1	VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
2	COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK
3	x
4	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
5	REGULAR SESSION
6	x
7	Station One Firehouse
8	3rd & South Streets
9	Greenport, NY, 11944
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11	September 16, 2025
12	6:00 p.m.
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14	B E F O R E:
15	JOHN SALADINO - CHAIRMAN
16	DINNI GORDON - MEMBER
17	SETH KAUFMAN - MEMBER
18	DAVID NYCE - MEMBER
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20	ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
21	BRIAN STOLAR - ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY
22	MICHAEL NOONE - CLERK TO THE BOARD
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1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Good evening,
2	folks. This is the Village of
3	Greenport Zoning Board of Appeals
4	regular meeting. It's approximately
5	6:08, I guess.
6	Item Number 1 is a motion to
7	accept the minutes of the July 15, 2025
8	Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. So
9	moved.
10	MEMBER GORDON: Second.
11	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
12	(Aye said in unison.)
13	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
14	aye.
15	And also, just for the public's
16	information, we have one member
17	missing. He had a conflict, so there
18	will only be four of us this evening.
19	Item Number 2 is a motion to
20	accept the minutes of the August 19,
21	2025 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
22	So moved.
23	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Second.
24	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
25	(Aye said in unison.)

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
2	aye.
3	Item Number 3 is a motion to
4	schedule the next Zoning Board of
5	Appeals meeting for October 21, 2025 at
6	6:00 p.m. at the Station One Firehouse,
7	Third and South Street, Greenport, New
8	York 11944. So moved.
9	MEMBER NYCE: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
11	(Aye said in unison.)
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
13	aye.
14	Item Number 4 is 616 Main Street.
15	This is a motion to accept the findings
16	and determinations of Andrew McCulloch.
17	The property is located in the R-2 One
18	and Two Family Residential District and
19	is also located in the Historic
20	District. The Suffolk County Tax Map
21	Number is 1001-3-4-4. Members have
22	read the findings?
23	MEMBER NYCE: Yes.
24	MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
25	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: You're

1	prepared to vote?
2	MEMBER NYCE: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So moved.
4	MEMBER NYCE: Second.
5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
6	(Aye said in unison.)
7	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
8	aye.
9	Item Number 5 is 625 First Street.
LO	This is a motion to accept the findings
11	and determinations for Patricia C.
L2	Moore on behalf of Beth and David
L3	Dahle. The property is located in the
L 4	R-2 One and Two Family Residential
L5	District and is also located in the
L 6	Historic District. The Suffolk County
L7	Tax Map Number is 1001-2-6-35.
L8	Again, the members have read the
L 9	findings?
20	MEMBER NYCE: Yes.
21	MEMBER GORDON: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So moved.
23	MEMBER NYCE: Second.
24	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
25	(Aye said in unison.)

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
2	aye.
3	Item Number 6 is 518 First Street.
4	This is a public hearing regarding the
5	application of David Murray on behalf
6	of Donald Wiss. Applicant proposes to
7	construct a new accessory structure.
8	This requires the following variance:
9	To permit a south side setback of 1.6
10	feet where a minimum of 5 feet is
11	required. The property is located in
12	the R-2 One and Two Family Residential
13	District and is also located in the
14	Historic District. The Suffolk County
15	Tax Map Number is 1001-4-3-6.
16	Mike, this was posted in the
17	newspaper, properly noticed?
18	CLERK NOONE: Properly noticed.
19	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: To the public,
20	I have the mailings of the neighbors
21	that were notified. If there's anybody
22	from the public that would like me to
23	read them, I will. If not, the
24	stenographer has them, she'll enter
25	them into the record.

1	MR. WISS: Only if they wrote in.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm sorry?
3	MR. WISS: Only if some of them
4	wrote in responses.
5	MEMBER NYCE: No, he's saying
6	CLERK NOONE: These are just the
7	mailings.
8	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We'll get to
9	that.
10	MEMBER NYCE: The mailings are
11	available to you, otherwise they'll
12	just be part of the record, the
13	mailings out from the Village.
14	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So the
15	stenographer has them, I won't read
16	them. Six of seven of them.
17	(Mailings: Carol Ann Lane, 180
18	East End Avenue, Apartment 15C, New
19	York, New York 10128; Janine Monsell,
20	514 First Street, Greenport, New York
21	11944; Stanley Boyd, P.O. Box 97,
22	Greenport, New York 11944; 513 Main
23	Street Greenport, Inc., P.O. Box 591,
24	Shelter Island Heights, New York 11965;
25	Tumavick Nancy M. Trust c/o Frank

1	Polistea, P.O. Box 667, Mattituck, New
2	York 11957; Roselle Borrelli, 519 First
3	Street, Greenport, New York 11944;
4	John/Carol Schott, P.O. Box 325,
5	Greenport, New York 11944.)
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Is the
7	applicant here?
8	MR. WISS: Yes.
9	MR. MURRAY: Go ahead, Don.
10	MR. WISS: Don Wiss, owner of 518
11	First Street. First, I knew that Dave
12	Murray was planning to replicate the
13	shed under a repair permit. I knew
14	this prior to our HPC meeting. It was
15	stressed that to be considered repair,
16	it had to be an exact replica inside
17	and out. I knew this and I wanted an
18	exact replica. The old shed was
19	clearly unsuitable for storage. No
20	engineer report needed. The shed was
21	leaning. There are two 2 by 4 posts in
22	the middle holding up the ceiling
23	joists.
24	Back when I started this house
25	project, I was telling people I cared

more about what the house outside
looked like than the inside. Thousands
will see the outside, relatively few
will see the inside. The house is even
on the bus route. Lisa Murray found
that the house had a simultaneously
built near twin, the Kapell house on
Sixth Street. Having a design goal is
much more rewarding than going through
a catalog and choosing which porch post
is best. The 1977 photo shows the twin
before it was altered. I'm a stickler
for historical accuracy, as David can
attest. I also believe to be truly
historical, building envelopes should
not be increased from their historical
size.
The main part of the shed is

The main part of the shed is assumed to have been built when Jacob Markell bought the house in 1901 and when he converted the house to shingle style. The side shed was added during the 60 years that John Sherwood owned the house. He stored his car in the main shed and needed the side shed for

other things. Later, plywood was put over the dirt floor in the main shed.

The plan approved by the HPC has
the shed front looking exactly as it
was before, even using interior doors
as exterior doors on the side shed, but
now it will all be cedar. My caring
what is seen by the community extends
to the view they see looking up my
driveway. There will be no fence
blocking the view of the shed. The
shed had a lot of charm, the new will
aguiline.

Previously the view of the driveway led directly to the main shed. The end of the driveway is 1.7 feet from the property line, the front of the foundation is 1.6 feet from the property line. So it's a perfect line, they align perfectly. To shift the shed over three and a half feet will shift the shed out of the direct view, and people will see a 5.7 foot gap as Janine Monsell's fence is .7 feet on her property. Placing the shed close

1	to the property line is consistent with
2	other similar structures in the older
3	part of the Village. The Midas of the
4	shed remains storage, though the shed
5	will get electricity and security. The
6	main shed will store a 12-foot sailboat
7	on a dolly with a bicycle hitch. The
8	side shed will store my bicycles. I
9	own no car to block the view of the
10	shed.
11	The making of concrete has a high
12	environmental cost. Moving the shed
13	three and a half feet would require a
14	lot of concrete. Applicant does not
15	want to use any more concrete than has
16	already been used to pour the
17	foundation.
18	A further complication is a shed
19	now 4.4 feet from a large eastern
20	cedar. Moving the shed would put the
21	shed too close to the tree and require
22	the tree's removal. Applicant does not
23	like cutting down native trees.
24	That's it. Questions?
25	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Does any

1	member have any questions for the
2	applicant?
3	MEMBER GORDON: I have a question.
4	At some point in the application, I
5	think it's in Dave Murray's
6	handwriting, he describes it as an old
7	barn. Was it ever a barn?
8	MR. WISS: No, it was
9	MEMBER GORDON: You described it
10	as just a garage.
11	MR. WISS: My guess is it's a slip
12	up because he was thinking of the barn
13	up the next block because 625 is
14	clearly a barn.
15	MEMBER GORDON: Yes, of course.
16	MR. WISS: It was a barn, it had a
17	door with hay coming out originally.
18	And this would have been, as I said,
19	according to Janine, John Sherwood kept
20	his car in. And there's ruts in the
21	grass where he drove over the grass
22	with his car. And so he built a side
23	shed to put everything else in.
24	MEMBER GORDON: I was asking about
25	the original structure. You think it

1	was the original structure was as a
2	garage?
3	MR. WISS: Or a shed and became a
4	garage, yeah. In 1901 it may not have
5	been a garage when it was built. John
6	Sherwood had it from 1917 to 1977, so
7	he had 60 years of owning that house.
8	MEMBER GORDON: Thank you.
9	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: David? I have
10	one or two questions.
11	MR. WISS: Uh-huh.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I don't know
13	if Dave is going to talk, but on your
14	EAF
15	MR. MURRAY: The gutter?
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: The what?
17	MR. MURRAY: The gutter, is that
18	what you're talking about?
19	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No. On the
20	EAF, one of the questions, question 12
21	is you answered no, and is it you
22	know, your application says it's in the
23	Historic District and you answered no
24	to that, so maybe we could change that.
25	Does the project site contain or

1	contiguous to district, national
2	historic. It's in the Historic
3	District.
4	MR. MURRAY: I must have sorry.
5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So we'll take
6	care of that.
7	And also another question was
8	about storm water discharge being a
9	foot and a half from the property line
LO	and 300 a square foot roof.
L1	MR. MURRAY: I answered that.
L2	CLERK NOONE: There was a new EAF
L3	that was sent to all the members and
L 4	Dave also submitted a storm water
L5	management.
L 6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I apologize.
L7	MR. MURRAY: I'll tell you what
L8	we're going to do. Sorry. Dave
L 9	Murray, owner of Murray Design & Build
20	at 449 Main Street. That question,
21	John, I answered. We sent in a
22	diagram. We're going to put a gutter
23	on the side and we're going to do a dry
24	well in front of the garage.
25	MEMBER NYCE: It's gabled, so it

1	would run off
2	CLERK NOONE: And there was an EAF
3	that was distributed to the Board.
4	MEMBER NYCE: I recall you saying
5	that last month when you were here as
6	well.
7	MR. WISS: It did not have a
8	gutter before, now we'll have a
9	gutter
LO	(Whereupon, there was simultaneous
L1	crosstalk.)
L2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I apologize.
L3	I did read the e-mail and I I
L 4	forgot, I'm sorry. I'm reading from
L 5	the EAF that I have in front of me, but
L 6	you did submit
L7	CLERK NOONE: He submitted an EAF.
L8	MR. MURRAY: Actually just to let
L 9	you know, Don wanted to do, like, a
20	bigger dry well and catch some of the
21	gutters from his main house into that,
22	so it's going to actually take care of
23	some of the main house as well.
24	MR. WISS: My argument is water is
25	fungible. So if I take care of the

1	main house in part to dump the shed
2	into the ground because
3	MR. MURRAY: Instead of doing a
4	smaller dry well
5	MR. WISS: A lot more roof on the
6	main house.
7	MEMBER GORDON: He still should be
8	answering yes, the proposed action will
9	connect well, no, because you're not
10	going to have water in the shed. Okay.
11	MR. MURRAY: Only electricity and
12	security.
13	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No sanitation.
14	MR. MURRAY: No sanitation.
15	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm going to
16	ask a ticklish question here. David,
17	did you make the applicant you don't
18	have to answer. Did you make the
19	applicant aware that you didn't have a
20	building permit to put down the
21	foundation?
22	MR. MURRAY: Yes, I did. And I
23	also want to let the you guys know
24	that I'm the one who let the Village
25	know that I did the foundation when

1	they finally had a Building Department
2	and we stopped basically ourselves. So
3	they didn't come to me and put a stop
4	work order. We were talking about 625
5	and I said we've got an issue at 518.
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, there's
7	some of us that kind of knew that, but
8	we're not the zoning police, we're just
9	the Board, so we don't make complaints.
10	MR. MURRAY: Don was aware because
11	his project was being held up because I
12	can't put in his like you guys were
13	talking about, I can't put his heat
14	pumps in until the walls of the garage
15	are complete because they're going
16	right next to the garage.
17	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I was
18	going to ask the applicant while he was
19	up there, if he was aware that the
20	foundation went in without a permit?
21	MR. WISS: He kept me informed.
22	No secrets from me.
23	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. And the
24	other question I would have is we saw
25	the professional engineer's report,

1	Mr. Mazzaferro. He saw that he
2	advised that the building had to come
3	down. There's no doubt in my mind that
4	it probably did. How soon after you
5	took the building down did you pour the
6	foundation?
7	MR. MURRAY: Two weeks.
8	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Maybe longer?
9	AUDIENCE MEMBER: Maybe a month.
10	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. That's
11	all I have. Thank you, David. Is
12	there
13	MR. WISS: Well, Janine is going
14	to speak.
15	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I've been
16	doing this a long time. The next
17	question out of my mouth was is there
18	anyone else from the public that would
19	like to speak?
20	Name and address for the
21	stenographer.
22	MS. MONSELL: Janine Monsell at
23	514 First Street, neighbor of Ben's. I
24	just want to know why you have to move
25	that over. I've been living in my

1	house for 60-something years and it's
2	always been where it is now. I don't
3	understand why it has to be moved over.
4	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, first of
5	all, we're not sure it does, number
6	one. Number two, because we don't
7	because since 1971 there's been a
8	zoning code in the Village of
9	Greenport. We don't live on a prairie
10	anymore, you know, where we can kind of
11	do what we want. In that code, it says
12	certain things are allowed and certain
13	things aren't. Anything that's been
14	there for 60 years
15	MS. MONSELL: Over 60.
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: 70 years, or
17	80 years, or 100 years, no one is going
18	to make anybody move it, or change it,
19	or tear it down. But, there's a
20	second there's always a but. But
21	the second part of that equation is
22	that if the building does come down, to
23	make things in conformity with the rest
24	of the Village and in conformity with
25	the code, it has to be built back

1	according to code.
2	MS. MONSELL: Oh, boy.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So that's the
4	dilemma that this Board faces. That
5	we'll debate.
6	MS. MONSELL: Yeah, because right
7	now the way it is it lines up with that
8	driveway right out to the road. You're
9	going to move it over, it's going to go
10	on an angle.
11	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We should also
12	note that we didn't write the code.
13	MS. MONSELL: I know that.
14	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're only
15	here to kind of administer listen to
16	people that need relief. So having
17	said that, that's the reasoning for
18	this notice of disapproval.
19	MS. MONSELL: Okay.
20	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Thank you.
21	Is there anyone else from the
22	public that would like to speak?
23	MR. WISS: Were there any written
24	comments that were sent in?
25	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If you're

1	going to ask questions, if you're going
2	to talk, you got to do it at the podium
3	for the stenographer.
4	MR. WISS: Donald Wiss, owner of
5	518 First.
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Do we have any
7	written comments? I don't believe we
8	have any written.
9	CLERK NOONE: We have no written
10	comments.
11	MR. WISS: I asked some of the
12	neighbors to write in, but I guess they
13	didn't.
14	CLERK NOONE: None.
15	MR. WISS: Most important one is
16	the closest.
17	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. What's
18	the pleasure of the Board?
19	ATTORNEY STOLAR: Before you do,
20	can I just get clarity on the
21	application? Your application form,
22	Dave, this is a question for you, your
23	application form as Mr. Wiss pointed
24	out says historic barn rebuild, which
25	is obviously a different property. It

1	says historic barn rebuild, which is a
2	different property. So that same page
3	references the height of the structure
4	and the dimensions of the structure. I
5	just want to make sure that the height
6	as shown as 11 feet, 7 inches is what
7	is proposed?
8	MR. MURRAY: It's exactly.
9	ATTORNEY STOLAR: And then the
10	dimensions seem to be based on taking
11	the building as if it's a full square
12	or rectangle. It says 29 by 21.5,
13	which wouldn't be entirely accurate.
14	Do you know the square footage of the
15	building with the two parts?
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Don't we have
17	that?
18	ATTORNEY STOLAR: I didn't see the
19	actual number. It's dimensioned but
20	it's not
21	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: 352.
22	CLERK NOONE: 352?
23	MR. MURRAY: That sounds correct.
24	ATTORNEY STOLAR: Okay. That's
25	fine.

1	MR. MURRAY: My handwriting is
2	terrible. You'd think I was a doctor.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That's because
4	you used to be a doctor, but it didn't
5	pay enough.
6	ATTORNEY STOLAR: I'm good. Thank
7	you.
8	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I think I
9	asked, what's the pleasure? Are we
10	going to close this public hearing?
11	MEMBER GORDON: Close it.
12	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Yeah, close it.
13	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All right.
14	I'm going to make a motion we close the
15	public hearing.
16	MEMBER NYCE: Second.
17	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
18	(Aye said in unison.)
19	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And I'll vote
20	aye.
21	All right. Item Number 7 is 412
22	West Street. This is a motion to
23	accept the application, schedule a
24	public hearing, and arrange a site
25	visit regarding the application of

1	Francisco Azama Lopez.
2	AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Applicant
4	proposes a second story addition with a
5	two-story rear addition. This requires
6	the following variances: Permit a rear
7	yard setback I'm not sure I'm
8	understanding this. It says permit a
9	rear yard setback of 7.7 feet where a
10	minimum of 13 is required. Is this
11	side yard?
12	MR. MURRAY: It should be side
13	yard.
14	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're going to
15	change that.
16	MEMBER NYCE: I think it's correct
17	in the notice of disapproval, it's just
18	not correct on the agenda, Mr.
19	Chairman.
20	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: The property
21	is located in the R-2 One and Two
22	Family Residential District, it's not
23	located in the Historic District. The
24	Suffolk County Tax Map Number is
25	1001-4-1-26.

1	Is the applicant here?
2	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Do you have
4	anything to tell us?
5	MR. MURRAY: Do you want me to go
6	for you?
7	CLERK NOONE: Go ahead.
8	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: The thing is
9	MR. MURRAY: You need to talk in
10	front of the microphone.
11	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Your name and
12	address for the stenographer.
13	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: My name is
14	Francisco Azama Lopez. It's a first
15	time in my life I have a house in this
16	country, so I don't know how this work
17	here in this area to have a permit
18	to we're going to do with under law.
19	We don't want to do something, and so
20	that's why we require the permit to
21	extend the house. But I don't know
22	what to say. My English is not good,
23	but I have my son, he know that he's
24	doing, he know what we want to do over
25	there with my wife and my family.

1	Maybe he can help me too.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If he's
3	willing to, sure.
4	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: Because I don't
5	know what you want to hear about us.
6	MEMBER GORDON: Well, it's not
7	about you but about the project. You
8	know, the second for instance, you
9	could tell us about the second story
10	addition. We have the site plan, but
11	you could tell us more about it.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Basically tell
13	us about
14	MR. MURRAY: How many bedrooms
15	that you're going to have, if you're
16	extending it out, how many bedrooms
17	you're going to have for your family.
18	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All we would
19	kind of, like, ask you to tell us is
20	the reason that you need the relief.
21	The relief that you need is what is
22	it, 13 feet from a side yard. So you
23	really don't have to tell us about the
24	interior of the house, you don't have
25	to you just have to tell us about

1	and you don't even have to. I mean,
2	you can tell us whatever you want. The
3	reason that you're in front of this
4	Board. The reason you're in front of
5	this Board is because, again, like I
6	explained to the other lady, the
7	Village has certain codes and setbacks.
8	You have to be so many feet from here,
9	so many feet from there. Your project
10	isn't. So for us to say, yeah, okay,
11	you can do it or yes, okay, you can do
12	that, we have to get a reasonable idea
13	of why you want to do it and what your
14	motivation is for doing it. So if you
15	could kind of just give us
16	MEMBER GORDON: You have said that
17	you need to be closer to the west edge
18	of the property, right?
19	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: Yeah.
20	MEMBER GORDON: And the zoning
21	code wants you to be 13 feet from the
22	western edge, but you want to be 7.7
23	feet. So the question is why is it
24	important to be 5.3 feet closer to the
25	western edge of the property?

1	MR. AZAMA: Kevin Azama. I guess
2	to answer your question, when my dad
3	bought the house, that's already how it
4	was. We haven't changed anything, so
5	we just want to
6	MEMBER GORDON: In that case, is
7	this a legitimizing? This will just
8	legitimize; is that right?
9	MEMBER NYCE: They're not changing
10	the footprint of the house.
11	MR. AZAMA: Yes, exactly.
12	MR. MURRAY: They are.
13	ATTORNEY STOLAR: What I think we
14	see is that
15	(Whereupon, there was simultaneous
16	crosstalk.)
17	ATTORNEY STOLAR: So I think
18	they're building over in part and then
19	extending to the back using the same
20	building line running along the same
21	line that exists to the current house.
22	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: My
23	understanding was that the extension to
24	the back was new construction.
25	ATTORNEY STOLAR: Is new

1	correction, correct.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So that's the
3	reason for the relief.
4	MEMBER NYCE: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So it's not
6	MEMBER NYCE: Keep in line with
7	the existing house, so they're
8	(Whereupon, there was simultaneous
9	crosstalk.)
10	MR. MURRAY: I wanted to help out.
11	My name is David Murray, I happen to be
12	neighbors of this family, and I've
13	looked at the plans quite a bit of what
14	they're doing. I'm just trying to help
15	them out a little bit. Like you said,
16	John, their existing house was 7 feet
17	and it's a cape, and they want to
18	extend the back of it out, so they have
19	to keep the same line going straight
20	back. That's why.
21	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And you
22	understand this and will try to explain
23	to them so they understand it, the
24	reason for being here is building a
25	house, anything you want to do to the

1	house because the house is preexisting
2	and nonconforming, anything you want to
3	do in that footprint would have been
4	allowed. But if you add onto it, if
5	you increase the nonconformity, that's
6	what you need the relief for the
7	setback. That's why we're here now.
8	MR. MURRAY: Yeah, and the
9	existing house for their family,
LO	they've lived here for over 10 years,
L1	right?
12	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: Yeah.
L3	MR. MURRAY: Yeah, they've been
L 4	wonderful neighbors.
L 5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: In that house?
L 6	MR. MURRAY: Yeah, they've owned
L 7	the house for 19 years. I'm sorry,
L 8	that's not that's my fault.
L 9	Terrible neighbor. But their family is
20	extending and they're adding bedrooms,
21	but it's still staying a one family
22	house. I think that's one of the
23	questions that they're going to ask
24	you. And it's a nice plan. I've
25	looked at it and I think it conforms

1	with the neighborhood nicely, and I'm
2	giving it my support as you can tell.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: That's good.
4	Any help we can get, we appreciate. So
5	maybe you could help with the EAF.
6	MR. MURRAY: Okay.
7	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Since the
8	Village collects an EAF, and since I'm
9	a nitpicker, I read it. If the Village
10	didn't collect an EAF, I wouldn't read
11	it.
12	CLERK NOONE: I distributed an
13	EAF.
14	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I have it. I
15	have some questions on it. If we
16	didn't have this here, I wouldn't have
17	these questions, but I do. A couple
18	of I'm sure it's just
19	misunderstanding, whoever filled it out
20	I'm sure probably just misunderstood
21	the process here. Under the proposed
22	action, require permit, it's local
23	construction permit, you know, it
24	should be relief from the Zoning Board
25	of Appeals, if anybody cares about

1	that. And then does the proposed
2	action meet or exceed energy state
3	requirements energy code
4	requirements. It says no. I was
5	always under the impression that new
6	builds had to be.
7	MR. MURRAY: I think the new build
8	will to get a building permit,
9	you're going to have to apply to the
10	or the state codes are going to have to
11	be intact, whoever builds. I think
12	that was probably just a
13	misunderstanding.
14	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And then storm
15	water discharge, it says no, but then
16	it goes on to say it's going to be
17	managed through the proper drainage
18	wells. I'm guessing that means dry
19	wells, I'm guessing.
20	MR. MURRAY: On a property in
21	Greenport, do you need it? I'm asking
22	for them.
23	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, even
24	property in Greenport, the storm water
25	can't run off onto your neighbor's

1	property, and I'm not sure how the new
2	roof or the addition will effect
3	MR. MURRAY: The roof lines are
4	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All we have to
5	do is maybe answer no instead of yes
6	because they answered yes.
7	MR. MURRAY: Couple of yeses and
8	nos on that form are and the one
9	before I messed up too so.
10	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Whoever filled
11	this out, we're obviously not going
12	I'm guessing obviously we're not going
13	to hold this application up, but maybe
14	for next month we can correct whatever
15	is wrong with this.
16	MEMBER GORDON: I have a question.
17	Is there a contractor or yet or an
18	architect to represent you? It's
19	wonderful that Dave is
20	MR. MURRAY: I understand his
21	cousin is the architect, am I saying
22	cousin or uncle? And I think in his
23	experience he might be contracting it
24	himself. Who is the builder?
25	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: We have a

1	contractor.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Who was it?
3	MR. MURRAY: Shelter Island, David
4	Rosa. Okay. So they have chosen a
5	contractor, so I think there's some
6	forms that the contractor might need to
7	fill out. But he's going to be the
8	applicant; is that okay?
9	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Absolutely.
10	And it might be so we don't have to
11	surmise or guess, maybe somebody,
12	Zachary Nicholson, or the contractor
13	might show up.
14	MR. MURRAY: Have the builder come
15	next.
16	MEMBER GORDON: Usually we have an
17	authorized person who has signed it as
18	authorized to speak for the applicant,
19	and maybe it would be you, but maybe it
20	would be the contractor or architect.
21	I mean, that's usually part of the
22	application. So that can just be
23	added, right?
24	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If he's not
25	representing if he's just here to

1	give information for the applicant, we
2	don't need a notarized statement from
3	the contractor or the architect.
4	MEMBER GORDON: We don't need
5	someone authorized to speak for
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: No.
7	MEMBER GORDON: the applicant?
8	CLERK NOONE: Will you be
9	attending the public hearing in
10	October?
11	MR. AZAMA LOPEZ: Yes.
12	CLERK NOONE: So the resident will
13	be there October, so if he brings
14	somebody else to help represent him, it
15	wouldn't be a problem.
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Not for me.
17	MEMBER NYCE: No, he's here as the
18	applicant. He has somebody else that
19	can answer questions for him.
20	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Not a problem.
21	MEMBER NYCE: Absolutely.
22	MR. MURRAY: Let me ask you, I
23	just asked them if it would be okay if
24	I helped him out with that as a
25	neighbor.

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: It's okay with
2	us. I'm speaking for myself. It's
3	okay with me.
4	MEMBER GORDON: Sure.
5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're not
6	opposed to anybody helping anybody.
7	MR. MURRAY: Okay.
8	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: So that's
9	good. So that's it. If nobody has
10	anything else to add, we'll schedule
11	the public hearing and site visit and
12	we'll do that.
13	MEMBER NYCE: We're going to
14	accept it as is or subject to the
15	adjusted EAF or
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I think we
17	just accept the application and ask
18	them to bring a corrected EAF to the
19	next meeting. Can we get away with
20	that, Brian?
21	ATTORNEY STOLAR: It's a Type II,
22	you don't even need it.
23	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I've been
24	saying that for years.
25	All right. What's the pleasure of

1	the Board? Are we going to accept this
2	application?
3	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I make a
5	motion we accept this application.
6	MEMBER GORDON: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
8	(Aye said in unison.)
9	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We're going to
10	schedule a public hearing for our next
11	meeting. It will be October 21st. It
12	will be here at 6:00 p.m. Does the
13	do the Members feel we need a site
14	visit?
15	MEMBER NYCE: Yeah, I'd like to.
16	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We would like
17	to come to the property, look at what
18	you plan on doing. If you could just
19	stake out, you know, where the new
20	construction is going to be. We don't
21	really we're not that concerned
22	about the old construction, just the
23	new construction, and we'll schedule
24	that site visit for I always look at
25	Seth, he's our time guy.

1	MEMBER KAUFMAN: 5:30.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: 5:30. We'll
3	schedule a site visit for 5:30. So the
4	public hearing will be here on October
5	21st at 6:00 p.m., and the site visit
6	will be at your property at 412 West
7	Street at 5:30.
8	MR. MURRAY: You have to have a
9	big barbecue.
10	(Laughter.)
11	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Moving
12	on. Item Number 8 is 518 First Street.
13	This is a discussion and possible
14	motion on the area variances applied
15	for by David Murray on behalf of Donald
16	Wiss. The property is located in the
17	R-2 One and Two Family Residential
18	District, it is also located in the
19	Historic District. The Suffolk County
20	Tax Map Number remains the same at
21	1001-4-3-6.
22	What are we thinking here, folks?
23	Anybody want to start?
2 4	MEMBER GORDON: It's not a
25	question, it's a comment. I mean, I

1	don't like it that the slab was poured
2	before he got the permit, but I also
3	think this is not like 625. It's
4	the variance is not so substantial.
5	The building size is not likely to have
6	this the structure is not likely to
7	have an effect on the neighborhood. I
8	think I don't see problems with it.
9	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay.
10	MEMBER GORDON: That's it. That's
11	my view.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Okay. Seth?
13	MEMBER KAUFMAN: I agree with your
14	logic, but I also have a problem with
15	the fact that it was poured before the
16	building permit. It's a huge problem.
17	We didn't have the opportunity to
18	really, you know, review that.
19	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I don't think
20	it's a secret that I kind of feel the
21	same way. You know, especially since
22	he tore the building down, and he
23	didn't pour the concrete until a month
24	later. I think if we went through this
25	five question balancing test that a lot

1	of the answers would be supportive of a
2	previous decision, I think. I don't
3	think we can qualify the fact that
4	well, it's smaller and I think that's
5	the only argument I heard. Well, it's
6	smaller. You know, I don't know.
7	David, what do you think?
8	MEMBER NYCE: I'm thinking. I
9	agree with the comments made. I would
10	say that contrary to the other project
11	that you're referencing, had this come
12	to us as a new application, it's less
13	burdensome on us to approve it than the
14	other one was. The bulk of the
15	structure itself, its relation to the
16	property lines, its relation to other
17	things on the property. So I still, as
18	I stated again last month, I still have
19	an issue that I think the Village does
20	have some culpability. I realize that
21	the Building Department being in
22	disarray, but I think it's part of the
23	Village's responsibility to make sure
24	its functions are there. So I don't
25	know, in the balance of this I'm more

1	likely to be willing to grant the
2	relief in this situation, even though I
3	understand the process that was
4	followed was flawed.

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MEMBER GORDON: I want to add something to what I said before, which is I remember that at our last meeting I think it was John said he had been reading some case law which suggested that there could be -- that the applicant could suffer from having not followed the process, even though perhaps the answers to the questions would favor the applicant. But I think -- and I'm sort of -- I sort of understand this and I feel there was a -- I mean, this is -- the applicant is a very knowledgeable Greenport resident and would have known that this was going to create a problem even though the Building Department was in disarray. But I also think there's a sort of limit on that essentially, I think punishment is probably too strong a word, that disability, and it is a

1	relatively small change and it is going
2	to be that structure is going to be
3	a handsome addition to the principal
4	building. So I can't imagine how we
5	could say that it was going to be a
6	detriment to the neighborhood.
7	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: One of the
8	things that I considered was we're not
9	talking about the principal building.
10	So David has concerns and Diana has
11	concerns I'm sorry have concerns
12	about the Building Department being in
13	disarray. I think we use that as the
14	accepted term that we use. But we're
15	not talking about the principal
16	building, we're talking about an
17	accessory structure. So what would the
18	true hardship be, aside that there
19	would be no air-conditioning in the
20	principal building.
21	MR. MURRAY: Heat too.
22	MEMBER NYCE: In this case, it's
23	heat and air-conditioning.
24	MR. MURRAY: That's the number
25	one.

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, in
2	response to that in response to
3	that, I don't know the dimensions of
4	the mechanical plan that he plans on
5	putting in that building, 5 by 5, 10 by
6	10. If it was a true problem, the
7	contractor could have built an
8	accessory structure, bought a temporary
9	built an accessory structure to
10	house those things until this was
11	adjudicated. I just don't think I
12	don't subscribe to if it's necessary,
13	it's legal. I just don't do that. So
14	I'm I honestly don't know if this
15	came in front of this Board as it is
16	now, as it should be now, as a new
17	application, if the logical question
18	wouldn't be why can't you just move it
19	over five feet? The whole discussion
20	here, if we're going to be honest, the
21	whole discussion here is because the
22	foundation is already poured. I mean,
23	if the foundation wasn't poured, I'm
24	not sure first of all, if the
25	foundation wasn't poured, I'm not sure

1	if this application would be in front
2	of the Zoning Board because it would
3	just be let's move the building over
4	three and a half feet. I don't accept
5	the fact that it would be a detriment
6	to the property if looking from the
7	street the building was offset three
8	and a half feet and not directly in
9	line with the driveway.
10	MR. MURRAY: I know the public
11	hearing is over. Can I speak on this a
12	little?
13	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: The public
14	hearing is over, David, but if you let
15	me get my thoughts out and it's okay
16	with the Members, I don't have a
17	problem.
18	MR. MURRAY: Okay.
19	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: But again, so
20	I think from looking at the from the
21	street and looking down the driveway to
22	discern that three and a half feet, I
23	don't think that should be a deal I
24	don't think having the building over
25	three and a half feet is, like, the

1	deal and it's going to ruin the
2	historical integrity of the
3	neighborhood. I kind of think that's
4	hokum.
5	You know, was the hardship
6	self-created? Obviously. Would it
7	have adverse impact on the physical
8	environmental conditions in the
9	neighborhood? Probably not. Could the
10	benefit be sought by the applicant by
11	another means? Absolutely. Move the
12	building over. Is it expensive?
13	Probably.
14	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Well, now it is.
15	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Now it is.
16	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Just to interrupt
17	here for a minute, I think that if this
18	came before us before the foundation
19	was poured we would have or at least
20	I would have, speaking for myself, I
21	would have suggested that it be moved
22	five feet. I agree with our Chairman,
23	I think that that argument that it's
24	off center is not sufficient to, you
25	know, require relief. Just it's not a

1	big deal to move it, at least I haven't
2	heard anything that convinces me it
3	would be a big deal to move it. It's a
4	big deal now because it's already been
5	poured, but that's unfortunate.
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: And the other
7	concern was the tree. I don't know if
8	people agree with me, but trees are one
9	of the few things on this planet that's
10	renewable, so if we cut down that pine
11	tree, I don't see that as being in
12	my mind anyway. That shouldn't be a
13	deciding factor. It's not a deciding
14	factor in my mind that that tree may or
15	may not have to go. I'm not sure it
16	would have to go because the tree is
17	further than three and a half feet from
18	the building.
19	So the public hearing is closed.
20	This is normally our time to discuss.
21	David asked if he could give comment.
22	Do we have a problem with that?
23	MEMBER KAUFMAN: I don't have a
24	problem.
25	MEMBER GORDON: No.

1	MEMBER NYCE: No.
2	ATTORNEY STOLAR: As long as you
3	don't consider what he says.
4	MR. MURRAY: I think if I brought
5	this to your attention before I got
6	Historic Board approval, before I went
7	through the permitting stage, I know
8	everybody is saying you didn't do it
9	with a permit, but don't forget I went
LO	through the stages. The Building
L1	Department disappeared. This project
L2	is being held up from the heat pumps.
L3	So if I did bring this project to your
L 4	attention prior, I would have noted the
15	other buildings right on the property
L 6	line as neighbors. And I would have
L7	said this driveway goes right into his
L8	driveway. I mean, right into the
L 9	garage. And it is historic
20	significance that it is in that area.
21	And if you move it over three feet, it
22	is cockeyed. So there's a lot of
23	things I would have brought to the
24	attention to get your approval before
25	the foundation.

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: But it never
2	came to the Zoning Board.
3	MR. MURRAY: No, it didn't.
4	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We can't
5	assume
6	MR. MURRAY: I know that. John, I
7	know that, and I'm not arguing the
8	fact. I'm just saying, if it did, I
9	would have said, listen, look at all
10	the neighbors that have buildings on
11	the property line. It's not that I'm
12	asking for three and a half feet. I'm
13	off the property line farther than most
14	buildings in that area. I'm just
15	bringing that to your attention. So
16	there should be some relief on this.
17	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: In response to
18	that
19	MR. MURRAY: And I don't like the
20	fact that you think that not you,
21	John, but, yes, the building permit,
22	but the project was on hold until I got
23	it, so I had to get I have to get a
24	wall up to get heat in the house. So
25	the Building Department being inactive

1	the way it was, that's why the building
2	is not finished. That's why we're
3	sitting like this. So to bash me for
4	the permit was applied for, it went
5	all the way to Historic to get
6	approved. Yes, I took the thing down,
7	and it wasn't a month, I think it was
8	10 days. I started looking at
9	pictures.
LO	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I disagree. I
L1	disagree because I drive up First
12	Street everyday, and like I said, we're
L3	the Zoning Board of Appeals, we're not
L 4	the zoning police.
L5	MR. MURRAY: You and I can chat
L 6	about this later, but I just think that
L7	there was a good case to get this three
L8	and a half yard setback prior. I don't
L 9	think you would have I think the
20	I mean, the setback is so common to the
21	neighborhood. That's just what I want
22	to say. There's multiple properties
23	that are on the property line for
24	accessory buildings.
25	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We

1	certainly thank you, David. In
2	response to that, we certainly
3	understand that. We're on the Zoning
4	Board of Appeals, we see it at every
5	single meeting we hold, we see that,
6	preexisting nonconforming buildings on
7	the property line. But having what I
8	said previously is that Article 2 of
9	the code says it's our job to gradually
10	eliminate nonconforming uses. To
11	promulgate it, to keep paying it
12	forward to say, well, it's been there
13	for 60 years, I tore it down, I want to
14	put it back in the exact same spot.
15	There was a neighbor that was all in
16	favor, but we also know that the
17	variance runs with the land. Today,
18	tomorrow there's a new neighbor, and
19	that might be an intrusion. We have to
20	look down the road.
21	I'm just uncomfortable with this.
22	I was going to make a suggestion to the
23	Board. I understand this project
24	David, I understand this project has
25	been on hold.

1	MR. MURRAY: Forever.
2	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Close to
3	forever. A long time. Close to
4	forever. But I'm willing to take a
5	vote tonight. I don't know what the
6	outcome will be. I would rather have
7	the fifth member here so there can be
8	no confusion about the outcome of the
9	vote. I hate to tie you over for
10	another month.
11	MR. MURRAY: That's fine.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We might not
13	because it's up to the Board, you know,
14	I'm only one vote here. You know,
15	that's kind of, like, my logic. I'm
16	kind of reading the room a little bit,
17	and I have an opinion, another member
18	has an opinion, other members have an
19	opinion. I just I don't want to
20	see I don't want to see a tie vote
21	and then have a revote next month. I
22	would like the fifth member to be here
23	this way there can be no question. How
24	do we feel about that?
25	MEMBER GORDON: It's okay with me.

1	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Give me an
2	opinion about it.
3	MEMBER GORDON: I think a tie vote
4	is uncomfortable for everybody and
5	doesn't give you a definitive answer.
6	So if you think there's a risk,
7	significant risk of a tie vote.
8	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Only from the
9	conversation, only from our discussion.
10	MEMBER GORDON: You're a good
11	listener.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: What do you
13	think, David?
14	MEMBER NYCE: If it's not if
15	the applicant is okay with it being for
16	another month, I'm fine with it too.
17	MEMBER KAUFMAN: I think it's
18	I'm not going to say it's up to the
19	applicant, but I would be interested
20	if you could wait a month, I think it's
21	probably in your interest to wait a
22	month.
23	MR. MURRAY: I think it's in my
24	interest to wait a month the way I'm
25	reading it, I need to wait a month. I

1	mean
2	MEMBER KAUFMAN: I think it's in
3	your interest to wait a month.
4	MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I'll wait a
5	month.
6	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, in the
7	interest of full disclosure because I
8	see my attorney getting antsy over
9	there, in the interest of full
LO	disclosure, if we do vote tonight and
11	it is a tie vote, we would probably
12	vote again next month, you know, if
L3	MR. MURRAY: I'm going to be here
L 4	next month for my friends.
L5	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: If the fifth
L 6	member comes. If not, then it's
L7	carried over another month. So the
L8	extra month, in my mind am I getting
L 9	that right?
20	ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah, 2-2 vote
21	is a non-vote. You have to vote again.
22	MR. MURRAY: I get it.
23	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: It gives the
24	four members here, you know, an extra
25	30 days to reconsider.

1	MR. MURRAY: I totally get it.
2	I'm fine with it.
3	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: I'm going to
4	make a motion that we is that okay
5	with the Board?
6	MEMBER KAUFMAN: Fine with me.
7	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: We'll hold it
8	over until next month. We don't even
9	have to make a motion to do that,
10	right?
11	ATTORNEY STOLAR: No, you do not.
12	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All right. So
13	we're going to consider this further.
14	We have 62 days to make a decision,
15	obviously we're going to make a
16	decision next month, and we'll hold
17	this over until next month. Further
18	decision until next month. What's the
19	matter?
20	MR. MURRAY: Definitely have a
21	barbecue at their house.
22	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: Well, any way
23	you can get the vote. Clubhouse
24	politics, that's how things work,
25	right?

1	So moving on to Item Number 9 is
2	any other Zoning Board of Appeals
3	business that may properly come before
4	this Board. This is your chance,
5	folks, anybody got a question? Hearing
6	none.
7	Item Number 10 is a motion to
8	adjourn. So moved.
9	MEMBER NYCE: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN SALADINO: All in favor?
11	(Aye said in unison.)
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9	were reported by me.
10	I further certify that I am not related to
11	any of the parties to this action by blood or
12	by marriage and that I am in no way
13	interested in the outcome of this matter
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15	hand this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.
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