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1	BEFORE THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
2	COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE
3	OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
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11	BEFORE:
12	JOHN DAVIS, ACTING CHAIRMAN
13	STEPHEN JOHNS
14	JOHN BROOK
15	BARBARA SILBER
16	RAFAEL ZAHRAIDDIN
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18	STAFF PRESENT:
19	BETSY CAUFIELD
20	CHRIS JACKSON
21	COLLEEN NORRIS
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1	PROCEEDINGS				
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are we going to				
3	want to hear the (indiscernible) report?				
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did. We				
5	heard it.				
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, he didn't				
7	want to hear it.				
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, apparently				
9	not.				
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.				
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay?				
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.				
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I move that we				
14	elect John Davis as our Acting Chairman for the				
15	business meeting.				
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second the				
17	motion.				
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All in favor,				
19	say aye.				
20	(A Chorus of Ayes)				
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Opposed, nay.				
22	Congratulations, again, John.				
23	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.				
24	We'll call the business meeting to				

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1	order. We'll start with roll call again.
2	I'm John Davis.
3	MR. JOHNS: Stephen Johns.
4	MR. BROOK: John Brook.
5	MS. SILBER: Barbara Silber.
6	MR. ZAHRAIDDIN: Rafael Zahraiddin.
7	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
8	Also with us Chris Jackson and Betsy
9	Caufield, from the Department of Land Use, and Colleen
10	Norris, from the Law Department.
11	Yes?
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is a
13	business meeting conducted by the New Castle County
14	Historic Review Board. The purpose of this meeting is
15	for the Board to discuss and evaluate the information
16	and testimony received at the prior public hearing.
17	As part of the meeting, the Board may choose to engage
18	the applicants in additional discussion. The public
19	is invited to listen but not to speak. However, the
20	public record remains open for submittal of written
21	comments. The meeting is recorded and transcribed.
22	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
23	First item on our agenda is old
24	business. We have none.

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1	On to new business, which would be the
2	application.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Application
4	20171159. It's 913 Ash Farm Way, located on South
5	side of Ash Farm Way, South of the intersect ion with
6	Ashby Drive, St. Georges Hundred, Tax Parcel
7	13014.30425. It's a revision to a residential
8	building permit on a dwelling within the historic
9	buffer known as S. Higgins Farm, National Register
10	listing circa 1865, S Zoning, Council District 12.
11	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
12	MR. BROOK: Mr. Chair?
13	MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Brook?
14	MR. BROOK: I move that we approve the
15	revision of the residential building permit as
16	presented to us on January at our hearing on
17	January 22nd for 913 Ash Farm Way.
18	(Pause)
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I'm being
20	advised by our legal consultant here that we should
21	have discussion before we make the motion.
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think
23	discussion after a motion was made.
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, discussion

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1	after the motion.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That I'm aware
3	of. Motion and second. Then you discuss. Otherwise,
4	it's not on the table.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think the idea
6	is that, if there's a if there's a motion that
7	limits the discussion to
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Actually, it's
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10	(Pause)
11	MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. So shall we move
12	on with discussion?
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
14	MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you.
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If they're
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do we need to
17	have a second first?
18	MR. CHAIRMAN: Discussion?
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, if
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second the
21	motion.
22	MR. BROOK: I believe that the proposal
23	that was presented to us is a reasonable proposal and
24	that we should approve it.

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree that the
2	proposal is really strictly for the extended overhand,
3	the braces over the garage doors. It's not really
4	attached to the historic structure. It doesn't really
5	do any damage to looks or the structure, the historic
6	structure. I don't think it causes any damage to
7	that. So I (indiscernible).
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would just
9	also like to build on that thought is that this
L O	the request and the construction is really being built
L1	on new construction.
L2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.
L3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which is not
L4	part well, it is attached to the historic block.
L 5	It does not involve construction on the historic block
L6	of the house at all. So
L7	MR. BROOK: Right.
L8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And it is and
L9	it is a piece of the renovated house that wasn't there
20	in the first place. So it's not like we're adapting
21	anything else, right? I think I think
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does that
24	summarize everything?

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.			
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.			
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think that the			
4	detail is not out of place.			
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.			
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: With the with			
7	the nature of the of the			
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It might even			
9	enhance the nature of the place.			
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.			
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think, in many			
12	ways, it also you know, it sort of provides sort of			
13	a visual continuity of this new attachment to the			
14	historic house. So			
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.			
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do I need to			
17	redo my motion?			
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't believe			
19	so.			
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).			
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for a vote.			
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for a vote,			
23	yeah.			
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ready for a			

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1	vote?
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All in favor?
4	(A Chorus of Ayes)
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That seemed
6	unanimous to me.
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion carries.
9	Okay.
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I
11	move we adjourn.
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.
13	MR. CHAIRMAN: For the record, we
14	should probably call for public comment, but again,
15	there is none.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I didn't see
17	that on there.
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's not on
19	the agenda.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's not on
21	the agenda.
22	MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no public
23	present.
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

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1	MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to
2	adjourn. We have a second.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thought we
4	voted.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, we do.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
7	MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a
8	second.
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
10	MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?
11	(A Chorus of Ayes)
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of order.
13	MR. CHAIRMAN: Sorry.
14	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't we
15	don't do public comment at a business meeting.
16	MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, we do not? Okay.
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Because the
18	public is just here to observe.
19	MR. CHAIRMAN: My mistake.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't want to
21	I don't want to start any I don't want to start
22	any rumors that will come back.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good point.
24	MR. CHAIRMAN: So we have a motion to

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1	adjourn and a second.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
3	MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?
4	(A Chorus of Ayes)
5	MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carried. Thanks.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we stop
7	recording?
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You bet.
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is the recorder
10	off?
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is the recorder
12	off, we want to know?
13	(Meeting adjourned)
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to
3	nominate John Davis to serve as our Acting Chair this
4	evening.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All in favor,
7	say aye.
8	(A Chorus of Ayes)
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Opposed?
10	Congratulations, John.
11	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
12	So with that, I'll call to order the
13	New Castle County Historic Review Board public hearing
14	of January 22nd, 2019. The time is 5:03, by the
15	meeting room clock. We'll start with roll call. I'm
16	John Davis.
17	MR. JOHNS: Stephen Johns.
18	MR. BROOK: John Brook.
19	MS. SILBER: Barbara Silber.
20	MR. CHAIRMAN: Also with us tonight are
21	Betsy Caufield, Chris Jackson, and Colleen Norris.
22	Betsy, do you want to read the Rules of
23	Procedure?
24	MS. CAUFIELD: Yes. All right. This

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is a public hearing conducted by the New Castle County Historic Review Board. The purpose of these hearings is to compile a record of relevant information regarding each application and how the proposed projects affect the county's historic resources. To make the most efficient use of time at this hearing, the following Rules of Order are established. Following the reading of each agenda item, the applicant and their representatives will make a presentation not to exceed a total of 15 minutes. Board members may ask questions of the applicant at the conclusion of the presentation.

The public will then be invited to speak in the following order: one, those who wish to speak in favor; two, those who wish to speak in opposition; and, three, those who wish to offer general comments. Speakers are encouraged to be brief and focus their remarks on historic issues. So that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, all speakers are limited to five minutes. Any speaker may ask the Board to hold the record open for submittal of written testimony if the time limit is not sufficient for their needs. Speakers are not permitted to debate the applicant, but may ask questions that the applicant

Page 4 1 may choose to answer during his rebuttal period at the close of the public comment period. 3 All testimony is recorded and transcribed. Therefore, all speakers must come 4 forward to the table, one at a time, and state their 5 6 name, address, and organization affiliation, if any, 7 before offering comments. Random comments from the 8 audience will not be recognized, and the public is 9 asked to respect the applicant's right to an orderly 10 hearing. No recommendations or decisions will be 11 12 made by the Historic Review Board at the hearing 13 today. The Board will evaluate the information, 14 testimony, and comments received here at the public 15 business meeting to be held at the first Tuesday of 16 next month. 17 Okay. I also just did want to re-18 remind everyone that we do have a -- we did schedule a 19 special business meeting to follow the public hearing this evening. So that will be for the one application 20 2.1 at 913 Ash Farm Way. 22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 23 MS. CAUFIELD: Uh-huh. 24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Next on the agenda is

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1	old business. We have none.
2	On to new business.
3	Betsy, would you like to read in the
4	first application?
5	MS. CAUFIELD: So it's Application
6	201816826, 624 Gordon House Way. It's located on the
7	West side of Gordon House Way, East of the
8	intersection with (indiscernible), located in St.
9	Georges Hundred, Tax Parcel 13019.3207. The
10	demolition permit to demolish and destroy the
11	structure known as the J.M. Gordon House with
12	associated agricultural structures circa 1820, F
13	Zoning, Council District 12.
14	And I did want to make a note that
15	there was a tanker (ph) along the original agenda and
16	legal for the tax parcel. Just to reaffirm that it is
17	located on Tax Parcel 1301932071, not 070.
18	MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you.
19	Steve?
20	MR. JOHNS: I'd like to just make a
21	statement. I just realized that my company is
22	involved in this project. To my knowledge, we haven't
23	been involved specifically with this lot; is that
24	correct?

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's correct.
2	MR. JOHNS: But we just did the
3	subdivision, and we did do the landscaping.
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct,
5	correct.
6	MR. JOHNS: And I haven't been involved
7	in this. So I don't think there's a conflict of
8	interest, but I don't know whether
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't think
10	it's sufficient for you to recuse yourself.
11	MR. JOHNS: Okay. I just wanted to put
12	it out there before we
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, do
14	you agree?
15	MR. CHAIRMAN: I agree.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
17	MR. CHAIRMAN: Your comments are duly
18	noted. Thank you.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.
20	MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
21	members of the Board. Michael Hoffman, of Tarabicos
22	Grosso, here this afternoon on behalf of Eastern
23	States Development, Incorporated. They are the
24	developers of the community known as Ponds of Odessa.

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With me here this afternoon is Rich Julian, of Eastern States, and as I was noted at the outset, we are here seeking a recommendation of approval for a demolition permit concerning a structure -- a home and outbuildings within the Ponds of Odessa community.

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To orient the Board and as additional background, this is a little bit of a unique situation. As Mr. Johns had mentioned, the record plan -- there were actually two record plans in the past for this community. The first one was in 2008, and there was a re-subdivision in 2011. Both plans pertained to the Ponds of Odessa residential community. The difference is, in 2011, there was a re-subdivision to incorporate workforce housing and add additional density, pursuant to the Workforce Housing Ordinance.

However, back in the 2008 plan, there is an historic structure, an historic home, the J.M. Gordon Home, onsite and located in this area that I'm pointing to here. That structure was to preserve the plan on a 1.67 acre lot. Again, that was in the 2008 plan. That was continued forward in the 2011 plan. And so, while Mr. Johns' company did -- was involved in the -- in the re-subdivision, they have not been

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involved with what we're here talking about tonight, which is the request to demolish their structures.

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To orient the Board, the subject site is located in southern New Castle County, South of Vance Mack (ph) Road. This is the High Hook Farm community. The Appoquinimink River is located to the South, and again, we're talking about the J.M. Gordon House.

As I mentioned, this is the community that's currently built -- or at least was built when this aerial was taken. The subject area of the subdivision plan is this portion, and you can see the structure and the lot right here. Again, it's 1.67 acres within that community.

What makes this unique is that, when the record plan was approved, a note was incorporated on to the plan that said the existing buildings located in Lot Number 280 shall remain, except those noted to be removed. In the future, the removal of other buildings located on Lot Number 280 will require the approval of the Department of Land Use. So this note is important, because, while it did not prohibit future removal of the structures, it did add the extra layer of protection that we need a recommendation or

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1	approval from the Department of Land Use. Because
2	we're dealing with historic structures, the department
3	is asking for a recommendation from this Board in
4	pursuing its obligations under this note.
5	A little bit more about the structure
6	and actually, before I continue on, we did submit,
7	for the record, a structural engineer's report, and
8	you should also have the National Register information
9	for this structure. I have extra copies if you do
LO	not, but I'm happy to provide those as necessary.
L1	What happened is is, once the
L2	construction is going underway, since my client has
L3	purchased the property, there, unfortunately, was a
L 4	fire at the home. They did pursuant to their
L5	obligation, they did
L6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me. Are
L 7	these the pictures that we have?
L8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Those are
L9	pictures that I took when I (indiscernible).
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.
21	Okay. Sorry. (Indiscernible).
22	MR. HOFFMAN: And I also have more
23	pictures as well.
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

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MR. HOFFMAN: Once my client purchased the property, they did board up the home. They secured it from vandals. There are some pictures in here that will show some of the boarded up windows. So they did take steps to preserve and protect the structure. Unfortunately, vandals did enter into the structure. They set fire to the structure. Fire marshal came out, determined that it was arson, and as a result of that fire, there was significant damage, which is the subject of the structural engineer's report.

A little bit more about the history of the site before we get into that. When the plan was approved, there were some structures on site that were slated for demolition. It included this barn over here, adjacent to the silo, these structures just to the West of the home. But the home and the remaining structures, per that note, were to remain. So you can see, at the time of this aerial, those structures still remained.

The home, in its current position, actually faces South towards the Appoquinimink River, but there is evidence that, when it was first constructed, it actually faced, I believe, to the

Page 11 1 East, towards the Appoquinimink Creek, which kind of 2. runs up on this portion. And so, it was reoriented. But the orientation of the structures really kind of 3 created a courtyard feel, which, I think, is noted in 4 the National Register information. 5 The property was a former farm site. 6 believe cattle was the -- a former farm use. 7 8 products in the mid to late 1800s were butter and hay, 9 I believe is what the Register points out. The home 10 itself dates back to the mid-1840s or 19th Century. I 11 think 1840 was the date at issue, and again, you had the supporting out-structures. 12 13 This was from the Register. You can 14 This was kind of more of a modern. see the home. 15 had the antenna out there, but you can see the brick 16 masonry. The brick was painted white, and you can see 17 the structure, as it existed at the time of the 18 Register. 19 Following the fire, as I mentioned, unfortunately, the structure is not in great shape. 20 2.1 You can see where the fire took out a portion of the 2.2 roof. You can see the remnants and the charred 23 remnants from the fire.

This is a larger -- the original

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structure was comprised of two-and-a-half stories, and there was a one-story addition that was later added, but this made up the entire structure. You can see the remnants and the damage from the fire, windows and whatnot.

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While the walls are still standing -- and again, this is addressed more specifically in the structural engineer's report -- there are -- is some question, in terms of the structural integrity of that going forward. You can see the brickwork, the charred brick.

This is -- these are some pictures from the interior. It was not deemed to be safe to enter it. So all of these are taken from a window or some structure or opening from the outside. So you can see the foundation is shot. Joists are gone. It's a lot of damage done by way of this fire.

I had mentioned the boarding up. So these are some examples of when the windows were boarded up, and the structure was secured prior to the fire. You can see the charred remains, the addition, more pictures showing the addition. And then this is what we have here.

So with the home, the whole purpose of

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preserving the outbuildings was related to the structure being there. With the structure in the state that it is, continuing to also maintain the outbuildings, they don't have the same historic significance. So we are seeking approval to demolish those structures. I would call the Board's attention to the structural engineer report.

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The conclusion that was -- and the recommendation from the report was that the most reasonable and realistic scenario is to demolish the building. Specifically, the engineer pointed to the roof framing and second floor framing being essentially a total loss, the joints being missing on the first floor, and while the majority of the exterior walls were in place, there was a concern as to the only structural components that have structural value and could be salvaged are the exterior masonry walls, but there is a realistic probability that the walls are out of plane, out of plumb, and that is what he used to base his recommendation.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't believe the Board received a copy of the engineer's report.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I apologize.

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1	Yeah.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have
3	additional copies?
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I did receive a
5	copy, but I
6	MR. HOFFMAN: Not a problem. I do have
7	a copy. I'd be happy to send that to you.
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
9	MR. HOFFMAN: I apologize for that.
10	Bob Macintosh (ph) was our structural engineer.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
12	MR. HOFFMAN: Oops. Oops, excuse me.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
14	(Pause)
15	MR. HOFFMAN: And that is the basic
16	overview of my presentation. I'd be happy to answer
17	questions. Be happy to provide the Board an
18	opportunity to review the report, if helpful, as well.
19	MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Brook?
20	MR. BROOK: Can you kind of review for
21	us the outbuildings that you all would propose to take
22	down?
23	MR. HOFFMAN: Sure.
24	MR. BROOK: What are the?

Page 15 1 MR. HOFFMAN: So this building -- these 2. buildings right here -- these are all barns. These 3 were already slated to be removed. MR. BROOK: But I mean the ones that 4 were not slated. 5 6 MR. HOFFMAN: Correct, so this one 7 right here -- this is a shed, and so, it's not 8 enclosed. It has the walls and the roof. This one 9 was an old grainary structure, and then this was just 10 a chicken coop. 11 MR. BROOK: And your contention is that 12 they're of value because they were associated with the 13 home? 14 MR. HOFFMAN: Correct. That's correct. 15 MR. BROOK: Okay. 16 (Pause) 17 MR. HOFFMAN: Yes? 18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Can you 19 clarify once it's demolished, what will happen to this piece of land, that general area? 20 2.1 MR. HOFFMAN: Sure. So the current plan, record plan -- I think I have it here -- shows 2.2 23 it as an existing lot as a fee simple lot. 24 expectation and the plan was for this to be a fee

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1	simple lot that could be transferred. You always have
2	the balance you don't want to burden the community,
3	but you also want to make sure that it you have the
4	opportunity to preserve. So that was the framework
5	here.
6	This remains a billable lot under the
7	plan. Any change to that would require a re-
8	subdivision. There is also a restriction on the plan
9	against any further subdivision. We are not proposing
10	to do any further subdivision. So the lot would
11	remain as a fee simple lot.
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a little
13	confused on the plan that we received as part of our
14	packet.
15	MR. HOFFMAN: Okay.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's a legend
17	on here that's color coded, and it
18	MR. HOFFMAN: With the permit?
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And it indicates
20	I'll call it a blue color that says structure is
21	no longer on site; a yellow color that says approved
22	structures to come down, and then there's a greenish
23	color that says structures we would like to demolish.
24	MR. HOFFMAN: Correct.

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And it appears
2	to me that the house is colored blue, meaning it's no
3	longer on the site.
4	MR. HOFFMAN: No, the house is still
5	there. If that if that's the case, that's an
6	error.
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If it's green,
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10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is green.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I think I
12	had failed to determine what colors they were.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Because
14	it looks like the greenish color are the
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They all look
16	blue to me.
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It looks
18	yeah, it's green.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that's the
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21	MR. HOFFMAN: I can represent to the
22	Board that this picture was taken last week. You can
23	see the step. So that house is very much still there.
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank

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1	you.
2	(Pause)
3	MR. CHAIRMAN: Any additional questions
4	for the applicant?
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't think
6	so. I think his story is pretty clear.
7	MR. CHAIRMAN: I think it's pretty
8	clear.
9	Thank you.
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
12	MR. HOFFMAN: Appreciate it.
13	MR. CHAIRMAN: We'll ask for comment
14	from the public, those in favor of the application.
15	Those opposed?
16	Any general comments?
17	Hearing none, we'll move on. Thank
18	you.
19	MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
21	MR. CHAIRMAN: Betsy, would you read
22	the second application into the record?
23	MS. CAUFIELD: All right. Our second
24	application this evening is Application 201711559.

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1	It's located at 913 Ash Farm Way, on the South side of
2	Ash Farm Way, South of the intersection with Ashby
3	Drive, located in St. Georges Hundred, Tax Parcel
4	13014.30425. It's a revision to a residential
5	building permit on a building with an historic offer
6	(ph) known as the S. Higgins Farm, as the National
7	Register listing, circa 1865. S Zoning, Council
8	District 12.
9	MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
10	Welcome.
11	MR. FAIRER: Thank you. My name's
12	Chuck Fairer. I am the Vice President at A-DEL
13	Construction. I am presently project manager of this
14	project.
15	MR. BROOK: How do you spell your last
16	name, sir?
17	MR. FAIRER: It's F, as in Frank, A-I-
18	R-E-R.
19	MR. BROOK: Thank you.
20	MR. FAIRER: Uh-huh.
21	Samuel Higgins House, originally we
22	came in and got construction plans approved for
23	picking the house up, rotating it 180 degrees, putting
24	it down on a new foundation, because the stone

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1	foundation was in poor condition.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
3	MR. FAIRER: And adding the putting
4	an addition, a garage and on to the side of the house
5	and redoing the entire home. In the process of
6	picking it up and turning it around and placing it
7	down, there's a lot of damage, rotted wood and what
8	not that we replaced, and in that process, we do that,
9	done some changes. Style Engineers is our engineering
10	firm that's been helping us with the plans and
11	structural renovations to the home. In the process,
12	the owner of the property, Barry Baker (ph), found a
13	detail that he liked on in a magazine.
14	MR. BROOK: Okay. I would have liked
15	to seen about. All right.
16	(Cross-talk)
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have these
18	pictures.
19	MR. FAIRER: Okay. You have these
20	pictures?
21	MR. BROOK: Yeah.
22	MR. FAIRER: Okay. So thank you.
23	These pictures they like this detailed.
24	MR. BROOK: Okay.

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1	MR. FAIRER: This detail of this
2	overhang here and these brackets.
3	MR. BROOK: Okay.
4	MR. FAIRER: A lot of houses in that
5	time span have those overhangs and brackets in there.
6	So Style put this on the plans, along with some other
7	structural changes, and I came in to get a plan to
8	modify the plans so the inspectors have the proper
9	plans, and in that process, they wanted to bring this
10	before you folks for approval to be put on the side of
11	the home.
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is this actually
13	the home?
14	MR. FAIRER: That is not a home. It
15	just shows a large overhang on other historic homes.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So the
17	so the double garage doors would have the overhang?
18	MR. FAIRER: The double and the single.
19	It has it has two garage doors in a row.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
21	MR. FAIRER: And the one single, and
22	they would all have that overhang.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And is
24	that you're still rotating it in a new foundation?

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1	MR. FAIRER: The house has been rotated
2	and put down on the plan or down on the foundation,
3	and we're in the process of renovating it. It's
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The garages are
5	an addition to the home; is that correct?
6	MR. FAIRER: Yes, that's correct.
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sure this
8	home did not have a garage.
9	MR. FAIRER: No, it did not.
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
11	MR. FAIRER: No, this was the basic
12	home at the time.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So that's the
14	home?
15	MR. FAIRER: That's just a picture of
16	another historic house with the (indiscernible).
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, that's not
18	that's not the house?
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, that's
20	nice.
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So this is the
22	home?
23	MR. FAIRER: That is the actual home,
24	yes.

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And so,				
2	the garage doors will face Bayview (ph)? Is that how				
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4	MR. FAIRER: The garage doors will not				
5	face Bayview. They'll be 90 degrees from Bayview.				
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They are on the				
7	West 90 degrees.				
8	MR. FAIRER: They would be on the West				
9	side.				
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: West side?				
11	Okay.				
12	MR. FAIRER: No, no, wait. I'm sorry.				
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, the East				
14	side.				
15	MR. FAIRER: They'd be on the East				
16	side, yes. I'm sorry.				
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: East side,				
18	right?				
19	MR. FAIRER: East side.				
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just making				
21	sure.				
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let me, for the				
23	record, state that Rafael Zahraiddin has joined the				
24	Board.				

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the garages
2	you're building new garages as an addition to the
3	house?
4	MR. FAIRER: Yeah.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On the end of
6	the house opposite the porch? Is that where you're
7	MR. FAIRER: Maybe the pictures just
8	kind of clears it up a little bit better.
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are the garages
10	attached?
11	MR. FAIRER: Yes, this would be the
12	front of the house. This would be the side view of
13	the home. So this is the front. This would be the
14	East side. This would be the West side.
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So this you're
18	taking the covered porch off the front? Is that
19	MR. FAIRER: Yes, that was added on
20	originally that was added on some time
21	(indiscernible).
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's not an
23	historic feature?
24	MR. FAIRER: No, it's not. The front

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1	and back porches were both removed. They have no					
2	historic					
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For the record,					
4	we did not receive the photos that are being passed					
5	around.					
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.					
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now, the					
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).					
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or the or the					
10	drawings.					
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.					
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Showing the					
13	elevation. Could you submit those into the record?					
14	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah, you					
15	can have these.					
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank					
17	you.					
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have these?					
19	MR. FAIRER: You can have those					
20	photographs as well.					
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.					
22	(Pause)					
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, when we					
24	originally looked at this, was there a garage involved					

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1	at that time too?
	at that time, too?
2	MR. FAIRER: Yes.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It just didn't
4	have this feature?
5	MR. FAIRER: It did not have this
6	architectural feature. (Indiscernible).
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the only
8	thing you're here for is the architectural feature?
9	MR. FAIRER: Correct.
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that the only
11	change?
12	MR. FAIRER: Yeah, that's the change.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All
14	right, thank you.
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to
16	clarify. Okay. So the original formal entrance is
17	now facing Ash?
18	MR. FAIRER: Yes.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And so,
20	MR. FAIRER: The house will be rotated
21	180 degrees.
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 180 degrees
23	completely?
24	MR. FAIRER: To face the neighborhood

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1	where its driveway will ascend to.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, yes. And
3	the garage is now on the East side?
4	MR. FAIRER: Yes.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Okay, I
6	got it. Thank you.
7	MR. FAIRER: Your back of the house
8	faces Bayview Road.
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the garage
10	is attached, correct?
11	MR. FAIRER: Yes.
12	(Pause)
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the garage -
14	- really, the only detail in the garage that you're
15	asking approval for is for that overhang?
16	MR. FAIRER: The extension of the
17	overhang and the brackets that we're putting to
18	support it.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Because you're
20	matching the siding and everything you're matching
21	existing?
22	MR. FAIRER: The siding was originally
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24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fiber (ph)?

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1	MR. FAIRER: It was a clabbard (ph)
2	it was covered with aluminum siding.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.
4	MR. FAIRER: And the wood underneath
5	was in really bad condition.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that was
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8	MR. FAIRER: We're actually putting
9	hardy (ph) board back on.
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So then this new
12	overhang will not be constructed anywhere else, as
13	part of
14	MR. FAIRER: Just over the
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just over the
16	garage (indiscernible)? Totally new construction?
17	MR. FAIRER: Yes, it's new
18	construction.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes?
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Off of the main
22	block. Got it.
23	(Pause)
24	(Cross-talk)

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1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you need a			
2	set of drawings?			
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I'm good.			
4	(Pause)			
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Give everybody a			
6	minute to whatever make sure it's in the drawings.			
7	(Pause)			
8	MR. CHAIRMAN: Any more questions for			
9	the applicant?			
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-uh.			
11	MR. CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.			
12	MR. FAIRER: Thank you.			
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.			
14	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.			
15	MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll ask for public			
16	comment, but seeing that we have no public present,			
17	I'll make the			
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to			
19	report of the preservation planner.			
20	MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I'll make the leap			
21	that this is for the (indiscernible).			
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible),			
23	okay, all right, yeah.			
24	MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll make the leap that			

Page 30 1 there is no public comment. 2. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Moving on to the report of the Preservation Planner. 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. So I 5 6 have two items for you all this evening. The first 7 item is -- just to make you all aware, Rex Mill (ph) 8 did submit a building permit to make some revisions to 9 their existing handicap lift (ph) (indiscernible) over 10 by Hadley (ph) along the Brandywine. And they are 11 redoing their handicap lift to get to the top floor. 12 So I just wanted to make everyone aware in case there 13 was any sort of public comment, but those are the 14 plans that I did attach to you that kind of shows the 15 different elevations. It looks like it's going to be 16 enclosed, and it's going to get them up to what they 17 call the third floor, because the first floor is kind 18 of in the -- set into the mill. 19 So that is just the one item, and then 20 the second item is that we did get our award letters 2.1 from the State Historic Preservation Office, which is 2.2 also what I attached just kind of outlining, yes, we have approved your grant funding, and all the projects 23 24 are currently in progress.

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1	MR. CHAIRMAN: Good.			
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good.			
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good.			
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.			
5	MR. CHAIRMAN: One last call for public			
6	comment?			
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I move we			
8	adjourn.			
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.			
10	MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?			
11	(A Chorus of Ayes)			
12	MR. CHAIRMAN: So moved.			
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman,			
14	I'd like to nominate John Davis to serve as the			
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)			
16	announce that was the business (indiscernible).			
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, no, he			
18	didn't.			
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).			
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To serve as the			
21	Acting Chair of the business meeting, special business			
22	meeting.			
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One second.			
24	(Pause)			

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1		(Cross-talk)	
2		UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:	Hold on. Two
3	second recess.	Intermission.	
4		UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:	All right.
5		(Meeting adjourned)	
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