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
25 those opposed? Motion carried.

1           Item number 2, motion to accept  
2           and approve the minutes of the October  
3           17, 2024 regular meeting. Do I have a  
4           second?

5           MEMBER BORRELLI: I'll second.

6           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
7           those in favor?

8           (Aye said in unison.)

9           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
10          those opposed? Motion carried.

11          Item number 3, motion to schedule  
12          the next Historic Preservation  
13          Commission meeting for 5:00 p.m. on  
14          Thursday, December 19, 2024 at the  
15          Station One Firehouse. Do I have a  
16          second?

17          MEMBER BORRELLI: Second.

18          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
19          those in favor?

20          (Aye said in unison.)

21          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
22          those opposed? Motion carried.

23          Item number 4, application for 455  
24          Main Street, Suffolk County Tax Map  
25          Number 1001-4-7-19, Palmer Victoria TD.

1 Discussion and possible motion on the  
2 application of Deborah Schade.  
3 Applicant proposes a renovation to an  
4 existing 100-year-old barn, including  
5 replacement and/or repairs to the roof,  
6 the siding, the doors, the windows, and  
7 trim. Exterior materials to be used on  
8 the siding are clear cedar shingles  
9 with a vertical grooved and stained  
10 half-round fish scale cedar shingles,  
11 inside reverse gable ends. The roof  
12 will be TimberTech, architectural  
13 shingles weathered red to match the  
14 principal building. The trim will be  
15 stained wood. The windows will be  
16 Anderson full divided light as  
17 replacements. Front elevation gable  
18 and windows to be restored stained  
19 glass. The doors will be barn doors to  
20 be custom-built to replace the existing  
21 ones. Behind the barn door will be a  
22 new set of Anderson gliding doors.  
23 Thank you.

24 Debbie, would you please step up  
25 to the podium and tell us your name and

1 address for the record?

2 MS. SCHADE: So my name is Debbie  
3 Schade and I live on Main Street in  
4 Greenport.

5 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: This  
6 is a lovely application.

7 First of all, on a previous  
8 application of yours I want to  
9 congratulate you on the garden that was  
10 put in at Special Effects. It's just  
11 bumped up the whole block. It looks  
12 magnificent, it looks very inviting, so  
13 thank you.

14 MS. SCHADE: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
16 Thank you for doing that.

17 Janice, you have some discussion  
18 or questions?

19 MEMBER CLAUDIO: I was going to  
20 note points of interest, like your  
21 stained glass, what is that, is that  
22 something old that you're putting in or  
23 new?

24 MS. SCHADE: So there is no  
25 stained glass. And I don't have any

1           stained glass that -- I didn't see  
2           that. There isn't. In the original  
3           house, there is, but not in the barn.  
4           There is none.

5           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: I  
6           didn't see it on the plans.

7           MEMBER CLAUDIO: It's in the list  
8           all exhibits, somewhere in there I saw  
9           it.

10          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: It  
11          is there.

12          MEMBER BORRELLI: Gee, I didn't  
13          see any stained glass.

14          MEMBER McMAHON: Well, everything  
15          else looks great. The shingles, the  
16          barn door hardware, the gutters,  
17          everything else you have included in  
18          this picture so far is looking great.

19          MEMBER CLAUDIO: The fish scale.

20          MEMBER McMAHON: The fish scale,  
21          the gable ends.

22          CLERK NOONE: It does note on the  
23          application that front elevation gable  
24          and windows to be restored stained  
25          glass.

1 MS. SCHADE: I have no interest in  
2 doing stained glass, I'm just going to  
3 replace the windows exactly how they  
4 are.

5 MEMBER CLAUDIO: You're not  
6 considering re-glazing a historic --

7 MS. SCHADE: No.

8 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: And  
9 then the hard door is classic barn  
10 door, kind of old-fashioned --

11 MS. SCHADE: Yes, so it will slide  
12 over. I wanted to have glass behind  
13 it --

14 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
15 Right. Protection, right. That's  
16 wonderful because you could have just  
17 put the sliding doors and not done the  
18 outside door, but that really makes a  
19 difference.

20 I love also the picture of the  
21 barn. It is -- it's fabulous, and I  
22 agree with Janice, the shingles, the  
23 scallops are just fabulous.

24 MEMBER BORRELLI: Who do you think  
25 built it? Do you think it was, like,

1 the house first and then the barn after  
2 or do you have any year on it?

3 MS. SCHADE: I don't have a year  
4 on it, but I think they were real  
5 close, real close.

6 MEMBER CLAUDIO: Didn't you have  
7 an idea at one time of an earlier  
8 application, you had a different design  
9 on that barn, do I remember, that got  
10 withdrawn. We never talked about it,  
11 but the plans were submitted. Am I  
12 imagining all that?

13 MS. SCHADE: No, you're not  
14 imagining it.

15 MEMBER CLAUDIO: Whatever. This  
16 is where we're at.

17 MS. SCHADE: I've taken a detour.  
18 This is where we're at.

19 MEMBER CLAUDIO: Well, to emulate  
20 what was there is also of historic  
21 interest.

22 MEMBER McMAHON: Lovely.

23 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: It  
24 is just beautiful.

25 MEMBER McMAHON: That's your



1 shingle sample, which is very nice.  
2 And that's your vertical siding, which  
3 is lovely.

4 MEMBER BORRELLI: Where is your  
5 scallops?

6 MEMBER McMAHON: Imagine the  
7 scallops. We have a nice picture of  
8 the scallops. That's very nice, that's  
9 going to look beautiful.

10 MS. SCHADE: It's just going to be  
11 exactly what's there.

12 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: But  
13 it's going to stand up.

14 MEMBER CLAUDIO: It's not going to  
15 fall down.

16 MS. SCHADE: It's been years of  
17 wanting to do that.

18 MEMBER McMAHON: That's very  
19 exciting.

20 MS. SCHADE: And, you know, I had  
21 gotten approval years ago, so we had  
22 lifted it and put a foundation because  
23 it was on dirt.

24 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
25 That's an amazing process to watch,

1           isn't it? It's fascinating.

2           MS. SCHADE: The tourists had the  
3 most fun. I would find them back  
4 there, and the man would be like this  
5 (indicating) like he was holding up the  
6 building while his wife was taking  
7 pictures.

8           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
9 That's great. Any other discussions?

10          MEMBER CLAUDIO: It's easy.

11          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
12 Thank you. I'd like to note our  
13 Commission is only voting on the work  
14 described in your application minus the  
15 stained glass received by the Village  
16 on November 1st. Any other changes or  
17 new projects that you wish to make,  
18 you'll have to come back in front of  
19 the HPC. Is that clear?

20          MS. SCHADE: Yes.

21          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
22 Thank you. I make a motion to approve  
23 this application and issue a  
24 certificate of appropriateness as the  
25 application is in keeping with the

1 criteria in Greenport Village Code  
2 76-7. Do I have a second?

3 MEMBER BORRELLI: I'll second.

4 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
5 those in favor?

6 (Aye said in unison.)

7 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
8 those opposed? Motion carried.

9 Thank you. Village Hall will  
10 contact you when your certificate of  
11 appropriateness is ready.

12 MS. SCHADE: Thanks so much.

13 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: This  
14 may be a record time for our meeting,  
15 like, six minutes.

16 Agenda item number 5, what time is  
17 it? It is now 5:07 and I make a motion  
18 to adjourn.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Hold on. The  
20 public would like to speak.

21 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
22 Excuse me. Thank you, sir. Please  
23 step up to the microphone and say your  
24 name and address.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Kevin Stuessi,

1 Mayor of the Village of Greenport. I  
2 am here this evening to thank you,  
3 Jane, for all your hard work and  
4 dedication to our Village, in  
5 particular as Chair of the Historic  
6 Preservation Committee. You've given  
7 so much time to so many different  
8 things in the Village, and I know you  
9 are prepared to ramp back up on the  
10 LWRP Committee with the new designate  
11 from the State, and you're busy with  
12 the tree committee, and as rumor has  
13 it, you might have stepped down because  
14 you're looking to run for Village  
15 Board. There's an election in March.

16 But I just wanted to thank you.  
17 I've gotten to know you through the  
18 course of time now, and you went from  
19 being a personal friend to now a  
20 colleague, and I've really enjoyed it,  
21 and I wish to thank you for that.

22 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
23 Thank you. This has been an honor, and  
24 it was very sweet to have come tonight.  
25 Thank you.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely. I  
2           mean, to everybody on the Board, you  
3           guys are all volunteers, and anybody  
4           who gives their time to the community,  
5           it's a really meaningful thing. We  
6           help protect and enhance our historic  
7           character.

8           And Deborah, my God, what you've  
9           done, it's unbelievable. And all that  
10          that was said about the gardens and the  
11          building, it's nice to see the barn  
12          getting renovated. This is really  
13          important work this Board does.

14          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: I'll  
15          kind of be involved, I'm sure, because  
16          the history of Greenport is a passion  
17          of mine.

18          MAYOR STUESSI: Indeed. I'm also,  
19          of course, saddened that we lost Frank  
20          due to some health issues. Our Village  
21          newsletter is going out tomorrow, which  
22          is listing interest in finding others  
23          who might be interested in being on the  
24          Board. We have some interest from a  
25          few different community members as some

1 of the folks know, and so that's great.  
2 Hopefully we get some more interest.  
3 And I'm also really pleased to note  
4 that, of course, Janice has decided to  
5 step up and as Board Chair, which is  
6 great, and the baton will officially be  
7 passed.

8 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: I'd  
9 like to say, I've collected items,  
10 making them just completed, I think, by  
11 tomorrow, a file of all my archives  
12 that to pass on to this group and to  
13 the Village.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Was the 24-foot  
15 Ryder truck big enough?

16 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: You  
17 saw my printing bills, right?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, I did.

19 CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: I  
20 will send tomorrow a master list to the  
21 Board and to the Trustees of what's in  
22 the file. And then it's all organized  
23 alphabetically, and it will be -- you  
24 can find it in that basement. It will  
25 be labeled.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: I like to hear  
2           that.

3           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS:  
4           Thank you, Kevin. I appreciate you  
5           coming.

6           (Applause.)

7           MAYOR STUESSI: Now you can close  
8           the meeting.

9           CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Item  
10          number 5, number 6, what time is it  
11          now? It is now 5:11. I make a motion  
12          to adjourn. Do I have a second?

13          MEMBER BORRELLI: I'll second.

14          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
15          those in favor?

16          (Aye said in unison.)

17          CHAIRPERSON RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All  
18          those opposed? Motion carried. Thank  
19          you. Have a nice evening.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, AMY THOMAS, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings held on November 21, 2024, and were reported by me.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

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AMY THOMAS