VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR SESSION

August 1, 2013

5:00 p.m.

Meeting held at the Greenport Firehouse 236 Third Street, Greenport, New York 11944

Appearances:

Linn Atkinson-Loveless - Chair

Ben Burns

Pat Mundus

Peter Jauquet

Devin McMahon

David Abatelli - Village Administrator

Joseph Prokop - Village Attorney

Eileen Wingate - Village Building

Inspector (Not Present)



- 1 (Whereupon, the meeting was called to
- 2 order at 5:11 p.m.)
- 3 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay.
- 4 We'll open this meeting.
- 5 The first item is to consider making a
- 6 motion -- well, it would be to motion to table
- 7 the site plan application for a subdivision at
- 8 221 Fifth Avenue for James Olinkiewicz.
- 9 This subdivision requires a variance and
- 10 will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals,
- and so we're not going to take any action
- 12 pending their decision. But we are going to
- 13 discuss it tonight, because the Zoning Board
- of Appeals has requested the Planning Board
- 15 comment on issues that the Board, meaning the
- 16 Zoning Board, may identify regarding the
- 17 proposed site plan. In other words, they're
- 18 looking for some input from us in order to
- 19 help them come to a decision about granting
- 20 the variance.
- Okay. So we will then -- we can discuss
- 22 it for a while, and then we're going to --
- 23 I'll make --
- 24 MR. JAUQUET: Table.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: -- a

- 1 motion to table the issue until completion of
- 2 the ZBA's decision. So --
- 3 MS. MUNDUS: Can I make a suggestion?
- 4 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes.
- 5 MS. MUNDUS: Since the Planning Board is
- 6 sort of charged with looking at a proposed
- 7 subdivision in a certain way, if we go and
- 8 address traffic access, circulation in
- 9 parking, landscaping screening, and ecological
- 10 impact, if we do one at a time, we can each
- 11 comment on those aspects, and it will be easy
- 12 for the Zoning Board of Appeals to read our
- 13 notes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Sure.
- MS. MUNDUS: Because that's what's going
- 16 to happen, right, they're going to come read
- 17 the minutes of this meeting?
- 18 MR. JAUOUET: Yeah.
- 19 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: That would
- 20 be a good way for us to give them our input.
- MR. BURNS: It's not incumbent upon us
- 22 to make a decision.
- MS. MUNDUS: No, just they're interested
- 24 in our comments.
- 25 MR. JAUQUET: No. They want our input,

- 1 our comments on what it looks like. You've
- 2 seen the places where the building is staked
- 3 out, the corner footprint.
- 4 MS. MUNDUS: Right.
- 5 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: If they
- 6 were to, for instance, not grant the variance,
- 7 this matter wouldn't come back before us, so
- 8 we wouldn't need to address everything, and we
- 9 wouldn't address it at all, which is -- I also
- 10 think that we -- I don't know how closely we
- 11 need to get into detail on this, because this
- isn't a time for making an actual decision.
- 13 This is more a question of giving our input to
- 14 the ZBA about, you know, the -- our Planning
- 15 Board's position, if we have one, or our
- 16 thoughts on it, that's my understanding.
- 17 MR. JAUQUET: Does anybody have a
- 18 response?
- 19 MS. MUNDUS: Well, I think we do. I
- 20 mean, if we're supposed to be thinking about,
- 21 you know, public health, safety and welfare of
- 22 every resident in the community and the
- 23 neighborhood, our comments are certainly
- 24 prudent.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: And I'm

- 1 just taking a quick look at this subdivision
- 2 and merger thing. This -- I should say what
- 3 it is. This is the resolution regarding SEQRA
- 4 for a Local Law creating a Chapter 118
- 5 subdivision and merger of land. This was
- 6 something that has been adopted and is the law
- 7 of the Village now?
- 8 MS. MUNDUS: Correct
- 9 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Right.
- MR. PROKOP: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. And
- 12 one of the things this says is that
- 13 subdivisions require the approval of the
- 14 Planning Board, and that we -- it's sort of up
- to us to be considering things like the
- orderly growth and development of the Village,
- and the preservation of the environmental
- 18 aesthetics and assets of the Village, and, as
- 19 usual, the comfort, convenience, safety, and
- 20 health and welfare of the residents and the
- 21 property owners of the Village, residents and
- 22 property owners.
- 23 So that's the kind of thing, I guess,
- 24 that we could be considering. I'm thinking
- 25 kind of in general terms, not really getting

- 1 into specifics of the driveways and stuff,
- 2 because that would be a matter of granting
- 3 site plan approval when a site plan is before
- 4 us, which it is not tonight.
- 5 MR. JAUQUET: Right.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: So what
- 7 we are talking about is our thoughts as a
- 8 Planning Board about this subdivision. So I
- 9 think maybe we should take turns and give our
- 10 thoughts.
- 11 MR. JAUQUET: Well --
- 12 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Starting
- 13 with you, Peter.
- 14 MR. JAUQUET: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: What are
- 16 your thoughts on this subdivision?
- 17 MR. JAUQUET: Well, you know, the -- I
- 18 think, you know, the site plan has, you know,
- 19 issues like parking and -- parking covered.
- 20 And I don't know. You know, it's public
- 21 safety and all that. That is a little
- 22 ambiguous, but it probably is satisfied.
- But my concern, on the negative side, is
- 24 that it takes that house that's there, which
- is a nice old oldie, old house in Greenport,

- and it cuts it into a cookie-cutter lot, and I
- 2 think aesthetically it's a negative. And I
- 3 don't like the -- I think the little house is
- 4 too big on the little, little lot that it's
- 5 designed for.
- And the other thing, these are the
- 7 negatives. And I think what happens, also, is
- 8 that all the landscaping becomes parking, and
- 9 I think it's a crowded little lot the way it
- 10 is. And, you know, that's sort of how I feel
- 11 when I go down and look at that. I know it
- 12 meets all the site --
- 13 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: It's not
- 14 like we only can have one turn to speak
- 15 either.
- 16 MR. JAUQUET: Yeah. So it's not --
- 17 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: So if
- 18 you get to a -- we can go through this again.
- 19 MR. JAUQUET: On the negative side,
- 20 it's -- I like the 221 Fifth Street, the side
- 21 yard that it has, the barn in the back. It's
- 22 a nice old Village property the way it is now.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Can I just ask, am I
- 24 allowed to comment on this also, this
- 25 discussion?

- 1 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes, and
- 2 it's probably appropriate --
- 3 MR. JAUQUET: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: -- to
- 5 just come in when it's appropriate, so go
- 6 ahead.
- 7 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Well, I just --
- 8 MR. ABATELLI: Well, I don't know if he
- 9 should --
- 10 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Do you
- 11 think we should do everybody's turn and
- 12 then --
- MR. JAUQUET: I think -- why don't we
- 14 just take turns?
- MR. BURNS: Why don't we talk about it
- 16 for a while.
- MR. JAUQUET: Yeah, yeah.
- MR. BURNS: Why don't we talk?
- 19 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. So,
- 20 instead, how about hold your thoughts, because
- 21 maybe we'll cycle around and deal with them
- 22 again. Okay?
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay. I didn't know
- 24 if you wanted to touch on each one
- 25 individually, so that the Zoning Board could

- 1 see each one, so we didn't miss any as we
- 2 went, because --
- 3 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: I guess, as
- 4 the Chairman, it's up to me to decide how
- 5 we're going to do this.
- 6 MS. MUNDUS: Well, that's why I
- 7 suggested we take one topic at a time in the
- 8 things that we're charged for looking at.
- 9 MR. ABATELLI: He isn't clear on the
- 10 record. I'm more going that it's clear on the
- 11 record.
- 12 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Clearly on
- 13 the record. Okay, well, then --
- MR. ABATELLI: Maybe he should go up.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Then
- 16 let's wait and have you address all of the
- 17 comments that get made:
- 18 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Okay, no problem.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay
- 20 So this isn't -- your turn isn't done for
- 21 good, but we'll move on. And now, Pat.
- MR. PROKOP: Can I help? Can I just --
- 23 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes
- 24 absolutely.
- 25 MR. PROKOP: Just to maybe give to you

- 1 some structure.
- 2 So the Zoning Board of Appeals is
- 3 basically allowed to come back and get
- 4 planning considerations, you know, comments on
- 5 planning considerations from the Planning
- 6 Board. They may include general -- you know,
- 7 general discussion on the application, like
- 8 Peter just gave, you know, Peter just gave,
- 9 and they include, you know, details on some of
- 10 the variances that are requested, you know,
- 11 things like that. It could be conditions that
- 12 might be imposed on the variances, you know,
- 13 things that you might come up with as a
- 14 condition that you might recommend to them, if
- they were to be granted, you know, may not be
- 16 granted.
- Just to -- is everybody familiar with
- 18 the variances that are requested?
- 19 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes.
- MS. MUNDUS: Yes.
- MR. PROKOP: Okay. So it's lot size,
- 22 right?
- MR. ABATELLI: Yes.
- MR. PROKOP: Proposed lot width, and
- combined side yard, and then also side yard.

- 1 All right? So --
- 2 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Am I right
- 3 in thinking that it's premature for us to be
- 4 looking too closely at the site plan for site
- 5 plan approval purposes, because this would
- 6 have -- before we'd be really considering the
- 7 site plan, it would have had -- the property
- 8 would have needed the variances?
- 9 MR. PROKOP: Yes. Well, it's not
- 10 premature to go in -- it's premature to go
- 11 into, you know, really minor minutia details
- 12 about the site plan, but it's more your
- 13 planning considerations about the -- you know,
- 14 what the -- like, for instance, what the
- impact might be of having another house on the
- 16 property. You know, Peter just mentioned
- 17 aesthetics. I mean, that's obviously an
- important concern, you know, things like that.
- But I just wanted to make sure everybody
- 20 was familiar with the variances that are
- 21 requested. And, normally, what I might
- 22 recommend is -- well, if the minutes are
- 23 available, I guess we could just pass along
- 24 the minutes. I mean, sometimes what you do is
- 25 you -- the Chairperson would draft a letter

- 1 back --
- 2 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Right.
- 3 MR. PROKOP: -- just mentioning, you
- 4 know, maybe summarizing the concerns. If you
- 5 want to, you can just send back the minutes;
- 6 that's okay, too.
- 7 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Well, I'll
- 8 consider what to do.
- 9 MR. PROKOP: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: If it
- 11 seems, you know, beneficial, I could maybe get
- 12 a -- after I get a copy of the minutes, I
- 13 could try to make a letter to the Zoning
- 14 Board, but we'll see.
- Okay. How about this: Does this make
- 16 sense, that we each talk about it?
- 17 MR. PROKOP: Yeah, definitely. That's
- 18 what I would do, to have each of you say
- 19 something and then talk about it as a group.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: All
- 21 right.
- 22 MR. PROKOP: And then, if you want to
- 23 have Mr. Olinkiewicz or somebody else, sure.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: So moving
- 25 along. Pat, you want to give your thoughts?

- 1 MS. MUNDUS: Okay. I'm a little bit on
- the fence with this, because the neighborhood
- 3 really is -- you know, the Applicant has done
- 4 a really good job of pointing out that none of
- 5 these houses, if they were built today, as
- 6 this new one is proposed to be built, would be
- 7 able to meet the letter of the law, they would
- 8 all need a side yard setback. In fact, the
- 9 memo that came from the Building Department,
- 10 as part of the package that went to the ZBA,
- 11 shows 71% of the properties on Fifth and Sixth
- 12 Avenue would need to have a variance, side
- 13 yard variance.
- 14 However, this property here that's being
- 15 proposed to be split into two really straddles
- the aesthetics of the end of the block here,
- on the southern end between Fifth Avenue and
- 18 Sixth.
- 19 Where Jack and Kelly live, that's a
- 20 large property with a beautiful old house.
- 21 The barn is a beautiful old -- I don't know
- 22 how old it is, but it's an antique for sure,
- and, you know, the other property here. So
- 24 the preexisting house that's already on
- 25 Plot #2, I think Peter's point is well taken,

- 1 that if this line were drawn across here, as
- 2 is proposed in this application, yes, it would
- 3 conform with all of the other small houses
- 4 with small or shared side yard setbacks.
- 5 However, that old house that's already there
- 6 does share the aesthetics of the southern
- 7 portion.
- Now, you know, I mean, if we're going to
- 9 look at it in a pro and con fashion, I would
- 10 like to just stick to the things that are sort
- of under the purview of the Planning Board,
- 12 and that is traffic access. And I don't
- 13 really think where the curb cut is, or the
- 14 fact that it's planned to be multi-family
- 15 housing, is going to affect too much of
- 16 anything on Fifth Avenue, so that's kind of a
- 17 non-issue for me.
- The circulation in the parking, I'm
- 19 wondering whether or not, even though it's
- 20 legal to put a brand new blacktop driveway
- 21 right straight on the southern property line,
- 22 if that's really kind, particularly because
- 23 it's going to be within breathing distance of
- 24 that nice old barn. And I'm wondering if
- 25 there's any way that maybe, you know, this

- 1 driveway that's already there -- twice I
- 2 visited the property and twice there were five
- 3 cars and trucks already parked there with tons
- 4 of room. Could that driveway go down the
- 5 middle and then split off and have individual
- 6 parking for both houses behind the back?
- 7 MR. JAUQUET: Oh, like an easement
- 8 driveway.
- 9 MS. MUNDUS: Yeah, because it's already
- 10 there, for one thing. And it would minimize
- 11 the amount of blacktop, and it would minimize
- 12 the impact on this neighbor here, Stuart
- 13 Kogelschatz, because, I mean, that barn is
- 14 right smack on the property line. And it's a
- 15 really nice old place.
- And I think it's really not very
- 17 neighborly to put an asphalt driveway right on
- 18 his doorstep, no matter what they are using
- 19 the barn for now, because someone progressive
- 20 in the future could turn that barn into a
- 21 really nice residence with that star gabled
- 22 roof, and --
- MR. JAUQUET: Well, the other thing is
- 24 that the existing house on 221 Fifth could
- 25 also become a one-family, sort of a grand old

- 1 one-family in the future some time, with a
- 2 yard to go with it.
- 3 MS. MUNDUS: Right.
- 4 MR. JAUQUET: Not now.
- 5 MS. MUNDUS: And I sort of like that
- 6 gentle buffer between the barn and the
- 7 pre-existing nice old house. That is --
- 8 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: So you're
- 9 sort of saying you could see a subdivision
- 10 there, but with certain conditions --
- MS. MUNDUS: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: -- and
- 13 things that we --
- MS. MUNDUS: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: In fact,
- 16 you know, the drive doesn't have to be
- 17 asphalt, it can be that stuff that we've sort
- 18 of --
- MS. MUNDUS: Well, we went through this
- 20 once before, that if this is going to be the
- 21 kind of housing we're talking about it being,
- 22 it has to have a paved driveway; is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: It can
- 25 be that permeable stuff.

- 1 MS. MUNDUS: Okay.
- 2 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Yeah. We did crushed
- 3 stone --
- 4 MS. MUNDUS: Okay.
- 5 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: -- and natural stone
- 6 over on Madison.
- 7 MS. MUNDUS: Okay.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Or even the
- 9 block thing that -- I mean, there's -- in
- 10 other words, this is all --
- MS. MUNDUS: Yeah, like a semipermeable
- 12 thing.
- 13 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: To me, this
- 14 is the kind of the thing that if we were to,
- in general, think that the subdivision was
- 16 okay, we could say, but this, that and the
- other are all things that we'd want to
- 18 discuss.
- MS. MUNDUS: Yeah, this is definitely
- 20 not a black and white situation here.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I mean, I would prefer
- 22 to have a shared driveway.
- MS. MUNDUS: Yeah.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Uh-uh,
- 25 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: But that doesn't meet

- 1 the Zoning Board --
- 2 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Placement
- 3 of the --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay
- 5 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right, so we drew it.
- 6 MS. MUNDUS: Right. Well, right now,
- 7 we're just in discussion phase right now.
- 8 MR. JAUQUET: Right. You know, we're
- 9 just discussing it.
- MS. MUNDUS: So that's how I feel about
- 11 that.
- 12 And I agree with Peter, that I think
- 13 that that existing house that's there is a
- 14 gorgeous old girl, and it would be a shame to
- 15 really screw it up cramming another driveway
- 16 in right next to it.
- Now, as far as the landscaping goes,
- 18 thank you very much for putting those stakes
- in, because I went there and looked at it
- 20 before the stakes were in, and then I just
- 21 came from there a little while ago, and now
- 22 that the stakes are in, I can see the impact
- 23 of the foundation on those holly trees. You
- 24 build footings and a foundation wall within
- 25 five feet of that trunk, you're probably going

- 1 to kill those holly trees. Now, they're --
- 2 they've been there at least 100 years. And,
- 3 you know, Greenport does ask, when it's
- 4 possible, to respect any tree that's 12 inches
- 5 or more in diameter, and some of those are 20
- 6 inches in diameter. I mean, that's a tree
- 7 trunk. Those are big holly trees.
- 8 So, you know, what -- it's my opinion,
- 9 and I'm not an arborist, but I've had enough
- 10 experience with killing a couple of trees that
- 11 I can tell you that when those trees are
- 12 killed by the foundation walls, that's going
- 13 to completely destroy that whole -- the
- 14 ambiance of that neighborhood is those big old
- 15 trees. And I love that you're going to leave
- 16 the two big ones that are out on the street
- 17 there. But once those holly trees are killed,
- 18 I think that we should -- you know, it's not
- 19 out of line for us to ask for some kind of
- 20 additional screening, Leland cypress or
- 21 something, because the --
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: If the trees died,
- 23 sure, but I think we could save the trees, if
- 24 that's okay, even the --
- MS. MUNDUS: I hope so.

- 1 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Yeah.
- MS. MUNDUS: Because it would be a
- 3 shame. And we're supposed to be trying to
- 4 figure out a way to deal with difficult
- 5 problems with sensitivity.
- 6 The guys on the north, whose name is
- 7 Roberta Garris and Jack Weisckott, are
- 8 gardeners. I went -- I didn't go on their
- 9 property, but I could see their backyard.
- 10 They really, really need those trees there,
- 11 especially if it's a brand new house.
- 12 And I can see, now that you put the
- 13 stakes in there, you know, a side yard setback
- 14 variance, it doesn't seem like 12 feet is very
- 15 much. But on a small lot like that, 12 feet
- is a lot, so it is a big, big impact.
- 17 And as far as the ecological impact, I
- 18 think all of us feel the same way.
- 19 Semipermeable pavers, wherever we can do that,
- is a good thing for everybody; it's a good
- 21 thing for the neighbor's runoff, it's a good
- 22 thing for the environment.
- But, you know, for me, the test here is
- the question, is the subdivision in harmony
- 25 with the appropriate and orderly development

- of the neighborhood, and not be detrimental to
- 2 the development of adjacent properties in
- 3 existence -- in accordance with existing
- 4 zoning. And I think, Jim, you've done --
- 5 Mr. Olinkiewicz, you've done a fabulous job of
- 6 showing us that what you're doing is
- 7 completely consistent with the neighborhood,
- 8 and I really don't believe that it's going to
- 9 be detrimental to the development of anything
- 10 else in the neighborhood.
- 11 There are so many multi-family houses,
- 12 they're all crammed together very close. I
- mean, this original map from 1875, it could be
- 14 worse, you know. That's what it was
- 15 originally proposed as. So I think that, you
- 16 know, with mitigating factors that we could
- 17 help with, it is in harmony with, it's
- 18 appropriate to, and it's not detrimental to
- 19 the neighborhood.
- 20 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Thank you.
- 21 That was a good discussion, what she said.
- MS. MUNDUS: I also had notes that I
- 23 prepared before I came here, so.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Hey,
- 25 Devin made it. Hey, hi there. Come on in,

- 1 join the party.
- Okay. I'm going to go last. What do
- 3 you have to say, Ben?
- 4 MR. BURNS: I'm just going to really
- 5 talk in generalities.
- I live on a piece of property that's
- 7 smaller than either of these, it's 40-by-100,
- 8 in a community that has a lot of those
- 9 40-by-100. I can't reach out and touch my
- 10 neighbors, but I can open a window and talk
- 11 very well with my neighbors, and I have.
- I live in a house that's probably the
- 13 size of the one you're going to produce; it's
- 14 two-story, mine is two-story. And I find that
- 15 the community that -- the proposed house is
- 16 not -- would not be changed a great deal to
- 17 have it there. That little open space is
- 18 really nice, it's good to have in the
- 19 community, but Mr. Olinkiewicz could put a
- 20 fence around it and it would not be open.
- 21 That's personally the first thing I would say.
- The second thing is it seems to me that
- 23 the community, there's a great deal of
- 24 pressure on housing in the community, and
- 25 rentals and/or owned home, and another home, a

- 1 rental or not, would be of value. So, on the
- 2 whole, I'm positive toward the proposal.
- 3 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay.
- 4 MS. MUNDUS: Great.
- 5 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Devin, you
- 6 just jumped in here, so you may not have had a
- 7 chance, but I don't know if you have any
- 8 comments about this. We're considering this
- 9 proposed subdivision of the lot on Fifth
- 10 Street that already has an existing house, and
- 11 the plan is to divide and put another house
- 12 next to it.
- 13 And we are having this discussion so
- 14 that we can pass on our thoughts to the Zoning
- 15 Board, because we are not making a decision on
- the plan yet, because it has to pass through
- 17 the Zoning Board, and they have to decide
- 18 whether to grant a number of variances in
- 19 order to make this subdivision possible. And
- 20 we're kind of talking in our -- you know,
- 21 giving -- kind of talking generally, partly,
- and also addressing some of the specifics of
- 23 what the proposed subdivision impact of it,
- 24 and so on. So, if you have anything to throw
- 25 in, do it now.

- 1 MR. MC MAHON: I mean, housing is
- 2 certainly lacking. You know, affordable, any
- 3 sort of rental units would be a good thing, I
- 4 think. But not being terribly familiar with
- 5 exactly how this property would change --
- 6 that, I'm assuming, is the existing house.
- 7 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yeah.
- 8 Remember, that is Mike Richter's --
- 9 MR. MC MAHON: Yeah, and that's -- okay.
- 10 How many bedrooms would the home be? Would it
- 11 be a single --
- 12 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: They would
- 13 both wind up being two-family homes.
- 14 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right, it would be a
- two-family, three bedrooms on each floor.
- MR. MC MAHON: Two-family, three
- 17 bedrooms on each --
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right, on each floor,
- 19 deeming that the ZBA says okay. They may try
- 20 to put a criteria to make it two bedrooms on
- 21 each floor, or a three and a one. I don't
- 22 know that answer yet, but my proposal is three
- 23 and three.
- MR. MC MAHON: Would there be parking on
- 25 the property?

- 1 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: There's ample parking
- 2 on the property for both houses.
- 3 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yeah, there
- 4 is. There's a lot of parking, you can is see
- 5 there now, even when it's done. But, of
- 6 course, you can have a situation where you
- 7 have an awful lot of working people living in
- 8 the four available apartments, and, you
- 9 know -- but this is a constant problem in
- 10 Greenport, that certain properties are very
- 11 vehicle dense, and, you know --
- 12 MR. MC MAHON: Yeah.
- 13 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: That's
- 14 life. Okay. Well, then I really don't have
- 15 anything to add. I concur with the first
- 16 issue raised by Peter, that, you know, it is
- 17 -- it will be aesthetically a change that
- 18 maybe takes something away. I mean, every
- 19 time you lose a little bit of open space in
- 20 the Village, it's something that's gone and
- 21 it's gone forever.
- On the other hand, the need for housing,
- 23 the fact that, as you pointed out, most of the
- 24 neighborhood to the north is already small
- lots. You know, there are bigger ones on the

- 1 corner, so this is, you know, in keeping with,
- 2 very much in keeping with the part of the
- 3 neighborhood to the north.
- 4 I think it would be possible to
- 5 subdivide it in a way that took -- you know,
- 6 where conditions or conversation was taken so
- 7 that some of our concerns about the driveway
- 8 and what it's made of, or how it's configured
- 9 and stuff could be taken into account.
- 10 So, on balance, I think that this
- 11 particular property, that I would be inclined
- 12 to be favorable towards subdivision. So,
- 13 really, it's up to the ZBA to decide if
- 14 they're willing to make all those -- grant all
- 15 the variances necessary for the project to go
- 16 forward.
- 17 Anybody have anything more to say on
- 18 this, since we're not making any motions or
- 19 anything?
- MS. MUNDUS: I do.
- 21 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes.
- MS. MUNDUS: It's important that I -- I
- 23 should say that I also live on a postage stamp
- 24 size piece of property. My side yard setback
- 25 is 1.7 feet on one side and five feet on the

- 1 other side, and I can barely find room to put
- 2 a woodpile. But we worked through the
- 3 mitigating factors, and it took seven months,
- 4 but we were able to put a second story on the
- 5 house, and it is a positive addition to the
- 6 neighborhood. So it can be done, and I think
- 7 that we'll try to help you.
- 8 MR. BURNS: I think we have covered some
- 9 of the things that we will want to cover,
- 10 should it come back to us, and that's maybe
- 11 what the ZBA wanted to know. So give them the
- 12 full report; that makes sense to me.
- 13 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: So before
- 14 we just close this conversation, Joe, do you
- think there's anything else that we should be
- 16 addressing, or considering, or putting in the
- 17 minutes?
- MR. PROKOP: Well, if you don't have any
- 19 particular -- only if you have, you know, any
- 20 planning considerations for the ZBA, as far as
- 21 the setbacks and things. You know, if you
- 22 wish, you know, the house were centered or
- 23 things -- I'm not saying that it is, but as an
- 24 example.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Well, I

- 1 think -- I mean, I'm not looking at the plan
- 2 right here, right now, and I'm not looking at
- 3 plans either, but I'm just saying, do we -- in
- 4 other words, the conversation came up about a
- 5 central driveway. In other words, if you
- 6 didn't have to have two driveways, maybe that
- 7 is better, but I don't know
- 8 MR. PROKOP: We could deal with that the
- 9 next time.
- 10 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yeah. So
- 11 we may have suggestions that would concern the
- 12 variances, but I don't really know how to
- 13 address them tonight.
- MR. PROKOP: No. I would -- what you
- 15 would do is make a motion to close the
- 16 discussion and to make a report to the Zoning
- 17 Board of Appeals.
- 18 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. I
- 19 move that we close.
- 20 MS. MUNDUS: Excuse me. We offered
- 21 Mr. Olinkiewicz a chance to respond
- 22 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Oh, yeah, I
- 23 forgot that. I'm sorry.
- MS. MUNDUS: We forgot to do that.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Oh, yeah,

- 1 go up there.
- 2 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I don't have much to
- 3 say. You guys pretty much -- oh, I'm James
- 4 Olinkiewicz. I'm the owner of 221 Fifth
- 5 Street, applying for the ZBA variance, and
- 6 come to see the Planning Board.
- 7 Most of the issues you guys addressed,
- 8 so because I had had -- I had not only done my
- 9 due diligence on the paperwork here, I had
- 10 also done a chart, which I don't know if you
- 11 guys had seen, or if Eileen had given it to
- 12 you.
- MS. MUNDUS: Yeah, the 71%.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Yeah, the 24, and the
- 15 24 neighboring properties around, and 71%
- 16 would need variances, and lot size, and that
- 17 my request is for a 12% variance.
- 18 I have no issues at all with using an
- 19 adjoining driveway, or working and putting
- 20 that -- I would have no issues to put down
- 21 crushed stone, or take the blacktop that I
- 22 have and put oil and stone on it to give it a
- 23 better look for the neighborhood.
- 24 That is my intentions with everything
- 25 I've done with the Village so far, is to try

- 1 to keep it in harmony with what the Village
- 2 has and everybody that's built. But, again,
- 3 this lot was two of the original lots from
- 4 1877 that were merged, and, at that time,
- 5 there could have been two houses right next to
- 6 each other.
- 7 Peter brought up the -- about the other
- 8 properties around the corner, and I happen to
- 9 know Jack, who has the corner house. But,
- 10 again, with them, maybe five years down the
- line, you may have one of them up here asking
- 12 the same thing. Their properties are large
- 13 now, but if it comes to the point that they
- 14 ever want to subdivide, they may come to that
- 15 fact.
- The other thing is, the reason why I
- 17 came to the Zoning Board is because of the
- 18 lack of housing. As most people know, I've
- 19 been buying a number of houses and cleaning
- them up, and fixing them up, and getting them
- 21 into code worthiness.
- I'm the only proponent for the rental
- 23 law that was brought up. There were a couple
- 24 of things that I thought should be tweaked a
- 25 little bit, but I think that having somebody

- 1 come and inspect and back us up as landlords
- 2 is not a bad thing. But saying that, there is
- 3 quite a shortage of housing in Greenport. I
- 4 have 21 families on a list right now looking
- for housing with me, and I'm in the process of
- 6 purchasing a couple of other homes, but that's
- 7 21 families that have no place to go. As a
- 8 house sells, or a two-family sells, or a
- 9 single-family sells and gets renovated out for
- 10 a family here, or a couple from the City,
- 11 you're losing housing faster than I can create
- 12 housing, or anybody can create housing. So
- 13 that's a real big issue that the Village is
- 14 going to have to deal with.
- And so, I mean, I'm here to ask. So
- 16 thank you so much.
- MS. MUNDUS: Can I ask you a question?
- 18 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Sure.
- MS. MUNDUS: What's the intention for
- 20 the barn and the shed in the backyard?
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: The barn and the shed
- 22 I use as a staging ground for anything I need
- 23 for repairs on my property. So we store extra
- 24 toilets, extra refrigerators, I pile some wood
- there. There's whole set of tools, lawn

- 1 mowers for my men that go and mow all the
- 2 grass and take care of that, the roofing
- 3 supply, anything that we need for an
- 4 emergency; extra smoke detectors, extra
- 5 lights, everything that we need, so I don't
- 6 have to be running back and forth for --
- 7 everything is stored there, and, hopefully,
- 8 we'll use it as we need it.
- 9 And being that I'm a contractor on
- 10 Shelter Island, a lot of times we get people
- 11 wanting to change their washing machines that
- 12 are only three years old, four years old. I
- 13 put them in there, so if one of my tenants
- 14 wants a washer or dryer, I have them as a
- 15 backup if they --
- MR. JAUQUET: You don't have a warehouse
- 17 someplace in a commercial location for that?
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: No. I just store the
- 19 stuff for that, because -- I quess I could
- 20 literally rent it, if I wanted to, but I would
- 21 rather use it for what I need and for what's
- 22 needed for my houses, and centralized enough
- 23 for all of my properties. Or I could put a
- 24 little shed on each and every property, but
- 25 it's nice to have one central location there

- 1 to keep everything in, so I would keep it for
- 2 that.
- 3 MS. MUNDUS: When you build the house,
- 4 you say it's going to be clapboard, right?
- 5 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Cedar clapboard, yes.
- 6 The neighborhood --
- 7 MS. MUNDUS: Would you be willing to
- 8 paint the barn so that it looks like it
- 9 belongs there, instead of it got dropped by
- 10 helicopters on the corner?
- 11 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I'd like to -- well,
- 12 that's on the agenda, to rebuild the barn and
- 13 save it, and actually whitewash it to look
- 14 like it originally did.
- 15 MS. MUNDUS: Yeah.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right, because it has
- 17 deteriorated for a little bit of time, but one
- 18 step at a time, as they say.
- 19 MS. MUNDUS: Thank you.
- 20 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Thank you. Anything?
- 21 Any other questions?
- 22 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: I think
- 23 we're good for now.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Thank you very much.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. Now

- 1 I move that we table discussion of this
- 2 project. And our thoughts will go to the
- 3 Zoning Board, either in the form of the
- 4 minutes, or, if I decide to do it, I'll
- 5 prepare a letter for the Zoning Board. That
- 6 seems like a better idea. It would,
- 7 hopefully, be for their next meeting, is my
- 8 plan. So --
- 9 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: I just got to say also
- 10 that both of the houses have enough off-street
- 11 parking, so there would be no parking needed
- on the road, which was a concern from some of
- 13 the neighbors who had come to me. So however
- 14 we would have to do it to make enough parking
- 15 for the tenants, that would be off-street,
- 16 because the property is big enough.
- 17 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. And,
- of course, people still are entitled to park
- 19 on the street, you know.
- MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Right. The neighbors
- 21 who asked me about having off-street parking
- 22 all park on the street, so it's kind of like
- 23 getting -- but that's okay.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Yes. Okay.
- 25 So, to continue, I move that we table this

- 1 discussion, and that our thoughts go to the
- 2 Zoning Board, either by the form of the
- 3 minutes, or the minutes with a summary that I
- 4 might prepare. Okay.
- 5 MR. BURNS: Second.
- 6 MS. MUNDUS: I'll second.
- 7 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: All right.
- 8 Let's vote.
- 9 MS. MUNDUS: Aye.
- 10 MR. JAUQUET: Aye.
- MR. BURNS: Aye.
- MR. MC MAHON: Aye.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Aye.
- 14 Great, thank you. Now --
- 15 MR. OLINKIEWICZ: Thank you. Have a
- 16 good night, everybody.
- 17 MR. JAUQUET: Thanks.
- 18 MS. MUNDUS: Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: All right.
- 20 Item 2, this has to do with something that we
- 21 decided at our meeting, previous meeting.
- 22 This had to do with 429 Main Street. This is
- 23 the property that is going to be a shop for
- 24 crafts, and art, and vintage things, so on,
- downstairs, and then an apartment upstairs.

- 1 And we approved it, but we now have a
- 2 resolution before us, which I think I need to
- 3 sign. I did take the time before meeting to
- 4 read it, so I'm prepared to sign it.
- 5 MR. PROKOP: Okay, good. I prepared it,
- 6 and Eileen went over it. There was a couple
- 7 of changes that she had to make, which she
- 8 did.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay.
- 10 MR. PROKOP: I don't what they are, but
- 11 she did them on her own, which is fine with
- 12 me. It has been reviewed by everybody, so --
- in the Village.
- 14 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay, yes.
- 15 I didn't read it with a fine tooth comb on my
- 16 eyes, so I don't know, but this is a
- 17 resolution that's in keeping with what we had
- 18 already decided. And, in fact, word is -- I
- 19 think the permit was granted pending this
- 20 resolution, so it's underway on that building.
- 21 So, yeah, I'm going -- I move that we
- 22 approve the resolution, and I would go ahead
- 23 and sign it.
- MS. MUNDUS: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Aye

- 1 MS. MUNDUS: Aye.
- 2 MR. JAUQUET: Aye.
- 3 MR. BURNS: Aye.
- 4 MR. MC MAHON: Aye.
- 5 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. Item
- 6 3 is accepting minutes from our June meeting.
- 7 I move to accept the minutes from our June 6th
- 8 meeting.
- 9 MR. JAUQUET: I second.
- MS. MUNDUS: Aye.
- MR. JAUQUET: Aye.
- MR. BURNS: Aye.
- MR. MC MAHON: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Aye.
- And it seems perhaps we somehow didn't
- 16 approve minutes back in May. I move that we
- 17 approve those minutes.
- 18 MS. MUNDUS: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Aye.
- MS. MUNDUS: Aye.
- MR. JAUQUET: Aye.
- MR. BURNS: Aye.
- MR. MC MAHON: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS: Okay. And
- 25 then I'm reminding everyone that we will have

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a Work Session August 29th, and --
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           MR. JAUQUET:
                          I won't be here.
           CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS:
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                                         Okay.
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           MR. JAUQUET: No, wait.
                                     That's August
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     29th. Oh, I'm way ahead of myself.
                                           I'll be
     here.
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           CHAIRMAN ATKINSON-LOVELESS:
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                                         Great.
                                                  So
     now I move that we adjourn.
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           MR. JAUQUET: I second that motion.
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           MS. MUNDUS: Aye.
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           MR. JAUQUET: Aye.
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           MR. BURNS:
                        Aye.
           MR. MC MAHON:
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           CHAIRPERSON ATKINSON-LOVELESS:
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           (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
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