PUBLIC WORK SESSION

of the

NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:04 a.m. - 9:56 a.m.

Mineola, New York

1550 Franklin Avenue

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     APPEARANCES:
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               JEFFREY H. GREENFIELD, Acting Chair
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               NEAL LEWIS, Third Vice-Chair
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               DANA DURSO, (9:12 a.m. - 9:56 a.m.)
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               DENISE GOLD,
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               KHANDAN KALATY,
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               REID SAKOWICH,
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                             Commissioners
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     WILLIAM NIMMO, Deputy Commissioner
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     ROBERT O'BRIEN, Esq., Counsel
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     PATRICK GALLAGHER, Esq., Counsel
     (9:39 \text{ a.m.} - 9:56 \text{ a.m.})
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    Staff:
               GREGORY HOESL
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               MARTY KATZ
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               JOHN PERRAKIS
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               TIMOTHY WREN
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    Also Present:
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               STEPHANIE J. VALDER, Stenographer
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               BARBARA DANIELS, Stenographer
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- 2 PROCEEDINGS:
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: All right.
- 4 Staff, good morning.
- 5 MR. PERRAKIS: Good morning.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We're going
- 7 to begin. We have five members here.
- 8 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: The work
- 9 session, is that --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The public
- 11 work session.
- 12 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Yup.
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And we --
- 14 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Good morning
- 15 -- good morning -- good morning.
- 16 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- review the
- 17 agenda during the public work session.
- MR. O'BRIEN: We're out here.
- 19 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Yeah, we just
- 20 want to see that all the cases are ready. Maybe
- 21 the staff could run through the agenda and tell
- 22 us:
- 23 Are notices in;
- Are we expecting appearances today;
- Were, you know, the files complete in

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- 2 terms of the letter from the Town for
- 3 Zoning Compliance;
- 4 And maybe the last question would be
- 5 was there any questions or comments;
- 6 So did anybody e-mail comments on the
- 7 items. Not getting into what that is until the
- 8 full meeting starts in terms of what the subject
- 9 of the comments were, but if you can, maybe just
- 10 run through where we're at on each case, status.
- 11 MR. PERRAKIS: You want to start with
- 12 the "OSPAC" one?
- MR. HOESL: Sure.
- MR. O'BRIEN: You want to start with
- 15 Zoning and work back or do want to do in the --
- 16 in the order of the calendar?
- 17 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: That's fine.
- MR. HOESL: Order of the calendar?
- 19 (No response.)
- MR. HOESL: All right, yeah. I'll
- 21 start with first up is --
- MR. O'BRIEN: Greg, maybe just since
- there are people that are listening, maybe you
- 24 want to --
- MR. HOESL: Okay --

1	NCPC	OSPAC	File	No.	2-2024	

- 2 (Stepping up.)
- 3 MR. HOESL: Thanks.
- 4 First up is OSPAC 2-2024. This is for
- 5 the operational lease with Las Vegas Sands and
- 6 Nassau County.
- 7 So you guys have all been provided with
- 8 the:
- 9 I think we got about 300 e-mails for
- 10 public comments;
- 11 You also have the transcript from last
- 12 time with all the public comments.
- This was brought back to "OSPAC" last
- 14 Wednesday, July 10th. "OSPAC" was provided with
- 15 all those comments as well. It then held a vote.
- 16 And at the July 10th OSPAC meeting, "OSPAC" voted
- 17 on both the following motions:
- They voted 6-0 with one --
- 19 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: So --
- MR. HOESL: -- abstention.
- 21 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- so I'm
- 22 trying to figure out if it's possible to make it
- 23 so that you don't have to go through the entire
- 24 presentation that you're going to make in --
- MR. HOESL: Uh-huh.

- 1 NCPC OSPAC File No. 2-2024
- THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- you know,
- 3 45 minutes. For this case, the item is on for --
- 4 how about we do this as a quick "Q and A?" Is
- 5 this case ready to go today, for the agenda?
- 6 MR. HOESL: Correct, yes.
- 7 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Okay.
- 8 MR. HOESL: Yup.
- 9 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: So I know
- 10 this, because I wanted to find the transcript and
- I was having problems with e-mails yesterday,
- 12 probably on my end. I had some problems in my
- 13 office. But I was able to get the transcript
- 14 from our last hearing, like 140 something pages.
- MR. HOESL: Yeah -- yeah.
- 16 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: And that's on
- 17 the website. So could you just point out that
- 18 the -- is everything up in terms of all the
- 19 materials for this item?
- MR. HOESL: Yeah. So we -- we have
- 21 that new website we created. Everything has been
- 22 posted there. The one thing that has not been
- 23 posted yet is the public comments, because we
- 24 have to redact personal information and that has
- 25 taken some time. I don't have the ability to do

- 1 NCPC OSPAC File No. 2-2024
- 2 that yet. We're working on that. But everything
- 3 else:
- 4 All the transcripts;
- 5 The "FEAF" for today is posted up
- 6 there;
- 7 Meeting minutes;
- 8 Draft resolutions. You guys -- I sent
- 9 around the draft resolution for this.
- 10 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: And one more
- 11 was the "OSPAC." We don't usually have a full
- 12 transcript of the "OSPAC" hearing, but that's
- 13 also on the --
- MR. HOESL: Yeah, but we -- yeah, we do
- 15 have one from both of the "OSPAC" meetings
- 16 dealing with this, yup.
- 17 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Okay. So I
- 18 think that's enough for now, because otherwise
- 19 you're just going to be repeating yourself;
- 20 right? So --
- 21 MR. HOESL: Yeah. Just -- you just
- 22 know that "OSPAC" voted 6-0, to recommend that
- 23 you guys recommend. Yeah.
- 24 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Again, you're
- 25 going to have to repeat --

- 1 NCPC OSPAC File No. 3-2024
- 2 MR. HOESL: Next is a new one. This is
- 3 OSPAC 3-2024.
- 4 This is just a proposed easement for
- 5 "PSEG." And the highlighted parcel there is
- 6 County-owned land. The Long Island Railroad
- 7 tracks are right behind it. There is overhead
- 8 wires to the site, so they just want to get an
- 9 easement to go underground to put the wires.
- This was introduced to "OSPAC," so the
- 11 public comment period will be opened up today for
- 12 any comments. We have Ted Hommel (indicating)
- 13 from the County Attorney's Office here. And it's
- 14 ready to go for a public comment today.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I just heard
- 16 our friend Kevin went on vacation, left it to
- 17 Ted.
- 18 MR. HOESL: Yeah.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- 20 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: The -- the
- 21 notices that are required were provided?
- MR. HOESL: Yup.
- 23 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: The letter
- 24 from the Town is in the file?
- MR. HOESL: Well, there wouldn't be a

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	1	NCPC OSPAC File No. 3-2024	
	2	letter from the Town on this. But	
	3	THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: This is the	
	4	MR. HOESL: we have the inner	
	5	department	
	6	THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: this is an	
	7	easement on this	
	8	MR. HOESL: memo for	
	9	THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: excuse me.	
	10	Yeah, right.	
	11	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.	
	12	MR. HOESL: Any questions on that?	
	13	(No response.)	
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- 1 Proceedings
- 2 (Stepping up.)
- 3 MR. WREN: Okay. Next up I'll go
- 4 quickly though the minor subdivisions. The first
- 5 three cases are all zoning compliant. We've
- 6 received the letters from those, so those are all
- 7 good to go.
- 8 MR. O'BRIEN: And we have all the
- 9 mailings back?
- MR. WREN: Yes -- yeah. All, we --
- MR. O'BRIEN: Good --
- 12 MR. WREN: -- have mailings back on all
- 13 of our cases.
- MR. O'BRIEN: -- good.
- MR. WREN: The last three were -- we do
- 16 have the -- were approved with variances from the
- 17 Town of Hempstead, the Incorporated Village of
- 18 Freeport, and once again, the Town of Hempstead
- 19 for the last three cases.
- THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Why is that?
- 21 (No response.)
- MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
- MR. WREN: But they're all pretty much
- "as-of-right."
- MR. O'BRIEN: Good. All right.

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1	NCPC Minor Sub. File No. 35-2024	
2	MR. WREN: Oh, I do have one public	
3	comment for Case 35. Would you like me to read	
4	that now or?	
5	MR. O'BRIEN: At in the hearing.	
6	MR. WREN: Okay.	
7	MR. O'BRIEN: If it's only one, I'd	
8	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We'll	
9	MR. WREN: Yeah, that was the	
10	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: hold it to	
11	the hearing.	
12	MR. WREN: only comment.	
13	MR. O'BRIEN: Right.	
14	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No sense	
15	doing it twice.	
16	MR. O'BRIEN: Yup.	
17	MR. WREN: Okay.	
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- Zoning Referral Calendar Public Work Session
- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Marty, you're
- 3 up.
- 4 MR. KATZ: That's it.
- 5 Marty, you're going to generate more
- 6 comment than we had, but don't forget
- 7 Reader's Digest.
- MR. O'BRIEN: We have 45 minutes,
- 9 Chair.
- 10 (Stepping up.)
- MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I understand,
- 13 but --
- MR. KATZ: Yeah, we're going to have
- 15 time to kill, so I'll have to --
- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: You just
- don't like listening to Marty; huh?
- MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- MR. O'BRIEN: You know, he -- he works
- 20 very hard at this.
- 21 (Laughter.)
- MR. KATZ: That's okay.
- MR. O'BRIEN: I'm defending -- I'm
- 24 defending --
- MR. KATZ: You don't have to defend me.

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2	MR. O'BRIEN: I'm the defense
3	attorney.
4	MR. KATZ: The first case, this is
5	Town of Oyster Bay, Bethpage.
6	This is a proposed two-story mosque or
7	house of worship, mosque with a basement, with a
8	gross floor area of over a little over
9	16,000 square feet on a 1.3-acre lot and will
10	require the demolition of two existing one-story
11	structures on two lots. "Lot 7" is currently
12	occupied by a one-story mosque, which is about
13	2500 square feet. "Lot 9" is occupied by a
14	one-story former commercial building that is now
15	vacant.
16	Proposed site improvements and
17	infrastructure to support the new building
18	include:
19	New asphalt;
20	Pavement;
21	Curbing;
22	Sidewalks;
23	Exterior lighting;
24	Landscaping;

Drainage infrastructure;

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- 1 Zoning Referral Calendar Public Work Session
- 2 Solid waste enclosure.
- 3 Yeah, this case was initially before
- 4 the Planning Commission on 1/11/2024 for
- 5 site plan review. It's also before us for
- 6 site plan review.
- 7 The current, the plan, the current --
- 8 the current plan now before you reflects some
- 9 changes to the site plan regarding access,
- 10 nothing radical or anything like that. The
- 11 revised site plan eliminates curb -- one
- 12 curb cut. Both plans show a curb cut near the
- 13 northerly property line on Stewart Avenue, right
- 14 left turns entering and -- and a right-turn exit
- 15 only.
- The initial plan had a total assembly
- 17 occupancy rating of 506 persons, requiring
- 18 169 spaces. The revised plan has a total
- 19 assembly occupancy rating at 464 persons,
- 20 requiring 155 spaces.
- 21 (Commissioner Durso enters the
- 22 meeting.)
- MR. KATZ: Yeah. This -- this
- 24 Commission deemed this incomplete initially,
- 25 because the -- the applicant indicated that the

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- 2 purpose of the proposed project is to better
- 3 accommodate the needs of the existing
- 4 congregation. It is not intended to increase the
- 5 number of people on the site. However, this is
- 6 an over-quadrupling of the -- of the site with a
- 7 lot more activities, and a kitchen and a whole --
- 8 whole lot of things going on, on the proposed
- 9 house of -- and within the proposed house of
- 10 worship. And we think that the traffic parking
- 11 study should go into some more detail, because
- 12 this is going to have an impact on -- on
- 13 spillover parking on nearby residential streets.
- 14 But --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So Marty?
- MR. KATZ: Yeah, and we do have
- 17 Rose Walker here to talk about this.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah, I know.
- 19 The Chair --
- MR. KATZ: But yeah, okay.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- the Chair
- 22 will recognize her in a minute.
- MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Where do we
- 25 stand with this parking study?

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- 2 MR. KATZ: Well, we -- we don't think
- 3 that -- I -- I don't feel that the study
- 4 really --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Did we get
- 6 it?
- 7 MR. KATZ: Well, we -- we got it
- 8 initially, but it -- it hasn't been changed from
- 9 what we initially got in January of 2024, when we
- 10 asked that it address certain issues and more in
- 11 depth regarding a parking spillover.
- 12 So the parking analysis and the "TEQRA"
- 13 report that came to us based on the parking
- 14 analysis from the Town of Oyster Bay hasn't
- 15 changed. So we're asking that it, you know --
- 16 you know, be enhanced to --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. KATZ: -- address these --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So --
- 20 MR. KATZ: -- these issues.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So before we
- 22 recognize Legislator Walker, you're telling me
- 23 that you think it's incomplete 'cause the study?
- 24 MR. KATZ: I -- I -- yeah.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And we should

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- 2 mark --
- 3 MR. KATZ: That's how I feel.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- and we
- 5 should mark it incomplete. We're not voting now
- 6 and deciding that now, but what's the -- the
- 7 recommendation?
- 8 MR. KATZ: Yes, that's what staff would
- 9 recommend.
- 10 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Well Marty --
- MR. O'BRIEN: Marty, if I may ask, is
- 12 there any update? Like did they say it's being
- 13 worked on or --
- MR. KATZ: No I, haven't --
- 15 MR. O'BRIEN: -- or are we being
- 16 ignored --
- 17 MR. KATZ: Well, I mean --
- 18 (Laughter.)
- MR. O'BRIEN: -- in simple terms?
- 20 MR. KATZ: -- we got a revised site --
- 21 we -- we got the re-referral again from the Town
- of Oyster Bay, because the site plan has been
- 23 revised somewhat, nothing -- nothing major. But
- 24 we didn't get any revised parking traffic impact
- analysis, which was incorporated into the

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- 2 Town's "SEQRA" report, which hasn't changed
- 3 from the one we got in January of 2024. It's the
- 4 same -- it's the same --
- 5 MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know where it
- 6 stands, you know, with -- with the Town, as far
- 7 as a public hearing, you know, for -- for
- 8 referral purposes? Because, you know, I know a
- 9 lot of towns and villages work with us, so to
- 10 speak, and there are others that just go their
- 11 own way.
- MR. KATZ: Yeah, we haven't -- I -- I
- 13 haven't gotten any follow up from the Town with
- 14 regard to that. I think the public hearing may
- 15 be -- may be tonight, because it says July 18th.
- 16 I'll have to check that.
- But I haven't been -- there hasn't been
- 18 any update. There hasn't been any indication --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. KATZ: -- it has been updated.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Marty?
- MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: This is a
- 24 good seque for Legislator Walker to address us
- 25 and maybe she has an update on that.

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- 2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: If I could
- 3 just make a quick comment also, this (indicating)
- 4 gentleman has come in on several occasions for a
- 5 "239-f" meeting on this property. He actually
- 6 lives on Central Boulevard in the Town. He's
- 7 very cooperative, very agreeable
- 8 to -- to meet all our demands.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Is he
- 10 represented by counsel?
- 11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: I have no
- 12 idea.
- He was just came in with the -- with
- 14 engineering group. But also understanding the
- 15 area very well, it is going to be a very
- 16 challenging scenario for the people who live on
- 17 the residential blocks right here.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Are you --
- 19 are you the attorney for --
- 20 (Stepping up.)
- MR. AVRUTINE: I am and I thought can
- 22 answer some of the questions that --
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well, let
- 24 Legislator Walker first.
- 25 MR. AVRUTINE: Sure -- sure. I just

- 1 Zoning Referral Calendar Public Work Session
- 2 wanted to let you know that I can answer --
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 4 MR. AVRUTINE: -- the questions that
- 5 you have.
- 6 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Right
- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: A lot of --
- 8 a lot of challenges on in that neighborhood for
- 9 parking.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I'm sure.
- 11 MR. KATZ: There isn't any parking on
- 12 Central or -- or Stewart Avenue. There's no
- 13 on-street parking.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- Good morning, Rose.
- 16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Good morning.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Welcome.
- 18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And it's good to
- 19 see you all in person. I've been working on the
- 20 phone with you or a "Zoom" before that.
- 21 But this -- this is a major issue
- 22 especially with the parking. There isn't enough
- 23 parking there now. It creates a major issue.
- 24 There's no parking.
- Like I said, those -- those are pretty

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- 2 busy main streets, Central and Stewart. And
- 3 it -- I feel it very dangerous even for -- for
- 4 those attending the mosque, because often they
- 5 just stop in the middle of either one of those
- 6 roads and just let people out. And, you know,
- 7 it's -- it's bad. It's a very bad -- very bad
- 8 situation.
- 9 They are short the parking spaces now.
- 10 They're going to be short parking spaces with any
- 11 type -- type of build. It's a very large build
- 12 that's going in there.
- I have to say first of all though,
- 14 they -- they have been good neighbors. I don't
- 15 want to say anything about them as -- as
- 16 neighbors.
- 17 It's really the parking issue that is a
- 18 major -- major issue. They park on the
- 19 residential streets. When they say they have off
- 20 street, you know, parking on off street or out in
- 21 the neighborhood, these are residential streets
- 22 in the neighborhood, many of them with:
- 23 First Responders on them;
- You know, local residents who are
- 25 older;

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- 2 Sidewalks have been, you know, cars
- 3 have been parked on sidewalks;
- 4 Cars have been parked blocking
- 5 driveways;
- 6 Blocking fire hydrants.
- 7 It's a bad issue already. And it's
- 8 really -- they really need to find a larger site
- 9 to do what they want -- a larger site with a lot
- 10 of parking. That is the biggest issue here and
- 11 it's a big -- big issue for the residents.
- 12 And, you know, I represent that
- 13 district. I don't live right there in Bethpage,
- 14 although it's kind of my second home. I spend a
- 15 lot of time there. And, you know, that is the
- 16 residents' concern. The -- the danger on those
- 17 two roads with you see what happens now when --
- 18 whenever they have services, and certainly the
- 19 parking on the side streets.
- 20 And you know what, I -- I really never
- 21 understood why, you know, that's an answer.
- 22 Well, we can park on the side streets. You're
- 23 parking on residential streets. And, you know,
- 24 it does effect the residents there tremendously.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Thank you.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: All right.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Thank you for
- 4 your comments and input.
- 5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: All right.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And now,
- 7 counselor, just for the record, your -- your name
- 8 and address.
- 9 (Stepping up.)
- 10 MR. AVRUTINE: Of course.
- Good morning --
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Good morning.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- Chairman and
- 14 Commissioners.
- Howard Avrutine, 2116 Merrick Avenue in
- 16 Merrick, representing the applicant, Muslims on
- 17 Long Island Incorporated.
- 18 The first -- first in response to
- 19 Mr. Greenfield's question regarding proceedings
- 20 at the Town level, the Planning Advisory Board of
- 21 the Town of Oyster Bay is having a hearing this
- 22 evening at 7 p.m. regarding site plan approval.
- 23 And this use is a permitted use. It's
- 24 in the "General Business Zone" of the Town. The
- 25 use is authorized. A religious use in the Town

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- 2 in the "GB" Zone requires a minimum of 1 acre.
- 3 This has 1.3 acres, so it is zoning compliant,
- 4 completely zoning compliant with the exception of
- 5 the parking requirement.
- And this facility is something that
- 7 this congregation has needed for quite some time,
- 8 the new facility. The existing facility has
- 9 served its purpose, lived its useful life shall
- 10 we say.
- 11 And the -- the congregation, it
- 12 really, really needs a new facility with suitable
- 13 classrooms. The classrooms that they currently
- 14 have on site are insufficient for their use.
- 15 They need offices. They need assembly areas,
- 16 et cetera.
- But the -- the numbers that were used
- in -- in completing the parking and traffic
- 19 study that was submitted to the Town, and
- 20 forwarded to the Commission as -- and -- and also
- 21 the same study was analyzed by County "DPW" in
- 22 the "239-f" review. And just for the record, the
- 23 "DPW" has approved the "239-f," pursuant to the
- 24 plans that you have before you. And -- and
- 25 that's specifically important, because both

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- 2 Central Avenue and Stewart Avenue, where the
- 3 property is located at that corner are both
- 4 Nassau County roads.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Can you --
- 6 staff, can you put that up on the screen better?
- 7 Is there -- do you have a better --
- 8 MR. PERRAKIS: The area.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- so we can
- 10 see it?
- 11 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: And counsel,
- 12 every --
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. Thank
- 14 you.
- 15 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- every
- 16 opportunity to identify other parking has been
- 17 explored? Like it just -- looking at the
- 18 property, it just doesn't seem like there's
- 19 enough parking for --
- MR. AVRUTINE: Well, the -- the --
- 21 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- this
- 22 scale --
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- we're --
- 24 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- of
- 25 facility. It just doesn't seem -- I -- I see the

- Zoning Referral Calendar Public Work Session
- 2 point that the property just seems this was like
- 3 a pizzeria. It's like two pizzerias put together
- 4 is now serving as --
- 5 MR. AVRUTINE: -- well, we -- the
- 6 current situation, just again so the Commission
- 7 is aware, it -- it consists of two separate
- 8 parcels essentially. You cannot presently --
- 9 there is no vehicular connection between the
- 10 piece that's on the corner and the piece to the
- 11 west.
- So you gain access to, you know, you
- 13 have -- you have essentially four driveways. And
- 14 so those -- those are going to be eliminated.
- 15 There's going to be one driveway on Stewart, one
- 16 on Central, right turns in right turns out. So
- 17 that is going to be of immense assistance over
- 18 the existing situation.
- 19 And also, what's quite important is --
- 20 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: So --
- 21 MR. AVRUTINE: -- in -- in --
- 22 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- if I could
- 23 interrupt, so --
- MR. AVRUTINE: Sure.
- 25 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- you're

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- 2 saying it's going to be a better design, because
- 3 you went to "DPW" with your team and you were
- 4 able to work out a better design with less
- 5 egress. And -- and therefore, what people have
- 6 seen in terms of concerns for traffic, is your
- 7 point that it'd be -- it'll have a better flow?
- 8 And if so, what about the drop-off
- 9 question? You know, we live in a world today
- 10 where a lot of people, you know, get dropped off,
- 11 rather than parking all the time. Is there a
- 12 queuing line for that or is there going to be a
- 13 backup of people trying to get into the site at
- 14 the --
- 15 MR. AVRUTINE: I -- I don't think that
- 16 that's the case. There's the -- there's
- 17 new -- the drive aisles can adequately address
- 18 any question of -- of people getting dropped off.
- 19 And there is -- let -- if I can go expand a
- 20 little further on this, the --
- 21 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: This is --
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- total --
- 23 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- this is what
- 24 we're going to discuss during the meeting. I
- 25 mean this is the whole meeting. This is --

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- 2 wasn't the intent of this. This is a work
- 3 session.
- 4 MR. O'BRIEN: No.
- 5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: No -- no.
- 6 We have no public --
- 7 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No, but we're
- 8 him invited to comment --
- 9 MR. O'BRIEN: There's no public
- 10 comment. We don't take public comment of the --
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: At -- at
- 12 the --
- 13 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Okay.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- we don't
- 15 take --
- 16 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Okay.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So the public
- 18 here --
- 19 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Okay, I'm
- 20 sorry.
- 21 I just --
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- should
- 23 know that --
- 24 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- you're
- 25 getting deep into this and it's really not --

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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- I -- I
- 3 don't want to take all the time. We got other
- 4 cases.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Yeah, listen.
- 6 I -- I just want to say one thing. This -- this
- 7 parking study here --
- 8 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Yeah, the
- 9 study.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- the -- the
- 11 study that's done here, I've lived this
- 12 experience in New Hyde Park. Everybody comes in
- one car, I could tell you that. There is no
- 14 drop off. I've seen Hillside Avenue in
- 15 New Hyde Park shut down on a many, many, many
- 16 times by people just being late for services and
- 17 just leaving the cars out on the roads.
- So I -- I just think this -- this is so
- 19 short on this parking stuff -- on this parking.
- 20 I mean this is -- this is --
- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: Just so
- 22 everyone's aware, the "239-f" does not address
- 23 parking. It only addresses safe entrances and
- 24 thing --
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Curb cuts.

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- 2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: -- curb
- 3 cuts --
- 4 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: So -- so --
- 5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: --
- 6 drainage.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- us using
- 8 what -- that's my thing is --
- 9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: So --
- 10 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- us
- 11 using these numbers here, but keep going back to
- 12 the --
- 13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: So what
- 14 I'm -- I'm saying what Howard is saying as far as
- 15 safe entrances and exiting, he's absolutely
- 16 correct.
- 17 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: It's safe to
- 18 enter and exit.
- 19 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NIMMO: But we
- 20 don't address parking 'cause that --
- 21 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: But how many --
- 22 how many cars can enter and exit? How -- how
- 23 many cars can sit on?
- MR. AVRUTINE: I'd -- I'd have to defer
- 25 to Mr. Muller, who did -- did the study. But let

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- 2 me address the parking directly, if I may,
- 3 because I think that that's important obviously.
- 4 Please understand that the occupancy
- 5 number is what determines the parking requirement
- 6 in the Town of Oyster Bay.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: In every town.
- 8 MR. AVRUTINE: Some do it by square
- 9 footage, but sure, why not. It's certainly for
- 10 purposes of this application, that's the
- 11 standard.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Right.
- MR. AVRUTINE: So the prior plans were
- 14 I think 506. This is now 464 with a requirement
- 15 of 88. And the important thing to consider, and
- 16 to understand in analyzing this -- and that's
- 17 what the Town Department of Environmental Review
- 18 discussed with us, which was what is the -- the
- 19 usage maximum at any given time, because you have
- 20 all these different spaces, and each of those
- 21 spaces can accommodate a certain number of
- 22 occupants.
- But in this type of use, it's
- 24 non-simultaneous. So even though the building at
- 25 maximum capacity can accommodate 464 people, they

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- 2 never ever see numbers even approaching that.
- 3 And if you look at the -- the busiest
- 4 time, both that's identified in the traffic study
- 5 and in the "DER" report, the -- at the busiest
- 6 time, which is the Friday the first afternoon
- 7 service, they have a maximum of approximately 225
- 8 people, not anywhere near the maximum for the
- 9 building.
- So based upon 88 spaces and the parking
- 11 calculation in the Town of Oyster Bay, the
- 12 parking formula being 1 parking space required
- 13 for each 3 authorized occupants, this applicant
- 14 is willing to agree, and -- and states it both to
- 15 this Commission and will state it tonight to the
- 16 Planning Advisory Board, that they will accept a
- 17 cap on the legal occupancy of the building to
- 18 264 occupants.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And who's
- 20 going to enforce that cap?
- MR. AVRUTINE: The same -- the same
- 22 authorities that would enforce a 464 occupancy
- 23 cap.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: The only person
- 25 that can enforce that is the Building Department

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- 2 or the Fire Marshal --
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Or the
- 4 Fire Marshal --
- 5 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- Marshal's
- 6 Office.
- 7 MR. AVRUTINE: Well, that -- we know --
- 8 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: But that --
- 9 that's the only people -- people that enforce
- 10 that.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- we know that every
- 12 religious use that exists on Long Island has
- 13 High Holy Days. And -- and on, you know, it's --
- it's we've -- we've had these discussions many,
- 15 many times. The -- the mall, does the mall have
- 16 enough parking on Black --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No -- no --
- 18 MR. AVRUTINE: -- Friday?
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- no.
- 20 MR. AVRUTINE: No, I'm just --
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Don't get me
- 22 started on Roosevelt Field, please.
- 23 MR. AVRUTINE: -- I'm just trying to
- 24 say --
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Bill Bonesso

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- 2 will tell you my feelings on that subject.
- 3 MR. AVRUTINE: I'm just trying to say
- 4 that design isn't made for the absolute busiest
- 5 day of the year. But for this facility, the
- 6 maximum that they see on a week in, week out
- 7 basis is approximately 225 to 230 people. And
- 8 they're agreeing to cap the entire occupancy
- 9 at --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well,
- 11 that's --
- 12 MR. AVRUTINE: -- 264.
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- okay.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: But if all 265
- 15 people came in one car, there's still a problem.
- MR. AVRUTINE: They have parking for
- 17 it.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. AVRUTINE: They have 88 parking
- 20 spaces.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: 88? That's
- 22 some car.
- MR. AVRUTINE: Is enough for 264
- 24 people. That's what the --
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: That's --

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- 2 MR. AVRUTINE: -- code would require
- 3 and that's what we --
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Howard --
- 5 MR. AVRUTINE: -- have.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- Howard,
- 7 that's your argument for tonight.
- 8 MR. AVRUTINE: Well, I'm -- I'm just
- 9 presenting the view of --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. I -- I
- 11 just --
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- you as well.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- I just
- 14 want to bring this closure, 'cause we have two
- 15 other cases to comment on. And I see another
- 16 attorney anxiously awaiting to address this. Is
- 17 he anxious? No.
- Okay. If not, I'm anxious to hear from
- 19 him, let's put it that way.
- 20 What --
- 21 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: You know --
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- Marty's
- 23 comment with respect to the parking study from --
- 24 yeah, let's get back to the study.
- 25 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Get back to

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- 2 the -- is this amended, the study --
- 3 MR. AVRUTINE: Sure.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: 'Cause that's
- 5 what's --
- 6 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Can you speak
- 7 to what Marty says?
- 8 MR. AVRUTINE: I -- I respectfully
- 9 respond to that by saying --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Please.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- that the -- the Town
- 12 accepted the study that was prepared as
- 13 satisfactory. The --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- the -- the planning
- 16 people did, the environmental people did. I
- 17 understand the Commission would like --
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So it's
- 19 not --
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- to see --
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- so it's
- 22 not incomplete. The Town has accepted it and
- 23 they think --
- MR. AVRUTINE: That -- that --
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- "TEQRA?"

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- 2 MR. AVRUTINE: -- that is correct. It
- 3 is not incomplete.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 5 Oyster Bay does a good "TEQRA."
- 6 MR. AVRUTINE: And so I would
- 7 respectfully submit that declaring this
- 8 application incomplete, because a study that the
- 9 Commission requested which is broader in scope
- 10 than what the agency, the lead agency --
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No, we --
- 12 we --
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- you understand?
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- we --
- 15 we -- we take what the lead agency. But I didn't
- 16 know whether there was an update going on.
- 17 MR. AVRUTINE: There is not.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: That's --
- 19 that's all.
- MR. AVRUTINE: Oh.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: That's 10
- 22 minutes ago, I wanted to get to that --
- MR. AVRUTINE: Okay --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- point.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- there's no update.

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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 3 You're -- you're -- you were going on like
- 4 Allen Stein. I thought you were charging by the
- 5 --
- 6 MR. AVRUTINE: Oh --
- 7 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- word.
- 8 (Laughter.)
- 9 MR. AVRUTINE: -- I didn't come here to
- 10 be insulted, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No, he's a
- 12 good friend of mine. I could say it --
- MR. AVRUTINE: I'm joking --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: --
- 15 affectionately.
- MR. AVRUTINE: -- I'm joking.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. So in
- 19 any event, I won't quote you to Allen when I talk
- 20 to him.
- 21 (Laughter.)
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So the study
- 23 is not being revised?
- MR. AVRUTINE: That's correct.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: It is what it

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- 2 is. We rely upon the Town --
- 3 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: I think our
- 4 staff may have some questions about the study.
- 5 Marty, what -- what's your --
- 6 Marty?
- 7 (Stepping up.)
- MR. KATZ: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 9 MR. AVRUTINE: I'll step aside.
- 10 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: So the study
- is done, was done some while ago, was adopted by
- 12 the Town and --
- MR. KATZ: Right.
- 14 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: -- and doesn't
- 15 seem to be any effort to change it or do
- 16 anything. So what is your point regarding the
- 17 study?
- MR. KATZ: Well, the point is, I -- I
- 19 think the study concluded that the -- the
- 20 overflow parking -- and according to the field
- 21 work that the traffic parking consultant did, you
- 22 know, under the current situation, under the
- 23 current house of worship is that the overflow
- 24 parking, I guess 55 vehicles would be, you know,
- on street, you know, and it didn't indicate that

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- 2 it wouldn't be.
- 3 So there's -- there's an impact --
- 4 my -- my contention is that the -- the -- the
- 5 size of the proposed house of worship is
- 6 substantially larger than what currently exists.
- 7 And I just kind of feel that the -- the -- the
- 8 analysis kind of washed over the impact of -- the
- 9 additional impact of that on regarding spillover
- 10 parking. That's -- that's my
- 11 contention.
- 12 THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Okay.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Let's --
- 16 let's -- let's move on; okay?
- We -- we had -- but you where there was
- one other question, Howard, is I recognize the
- 19 traffic engineer in the audience. Is he here for
- 20 your case or for another case?
- 21 (Stepping up.)
- MR. AVRUTINE: No, he's -- he's here if
- 23 the Board has any -- if the Commission has any
- 24 questions.
- THIRD VICE-CHAIR LEWIS: Yeah, well how

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- 2 much does this plan rely upon parking that is off
- 3 site?
- 4 MR. AVRUTINE: Well, it -- it doesn't
- 5 rely on it. What I believe -- and Mr. Muller can
- 6 speak to his report. But I believe the -- the
- 7 point is that to the extent, and -- and you --
- 8 you -- as much as the applicant has, can and will
- 9 continue to implore that people park in the lot,
- 10 you can't force them. And what some congregants
- 11 do -- maybe out of habit, because of where
- 12 they're used to parking when they come -- park in
- 13 legal parking spaces on residential streets at
- 14 times, but they're legal parking spaces. They
- 15 don't --
- 16 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Wait, whoa --
- 17 whoa.
- MR. AVRUTINE: I'm just saying --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Many --
- 20 MR. AVRUTINE: -- they do it.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- many
- 22 disrespect the neighbors -- I've witnessed it --
- 23 and park in illegal spots. And what gets me
- 24 infuriated as a first responder, I see them in
- 25 front of the fire hydrant.

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- 2 MR. AVRUTINE: I'm --
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And then they
- 4 tell them, well, we won't be long.
- 5 MR. AVRUTINE: -- I'm not saying it
- 6 doesn't happen.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
- 8 MR. AVRUTINE: All I'm saying is
- 9 that -- is that the applicant --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: When the last
- 11 one I worked? I've been to a few fires, but I
- 12 haven't worked one. I'm on medical.
- MR. AVRUTINE: No, the applicant will
- 14 do what the applicant can do to eliminate those
- 15 types of things, but can't control the conduct
- 16 of -- of everyone.
- And the point I'm making here, I'm
- 18 trying to make is that with 88 spaces and a
- 19 maximum occupancy of 264, we comply. And that's
- 20 the best we can do is comply with the number of
- 21 required spaces. If others do things that
- 22 residents find upsetting, it -- it -- it's --
- 23 it's a problem, I understand, but it's not
- 24 something we can control.
- 25 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Here's my one

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- 2 question. Obviously the congregation's been
- 3 there for how many years about?
- 4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: About 20 something
- 5 years.
- 6 MR. AVRUTINE: I forget. I -- since
- 7 the 1990s.
- 8 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Okay, since the
- 9 1990s.
- 10 Has there been any trouble with the
- 11 current facility and the current parking
- 12 conditions?
- 13 MR. AVRUTINE: I -- I -- I --
- 14 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Leading up to
- 15 this expansion, has there been problems? Have
- 16 there been anything that was brought to towns,
- 17 you know?
- 18 MR. AVRUTINE: I don't know. I suspect
- 19 Legislator Walker might have heard from
- 20 constituents on this, but --
- 21 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: I mean I think
- 22 that's important. You're -- you're expanding,
- 23 you're -- you're going deeper in. And I think
- 24 that public comment here could -- could --
- 25 MR. AVRUTINE: What we're -- what we're

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- 2 doing in reality is we're preparing -- we're --
- 3 we're going with a plan that is much more
- 4 efficiently designed, better designed than the
- 5 current configuration.
- As I indicated before, you can't go
- 7 from one parking --
- 8 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Yeah, no, I --
- 9 MR. AVRUTINE: -- lot to the other.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: -- I see
- 11 that -- I see that -- I see that.
- MR. AVRUTINE: It's just a much better
- 13 plan.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: I see that.
- 15 My other question is -- is during
- 16 the high holy days, does this facility set up
- outdoor tents, because the one in New Hyde Park
- 18 takes all their parking facilities and puts tents
- 19 up to take the overflow. Did the -- have they
- 20 ever installed tents on these parking lots?
- 21 MR. AVRUTINE: I -- I can't answer
- 22 that. I don't know the answer.
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay, so
- 24 let -- thank you -- thank you very much. We --
- 25 we have to move on. What happened? This is --

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- 2 okay, we really --
- 3 * * *
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So Marty,
- 5 let's -- let's go to Woodsburgh.
- 6 (Stepping up.)
- 7 MR. KATZ: Okay. We have two in
- 8 Woodsburgh.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well, yes,
- 10 but the same on attorney on both --
- MR. KATZ: Yeah --
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- the
- Woodsburgh.
- 14 MR. KATZ: -- okay. He's --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We want to
- 16 hear from the attorney on this --
- 17 MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- 'cause I
- 19 had some questions.
- 20 MR. KATZ: Just bear with me one second
- 21 here.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yes, no
- 23 problem. I --
- MR. KATZ: Yeah, this is Case No. 6 on
- 25 the Zoning Agenda, the Village of Woodsburgh.

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- 2 MR. O'BRIEN: Five and six?
- 3 MR. KATZ: Yeah. Item No. 6, this is
- 4 for a subdivision.
- 5 The applicant seeks to subdivide the
- 6 entire 117-acre former Wood -- Woodmere Club into
- 7 four lots, three of which are entirely within the
- 8 Village of Woodsburgh and the fourth lot is the
- 9 portion of property north and west of
- 10 Keene Lane, which I think is Railroad Avenue, and
- 11 is located in:
- Woodsburgh;
- 13 Lawrence;
- 14 And the Town of Hempstead Woodmere.
- The fourth lot is also within 300 feet
- 16 of the Village of Cedarhurst.
- 17 So the subdivision would require
- 18 approval of all -- of all four municipalities.
- The subdivision includes the easterly
- 20 side of Woodmere Basin, a lot containing the
- 21 existing Clubhouse building and surrounding area,
- 22 including existing parking and other existing
- 23 improvements. The fourth lot runs along the west
- 24 side of Woodmere Basin, and part of the northerly
- 25 end of the basin and shares a boundary with the

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- 2 Clubhouse lot.
- 3 The applicant's stated premise for the
- 4 application is that, notwithstanding the other
- 5 pending applications that this Commission has
- 6 seen and also has another Woodsburgh subdivision
- 7 on this agenda, this application does not include
- 8 any proposed development, that the Village has
- 9 taken no "SEQRA" action on this application yet
- 10 and is reviewing the stated intention that this
- 11 application proposes no development in relation
- 12 to its obligation to undertake "SEQRA" without
- 13 segmenting review given the known intent to
- 14 develop within the proposed lot shown in the
- 15 other two pending applications.
- We do have Brian Stolar here
- 17 representing the Village of Woodsburgh to answer
- 18 any questions that the Commission might have --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 20 MR. KATZ: -- on this particular
- 21 subdivision.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: And we also
- 23 have Chris Browne --
- MR. KATZ: And Chris Browne
- 25 representing the applicant.

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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: --
- 3 representing the applicant.
- 4 MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. Brian,
- 6 in all due respect, can we start with Chris
- 7 first? I've got three questions for him.
- 8 MR. STOLAR: By all means.
- 9 MR. O'BRIEN: Alphabetically.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: It's not
- 11 Passover, so I don't have four questions, only
- 12 three questions.
- 13 Question number one I'd like you to
- 14 address. Is all the litigation concerning
- 15 the Nassau County Planning Commission dropped?
- 16 Where do we stand?
- 17 (Stepping up.)
- MR. BROWNE: Well, there's a -- there's
- 19 a pending case regarding County fees.
- 20 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Oh yes, that
- 21 case.
- MR. BROWNE: There's no litigation
- 23 against this Commission related to --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
- 25 Well --

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- 2 MR. BROWNE: -- land use matters.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- okay.
- 4 So to clarify that for my colleagues
- 5 that are new to this, we won that case? You
- 6 brought -- your predecessor attorney brought the
- 7 case against us. We don't set the fees. The
- 8 County Legislature sets the fee.
- 9 MR. BROWNE: Okay. So --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So
- 11 that's the issue is still pending against the
- 12 County Legislature?
- MR. BROWNE: Correct.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So we're free
- 15 and clear? That's what I want to know.
- 16 MR. BROWNE: There's no -- there's no
- 17 litigation pending about processing the -- the
- 18 subdivision application.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay, good.
- Next question. So here, we have on the
- 21 agenda Woodsburgh. Where do we -- we stand with
- 22 respect to Lawrence and where do we stand with
- 23 respect to the Town of Hempstead, the portion.
- 24 And maybe you should describe for our esteemed
- 25 Members --

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- MR. BROWNE: So sure. So I understand
- 3 this is -- it gets it to be a confusing
- 4 situation.
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We have new
- 6 people --
- 7 MR. BROWNE: Yeah.
- 8 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- since it
- 9 started, I'm not confused.
- 10 (Laughter.)
- MR. BROWNE: Well, then you're the
- 12 only -- you're the only one.
- 13 (Laughter.)
- MR. O'BRIEN: You're the only one,
- 15 yeah.
- MR. BROWNE: You're the only one that's
- 17 not.
- So I guess that there are two
- 19 applications moving forward right now.
- 20 (Mr. Gallagher enters the meeting.)
- MR. BROWNE: This application, as you
- 22 say, is -- is a -- is a four-lot subdivision.
- 23 It's -- the goal of this is to simply break out
- 24 the parcel where the Clubhouse exists today as a
- 25 separate lot, because under the -- the way that

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- 2 the zoning now exists, the municipalities:
- 3 Hempstead;
- 4 Lawrence;
- 5 And Woodsburgh jointly zone the
- 6 property.
- 7 It's within all three jurisdictions.
- 8 They -- they all entered into a single zoning
- 9 ordinance to govern the entirety of the
- 10 golf course.
- 11 They broke the golf course down into
- 12 three distinct subdistricts. One of those
- 13 subdistricts allows for residential homes, which
- 14 I believe is -- you can see the areas there
- 15 (indicating). They're outlined in the dotted,
- 16 you know --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah, two
- 18 different --
- 19 MR. BROWNE: -- lines in two different
- 20 portions.
- 21 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: It's kind
- 22 of --
- MR. BROWNE: You're -- you're -- you're
- 24 allowed to build residential homes on two
- 25 different sections of the golf course. The rest

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- 2 of the golf course is -- is zoned for "open
- 3 space." They call it the "Open Space
- 4 Subdistrict."
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The blue?
- 6 MR. BROWNE: So you're only -- you're
- 7 not allowed to do anything in the "Open Space
- 8 Subdistrict."
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 10 MR. BROWNE: And the final piece
- 11 which is relevant to this, they call the
- 12 "Clubhouse Subdistrict" --
- 13 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
- MR. BROWNE: -- which is simply the
- 15 area where the Clubhouse presently exists. So
- 16 it's a unique zoning subdistrict, that only
- 17 allows you to basically have the Clubhouse or
- 18 the -- or a facsimile of the Clubhouse.
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So that's --
- 20 that's -- that was my third and final question,
- 21 and then we'll go to Brian.
- 22 So the Clubhouse is the -- as I
- 23 understand it through the Nassau Herald I
- 24 think --
- MR. BROWNE: Uh-huh --

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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- and a
- 3 former trustee, is being deeded over to the
- 4 Village of Woodsburgh?
- 5 MR. BROWNE: Well -- well, that -- that
- 6 is a proposal that's on the table, as part of a
- 7 comprehensive resolution of ongoing issues that
- 8 don't pertain to the Commission.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
- 10 MR. BROWNE: It's been offered to the
- 11 Village, yes.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Offered,
- 13 okay, yeah.
- MR. BROWNE: Yes.
- As -- as -- but again, as part of a --
- 16 a package of other series of agreements that
- 17 it's -- it's not -- the issue is not Woodsburgh
- 18 in that regard. But we have other
- 19 municipalities, including the Town of Hempstead,
- 20 that would have to participate in a global
- 21 settlement, you might say.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Agreed.
- MR. BROWNE: And as part of that, the
- 24 idea is that the Clubhouse would be given for
- 25 free to the Village of Woodsburgh.

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- 2 The purpose of this application is
- 3 simply to separate out the "Clubhouse
- 4 Subdistrict," that -- that parcel (indicating),
- 5 so that it could be deeded either now or in the
- 6 future, you know, without -- easily, legally. So
- 7 it would have its own tax lot and it could be
- 8 deeded out. Because it -- it -- the way the
- 9 zoning exists, that is what -- the only thing
- 10 that's legal in the "Clubhouse Subdistrict" is
- 11 the Clubhouse. So my clients would like to have
- 12 the flexibility, if the time comes, to -- to
- 13 transfer the Clubhouse out of their ownership.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 15 Brian?
- Thank you.
- MR. BROWNE: You got it.
- 18 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We'll come
- 19 back to you.
- 20 Wait -- wait. Before you -- any --
- 21 anyone else have any question?
- (No response.)
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- Brian, let's pick up from there. So
- is -- oh, give your name and address for the

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- 2 record, if not the --
- 3 MR. STOLAR: Sure.
- 4 Brian Stolar, Harris Beach,
- 5 Omni Building, Garden City.
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 7 You're representing the Village of
- 8 Woodsburgh?
- 9 MR. STOLAR: Correct.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Are you
- 11 accepting the Clubhouse?
- 12 MR. STOLAR: The Clubhouse is still
- 13 under -- under discussion. There's -- the
- 14 current zoning permits that building to be used
- 15 as:
- 16 A Clubhouse;
- 17 As a school;
- 18 As a place of worship.
- 19 If the four-lot subdivision is
- 20 approved, any of those are fair game going
- 21 forward.
- What Chris is referring to is if we
- 23 resolve all of the outstanding litigation issues,
- 24 there is a possibility that the Clubhouse may be
- 25 deeded to the Village. There also is a

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- 2 possibility that it may be used for one of the
- 3 other purposes.
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So I
- 5 understand that's part of the global settlement.
- 6 I -- I respect that and accept that.
- 7 But here's the real question that
- 8 people are asking me that live in the community,
- 9 is this going to be a Village facility or a house
- 10 of worship?
- MR. STOLAR: Yes.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yes? What is
- 13 that?
- 14 (Laughter.)
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well, all of
- 16 the above? Is it all the above, none of the
- above, or one of the above?
- 18 (Laughter.)
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I mean "yes"
- 20 is --
- MR. STOLAR: It -- it could be any --
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: My wife gives
- 23 me an answer like that "yes."
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 MR. STOLAR: It -- it -- (laughter) --

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- 2 she's had legal training.
- 3 It could be any of the above. We don't
- 4 know until everything is resolved. They're
- 5 all -- they're, at the moment, they are all
- 6 possibilities.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: But they'd have
- 8 to come back before us.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I was going
- 10 to say.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: You've got to
- 12 come back anyway, so that wouldn't impact us.
- 13 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Yeah.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: You
- 16 understand you have to come back before us,
- 17 counselor, with -- with more than just a "yes"
- 18 answer.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Yeah.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- MR. STOLAR: If -- if -- well, that
- 22 that's the question. Right now, this four-lot
- 23 subdivision is just essentially a two-dimensional
- 24 piece of the paper, without any of the proposed
- development shown on it, when we know that there

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- 2 is significant development already shown on those
- 3 lots.
- So, you know, come back, you know, the
- 5 hard part is there are -- there are, I know Chris
- 6 said two. I think you also have the 59-lot
- 7 subdivision that's "as-of-right," that's
- 8 currently before you as well. There are three
- 9 pinballs in the -- in the machine right now.
- 10 So --
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We only have
- 12 two on the agenda.
- MR. STOLAR: Two on the agenda, right.
- 14 Understood, because those are the two
- 15 applications that are pending before Woodsburgh.
- 16 You also have one that's pending before the
- 17 Planning Commission for a separately, not on
- 18 tonight [sic].
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Not on
- 20 tonight [sic].
- MR. STOLAR: Or today, excuse me.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah, okay.
- 23 So what --
- 24 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: But they still
- 25 have to come back.

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2	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
3	So when is your hearing in Woodsburgh?
4	MR. STOLAR: Next week.
5	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: What date?
6	MR. BROWNE: The 24th.
7	MR. STOLAR: Wednesday, the 24th.
8	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Oh, I was
9	going to visit, but I'm not available. I'm
10	sorry.
11	Okay. Chris?
12	(Stepping up.)
13	MR. BROWNE: I just want to again
14	this, the purpose of this is just right now
15	this this property has dozens and dozens of
16	tax lots all over the place.
17	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Right.
18	MR. BROWNE: All we're trying to do is
19	clean up that situation. It's nothing to do with
20	the development. This is just separate this
21	parcel out, so that when the time comes, either:
22	With Woodsburgh;
23	Without Woodsburgh;
24	To a synagogue.
25	Or however, that this one parcel can be

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- 2 disposed of, which is going to happen regardless.
- 3 So we're -- we're just trying to -- to
- 4 this is simply a -- a -- we're trying to put
- 5 the tax lots in a situation where they can be
- 6 easily legally deeded out in the future.
- 7 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 8 MR. BROWNE: It has nothing to do with
- 9 the development whatsoever.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: We got it.
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We got it.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: We got it.
- MR. BROWNE: Thank you.
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We answered
- 15 all the questions.
- MR. BROWNE: Thank you -- thank you.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Anyone else?
- 18 (No response.)
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We -- we got
- 20 to -- we got to move on to other cases.
- MR. STOLAR: Thank you.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Thank you
- 23 both for coming down. It's nice to see two
- 24 opposing attorneys getting along, but can you
- 25 take it out in the hall?

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- Okay, next item, Marty -- Marty. And
- 3 we're almost at the -- for those people
- 4 that have just joined us, we're doing our
- 5 Public Work Session out here in the public and
- 6 make no votes, no conclusions. We just ask
- 7 questions to get fact finding before, you know,
- 8 the actual meeting.
- 9 MR. KATZ: Does the Commission have any
- 10 questions on those -- those cases that staff
- 11 recommend a "Local Determination" on? If not,
- 12 I'll just go to the other -- you know, I don't
- 13 know, you know, obviously you're pressed for time
- 14 now, so --
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah --
- 16 yeah -- yeah, that's a good way of approaching
- 17 it.
- I thought there was a question on
- 19 the -- anyone have a question on Item 10, the
- 20 drive up with --
- MR. KATZ: Oh, that one, yeah.
- 22 That's --
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah, that
- one, yeah -- yeah -- yeah.
- MR. KATZ: That one?

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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah.
- 3 MR. KATZ: Okay. Let me --
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The drive
- 5 ups are always challenging. If we could, throw
- 6 that --
- 7 MR. KATZ: Yeah, this --
- 8 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- slide up.
- 9 MR. KATZ: -- is --
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Is it a
- 11 two -- here's my question. Is it a two-lane
- 12 drive up, so there's no spill back into the --
- MR. KATZ: No, the -- the --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- adjacent
- 15 neighborhood?
- MR. KATZ: It's not so much the queuing
- 17 which is an issue. It's -- it's the fact that it
- 18 just came to light that -- okay.
- This is a proposed Starbucks with a
- 20 drive-thru on it, almost 17,000 square foot site.
- 21 It's a drive-thru only. The case was initially
- 22 heard by the Planning Commission on 1/11/24 for
- 23 several variances relate -- you know, related to
- 24 various issues. The Commission, at that point
- 25 issued "Local Determination," that the Town

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- 2 approve these variances. The project is parking
- 3 compliant.
- 4 Additional variances were just -- just
- 5 referred to the Planning Commission, because
- 6 something slipped through the cracks from the
- 7 Town of North Hempstead, concerning the
- 8 installation of the drive-thru audio equipment
- 9 serving the drive-thru that faces residential
- 10 properties, 'cause to the north of this is a --
- is a rear yards of properties. It's a large
- 12 site, but it's a very -- it's a relatively --
- 13 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: Very narrow.
- 14 MR. KATZ: -- shallow sight.
- 15 So the -- the -- the drive-thru window
- 16 with the -- with the audio equipment is, from --
- 17 from staff's, perspective, may have an impact
- 18 on -- on these properties. And it just came to
- 19 light that this is not compliant from the Town of
- 20 North Hempstead. And also, it just came to light
- 21 that the proposed installation of a 7-foot fence
- in the rear on top of an existing 5 foot wall,
- 23 which is 12 feet abutting the residential
- 24 properties to the north.
- The staff recommends that maybe a

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- 2 noise analysis should be prepared concerning the
- 3 potential impacts of sound emitting from the
- 4 order station on homes located along the south
- 5 [sic] -- the site's northerly property line,
- 6 because this may be an impact to these several
- 7 residential properties. It's a -- and like he
- 8 said, it's a fairly shallow sight, so --
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: So -- so are
- 10 you -- you put it on the agenda?
- MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: But are you
- 13 recommending incomplete?
- MR. KATZ: Yes, I -- I -- I, you know,
- 15 I'd like to see if this is going to actually --
- 16 you know, we've -- we've, the -- you know,
- 17 some -- some reports come with noise analyses --
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well, the --
- 19 MR. KATZ: -- shadow analysis. This
- 20 one, it didn't address that, but I think maybe it
- 21 should.
- 22 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. That's
- 23 why I brought it up, Marty.
- MR. KATZ: Okay.
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- 2 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. Now,
- 3 the only other question we had here --
- 4 MR. KATZ: We had the one in Levittown,
- 5 which the staff --
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The
- 7 Levittown, that one --
- 8 MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- 9 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- yeah, we
- 10 had a -- maybe you want to introduce that --
- MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 12 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- and brief
- 13 that.
- MR. KATZ: Okay.
- 15 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We have --
- MR. KATZ: It's fairly cut --
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- five
- 18 minutes or so.
- MR. KATZ: -- cut and dry.
- This is a proposed retail building of
- 21 about 4800 square feet as part of the
- 22 Levittown Mews Shopping Center, along the
- 23 north side of --
- 24 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Rose, is this
- 25 part of your district?

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- 2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: No, that's not.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No, okay.
- 4 MR. KATZ: A parking variance is
- 5 required.
- 6 The Shopping Center has a total of
- 7 405 parking spaces, with a total of 505 parking
- 8 spaces required. The proposed retail building in
- 9 and -- in and of itself requires 24 spaces.
- The building will be situated in what
- is now an open area next to the freestanding
- "ULTA Beauty Store" at the easterly end of the
- 13 shopping center. This Shopping Center has
- 14 thirteen stores and is anchored by a freestanding
- 15 "Walmart" at the westerly end of the
- 16 Shopping Center.
- 17 There will be several spaces eliminated
- 18 along the site's easterly property line to
- 19 accommodate the -- the building.
- This is across from the "Home Depot"
- 21 and it's got a traffic signal that serves
- 22 "Home Depot" on the south side of Hempstead
- 23 Turnpike and that serves the "Levittown Mews
- 24 Shopping Center."
- 25 Staff recommends that this be deemed

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- 2 incomplete. The proposed retail building will
- 3 increase the Shopping Center's parking
- 4 deficiency. As such, a parking analysis is
- 5 requested to see if the existing parking can
- 6 accommodate the proposed retail building without
- 7 any issues. I don't think it will, but it --
- 8 it -- it -- it's possible that it might. We're
- 9 just being consistent.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DURSO: No, "ULTA" is
- 11 there already.
- 12 THIRD VICE CHAIR LEWIS: Oh, "ULTA's"
- 13 there?
- 14 COMMISSIONER DURSO: Yeah, "ULTA's"
- 15 there. What is -- so they're looking to put --
- 16 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: A free-standing
- 17 building.
- 18 MR. KATZ: A free-standing building --
- 19 COMMISSIONER DURSO: Free-standing
- 20 building.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SAKOWICH: No, yeah.
- MR. KATZ: -- at the easterly end of
- 23 the -- what is now a -- a -- an open area,
- 24 an asphalt area.
- 25 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Well, so wait

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- 2 a minute. How many parking spots are we taking
- 3 away for this freestanding building?
- 4 MR. KATZ: About --
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: That's my --
- 6 MR. KATZ: -- along the --
- 7 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- concern.
- 8 MR. KATZ: -- along the easterly
- 9 property line, I'd say about 7 or so spaces that
- 10 are probably not used very much. But they have
- 11 to be eliminated along the easterly property line
- 12 to accommodate the -- the building.
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: I just wanted
- 14 to make sure that --
- 15 COMMISSIONER DURSO: And what are they
- 16 looking to put in, do we know?
- 17 MR. KATZ: Just says an unspecified
- 18 retail store.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DURSO: Retail?
- MR. KATZ: Yeah, but who knows? That
- 21 could be a restaurant.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DURSO: That's what I --
- 23 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Or a
- 24 Starbucks?
- 25 MR. KATZ: So --

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- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 COMMISSIONER DURSO: Yeah, I feel like
- 4 we need a little bit more.
- 5 MR. KATZ: So that's that for that one.
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- 7 MR. KATZ: And -- and the other one is
- 8 in Woodsburgh, that is other than a local -- you
- 9 know, recommended by staff, other than a
- 10 "Local Determination."
- This is the Village of Woodsburgh.
- 12 This is for:
- 13 Subdivision;
- 14 Area;
- 15 And dimensional variances.
- This is the Woodsburgh portion of the
- 17 Willow View Estates subdivision, the former
- 18 Woodmere Club.
- 19 The Woodsburgh portion can -- will
- 20 contain 45 single-family homes. Several --
- 21 several of these proposed lots, according to the
- 22 site plan or the apportionment map are located in
- 23 what is deem -- deemed as the "Open Space
- 24 District of the Coastal Conservation District,"
- 25 where residential lots are not -- not permitted.

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- 2 Some lots also require area variances within the
- 3 residential district.
- 4 It should be noted that the Village of
- 5 Lawrence portion of the Willow View Estates
- 6 subdivision was before the Planning Commission on
- 7 9/7/2023, for the creation of 33 single-family
- 8 lots. Several of these lots were also situated
- 9 within the "Open Space District of the
- 10 Conservation [sic] -- Coastal Conservation
- 11 District." At that time, the Commission
- 12 recommended that the application be modified to
- 13 eliminate all lots within the "Open Space
- 14 District."
- 15 It should also be noted that the
- 16 Town of Hempstead, Woodmere portion of the
- 17 Willow View Estates was scheduled to go before
- the Planning Commission on 5/30/24 for the
- 19 creation of 90 single-family lots, many of these
- 20 also within the "Open Space District of the
- 21 Coastal Conservation District." At that time,
- 22 the Town requested that it be pulled from the
- 23 zoning agenda, which it was. And we haven't
- 24 heard back -- I haven't heard back from the Town
- 25 in that regard.

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- 2 Staff is recommending "modification" to
- 3 eliminate all --
- 4 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Not the Town,
- 5 you mean the Village of Lynbrook [sic] -- Village
- 6 of Lawrence?
- 7 MR. KATZ: Well, yeah, no. This one is
- 8 the --
- 9 MR. O'BRIEN: The Town.
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The Town of
- 11 Hempstead.
- MR. KATZ: -- the Town's portion in
- 13 Woodmere --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The Town.
- MR. KATZ: -- that was referred to us,
- 16 but what was pulled.
- 17 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- MR. KATZ: So it is the --
- 19 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.
- 20 MR. KATZ: -- Village of Lawrence that
- 21 we heard, the Village of Woodsmere [sic] that
- 22 we're -- or Woodmere that we're hearing now and
- 23 the Town of Hempstead.
- 24 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. So
- 25 let's ask Chris --

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- 2 MR. KATZ: Yeah.
- 3 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- where --
- 4 we don't --
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- give us an
- 7 update on where we stand with the hearings in the
- 8 Town of Hempstead --
- 9 (Stepping up.)
- MR. BROWNE: Yeah, so --
- 11 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- and --
- MR. BROWNE: -- so these --
- 13 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: -- Lawrence.
- MR. BROWNE: -- these applications that
- 15 Marty is referencing, these are requests that we
- 16 have brought to build homes in the area, where
- 17 homes are not allowed. And our contention is
- 18 we're not allowed to do anything with this --
- 19 that -- this huge swath of 80 acres of property.
- 20 It's not useable for anything else, so we're
- 21 asking permission to build residential homes in
- 22 it.
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: We can go
- 24 back to playing golf there.
- MR. BROWNE: Well, it would be a

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- 2 strange configuration, but perhaps you could
- 3 figure it out.
- 4 (Laughter.)
- 5 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: The trend is
- 6 a par 3 and -- and 9 holes, you know?
- 7 MR. BROWNE: And you can carry your own
- 8 bag; right?
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: No, those
- 11 days are long gone.
- 12 (Laughter.)
- MR. BROWNE: So --
- 14 ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: But they have
- 15 these automated carts now that follow you.
- 16 (Laughter.)
- 17 MR. BROWNE: Really?
- ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Yeah, that's
- 19 you know better than my dog.
- 20 MR. BROWNE: I might get back into
- 21 golf.
- 22 Anyway, in Lawrence, we made the same
- 23 requests to build in the "Open Space Area." The
- 24 Commission recommended denial. The Zoning Board
- 25 denied the variances.

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2	This is the same application in				
3	Woodsburgh. Will you let us build in the open				
4	space area in Woodsburgh?				
5	It's fifteen additional homes over and				
6	above what we're allowed. We've made extensive				
7	presentations already to the Zoning Board. It				
8	hasn't made a final decision. It's pending this				
9	Commission's recommendation, so that's all that				
10	this is.				
11	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay. That				
12	and the Town of Hempstead?				
13	MR. BROWNE: Oh, the Town of Hempstead,				
14	the application, same application to build in the				
15	Town of Hempstead Open Space Area was submitted.				
16	It went through their review process. They've				
17	asked my client to, you know, deposit in escrow,				
18	so they can do further studies and we are in the				
19	process of dealing with that now.				
20	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Okay.				
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2	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Thank you,	
3	everybody. Thank you	
4	MR. BROWNE: You're welcome.	
5	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: everyone.	
6	This concludes the pre-meeting.	
7	We'll take a three-minute	
8	MR. O'BRIEN: Work Session.	
9	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD:	
10	Work Session.	
11	(Laughter.)	
12	ACTING CHAIR GREENFIELD: Thank you,	
13	counselor. We'll take a three-minute necessary	
14	break.	
15	(The meeting was concluded at	
16	9:56 a.m.)	
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