

ALPINE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022 - 7:30 P.M.
(This meeting was held in person and taped in its entirety)

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This regular meeting of the Alpine Zoning Board of Adjustment was called to order by Acting Chairwoman Herries at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Alpine Borough Hall, the Pledge of Allegiance recited and the Public Announcement read according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.:

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this regular Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:30 PM has met the requirements of the law as part of the Borough of Alpine's annual meeting notice in The Record published on January 10, 2022, and emailed to The Suburbanite on January 6, 2022, posted continuously on the bulletin board of the lobby of Borough Hall, and on the Borough website (<http://www.alpinenj07620.org>), and a copy filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Instructions for how the public can participate and access the meeting and documents has been included in the posted agenda.

ROLL CALL

Richard Glazer (Chairman)	Absent	Tony Clores (Vice-Chairman)	Absent
David Kupferschmid	Present	Richard Bonhomme	Present
Anthony Barbieri	Present	George Abad, Jr	Present
Elizabeth Herries (Acting Chair)	Present	Amy Lerner, Alt I	Present

Staff Present: Board Attorney Michael Kates, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Board Secretary Jo Anna Myung

COMMUNICATIONS

- Alternate I Board Member Amy Lerner has listened to last month's meeting tape and qualified.
- Updated draft of the March 29, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes distributed for the Board's review and approval.
- In order to accommodate the many members of the public that are present for the scheduled hearings tonight, the Board proposes to start with the application of Church of the Lord, then hear the application of Tracy Marrow. At the close of hearings and testimonies, no later than 10:00 PM, the Board will then conduct the other regular order of business for the evening.
- Attorney Matt Capizzi, on behalf of the applicant Tracy Marrow, communicated that they have received late notice that one of their professionals was not available tonight, and thus requested to adjourn. Board Attorney Kates announced that the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022 and on request of the applicant's attorney, this application will be adjourned until then.

HEARINGS

Church of the Lord:

- 995 Closter Dock Road: Block 47 Lot 2
- 10 Old Dock Road: Block 48 Lot 1.01

Attorney for the Applicant: Attorney Matthew G. Capizzi, Esq. 11 Hillside Avenue 2nd Floor, Tenafly, NJ 07670 with a Court Stenographer appeared on behalf of the Applicant [with Applicant in the audience].

In lieu of Minutes summarizing the hearing, a verbatim transcription is appended hereto provided by Ronda L. Reinstein, C.C.R. of Laura A. Carucci, C.S.R, R.P.R, L.L.C., consisting of 92 sheets (4 pages per sheet) and 11 sheets of Word/Number Index.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Resolution: Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 upon a motion by Mr. Barbieri, seconded by Mr. Bonhomme and approved by all those eligible to vote.

Vote: **Ayes:** Mr. Abad, Mr. Barbieri, Mr. Bonhomme, Mr. Kupferschmid, Ms. Lerner, Ms. Herries
Absent: Mr. Glazer, Mr. Clores

MOTION APPROVED

These minutes have been approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the May 19, 2022 meeting.

MEMORIALIZATION: LUCACEL Block 55 Lot 3.03 - 79 Miles Street

Resolution: Upon a motion by Mr. Abad, seconded by Mr. Barbieri to approve the resolution for Florin and Carla Lucacel granting variance relief for a deficient front yard setback, a soil moving permit with waivers, and waivers relating to the height and location of proposed walls supporting the septic system, increase of septic fields to accommodate for the 6th bedroom, with an additional soil moving requirement because of the volume of soil that is involved. It is required that soil brought onto site is pre-certified and compliant with NJDEP residential direct contact standards or, if from local excavation, they are natural soils. Thus, approval is subject to conditions as outlined in the resolution for this property located at 79 Miles Street designated as Block 55 Lot 3.03 on the Tax Assessment Map of Alpine, New Jersey, Bergen County. A copy of this resolution is on file at the Borough of Alpine, 100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ for review.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Abad, Mr. Barbieri, Mr. Kupferschmid, Ms. Herries, Ms. Lerner

Abstain: Mr. Bonhomme

Absent: Mr. Glazer, Mr. Clores

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution: Approval of Bills and Claims Upon a motion by Mr. Barbieri, seconded by Mr. Bonhomme at the regular meeting of the Alpine Zoning Board of Adjustment held on April 21, 2022 to approve the following Bills and Claims:

Kates Nussman Ellis Farhi & Earle, LLP	55/3.03 79 Miles Street	Inv. 28824	\$1,750.00
Azzolina & Feury Eng., Inc.	55/3.03 79 Miles Street	Inv. 75920	\$206.50
Azzolina & Feury Eng., Inc.	55/3.03 79 Miles Street	Inv. 75919	\$295.00
Azzolina & Feury Eng., Inc.	90/6 92 Ruckman Road	Inv. 75923	\$354.00

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Abad, Mr. Barbieri, Mr. Bonhomme, Mr. Kupferschmid, Ms. Lerner, Ms. Herries

Abstain: Bonhomme

Absent: Mr. Glazer, Mr. Clores

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PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:12 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Barbieri, seconded by Mr. Kupferschmid.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Abad, Mr. Barbieri, Mr. Bonhomme, Mr. Kupferschmid, Ms. Lerner, Ms. Herries

Absent: Mr. Glazer, Mr. Clores

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anna Myung
Board Secretary

1 <u>I N D E X (CONTINUED)</u> 2 <u>E X H I B I T S</u> 3 <u>NO. DESCRIPTION IDENT/EVID</u> 4 A-9 Engineering Plans consisting of 6 pages signed and sealed by Michael J. Hubschman, PE PP dated June 24, 2021, last revised December 20, 2021 except for Sheet 6 as noted below: Drawing # 3882-4 "Site Plan" Drawing # 3882-5 "Grading, Drainage & Utility Plan/Details" Drawing # 3882-6 "Lighting/Landscaping Plan & Details" Drawing # 3882-7 "Soil Erosion Sediment Control Plan & Details" Drawing # 3882-8 "Existing Conditions Plan" Drawing # 3882-9 "Cross Sections & Soil Moving Plan" dated December 29, 2021 17 12 A-10 Supplement cover letter from Matthew G. Capizzi, Esq. Dated February 16, 2022 Along with: Soil Moving Permit Application with Check List for Determining completeness of review 17 15 A-11 Drawing # 3882-4 "Site Plan" previously submitted as part of exhibit A-9 now colorized 18 17 A-12 Drawing # 3882-5 "Grading, Drainage & Utility Plan/Details" previously Submitted as part of exhibit A-9 but Plan presented during April 21, 2022 Meeting is colorized 18 20 A-13 Drawing # 3882-6 "Lighting/Landscaping Plan & Details" previously submitted as Part of exhibit A-9 now colorized 19 22 23 24 25 LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	7 1 brief opening statement on the Church of the Lord 2 application. 3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Of course. 4 MR. CAPIZZI: So as the board is aware, 5 this is the former location of the Alpine Community 6 Church. The Church of the Lord purchased the 7 property in November of 2019 and has been holding 8 services at the stone church property since that 9 time. 10 What we're seeking to do by way of this 11 application is add some additional off-street 12 parking. 13 As the board members may be aware, the 14 property consists of essentially two parcels that are 15 separated by Old Dock Road. One is on the westerly 16 side. It has the stone church building on it where 17 services are held. And on the easterly side is the 18 community center property and the pastor's manse, 19 where we hold some other events, religious worship, 20 religious education, services in that building. 21 At the stone church property there's a 22 parking lot, a macadam parking lot, that has 23 approximately 20 parking spaces. In the -- at the 24 Community Center property there is no opportunity for 25 off-street parking with the exception of the driveway LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
6 1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: And so the 2 Church of the Lord application. 3 MR. CAPIZZI: Good evening, Madame 4 Chair. 5 Matthew Capizzi on behalf of the 6 applicant. 7 Just as a point of clarification, as I 8 do have the Tracey Marrow application as well, we're 9 going to be adjourning that matter this evening. 10 Unfortunately, we received late notice 11 that one of our professionals is not available. So 12 whether you want to dispose of that now and adjourn 13 it or later on in the agenda, you let me know. 14 MR. KATES: Let's announce the date of 15 the next meeting. It will be May. 16 MS. MYUNG: May 19th. 17 MR. KATES: The Marrow application is 18 being adjourned to May 19 without further notice 19 being required, on the request of the applicant's 20 attorney. 21 Anyone here interested in that matter, 22 you're certainly welcome to stay, but there will be 23 no testimony tonight. 24 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you. 25 So, Madame Chair, if I may, just a LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	8 1 that services the pastor's manse. 2 Based upon the attendance at our 3 services and with some room for expansion, we're 4 proposing to add some additional parking at the stone 5 church property, adding approximately 22 spaces to 6 that lot. 7 And at the Community Center property, 8 we're proposing to create a new parking area 9 containing 25 spaces. 10 Once you bring the sum total online, it 11 will give us an opportunity of approximately 67 12 spaces, which we believe would be sufficient for our 13 demands on Sundays and whenever we may have special 14 events at the property and so forth. 15 At present, we've been relying upon the 16 macadam lot that's on the stone church property. 17 But, certainly, it doesn't provide a 18 sufficient amount of off-street parking, so there is 19 an amount of parking that has spilled over onto the 20 local roadway network. 21 We believe by way of this application 22 we'll be able to now take that parking that's on the 23 local network and bring that off the roadway onto the 24 church property. 25 The use of the house of worship is a LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

9 1 conditional use in the zone. It's been the subject 2 of one prior application in 2007, 2008, thereabouts, 3 where there was a portion of the Community Center 4 property that was subdivided off. 5 But other than that, I'm not aware of 6 any other historical applications concerning either 7 property. 8 As far as the variance relief that's 9 concerned, there are several nonconforming conditions 10 at the properties as they stand today: Lot area, lot 11 width, and so forth. 12 None of the nonconforming conditions 13 are being exacerbated by way of this application with 14 the exception of two, and they both pertain to the 15 stone church property. 16 There is a buffer requirement that the 17 parking area be approximately 100 feet off the 18 property line. 19 At present, the parking area is only 20 about 3. And we're proposing to continue that offset 21 as we continue in a westerly direction with the 22 expanded parking area. 23 However, you'll hear from Mr. Hubschman 24 about some landscaping that's being proposed at that 25 property to shield the vehicles from the adjacent LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	11 1 before it this evening. 2 Moreover, it's a conditional use 3 variance, a D-3 variance, so the focus is typically 4 on what is the impact of the applicant's inability to 5 comply with that condition, here being the buffer 6 requirement and the improved coverage requirement 7 limitation. 8 The third aspect for the board to 9 consider is the fact that the applicant is not 10 complying with those two parameters, do they result 11 in a substantial negative impact upon the 12 neighborhood, and can that substantial negative 13 impact be mitigated against with the imposition of 14 certain conditions? 15 That's essentially a nutshell 16 explanation of the legal standard that applies to a 17 house of worship conditional use variance case. 18 As in any variance case, there are 19 typically two prongs, a positive criteria and a 20 negative criteria. The positive criteria being what 21 about the property generates the need for the 22 variance, or does the granting of the variance result 23 in some public benefit that's achieved by way of the 24 board granting the variance? 25 Because of the nature of the use, that LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
10 1 properties. And there's also a variance for improved 2 lot coverage. 3 By virtue of expanding the parking 4 area, we need variance relief to that particular 5 item. 6 But, again, Mr. Hubschman will speak to 7 the fact that the expanded parking area is made of 8 gravel, so although it is improved, it certainly will 9 have permeability, given the substrate from which 10 it's being constructed. 11 I think it's important to note that as 12 the board hears testimony from Mr. Hubschman and 13 Ms. Bogart, our planner, as well as any comments and 14 testimony that may be given by the neighbors, that 15 the board be mindful of the variance criteria that's 16 supposed to be applied to such a matter. 17 Having appeared before the board 18 regularly, commercial applications, institutional 19 applications such as this are not commonplace before 20 the board, so the variance criteria is somewhat 21 different. 22 First and foremost, houses of worship 23 are considered inherently beneficial uses under the 24 New Jersey Case Law. And that's of significant 25 importance as the board considers the testimony LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	12 1 we're protected by New Jersey Case Law with that 2 determination of being inherently beneficial, because 3 the First Amendment of the New Jersey and U.S. 4 Constitution protect one's ability to freely exercise 5 their religion, and based upon the Federal Statute, 6 FRLUA, that Mr. Kates may speak about at some point 7 in time, that first prong is already deemed 8 satisfied. 9 So the law already says that the 10 positive criteria, why you're before is not of 11 relevance; we've already cleared the road for you as 12 far as telling us why you need the variance and 13 providing either some kind of hardship or public 14 benefit testimony relative to that component. 15 And, essentially, the case distills 16 itself to an analysis of the negative criteria. Will 17 the granting of the variance result in a substantial 18 negative impact upon the public good, essentially the 19 neighborhood? 20 Before the board can arrive at a 21 determination of substantial negative impact, it must 22 first determine whether the board can impose certain 23 conditions upon the applicant that would ameliorate, 24 limit, that substantial negative impact. 25 It is only after the board has LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

13 1 considered those imposition of conditions and still 2 finds that it would result in a substantial negative 3 impact despite the imposition of those conditions 4 that the negative criteria would fail. 5 Essentially, the law favors houses of 6 worship. They want them to be in neighborhoods such 7 as this. Your zoning ordinance wants them to be in 8 this particular neighborhood. That's evident by the 9 fact that we're a conditional use. It's evident by 10 the fact that this church has existed since 1866 and 11 continues to be a viable house of worship within the 12 community. 13 For those reasons, it's why the 14 standard is quite difficult in order for such an 15 application to be denied. 16 And in essence here, we're really just 17 dealing with some housekeeping. The nature of the 18 church is not changing. The buildings are not being 19 expanded. The number of seats is not changing. The 20 kinds of services that are being provided are your 21 typical Sunday service, weekday morning service, 22 youth and adult educational services that you would 23 find in any similar typical house of worship. So 24 none of those things are changing. 25 The only thing we're looking to do is LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	15 1 qualifications. 2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Agreed. 3 MR. KATES: He's acceptable? 4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes. 5 MR. KATES: Your witness. 6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Thank you. 7 MR. CAPIZZI: Madame Chair, I was 8 provided with the board's list of exhibits, which I'm 9 prepared to accept by way of stipulation. 10 MR. KATES: What is it, A-1 through? 11 MR. CAPIZZI: This was A-1 through 12 A-11. 13 MR. KATES: Do we have any later 14 entries, Jo Anna? 15 MS. MYUNG: I am so sorry. 16 MR. KATES: To the witness list, the 17 exhibit list, A-11 is the last one Mr. Capizzi is 18 referencing. 19 MS. MYUNG: That's correct. 20 MR. KATES: That came in. 21 MS. MYUNG: That came in yesterday. 22 I was -- I was provided by our Building 23 Department the architectural engineering drawings, 24 listed as Exhibit A-11. 25 . Unfortunately, I did not get copies LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
14 1 take that parking that's occurring on the street, 2 bring it off the street and onto the church property. 3 We believe that we've provided a practical and 4 reasonable way to accommodate that need. And we 5 certainly look forward to presenting the application 6 before the board. 7 Madame Chair, if you don't have any 8 procedural questions of me, I can call Mr. Hubschman 9 at this time and have him go through the plan set. 10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: That's 11 fine. 12 MR. KATES: Mr. Hubschman, would you 13 raise your right hand to be sworn. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 15 MR. KATES: Do you swear the testimony 16 you're about to give to this board shall be the 17 truth, so help you God? 18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes, I do. 19 MICHAEL HUBSCHMAN, PE, PP 20 263 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New 21 Jersey, having been duly sworn, testifies as 22 follows: 23 MR. KATES: Madame Chair, Mr. Hubschman 24 has appeared before this board on numerous occasions. 25 I don't think we have to put him through for his LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	16 1 to present to the board engineer. 2 MR. KATES: But we're including that in 3 the list you have A-11. 4 MS. MYUNG: That's correct. 5 MR. CAPIZZI: But this should be -- I'm 6 not aware of this plan, Madame Chair. 7 MR. KATES: No architectural plan. 8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't believe so. 9 MR. CAPIZZI: No. Do you mind if I 10 take a quick look at that plan. 11 MS. MYUNG: Yes. I gave you a copy of 12 the exhibit list. 13 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes. 14 MS. MYUNG: And it's on Exhibit A-11. 15 MR. CAPIZZI: Right. Do you by chance 16 have a copy of that plan. 17 MR. KATES: Do you have a copy of the 18 plan. 19 MS. MYUNG: I'll find it. This is 20 exactly what was handed to me. 21 MR. CAPIZZI: This is something new to 22 me. This is not part of our application. 23 MS. MYUNG: That is not, okay. 24 MR. CAPIZZI: No. 25 MS. MYUNG: Thank you. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

17 1 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you. 2 MS. MYUNG: Sorry for the 3 inconvenience. 4 MR. KATES: So it's A-1 through A-10. 5 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct. 6 MR. KATES: We'll stipulate that is the 7 list without reading through it. 8 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you. 9 (Whereupon, Documents are received and 10 marked as Exhibit A-1 - A-10 for 11 identification.) 12 MR. CAPIZZI: So, Mr. Hubschman, the 13 board has marked your site plan, last revised -- they 14 have it down as December 20th, 2021. Is that 15 correct? 16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's December 28th, 17 2021. 18 MR. CAPIZZI: That's what I thought. 19 MR. KATES: What exhibit is that. 20 MR. CAPIZZI: That's A-9. So we should 21 just note that is -- December 28th, 2021, is the last 22 revision. 23 MR. KATES: We have a colorized version 24 on the board. 25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah. I have three. <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812	19 1 previously submitted as part of exhibit A-9 2 now colorized is marked as Exhibit A-13 for 3 identification.) 4 MS. MYUNG: I'm sorry. 5 Mr. Hubschman, can you just repeat that 6 again? I have the drawing, Grading, Drainage & 7 Utility Plan details as Exhibit A-11. 8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no. A-11 is the 9 Colorized Site Plan Sheet. 10 MS. MYUNG: Oh, I see. Okay. 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 12 MS. MYUNG: All right, I got it. 13 MR. KATES: Colorized A-9. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 15 Then A-12 is the Colored Grading, 16 Drainage & Utility Plan. 17 And A-13 would be the Colorized 18 Lighting & Landscaping Plan. 19 MS. MYUNG: Thank you, Mr. Hubschman. 20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Okay, thank you. 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION 22 BY MR. CAPIZZI: 23 Q. Mr. Hubschman, do you have an Existing 24 Conditions Plan that you can flip to? 25 A. I do, but it's not colored. <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812
18 1 MR. KATES: So we'll make that A-11. 2 A-11 is the colorized site plan of A-9. 3 (Whereupon, Drawing # 3882-4 "Site 4 Plan" previously submitted as part of exhibit 5 A-9 but now colorized marked as Exhibit A-11 6 for identification.) 7 MR. KATES: Multiple sheets or just one 8 sheet. 9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are three sheets 10 colored. The Grading & Drainage Plan is colored. So 11 I guess that will be A-12. 12 MR. KATES: Yes. 13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I have the same copy, 14 just colored. 15 MR. KATES: Um-hmm. 16 (Whereupon, Colorized Grading, Drainage 17 & Utility Plan is marked as Exhibit A-12 for 18 identification.) 19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: And then the Lighting & 20 Landscaping Plan is colored. 21 That would be, I guess, A-13 then, 22 right? 23 MR. KATES: Yes. 24 (Whereupon, Drawing # 3882-6 25 "Lighting/Landscaping Plan & Details" <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812	20 1 Q. That's fine. 2 A. It's easier. Sheet 5 of the set that 3 the board has is an Existing Conditions Plan. It's a 4 little hard to see now without it being colored. 5 Q. If you can just utilize that sheet just 6 for a quick discussion. 7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, what is the 8 title? Is it Lighting & Landscape? 9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no. 10 Sheet A-8, which is 5 of 5, that would 11 be the Existing Conditions Plan, the last sheet in 12 the set. 13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Thank you. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 15 All of the sheets are oriented the same 16 way with north being up. 17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Hold on one second 18 because my set is not following. This is my Sheet 4. 19 Thank you. 20 BY MR. CAPIZZI: 21 Q. All right. Mike, so take us through 22 the existing conditions, please. 23 A. Sure. Right. 24 Well, the sheets -- again, all of the 25 sheets are oriented -- <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812

1 MS. MYUNG: Excuse me. I'm sorry.
 2 Can we just unfold the sheets just
 3 because this meeting is taped.
 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Is everyone done?
 5 BY MR. CAPIZZI:
 6 Q. Okay, Mike, let's resume.
 7 A. **Okay.**
 8 **Again, north is up on all of the**
 9 **sheets. Closter Dock Road is going from left to**
 10 **right on the bottom.**
 11 The middle of the sheet is the Old Dock
 12 Road that separates the two sites.
 13 The Existing Conditions Plan shows to
 14 the left, or to the west, the existing stone church,
 15 the existing parking lot to the north of that, which
 16 is a 22 spaces, I believe it was.
 17 Q. Twenty, I believe, Mike.
 18 A. **Twenty. Right, 20. It turns into it.**
 19 Then to the east are the Community
 20 Center building.
 21 And then to the -- on the corner to the
 22 south of the Community Center is the existing
 23 parsonage, or the reverend's house.
 24 Going to the east, there is some sloped
 25 areas, wooded areas, then wetlands just off the

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1 property.
 2 Q. Thank you.
 3 So I had mentioned in my opening just
 4 some of the limited parking opportunities. They are
 5 just principally on the stone church property.
 6 Is that correct?
 7 A. **Right.**
 8 **There's the existing parking area, yes.**
 9 Q. Thank you.
 10 A. **The floor is, like, sloped.**
 11 Q. As far as the proposal, can you take us
 12 through the parking areas that you're going to be
 13 enlarging?
 14 A. **The proposal, sure.**
 15 I'm now going to Sheet 1. It shows the
 16 new construction. We're proposing to add 18 spaces
 17 to the west of the existing paved area. So that lot
 18 would have 42 -- yeah, that lot would have a total of
 19 42 spaces.
 20 Again, this is a little easier to see
 21 for everybody because of the color. There's the
 22 existing church in the center. The parking lot
 23 existing is about half of that. So we're adding 18
 24 spaces to the west of that, two handicap stalls.
 25 And then on the east side where the

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1 Community Center is, we're proposing a small parking
 2 area between the two -- the two buildings. There's
 3 24 spaces in the parking area. And we're providing
 4 one ADA stall in front, because the grades really
 5 didn't work to have the ADA stall in the lot.
 6 Q. Thank you, Mike.
 7 As far as the landscaping and lighting
 8 components?
 9 A. **Right.**
 10 **Then also this sheet shows, because of**
 11 **the slope we're proposing two retaining walls. The**
 12 **Landscape and Lighting is shown on Sheet 3, 3 of 5.**
 13 **Again, this is color.**
 14 We're proposing the Green Giant
 15 Arborvitae and some buffer plantings around the
 16 property, and some street trees.
 17 Q. Just for purposes of the record, Mike,
 18 can you just walk us through each particular lot and
 19 give us a description of the landscaping and lighting
 20 as to which one pertains to stone church and --
 21 A. **Well, on the stone church, again we're**
 22 **proposing dark American arborvitaes, or the Green**
 23 **Giant arborvitaes that I'm sure everyone is familiar**
 24 **with. They're colored in that darker green color.**
 25 They're proposed to be 7- to 8-foot planting height.

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1 The lighting on the church is just
 2 small bollard lighting. We didn't propose any pole
 3 lighting on the church at all.
 4 On the Community Center side, the same
 5 thing, some dark -- the green giant arborvitaes. And
 6 then there is some maple -- I'm sorry -- yes, red
 7 maples, street trees proposed.
 8 And all the remaining lawn areas and
 9 trees are going to remain the same around the site.
 10 Lighting, we were proposing two small
 11 pole lights on the side.
 12 And Mr. Frenzel, in his letter, had
 13 requested that he thought it was better if we put the
 14 two lights on to face south, which we would of course
 15 do. We're showing the two lights facing north.
 16 Q. As far as on the stone church property,
 17 is there an ability to enhance the landscaping area
 18 and perhaps provide a double row of arborvitaes along
 19 the west?
 20 A. **We're proposing a 20-foot buffer area.**
 21 We could easily plant two or three rows of staggered
 22 green giants in that area, yes.
 23 Q. With the enhanced landscaping, would
 24 that buffer the expanded parking area from the
 25 neighboring properties?

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1 A. Right, yes. The one neighboring
2 property would be to the west.
3 Q. Would that include a screening of the
4 headlights from the vehicles?
5 A. Right.
6 Most of the activity is during the day,
7 I guess, when they -- they're going to testify on
8 that.
9 So there's not really a lot of
10 headlight usage there.
11 But, right, that would -- you know,
12 that would definitely shade the headlights, sure.
13 Q. Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.
14 So you had talked to us about the
15 landscaping components, lighting. How about
16 drainage?
17 A. Drainage, going back to the Sheet 2
18 shows our drainage proposal.
19 The Community Center side, I think it
20 drains down towards the east to the wooded area.
21 That side drains to the Hudson River. And we're
22 proposing pervious paver. There's a strip of
23 pervious paver about 30-feet wide that would absorb
24 most of the water.
25 And that's a green -- you know, a green

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1 technology now. They count that as green
2 infrastructure. The DEP looks favorable on that.
3 And having it not connected is also a
4 favorable new drainage concept, rather than piping
5 it. It's really -- rather than just putting basins
6 in and piping it right to the wetlands to have it
7 flow through the wooded area.
8 A similar situation on the church side,
9 pervious pavers and then grading it towards whatever
10 the -- any additional run-off would grade towards
11 Closter Dock.
12 Q. As far as the soil movement
13 considerations, can you discuss that for us, please?
14 A. Right.
15 There's very minimal soil moving on the
16 church -- on the church side because it's pretty
17 level.
18 And then on the Community Center side,
19 the soil moving, there's fill required for that rear
20 parking lot because the lot goes down. There's about
21 8 foot of fill at the back of the property.
22 It's generally flush with Old Dock
23 Road, then it slopes down to about 6 percent.
24 And the quantities were -- let's see.
25 There's 1,496 yards of fill on the east parking lot

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1 or, you know, grading in order to bring that up to,
2 like, a drivable grade going down.
3 Q. Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.
4 As far as the buffer at the community
5 property, the Community Center property, I know we
6 have the dwelling -- excuse me -- the Community
7 Center building on the north side of the parking lot.
8 Will that provide an element of a buffer of that
9 parking area?
10 A. This will, yeah.
11 Some of our original concepts were to
12 have parking over on the north side of the building.
13 That was kind of taken off the table. It was just
14 not really fitting in with the neighborhood there.
15 So that's why it was decided to put whatever parking
16 we could in the middle.
17 And, you know, we're hampered by the
18 slope, the wetlands, the transition area.
19 So there's no way to really go any
20 further than what we're showing there.
21 Q. And having an access point off of the
22 county road, you'll tell us why that was disfavored,
23 off Closter Dock?
24 A. It's just a slope. It doesn't work.
25 There's an existing driveway.

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1 And the sight distance is not good.
2 You're right about the crest of the hill there when
3 you're at Old Dock Road.
4 So you couldn't put an entrance for
5 sight distance. And just the slope going up really
6 didn't work.
7 Q. Can you take us through the bulk table
8 and tell us what the existing nonconforming
9 conditions are and how they're going to be impacted
10 by this application?
11 A. Right.
12 Well, that's shown on Sheet -- on
13 Sheet 1 is the bulk table, the bulk -- and those are
14 the zoning requirements. In the ordinance there's a
15 schedule and a bulk table.
16 So the property is in two separate
17 zones, or there are two separate lots. The west side
18 is on the R-2B Zone, and the east side is the R-2
19 Zone. And they're both -- they're both fairly
20 similar to house sizes and so forth.
21 The lot sizes are 10,000, and 12- or
22 14,000-square-foot lots.
23 But where a conditional use -- so
24 there's a section of the ordinance, which is 220-10,
25 that goes through to the conditional use as a house

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1 of worship.

2 So the bulk table changes. It doesn't
3 really follow the R-2B or R-2. It follows the
4 conditional use ordinance, which requires -- do you
5 want me to go through this now, Matt?

6 Q. Please.

7 A. **For a church or a house of worship, it**
8 **requires 5 acres of property. And our total is 2.86**
9 **acres.**

10 **So that's an existing nonconforming**
11 **condition.**

12 Building coverage 10 percent. I think
13 it's actually the same in the R-2B.

14 But that's listed in the conditional
15 use ordinance. We're at 7.9 percent on the west, and
16 4.6 percent -- as you can see, that's a very large
17 lot -- on the east.

18 So no variance required for that.

19 Improved coverage in the conditional
20 use ordinance is 25 percent maximum.

21 We're at 42 percent with the parking
22 lot expansion on the left side for the stone church,
23 and 15.8 for the Community Center lot. The overall
24 is only 23.7. So if you count the entire property,
25 we're at 23.7 percent.

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1 that's good. The buffer abutting a residential use,
2 100 foot is required in the conditional use
3 ordinance.

4 We have 100 foot on the community
5 center where we abut residential use in a residential
6 zone and use.

7 But the church again does not --
8 because the existing parking 3 and we're proposing to
9 expand that to 5 feet, so that's the variance that
10 we're actually creating. The remainder are existing
11 nonconforming that we can't really increase.

12 Then the last one is, the conditional
13 use ordinance calls for traffic or access from
14 Route 9W, which we of course can't access Route 9W.
15 We don't front on Route 9W. And there's wetlands in
16 the way. So it is sort of impossible to drive --
17 have a driveway going to Route 9W.

18 Q. So, Mike, just to recap. It's the
19 buffer where we need 100, we're at 3 and we're going
20 the 5?

21 A. **Right.**

22 **The buffer in the conditional use**
23 **ordinance would be the one -- the variance that we're**
24 **really asking for, I guess.**

25 Q. And the impervious coverage, if we look
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1 But I don't think the ordinance really
2 permits to count the whole thing because they're not
3 contiguous.

4 You have lot width and lot depth
5 requires 450 square feet -- I'm sorry -- 450 feet in
6 the conditional use ordinance, and we're deficient of
7 those two existing conditions.

8 The same with the front yard. We're
9 required to have 200-foot front yard from all the
10 streets, which would mean a setback.

11 Of course the existing building, which
12 has been there for quite some time, do not meet the
13 200-foot existing condition, again not being
14 exacerbated.

15 The side yard required is 100 feet.
16 The minimum is 70 feet, which would be the church
17 side here.

18 And, again, that's existed for over
19 100 years. The other -- the community center does
20 meet the side yard requirement.

21 What else do we got here? The rear
22 yard, 200 feet. Both existing buildings, they don't
23 meet the 200-foot rear yard requirement, so that's an
24 existing condition.

25 Heights, we're below 35 feet. So

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1 at it strictly, it would be what at the stone church
2 property? I'm sorry.

3 A. **Forty-two percent if we look at it**
4 **strictly as a separate lot, yes.**

5 Q. And if we combine the two? I'm sorry.

6 A. **If you combine the two, it's 23.7**
7 **percent.**

8 Q. I know we didn't talk about off-street
9 parking requirements. I know we're deficient there
10 as well.

11 But that deficiency is actually being
12 reduced by virtue of this application.

13 Can you take us through those numbers,
14 please?

15 A. **Right.**

16 **The zoning ordinance does have a**
17 **section on parking for this type of use. The house**
18 **of worship, we list as 125 seats.**

19 **Actually, after some of the renovation,**
20 **it's 120 seats they'll have, I understand, when some**
21 **of pews are were removed and seats were put in.**

22 The church requires 42 spaces. The
23 community center requires 30 spaces. It's one per
24 five seats. So there's 150 seats in that community
25 center maximum.

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1 So the total required would be

2 72 spaces, based on the use. And we're not expanding

3 the use, or the usage. And we're proposing 67 spaces

4 on both sites total.

5 Q. And so the existing, I'm sorry, was 22

6 existing where 72 is required, correct?

7 A. **Yes.**

8 Q. Twenty existing?

9 A. **Yes.**

10 **Exactly, yes, 72 required, yes.**

11 Q. And I'm sorry, just as far as the

12 existing was 22 existing?

13 A. **I believe it was --**

14 Q. Twenty?

15 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Can you just walk

16 through that whole parking thing one more time?

17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's 22 existing, I

18 believe, yeah.

19 MR. CAPIZZI: All right.

20 So we need 72 spaces. We have 22 at

21 present, and we're proposing a total of 67.

22 MR. KATES: Sixty-five.

23 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Sixty-five on one.

24 This is why I'm confused. You're proposing 65 at the

25 community center.

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1 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

2 There are 25 at the community center.

3 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: According to this it

4 says 65 at the community proposed, 65 proposed.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right, right. No.

6 That's 67 proposed actually, right. Because there

7 was the one handicap. Then we did count the space --

8 if you add the space that's in the right-of-way,

9 that's like the 67th space.

10 MR. CAPIZZI: It's 67 in total when you

11 count the community center, and another 18 at the

12 church.

13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no, no. Total.

14 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: That's everything.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sixth-seven both sides

17 of the road, yes.

18 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: On this it says

19 community center.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood.

21 So there's a typo in the bulk table

22 perhaps?

23 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The house of worship

24 says you're looking for 42 spaces of which existing

25 is -- what is existing?

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1 MR. CAPIZZI: Twenty-two.

2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Twenty-two.

3 So you're adding 20 there, according to

4 this.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We're adding 18

6 actually, yeah.

7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The numbers versus

8 the drawings aren't jibing.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The total we're

10 proposing is 67.

11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: You're adding 67.

12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no.

13 Well, there's -- you can't really take

14 existing and adding these.

15 There's, like, a planter that's coming

16 out here.

17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Roughly, okay.

18 Roughly what is the existing, and what are you

19 proposing?

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Existing is, say, 22,

21 and the proposing, 67.

22 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Okay, thank you.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sorry, it's a little

24 confusing.

25 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: It's okay.

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1 Again, reading this...

2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are 25 on the

3 community center proposed and 42 on the church side.

4 BY MR. CAPIZZI:

5 Q. Just so we can have it nice, neatly

6 packed for the purposes of the transcript. The total

7 required sitewide, Michael, is what number?

8 A. **The total required is 72.**

9 Q. Okay. And the total being provided

10 sitewide is how much?

11 A. **Sixty-seven.**

12 Q. Thank you.

13 So that concludes everything relative

14 to the bulk table, right, Mr. Hubschman?

15 A. **Yes, it does. Yes.**

16 Q. Okay. Any other items in Mr. Frenzel's

17 report that we didn't catch upon?

18 I think we had captured the two

19 prominent comments there, but I just want to see if

20 there's any -- certainly any other housekeeping items

21 we can certainly work with Mr. Frenzel to address

22 them, correct?

23 A. **No, I don't believe there were any**

24 **other items in the letter.**

25 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.

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37 1 I don't have any further questions. 2 MR. KATES: Just one more time. 3 Seventy-two required? 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 5 MR. KATES: Sixty-seven proposed? 6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 7 MR. KATES: How many existing? 8 Twenty-two? 9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Twenty-two existing. 10 MR. KATES: Okay. 11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Do any 12 members of the audience have questions for 13 Mr. Frenzel -- Mr. Hubschman? I'm sorry. 14 MR. KATES: Before -- let me give you a 15 brief explanation, Mr. Capizzi will have other 16 witnesses. Let's identify what the professions are 17 that will also be testifying. 18 Planner? 19 MR. CAPIZZI: We have Ms. Bogart, who 20 is our planner. 21 And Mr. Lee is the church elder. If 22 the board has some questions relative to operations 23 we can certainly get into that. 24 MR. KATES: So without prejudicing the 25 public, the questions should be directed to what you <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812	39 1 microphone. I'll leave it to you. 2 MR. KATES: Well, if the court reporter 3 can hear the witnesses from back there, that would 4 work. That would make to your comfort. 5 But let's start with the witness who's 6 here. Your name please just for the record. 7 MR. KELLY: John Kelly, 9 Old Dock 8 Road. 9 I'm the little house on the top there. 10 So what you're telling -- I'm the one 11 you're impacting the most. 12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You're right here. 13 MR. KELLY: A couple shrubs up there. 14 So what you're basically telling me is 15 you're not presently in compliance with any of the 16 regulations, zoning regulation in town pretty much. 17 Because the buffer is not in compliance. None of 18 these buildings are in compliance. 19 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, we'll 20 leave that to Ms. Bogart to speak to. 21 MR. KATES: The planner is going to get 22 into that in detail, Mr. Kelly. It's one of the 23 reasons that I mentioned there are other witnesses. 24 MR. KELLY: And you're going to be 25 presenting a traffic plan as well? <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812
38 1 have just heard as testimony from the engineer. 2 You'll have the opportunity to question 3 the church, itself, in its management. And the 4 Professional Planner who will talk about the zoning 5 criteria that are involved. 6 So right now the board is limiting you 7 to questions only, not comments. You'll have an 8 opportunity later. 9 On the back side of your agenda you'll 10 see the procedures that the board follows. I 11 recommend you to read them. 12 But right now it's just questions of 13 Mr. Hubschman based upon the testimony you've heard. 14 Is that understood? 15 Now, how do we propose for the public 16 to identify themselves and to be questioning? Do 17 they come forward to a microphone? 18 MS. MYUNG: Yes. 19 If they could just come step forward to 20 the microphone. State your name and address, please. 21 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Kates, I don't have 22 an issue. I have a court reporter here this evening. 23 I'm happy to provide the board with a transcript, if 24 that makes life a little easier. 25 Is that -- everyone come up to the <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812	40 1 You're expanding exponentially the 2 impact on that road, which is a very narrow road in 3 the town. Since you can't go to 9W, you have to come 4 down to a blinking light at the end of the street. 5 How would you address -- you can't get onto that 6 street on a normal day easily, but now you're going 7 to put another even 67 cars out there. 8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We weren't going to 9 present a traffic engineer. And the use of what's 10 happening today, I don't believe is changing the 11 number of congregants. 12 MR. KELLY: The use isn't changing. 13 The number is changing considerably. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. 15 The parking is changing so that the 16 congregants have a place to park rather than park on 17 the street or wherever they can park, out in the 18 cul-de-sac now. 19 MR. KELLY: You're telling me there are 20 60 -- 72 cars on the street at every meeting now. 21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are now. 22 MR. KELLY: That would not fit. I 23 think there are maybe 12 spaces on Old Dock. 24 And then there's 22 in the parking lot 25 there if you use that. You can't park on the other <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> 201-641-1812

41 1 side. And you're parking on one of the narrower 2 streets in town. 3 This is why I bring up -- I think -- I 4 request some kind of traffic evaluation. 5 Because just to bring up another issue 6 that happened on Closter Dock Road there, is when we 7 did -- when you had to deal with the Mount Laurel 8 Housing, and it was proposed that the first site to 9 be used was just below this property on your plan 10 right here. And then they did a traffic analysis 11 because everything was going to come onto Closter 12 Dock Road. 13 And the reason -- 14 MR. CAPIZZI: Madame Chair, if he'd 15 like to give testimony, there's certainly a time for 16 that. 17 MR. KELLY: No. I'm just saying -- no. 18 He did said you're not going to do a traffic 19 evaluation. 20 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct. 21 MR. KELLY: I'm requesting a traffic 22 evaluation. 23 MR. CAPIZZI: Well, we're not going to 24 do that, Mr. Hubschman. 25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Okay. Well, I'm not -- LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	43 1 requiring -- you said 72 spots are required between 2 the use of the community house and the church. Who 3 is that required by? The town? 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's in the ordinance. 5 The town has a certain requirement, yeah. 6 MR. KELLY: So it's never been in 7 compliance with that. 8 So you're trying to mitigate that by 9 basically covering a large portion of the property 10 with the parking lots. 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're proposing 12 to create more parking onsite, if that's what you 13 mean, yes. 14 MR. KELLY: You're going to put a 15 couple of shrubs up over here. 16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we were proposing 17 the green giant arborvitaes there, yeah. There's not 18 a lot of room on that side. 19 MR. KELLY: Okay. I know these are not 20 all questions for him. But this impacts me greatly. 21 Because this is a small community church. It's been 22 a small community church. And now it's going to be a 23 car park basically in the middle of Alpine. 24 MR. CAPIZZI: Again, we're not leaving. 25 So we're trying to find a place in order for us to LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
42 1 yeah, I'm not the boss but... 2 MR. KELLY: No. I understand. 3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Mr. Kelly, 4 this is the engineer. I'm not sure he's the right 5 person to address what you're asking. It might be 6 better reserved to -- 7 MR. KELLY: I have one that he can 8 probably answer, okay. He's talking about 9 mitigation, water mitigation from here. So this is a 10 slope, right? 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 12 MR. KELLY: So you're going to somehow 13 push the water onto the -- how are you going to do 14 that. 15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, everything is 16 designed to pitch the new parking lot to the south, 17 right, so there would be no -- this is curved. So 18 there's no runoff on your property at all. 19 MR. KELLY: Oh, I'm not worried about 20 just my property. I have other neighbors that are 21 impacted immensely by that, or could be because it is 22 a slope down. 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: And with the pervious 24 pavement that we're proposing mitigates any -- 25 MR. KELLY: Okay. And you're LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	44 1 park, not on the street. So we have two options. We 2 can drag this out, because we're not leaving. 3 MR. KELLY: I didn't think you were. 4 MR. CAPIZZI: This is option A, which 5 is park on -- off property, off the street. Or 6 option B is we continue to use the roadway. We're 7 preferring to go option A. 8 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why don't they 9 valet park to the city parking lot. 10 MR. CAPIZZI: If you want to come up 11 and ask the question -- 12 MR. KELLY: I'm just asking the 13 question. 14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: These are 15 questions for the engineer. 16 (Audience Outburst.) 17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Not shouting, just a 18 procedure. 19 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just asked as 20 an option. They can valet park and they can put it 21 all in the town parking lot. Nobody's here on 22 Sunday. 23 MR. CAPIZZI: Depending on how much you 24 put on the communion plate will determine what we can 25 do. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

45 1 Listen, we're not going to open our 2 wallets -- let's wait to be called. 3 MR. KATES: Sir, she's trying to take 4 your testimony. You haven't been identified. 5 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's fine. 6 I just asked the question. 7 MR. KATES: Well, asking a question -- 8 there's an order here. The order is you identify 9 yourself in turn and you ask your question. You're 10 going to drive the poor lady crazy. 11 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. 12 I thought that whole thing driving 13 spaces 20 minutes drove her crazy. 14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there 15 any other questions for this witness? 16 MR. KATES: Yes. 17 You can stand now and identify 18 yourself. 19 MR. POLICANO: Robert Policano, 20 979 Closter Dock Road. 21 I think you're underestimating the 22 water runoff of the extension. 23 Coming out, it's east. It's not south, 24 okay. 25 Right now there's an issue on West Main <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> <i>201-641-1812</i>	47 1 you know. 2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: You said no 3 materials have been brought in? No changes to the... 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I mean, not to the 5 parking lot. We just drove over there, and the 6 paving all looks pretty uniform up to that end there. 7 MR. CAPIZZI: Well, Mike, there is a 8 material pile on the stone church property. 9 Can you just discuss that with the 10 board and what function that's serving, if any? 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know. There 12 was some gravel dumped at the end of the -- some 13 gravel, loads of gravel. 14 (Audience outburst.) 15 MR. KATES: No, please. 16 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, is that 17 gravel area functioning as a parking area. 18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Not now. 19 It's all -- it's just piles of gravel, 20 right, and recycled concrete, yeah. 21 MR. CAPIZZI: So the curbing that 22 exists at the end of the 22 parking -- 23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Can we have 24 quiet please in the audience? 25 MS. MYUNG: Yes. <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> <i>201-641-1812</i>
46 1 Street that 12 days ago we had a rainfall, and the 2 water from West Main -- which is groundwater, which 3 this is going to increase the groundwater flow -- is 4 going down West Main to Main Street, all the way down 5 Main Street to Closter Dock Road. You can go there 6 right now; it's still flowing 12 days later. This is 7 just going to exacerbate it. 8 MR. KATES: Do you agree, 9 Mr. Hubschman? 10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we submitted a 11 drainage report. We're actually not paving more than 12 -- you know, everything presently runs off. 13 So we're controlling -- we're 14 controlling what runs off presently. You know, it 15 will definitely be a positive improvement with the 16 curbing and the pervious paving. 17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, do we know if 18 the existing conditions -- how long they've been 19 existing in that condition, or were they somehow 20 expanded or added to over time. 21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I worked on the church 22 -- actually, I've been to -- you know, I've been 23 around for a long time. 24 As far as I know, probably at least the 25 last 30 or 40 years, the parking lot has been right, <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> <i>201-641-1812</i>	48 1 (Audience outburst.) 2 MS. MYUNG: Please, no whispering. 3 MR. KATES: You'll have your chance. 4 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, the 5 parking area on the stone church property, that's 6 finished with a timber curb, correct? 7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 8 There's a, like, railroad-type curb at 9 the end of the property. 10 MR. CAPIZZI: Is that still in place? 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 12 MR. CAPIZZI: Is there any evidence of 13 people driving over the timber curb and parking on 14 grass. 15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It would be impossible. 16 Well, it slopes down too. There's a severe drop-off. 17 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you. 18 MR. KATES: Next person? Your name. 19 Identify yourself. 20 MR. GARABET: Leon Garabet, 987 Closter 21 Dock Road. 22 MR. KATES: Could you spell your last 23 name? 24 MR. GARABET: G-A-R-A-B-E-T. Leon. 25 MR. KATES: Thank you. <i>LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C.</i> <i>201-641-1812</i>

49 1 Your question, please. 2 MR. GARABET: So my question is, my 3 house is right by the gate, right over there, 4 15 feet, 20 feet from my gate. The water comes down 5 -- down like they put septic in the back over there. 6 So when they put the septic, the whole water was on 7 my grass. And they destroy things. They don't fix 8 it. They don't do nothing. They're supposed to put 9 some trees. 10 Here now when you're paving, where the 11 water is going to go? On my property again, no? 12 It's only 20 feet. It's 20 feet from my bedroom. 13 MR. KATES: Let him answer you, if he 14 can. 15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I know when they 16 installed the septic system, there was supposed to be 17 more of a wall and swale on top of that. 18 Well, there was a supposed to be, I 19 said. 20 MR. GARABET: Mr. Hubschman, they put 21 the septic over there and they did the test pit. 22 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Are you going to let me 23 answer? All right, thank you. 24 And our plan does reflect that, the way 25 the wall was supposed to be brought up a little bit LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	51 1 Two piles were leveled off on the wall. There's one 2 pile left. 3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 4 I've been there. 5 I saw the piles. But we had nothing to 6 do with that. I had nothing to do with it. 7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there 8 any other questions from the audience? 9 MR. REEVES: David Reeves, 19 Ridge 10 Street. 11 MR. KATES: Reeves? I'm sorry. 12 MR. REEVES: R-E-E-V-E-S. 13 MR. KATES: Your first name, 14 Mr. Reeves. 15 MR. REEVES: Say it again. 16 MR. KATES: Your first name. 17 MR. REEVES: David. 18 It's hard to see from there, 19 Mr. Hubschman. 20 Sara and I, and some others, we've been 21 going to that church since 1976. 22 And it's a wonderful church. You have 23 a wonderful building there. And we were witness to 24 resurfacing the current parking lot about ten years 25 ago. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
50 1 and swale down toward Closter Dock there. It didn't 2 look like -- it looked like they added -- there's too 3 much of a slope towards your property, I guess is 4 what I'm saying. 5 MR. GARABET: There's the way it's 6 coming in. 7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, I agree with you. 8 MR. GARABET: And another question I 9 have. When they put over there about 100 tons of 10 pavers, rocks, whatever they put on the property, do 11 they have a permit to put over there 100 pounds of 12 stones in the property. 13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know. 14 But it looks just like a pile of 15 gravel. 16 MR. GARABET: I'm just asking a 17 question because it's there. It's right on my gate. 18 MR. KATES: His answer is he didn't 19 know. Any other questions, Mr. Garabet. 20 MR. GARABET: No. 21 Thank you. 22 MR. KATES: Mr. Policano, you have 23 another question. 24 MR. POLICANO: Just to verify. There 25 were three truck loads, piles of stone dropped there. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	52 1 And my question here is, I see a 2 buffer. I could see no buffer from there. I see a 3 buffer here. My layman's understanding is that there 4 should be a buffer of more than 2 or 3 feet for the 5 party right here. 6 Am I correct in that? 7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sure. 8 MR. REEVES: I see virtually no buffer. 9 What is the scale? 10 I see here about a quarter-inch. 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's 5 feet. We're 12 proposing a 5-foot buffer there, yeah. 13 MR. REEVES: Five foot. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Correct. 15 MR. REEVES: What is -- I would ask, 16 are you aware of what the ordinance requires. 17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It requires 100 feet. 18 MR. REEVES: Hundred feet. 19 And you're going to do 5. 20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're just trying 21 to expand the traffic. 22 MR. REEVES: The question is, it's 23 100 feet and you're going to do 5 feet. 24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 25 MR. REEVES: Do you have any concern LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

1 over the -- does the church have any concern as to
2 the impact to the neighbor next to you, who will be
3 with -- you said you're not moving.

4 Will you be being a good neighbor by
5 reducing the buffer by 95 percent?

6 MR. CAPIZZI: We're not reducing the
7 buffer my 95 percent.

8 As you said, when you were a member of
9 the church, the parking lot as it stands today is
10 3 feet off. We're extending that. We're actually
11 improving the condition from what it was when you
12 were a member.

13 MR. REEVES: That's a matter of
14 opinion, I submit to you.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: The numbers are the
16 numbers. We're going from 3 to 5.

17 MR. REEVES: From 3 feet to 5 feet, so
18 that's an improvement.

19 What would you say the impact is on the
20 neighbor that you have there?

21 MR. CAPIZZI: We believe we've
22 addressed it appropriately.

23 Mr. Hubschman, can you go through the
24 buffering again, and the adequacy of the buffering.

25 MR. REEVES: Addressing it

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1 appropriately is one thing.

2 The impact on --

3 MR. CAPIZZI: Let me have Mr. Hubschman
4 --

5 MR. REEVES: I'm asking you to directly
6 answer the question.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: I'm a lawyer. I ask
8 questions. Mr. Hubschman is the witness. He'll
9 answer it.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We were proposing the
11 Green Giant arborvitae hedge along there, which would
12 be a virtual, you know, solid evergreen hedge through
13 that whole area.

14 MR. REEVES: For your information, the
15 light that lights up the church, flood lights not
16 only the Kelly residence but comes into our room and
17 is an imposition in our room as well, the flood
18 lights right now.

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: All right. I'll have
20 to go look at that.

21 MR. REEVES: And I have a question.
22 Maybe it's not appropriate right here.

23 But you had mentioned -- the lawyer had
24 mentioned that this is improving -- the house of
25 worship improves the neighborhood. And in a certain

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1 way that's true.

2 And the question is, where the church
3 resided originally before this location and where the
4 residence of the church reside, I'm not sure there
5 are many in Alpine, or in Closter, or in Cresskill.

6 MR. CAPIZZI: It's not material, sir.

7 MR. REEVES: Well, I submit to you that
8 the lawyer himself -- your name, sir? I'm sorry.

9 MR. CAPIZZI: Matthew Capizzi.

10 MR. REEVES: Mr. Capizzi.

11 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes, sir.

12 MR. REEVES: Mr. Capizzi said this
13 would improve it because it's a house of worship.

14 MR. KATES: He said it's essentially an
15 inherently beneficial use, whoever attends the
16 church. The law requires --

17 MR. REEVES: I would differ that if
18 you're coming from a distance away, you are using the
19 church and using the community, not necessarily
20 benefiting it.

21 MR. KATES: Well, the law doesn't look
22 at it that way. It's like a hospital. A hospital is
23 an inherently beneficial use. Not every patient is a
24 resident of the community where the hospital is
25 located.

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1 MR. REEVES: Right. Yeah.

2 MR. KATES: The same content.

3 MR. REEVES: The other, of course, is
4 because we live there we see it. And we welcome a
5 house of worship, but you're probably well aware,
6 Mr. Hubschman, and sir, that the traffic on Sunday
7 mornings make it somewhat difficult to access that
8 whole neighborhood.

9 And I think -- I say, as Mr. Kelly
10 does, that a traffic study is appropriate at this
11 point.

12 MR. KATES: Understood.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: And, Mike, I just
14 want to bring something up as far as information I
15 have as far as the zoning violation related to work
16 that has taken place there, which was submitted to
17 the owners as far as adding crushed stone and also
18 the poured concrete sidewalk and wooden guardrail
19 that's been added.

20 So there has been activities that's
21 going on without permits that are expanding the use.

22 So the question, what was the footprint
23 before this expansion versus now?

24 I understand you say you don't have
25 information on that.

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57 1 That's fine. 2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I mean, historically -- 3 I thought you were talk about the footprint of the -- 4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I'm saying what's 5 taking place. I think this is as of recent. 6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Recently, you know, I 7 wasn't party to that, but there was a sidewalk added 8 to the west side -- I'm sorry -- the south side of 9 the church. 10 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Is that in the 11 drawings. 12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. 13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I'm just trying to 14 clarify. 15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You're correct. 16 And then there is a sidewalk that was 17 added along the south side of the community building. 18 There was an existing macadam walk along there that 19 was replaced with a concrete walk. 20 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: So what we're 21 looking at as far as existing isn't actually 22 existing. 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It was existing in 24 whatever the date of the drawing is, right. 25 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: But as of now we LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	59 1 I can appreciate that. 2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Is the applicant 3 here tonight? 4 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes. 5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Maybe the applicant 6 later will be able to address these. 7 MR. CAPIZZI: I don't think so. 8 The mea culpa, I think, is sufficient. 9 You know, to pepper him more about things that we 10 know he shouldn't have done... 11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: This isn't a 12 peppering. 13 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood. 14 MR. KATES: It's relevant to know what 15 the existing conditions are. 16 MR. CAPIZZI: Right. 17 And that can be done through an amended 18 plan set. 19 MR. KATES: All right. So maybe that's 20 what we'll need. 21 MS. MANGOT: Hi. Allison Mangot. 22 MR. KATES: Spell your last name, 23 Allison. 24 MS. MANGOT: M-A-N-G-O-T. 25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: And your LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
58 1 don't have up-to-date -- 2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 3 That's not shown on the drawings. 4 You're correct, yes. 5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Thank you. 6 MR. CAPIZZI: Just as a -- 7 Mr. Kupferschmid, just as a matter of law, sidewalks 8 and such would not be qualified as an intensification 9 of the use. 10 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I don't know legally 11 if that's true or not. 12 But if you're increasing coverage with 13 concrete -- again, I'll leave this to our attorney. 14 If you're increasing coverage, then I would think it 15 does matter. 16 MR. CAPIZZI: It certainly matters as 17 far as being part of the plan set. That goes without 18 question. 19 And certainly those kinds of things 20 should have not occurred. The gravel should not have 21 been brought to the property. The sidewalk should 22 not have been either established or reconstructed. 23 The timber rails should not have happened. Those are 24 all things that unfortunately cause certainly some 25 bit of aggravation and concern for the neighborhood. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	60 1 address, please. 2 MS. MANGOT: 19 Old Dock. 3 Your plan has me in that house, but 4 it's wrong. Because that gentleman lives in that 5 house. 6 So, anyway, two things. The existing 7 plan that you have where you said that it would be -- 8 you have a macadam that says macadam on the plan. 9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 10 On where? Well, we have the macadam 11 walk, but that's not there anymore. 12 MS. MANGOT: No. The parking lot. The 13 parking lot. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The existing lot. 15 MS. MANGOT: No. I'm talking about the 16 one that you proposing. 17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The proposed lot here, 18 yes. 19 MS. MANGOT: You have macadam. 20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. 21 MS. MANGOT: I have a picture of what 22 you're talking about. 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, that's the walk 24 that was added. That's not shown on our plan, right. 25 That was added. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

1 MS. MANGOT: So your plan isn't
 2 correct.
 3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, that was added
 4 after we submitted the plans, yes.
 5 MS. MANGOT: Well, you said you were
 6 there so...
 7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I was there today. I
 8 was there.
 9 MS. MANGOT: You saw it. Well, you saw
 10 it, right.
 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're going to
 12 resubmit an updated plan showing it.
 13 MS. MANGOT: But you saw it.
 14 My other question for you is, so since
 15 then everything is, in quotes, nonconforming, are the
 16 rules for your parking, is that -- you know, for the
 17 amount of parking for the community center, for the
 18 church, et cetera, et cetera -- I didn't know that
 19 there were rules for the community center, just for
 20 the church -- does that acreage rule apply for the
 21 nonconforming size of 2-and-a-half acres or for a
 22 5-acre lot.
 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. The parking
 24 requirements are just based on the number of seats,
 25 and it doesn't -- it's not part of the conditional

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1 around --
 2 MS. MANGOT: I was just curious if
 3 people are complaining.
 4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.
 5 MS. REEVES: Sara Reeves, R-E-E-V-E-S.
 6 MR. KATES: Your first name is.
 7 MS. REEVES: Sara, S-A-R-A. 19 Ridge
 8 Street. I'm with him. I have a question.
 9 You had something about handicap
 10 parking on Old Dock
 11 Is that correct?
 12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we were proposing
 13 the one ADA space for the community center on Old
 14 Dock Road, yes.
 15 MR. CAPIZZI: It's not on the road,
 16 Michael.
 17 MS. REEVES: Why wouldn't you have
 18 handicap parking in the parking lot where the person
 19 can get to it.
 20 MR. CAPIZZI: Michael, you're
 21 describing it as though it's in the road. It's not
 22 in the road.
 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's not in the road.
 24 It's off of the road.
 25 MS. REEVES: Why is it not in the

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1 use ordinance, I don't believe.
 2 MS. MANGOT: You believe but you're not
 3 sure.
 4 MR. CAPIZZI: They're not, Michael.
 5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's not, no. The
 6 parking section of the ordinance is not in
 7 Section 200-10.
 8 MS. MANGOT: So it doesn't -- it's not,
 9 like, a law that it has be.
 10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the city -- or
 11 the Borough set up certain requirements and
 12 guidelines for parking, number of spaces per seat,
 13 and that's how you design those.
 14 The church has a certain number of
 15 seats, so they want 40 spaces for 120 seats.
 16 MS. MANGOT: And has there been any
 17 studies about the off-street parking, how it affects
 18 the neighborhood on a Sunday.
 19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There hasn't been.
 20 But the whole reason for the project is
 21 to try to alleviate a lot of --
 22 MS. MANGOT: Have there been
 23 complaints?
 24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know.
 25 But I understand there's parking all

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1 parking lot of the church where the handicapped
 2 people can get into the church? You're now requiring
 3 them to cross Old Dock.
 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no. There are two
 5 ADA spaces on the church side also. It's a
 6 requirement that for each parking lot they have their
 7 own ADA requirements.
 8 MS. REEVES: Is there also one on the
 9 south side -- on the east side.
 10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.
 11 There are two proposed on the church,
 12 which is the west, and one proposed on the east side.
 13 So there are three total.
 14 MS. REEVES: Why would you have one
 15 away from the church? I'm just asking a question.
 16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, because each --
 17 that building requires -- has an ADA requirement to
 18 have a space.
 19 MS. REEVES: So that's the community
 20 house ADA requirement.
 21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.
 22 MS. MANGOT: Those large circles on
 23 your other plan, were those for lighting.
 24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Those were -- let's see
 25 here.

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65 1 MS. MANGOT: That's what I read. Those 2 right there, those. 3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The circles. 4 MS. MANGOT: Yes. 5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. Those are proposed 6 trees. 7 MS. MANGOT: Well, I think -- but I saw 8 lighting. 9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the lights are -- 10 MS. MANGOT: Up to the left. 11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: This one. 12 MS. MANGOT: No. All the way up to the 13 left. 14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. There are two 15 lights proposed in the parking lot. 16 And the Borough Engineer had requested 17 that we move those to the north side. 18 MS. MANGOT: So those big -- those 19 three big things are trees. 20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: These are proposed 21 street trees, yes. 22 MS. MANGOT: No lights. 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Those are not lights. 24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes. 25 MR. REEVES: A point of order, I think. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	67 1 Has the fire department given a 2 required count, people count, for that church on how 3 many is allowed in that church? 4 MR. KATES: Did you receive anything? 5 MR. CAPIZZI: For our certificate. 6 Within the building it's already posted with an 7 occupancy limitation. 8 MR. POLICANO: It's posted. 9 MR. CAPIZZI: Within the building. 10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there 11 any -- oh, go ahead. 12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Lane Goldstein, 13 23 Ridge Street. 14 Will we hear later with regards to the 15 active count of parishioners at the church, families 16 that are currently worshipping there? 17 MR. CAPIZZI: Undecided at this point, 18 sir. 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Also, there were no 20 parking studies done to date with regards to on a 21 random Sunday, holidays, any kind of -- do we have 22 any idea as to how many vehicles are entering the 23 property or entering the church area. 24 MR. CAPIZZI: Michael, have you spoken 25 to somebody from the church who has told you what the LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
66 1 David Reeves again. 2 We are seeing the plans for the first 3 time. I'm expecting that there will be some time for 4 deliberation and for response? 5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: The plans 6 were available prior to the meeting. 7 MR. REEVES: Say it again? 8 MR. KATES: The notice that you 9 received indicated that the plans are on file, I 10 believe, in this building -- were they available -- 11 on the website. 12 MS. MYUNG: On the website for over a 13 month. 14 MR. KATES: So the applicant has met 15 the notice requirement. 16 There will be, as I understand it, a 17 revised plan, at least an Existing Conditions Plan. 18 And that will be filed in advance of the next meeting 19 that will continue this application. 20 MR. CAPIZZI: We're not finishing 21 tonight, Miss. 22 MR. KATES: We'll not be finished 23 tonight. 24 MR. POLICANO: Robert Policano. Just 25 one more question. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	68 1 demand is. 2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes, we have discussed 3 it with the church. 4 And the number of parishioners, and it 5 did coincide with what the requirements are. So what 6 we're proposing is adequate for the usage of the 7 church. 8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Are those numbers 9 available to the public and to the board? 10 I would imagine that that would make 11 sense as to if you're asking based on demand what is 12 the actual demand, and is the demand on Easter Sunday 13 72 spaces but the other 51 Sundays of the year 14 potentially 37 spaces. 15 MR. CAPIZZI: No. The parking 16 requirement, sir, was -- again, I'm sorry, Michael, 17 how much was that, 76? 18 So, 72 were required by ordinance based 19 upon the number of the seats. 20 We're proposing 67. 21 MR. KATES: But the question is 22 relevant. 23 MR. CAPIZZI: I don't believe so. 24 We park based upon ordinance, not based 25 upon utilization. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

1 MR. KATES: Well, no, that's not true.
2 I mean, it's still -- it's still a valid point as to
3 the actual use that's taking place in those
4 buildings. It may not weigh heavily, but it's a fair
5 question. And it seems to me that if you're
6 producing somebody representing the church, it's a
7 fair question to ask of that representative.

8 MR. CAPIZZI: If we provide that
9 testimony, then that person will speak to that issue.

10 MR. KATES: And if you don't, then the
11 board will have to decide whether that's --

12 MR. CAPIZZI: Right.

13 Whether that's material. Whether that
14 assessment is at all material to a buffer variance or
15 an improved coverage variance -- I believe it's not
16 -- but the board will ultimately have to determine
17 that.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have another -- just
19 again going back to the use case. So you'll have to
20 excuse my naivety to the zoning ordinances and laws.

21 But we have two separate -- two separate
22 zones with structures on each zone. And it seems
23 that the numbers are getting blended in some cases
24 and then are being separated in others.

25 So all of this parking that's being

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1 added to a completely different piece of property is
2 for the church, itself, and not the community center?
3 So the church, itself, requires 72 spaces?

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

5 The church, itself, requires 42 spaces,
6 and the community center requires 30.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. I guess the
8 other question I have is, why is this -- why is this
9 coming in as one and not two separate applications?
10 Because there are two separate pieces of property,
11 there are two separate use cases, there are two
12 separate zones.

13 MR. CAPIZZI: No.

14 They're all used -- the site is used in
15 common, sir.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.

17 MR. CAPIZZI: So when you attend
18 service on a Sunday at the stone church, you walk
19 across the street to the community center for a
20 post-meal snack and so forth, and there are crossings
21 in services. The only thing that separates them is a
22 municipal street, but otherwise the properties act as
23 one.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, the properties
25 act as one today but they could be subdivided.

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1 They could sell one side tomorrow, and
2 they would sell it with the parking and then we would
3 be back in the same position of needing a variance to
4 increase the parking yet again.

5 MR. KATES: Well, the sale of a portion
6 changes the rules of the game. That user would have
7 to come before the relative board in this town to
8 justify what they intend to put in there. And so
9 it's a whole new analysis. What's your use?

10 What is the criteria for the use? You
11 can't take advantage of the church use if you're not
12 a church.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: But if we grant it
14 and they sell off the right side, or the eastern
15 side, that eastern side is going to have these
16 parking spots. We can't take it away.

17 MR. KATES: But they have to justify.
18 They can't take it away without an approval.

19 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I think he's making
20 a good point.

21 MR. KATES: The subdivision, itself,
22 brings into play the diminishing of existing spaces
23 for the side that is retained, and maybe subdivision
24 would be defeated on that basis.

25 So we're not losing -- the law doesn't

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1 lose sight of what they have.

2 MR. CAPIZZI: We have no issue,
3 Mr. Kates, recording cross easements, essentially
4 tying the properties to each other, so that if the
5 one was sold, the other would have to be sold and
6 vise-versa so that they would...

7 The intention here is to continue using
8 the property as a whole even though it's separated by
9 a municipal street. So we have no issue with
10 formally documenting that.

11 MR. KATES: That helps.

12 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: It does.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And another question
14 with regards to the use case that the attorney
15 alluded to is that the people that are attending the
16 -- that are going to be parking in these 60-some-odd
17 space are going to be in one building for part of the
18 day and another building for the other part of the
19 day and there will not be cross-over, meaning there
20 will not be two simultaneous events going on causing
21 additional parking to be needed?

22 MR. KATES: Well, we're going to be
23 hearing from the operator of the church, itself.
24 That's a question to reserve for later.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'll hold that though.

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73 1 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, if I can just 2 ask. 3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sure. 4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: We've had lots of 5 applications where people want to expand the use, and 6 therefore they have to bring up to the existing 7 standards for various needs. 8 Here you're not expanding the use but 9 you seem to be saying well, we're required to have 10 this much space, we should have it. 11 And it's, kind of, almost backwards in 12 my mind, and going forward. You didn't expand 13 anything, but you're saying, well, we're required to 14 have this much parking so we should have it. And 15 just, I've never seen that happen. 16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the property is 17 nonconforming to parking so we're trying to bring it 18 more into conformance and get the cars from parking 19 on the street. 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm sorry. 21 Can I ask just a follow-up to that, 22 because that was on my mind; I was going to ask it 23 later to the operator but I guess I'll ask it now. 24 For 156 years the church remained the 25 same size and had 20 spaces. Now, granted times are LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	75 1 property. 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But you're saying that 3 there's a hardship, that we're here today because of 4 a hardship. 5 But the church was purchased knowing 6 that this hardship existed. 7 MR. CAPIZZI: I haven't made any 8 statements about a hardship, sir. 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: In the beginning, I 10 believe when you discussed the laws regarding zoning, 11 I thought that you said -- you mentioned -- 12 MR. CAPIZZI: I did mention the word. 13 I didn't say the application was predicated upon a 14 hardship. 15 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: So, Mike, my 16 fundamental issue is, they're not here to expand the 17 use of the structure. 18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes. 19 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The facilities. 20 They simply want to expand the parking because 21 they're busier. 22 But what if we have a commercial 23 district and, you know, it's young Amazon and they 24 have this building. The building they buy, it has X 25 amount of spots, conforming, nonconforming, it makes LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
74 1 different now, but when the church was purchased, the 2 church was purchased and there were 100-and-some-odd 3 seats within the church and there were 20 spaces 4 outside. 5 What changed between when the church 6 was purchased that now today there's a hardship that 7 needs to be dealt with? 8 MR. CAPIZZI: That's not a question for 9 the civil engineer to answer. 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Who would answer 11 that question? 12 MR. CAPIZZI: There's no need to -- we 13 may or may not have a witness to address that 14 question, sir. 15 I think we're really -- we're going 16 down a path here as far as the nature of how the 17 Alpine Community Church may have operated, which is 18 not material, in my opinion, to this application. 19 And how this church operates is equally 20 not material because we have a Certificate of 21 Occupancy to be here. 22 It's an existing house of worship. 23 It's entitled to operate. 24 To me, this application is simply 25 taking a parking need and putting it onto the church LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	76 1 no difference, they buy the property. 2 And suddenly they take off and they go 3 wow, we need 1,000 parking spots. I know it sounds 4 stupid. Understand the point. Like, so go find 5 another place. 6 Now, I know you can't tell a church to 7 pick up and go find another place. 8 But the point is the same, whether it's 9 a church, whether it's a business. You can't just 10 say, well, we're busier so we need more. I'm all 11 about finding solutions for the church. Don't get me 12 wrong. 13 But to say that we're busier and, by 14 the way, the old rules that we're not conforming with 15 say we should have this much parking, you know, it's 16 a tough one. It's a real tough one. 17 MR. CAPIZZI: Mike, it's not a question 18 for you to answer. 19 Ms. Bogart will answer it. 20 Typically reducing a nonconforming 21 condition is -- not typically -- it's always favored. 22 To suggest that somehow it's an oddity that we're 23 taking upon ourselves to voluntarily cure something 24 we may not have the obligation to do so and somehow 25 that's negative, I don't understand how that becomes LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

1 part of the assessment, but I don't think it's an
2 appropriate thing for the board to deliberate on
3 certainly as far as thinking it's somewhat of an
4 oddity to resolve or mitigate a nonconforming
5 condition.

6 And the standards that are applied to a
7 commercial business are not nearly the same as they
8 are to apply to a house of worship, so,
9 unfortunately, the hypothetical isn't a good
10 parallel.

11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I have a fundamental
12 issue with that separation. I don't feel either side
13 should have any special treatment. That's my
14 personal belief.

15 But the law says it.

16 MR. CAPIZZI: Exactly right.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES:
18 Mr. Garabet?

19 MR. GARABET: My question is regarding
20 there's only 20 feet from my window. And engines of
21 the car, how are they going to solve this problem
22 from the engines going through my windows in my
23 bedroom.

24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're proposing
25 the 20-foot buffer, which would be adequate with the

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1 two rows of -- two or three rows of the arborvitaes,
2 you know, on a nice berm, which would solve the
3 problem.

4 MS. MANGOT: The deer eat the
5 arborvitaes.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The Green Giants.

7 MR. GARABET: I mean, it's too close to
8 my window. That's what the concern is. The smoke
9 from all these 42 cars obviously will maybe hurt the
10 health or whatever it is.

11 MR. POLICANO: I just want to shed some
12 light on it since there was some discussion about the
13 activity in the church. This is right off their own
14 website.

15 MR. KATES: Mr. Policano, it's off
16 message. We're dealing with only one witness.
17 You'll have an opportunity to comment at length under
18 oath. Just hold it.

19 MR. POLICANO: Well, they talked about
20 the activity.

21 MR. KATES: Well, we won't lose sight
22 of it. We're going to have a transcript here of
23 everything that's been stated, and that will be a
24 record for you to look at as well.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.

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1 MR. REEVES: David Reeves again. The
2 individuals in the neighborhood purchased their house
3 based on the way the neighborhood exists today --
4 existed when they bought it. We bought it a long
5 time ago.

6 MR. KATES: Is this a question for
7 Mr. Hubschman?

8 If it's a comment, I've said now seven
9 times, you'll have your opportunity to make comment.

10 But this is only the time to question
11 Mr. Hubschman.

12 MR. REEVES: And my point -- my point
13 to talk to Mr. Hubschman is that Mr. Hubschman's
14 proposal in terms of the -- especially the buffer
15 zones, especially for the neighboring house, okay,
16 this changes the environment of the neighboring
17 house. And that's -- so while it may be alleviating
18 a hardship from the church, okay, it is putting a
19 hardship on the neighbor and the neighborhood.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Do any
21 board members have other questions for Mr. Hubschman?

22 MR. KATES: Just one.

23 Mr. Fergus, in referring the matter to
24 us, doing his zoning review, mentioned site plan
25 review as part of this.

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1 And I assume that -- although it's not
2 been stated, we've been focused on the variance --
3 you agree that it's site plan review is as well.

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. We're here for
5 site plan approval also, yes.

6 MR. KATES: Okay, thank you.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Is there
8 any issue with fire truck access or any changes to,
9 you know, security or safety of these buildings in
10 terms of emergency services.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We did not receive a
12 review letter.

13 But there's no -- there's no change in
14 access to the buildings at all. It might even
15 enhance the access a little bit more.

16 MR. REEVES: Point of order, there is a
17 change in the access to the stone church now.

18 With that new addition, you've got a
19 new entrance to the church.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I think there were --
21 the Chairwoman was talking about fire access.

22 MR. REEVES: I stand corrected.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: More fire access.
24 Right. There's a door over by the bathroom.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Perry?

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81 1 MR. FRENZEL: I have a couple issues. 2 MR. KATES: Mr. Frenzel is the board's 3 -- Mr. Frenzel is the board's engineer. Can you 4 speak to the... 5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: They're asking you 6 to bring the mask -- bring that closer. 7 MR. FRENZEL: I'll be glad to. 8 Regarding the property on the east side 9 of Old Dock Road, you and I were out there a while 10 ago and we did some explorations for possible 11 expansions, replacements, of the septic fields if it 12 would be necessary. 13 The parking lot where it is situated, 14 or proposed to be situated, would that negate the 15 ability to replace a septic system for either of 16 those facilities? 17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. 18 I remember where we had investigated 19 were both -- the systems were more or less behind the 20 building, so the parking is sort of in between the 21 two systems. 22 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Are those single? 23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Just single, old 24 systems, yes. 25 MR. FRENZEL: Single older systems. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	83 1 are going to be submitted, I'd like to talk my way 2 through it with you -- with the ADA space on the east 3 side. I understand the need for it. I understand 4 the issue with the slope and the maximum allowable 5 longitudinal slope of the path for ADA-subject 6 people. And I understand that that is probably about 7 the only area you could put an ADA compliant space on 8 that side of the street. 9 The thing I don't care for is the fact 10 that whoever parks in that space has to back out onto 11 the road. I'd like to explore, or you to explore and 12 I can take a look at it, if there's any way to turn 13 that 90 degrees so we can get it off of the road but 14 parallel to the road rather than causing someone to 15 back out. 16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. Well, I'll take 17 a look at that with the revised plan. 18 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Perry, you just 19 brought up something I didn't think about. Here I am 20 thinking this expansion of parking to regulations. 21 But if we've got this greater use now we're looking 22 at this expansion, if we don't have septic tanks that are 23 up to current code and dealing with it. You're going 24 to have a problem with the septic fields because the 25 septic can't fit on the property. LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
82 1 One looked like it was either just a septic tank, or 2 it could have been just an old seepage pit. That's 3 why I asked. Because at some point in the future if 4 this -- this property is more used, they're going to 5 need to be expanded. 6 So if there is adequate room to do that 7 and the parking lot is not going to expand it, that's 8 an important issue. 9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Would the 10 construction of the parking lot impact those existing 11 systems negatively? 12 MR. FRENZEL: I don't think so. 13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Heavy 14 equipment or... 15 MR. FRENZEL: No. They're located far 16 enough away from the area that would be disturbed, 17 so. 18 I don't see that that's the issue. I see future 19 expansion would be more of a concern. I believe that 20 -- my opinion was that there is adequate room to do 21 that. But I just wanted to make sure that the 22 parking lot wasn't going to be on top of one of those 23 systems the way it's constructed right now or to be 24 constructed. 25 I have an issue -- and if revised plans LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	84 1 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: We have old septic 2 systems. 3 MR. FRENZEL: You have -- on the church 4 side you have a new system. 5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Yeah. I'm talking 6 about the other side. 7 MR. FRENZEL: The east side you have a 8 residence for the -- for the pastor. 9 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Then we have the 10 community house. 11 MR. FRENZEL: Right. 12 The community house, that may take a 13 look at, may warrant taking a look at, sure. 14 On the other side of the road, I'd also 15 like to focus in the revised plan on the water course 16 from the expanded parking lot down to Closter Dock 17 Road. I'd like to see if there's any way we can 18 create a swale closer to the church building rather 19 than up near Mr. Garabet's property to get the water 20 away from that edge of the property. 21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah. 22 MR. FRENZEL: The last thing I have is 23 a question. The church parking lot on that side of 24 the street, you're showing a parking lot with a width 25 of 32 plus 23 feet, 55 feet, and then a 5-foot buffer LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

1 between the parking lot and the house to the north.
2 for the property to the north.

3 If that 5-foot buffer was expanded,
4 would that not so reduce the parking lot to the point
5 where that row of parking along the northerly edge
6 would not be usable?

7 If you had a 10-foot buffer on that
8 side, you cut those spaces down to about 11-feet
9 deep?

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

11 The proposed -- you would lose all of
12 the proposes spaces. And the existing is 3 feet.

13 So we tried to hold 5 feet, which would
14 be adequate for an arborvitae in that area.

15 MR. FRENZEL: So if there was a deeper
16 buffer on that side, you'd effectively lose what
17 you're trying to gain by losing that entire row of
18 parking on that side.

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You'd lose the nine
20 spaces, yeah.

21 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, why couldn't
22 the whole thing be shifted closer to the church so
23 basically the parking lot -- where they have their
24 paver walk? It's just not a paver walk anymore.

25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We could do that.

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1 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It was designed for 150
2 or 140 seats, yes.

3 MR. ABAD: Is that still --

4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Well, that's all
5 brand-new.

6 MR. ABAD: It is brand-new.

7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: They didn't have
8 restrooms there before.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah, that's new.

10 It was just installed a year or so ago.

11 MR. FRENZEL: We have to keep in mind
12 with that, this is not a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week
13 use. This is an occasional use.

14 So we believe it is adequate, more than
15 adequate actually.

16 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: And it's a brand-new
17 system.

18 MR. FRENZEL: Right.

19 MR. REEVES: I'll be very quick because
20 I've talked a lot tonight. My family accuses me of
21 this all the time.

22 Having been very, very familiar with
23 this -- this area because we're so close -- we were
24 involved in the church, okay. And to see the buffer
25 zone of 5 feet is this much, okay, 5 feet isn't much

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1 But we were trying to align it with the
2 original, and thought we could jog it to the left.

3 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: If you're doing that
4 much work, you can change the whole long, move it
5 over.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Just move the whole
7 thing over.

8 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Give some relief to
9 the neighbors.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You could probably move
11 it over 8 feet or so, right.

12 MR. BONHOMME: You're going to have to
13 have some area for plowed snow also to store that.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

15 Now plow it back. No. They're pile it
16 in a space or at the end of the -- the end of the
17 row. Even on the row, you know, on the lawn area by
18 the septic.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Quiet,
20 please.

21 MR. ABAD: Perry, you said the existing
22 -- so the existing occupancy of the church is 120.

23 Mike, I think you told us this. And
24 the current septic for the church is adequate for
25 120?

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1 for a buffer zone, okay, for your closest neighbor,
2 okay. You all know -- Mr. Hubschman, you know as
3 well -- I'll address it to you as required -- that
4 there is by layman's guess at least a quarter acre,
5 maybe more, east of the community house and the
6 manse, and that has been basically lost land for as
7 long as we've been here probably 50 or 100 years
8 more. And we were the parking lot to be positioned
9 east of the community house so that you cannot
10 impinge upon the Kelly residence and upon Bob's
11 residence, which you are doing now in an awful way.

12 That would solve -- that would solve
13 impinging upon two families who bought this place
14 with the way it's existing and assumed it would be
15 kept that way.

16 MR. KATES: So the question is, can
17 that be done.

18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I think you're talking
19 about to the east of the -- this area is all steep,
20 and there's wetlands and transition area. Any
21 further east, we really can't go any further east
22 than we're showing here. We're already showing two
23 5-foot walls in that location on the east in order to
24 bring it up To a reasonable grade.

25 MR. REEVES: It would take a lot of

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89 1 work and expense, I grant you. 2 But it would save the impingement upon 3 the neighbors close to the church. 4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: From an engineering 5 point, it really couldn't be moved any further east 6 than I've shown it here. 7 MR. ABAD: Do you have wetlands? 8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We had an LOI here, a 9 wetlands and a 50-foot transition. And it's very 10 steep in that area. 11 MR. ABAD: So the whole building 12 envelope is that dashed line there. 13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. That dashed 14 line inside of that is basically -- 15 MR. ABAD: The building envelope, 16 right. 17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there 18 any other questions for Mr. Hubschman? 19 MR. KATES: You'll be back, 20 Mr. Hubschman, I assume, so that we'll be renewing 21 this line of questioning again to a certain extent. 22 Do we want to take a brief break for 23 the reporter? 24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Sure. 25 MR. KATES: We'll resume then with our LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	91 1 you'd like to see them in advance of the next 2 meeting. 3 MR. CAPIZZI: So that will be 5-19-22 4 without further notice, correct. 5 MR. KATES: That's correct. 6 (Whereupon, the matter is continuing at 7 a future date. Time noted: 9:10 p.m.) 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
90 1 next witness. 2 (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.) 3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: We'd like 4 to reconvene. 5 MR. CAPIZZI: So, Madame Chair, we'd 6 like to take the opportunity to carry the matter to 7 the next hearing date so we can have an opportunity 8 to clean up the plan set to see what we can do to 9 modify the parking area on the church property so as 10 to put it on an angle and see if we can increase that 11 buffer and address some of the other concerns that 12 the board and the neighbors have raised this evening. 13 MR. KATES: That said, we're going to 14 continue this hearing. Our May date is May 19. 15 MS. MYUNG: Yes. 16 MR. KATES: May 19th. 17 If the applicant can please get your 18 revised plans filed. I know there's no ten-day 19 requirement, but if you can do a ten-day requirement, 20 considering the publication of this application, it 21 would be very helpful to these people. 22 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood. 23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: For the 24 public, the plans will be available in the Borough 25 Clerk's office and also on the borough website if LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812	92 1 C E R T I F I C A T E 2 3 I, RONDA L. REINSTEIN, a Certified Court 4 Reporter of the State of New Jersey, authorized to 5 administer oaths pursuant to R.S.41:2-2, do hereby 6 certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate 7 transcript of the testimony as taken stenographically 8 by and before me at the time, place and on the date 9 herein before set forth, to the best of my ability. 10 I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a 11 relative nor employee nor attorney nor counsel of any 12 of the parties to this action, and that I am neither 13 a relative nor employee of such attorney or counsel, 14 and that I am not financially interested in the 15 action. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 ----- 25 RONDA L. REINSTEIN, CCR No. 30X100217800 LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

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10 OLD DOCK ROAD,)
BLOCK 48, LOT 1.01.)
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1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: And so the
2 Church of the Lord application.

3 MR. CAPIZZI: Good evening, Madame
4 Chair.

5 Matthew Capizzi on behalf of the
6 applicant.

7 Just as a point of clarification, as I
8 do have the Tracey Marrow application as well, we're
9 going to be adjourning that matter this evening.

10 Unfortunately, we received late notice
11 that one of our professionals is not available. So
12 whether you want to dispose of that now and adjourn
13 it or later on in the agenda, you let me know.

14 MR. KATES: Let's announce the date of
15 the next meeting. It will be May.

16 MS. MYUNG: May 19th.

17 MR. KATES: The Marrow application is
18 being adjourned to May 19 without further notice
19 being required, on the request of the applicant's
20 attorney.

21 Anyone here interested in that matter,
22 you're certainly welcome to stay, but there will be
23 no testimony tonight.

24 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you.

25 So, Madame Chair, if I may, just a

1 brief opening statement on the Church of the Lord
2 application.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Of course.

4 MR. CAPIZZI: So as the board is aware,
5 this is the former location of the Alpine Community
6 Church. The Church of the Lord purchased the
7 property in November of 2019 and has been holding
8 services at the stone church property since that
9 time.

10 What we're seeking to do by way of this
11 application is add some additional off-street
12 parking.

13 As the board members may be aware, the
14 property consists of essentially two parcels that are
15 separated by Old Dock Road. One is on the westerly
16 side. It has the stone church building on it where
17 services are held. And on the easterly side is the
18 community center property and the pastor's manse,
19 where we hold some other events, religious worship,
20 religious education, services in that building.

21 At the stone church property there's a
22 parking lot, a macadam parking lot, that has
23 approximately 20 parking spaces. In the -- at the
24 Community Center property there is no opportunity for
25 off-street parking with the exception of the driveway

1 that services the pastor's manse.

2 Based upon the attendance at our
3 services and with some room for expansion, we're
4 proposing to add some additional parking at the stone
5 church property, adding approximately 22 spaces to
6 that lot.

7 And at the Community Center property,
8 we're proposing to create a new parking area
9 containing 25 spaces.

10 Once you bring the sum total online, it
11 will give us an opportunity of approximately 67
12 spaces, which we believe would be sufficient for our
13 demands on Sundays and whenever we may have special
14 events at the property and so forth.

15 At present, we've been relying upon the
16 macadam lot that's on the stone church property.

17 But, certainly, it doesn't provide a
18 sufficient amount of off-street parking, so there is
19 an amount of parking that has spilled over onto the
20 local roadway network.

21 We believe by way of this application
22 we'll be able to now take that parking that's on the
23 local network and bring that off the roadway onto the
24 church property.

25 The use of the house of worship is a

1 conditional use in the zone. It's been the subject
2 of one prior application in 2007, 2008, thereabouts,
3 where there was a portion of the Community Center
4 property that was subdivided off.

5 But other than that, I'm not aware of
6 any other historical applications concerning either
7 property.

8 As far as the variance relief that's
9 concerned, there are several nonconforming conditions
10 at the properties as they stand today: Lot area, lot
11 width, and so forth.

12 None of the nonconforming conditions
13 are being exacerbated by way of this application with
14 the exception of two, and they both pertain to the
15 stone church property.

16 There is a buffer requirement that the
17 parking area be approximately 100 feet off the
18 property line.

19 At present, the parking area is only
20 about 3. And we're proposing to continue that offset
21 as we continue in a westerly direction with the
22 expanded parking area.

23 However, you'll hear from Mr. Hubschman
24 about some landscaping that's being proposed at that
25 property to shield the vehicles from the adjacent

1 properties. And there's also a variance for improved
2 lot coverage.

3 By virtue of expanding the parking
4 area, we need variance relief to that particular
5 item.

6 But, again, Mr. Hubschman will speak to
7 the fact that the expanded parking area is made of
8 gravel, so although it is improved, it certainly will
9 have permeability, given the substrate from which
10 it's being constructed.

11 I think it's important to note that as
12 the board hears testimony from Mr. Hubschman and
13 Ms. Bogart, our planner, as well as any comments and
14 testimony that may be given by the neighbors, that
15 the board be mindful of the variance criteria that's
16 supposed to be applied to such a matter.

17 Having appeared before the board
18 regularly, commercial applications, institutional
19 applications such as this are not commonplace before
20 the board, so the variance criteria is somewhat
21 different.

22 First and foremost, houses of worship
23 are considered inherently beneficial uses under the
24 New Jersey Case Law. And that's of significant
25 importance as the board considers the testimony

1 before it this evening.

2 Moreover, it's a conditional use
3 variance, a D-3 variance, so the focus is typically
4 on what is the impact of the applicant's inability to
5 comply with that condition, here being the buffer
6 requirement and the improved coverage requirement
7 limitation.

8 The third aspect for the board to
9 consider is the fact that the applicant is not
10 complying with those two parameters, do they result
11 in a substantial negative impact upon the
12 neighborhood, and can that substantial negative
13 impact be mitigated against with the imposition of
14 certain conditions?

15 That's essentially a nutshell
16 explanation of the legal standard that applies to a
17 house of worship conditional use variance case.

18 As in any variance case, there are
19 typically two prongs, a positive criteria and a
20 negative criteria. The positive criteria being what
21 about the property generates the need for the
22 variance, or does the granting of the variance result
23 in some public benefit that's achieved by way of the
24 board granting the variance?

25 Because of the nature of the use, that

1 we're protected by New Jersey Case Law with that
2 determination of being inherently beneficial, because
3 the First Amendment of the New Jersey and U.S.
4 Constitution protect one's ability to freely exercise
5 their religion, and based upon the Federal Statute,
6 FRLUA, that Mr. Kates may speak about at some point
7 in time, that first prong is already deemed
8 satisfied.

9 So the law already says that the
10 positive criteria, why you're before is not of
11 relevance; we've already cleared the road for you as
12 far as telling us why you need the variance and
13 providing either some kind of hardship or public
14 benefit testimony relative to that component.

15 And, essentially, the case distills
16 itself to an analysis of the negative criteria. Will
17 the granting of the variance result in a substantial
18 negative impact upon the public good, essentially the
19 neighborhood?

20 Before the board can arrive at a
21 determination of substantial negative impact, it must
22 first determine whether the board can impose certain
23 conditions upon the applicant that would ameliorate,
24 limit, that substantial negative impact.

25 It is only after the board has

1 considered those imposition of conditions and still
2 finds that it would result in a substantial negative
3 impact despite the imposition of those conditions
4 that the negative criteria would fail.

5 Essentially, the law favors houses of
6 worship. They want them to be in neighborhoods such
7 as this. Your zoning ordinance wants them to be in
8 this particular neighborhood. That's evident by the
9 fact that we're a conditional use. It's evident by
10 the fact that this church has existed since 1866 and
11 continues to be a viable house of worship within the
12 community.

13 For those reasons, it's why the
14 standard is quite difficult in order for such an
15 application to be denied.

16 And in essence here, we're really just
17 dealing with some housekeeping. The nature of the
18 church is not changing. The buildings are not being
19 expanded. The number of seats is not changing. The
20 kinds of services that are being provided are your
21 typical Sunday service, weekday morning service,
22 youth and adult educational services that you would
23 find in any similar typical house of worship. So
24 none of those things are changing.

25 The only thing we're looking to do is

1 take that parking that's occurring on the street,
2 bring it off the street and onto the church property.
3 We believe that we've provided a practical and
4 reasonable way to accommodate that need. And we
5 certainly look forward to presenting the application
6 before the board.

7 Madame Chair, if you don't have any
8 procedural questions of me, I can call Mr. Hubschman
9 at this time and have him go through the plan set.

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: That's
11 fine.

12 MR. KATES: Mr. Hubschman, would you
13 raise your right hand to be sworn.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

15 MR. KATES: Do you swear the testimony
16 you're about to give to this board shall be the
17 truth, so help you God?

18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes, I do.

19 M I C H A E L H U B S C H M A N, PE, PP
20 263 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New
21 Jersey, having been duly sworn, testifies as
22 follows:

23 MR. KATES: Madame Chair, Mr. Hubschman
24 has appeared before this board on numerous occasions.
25 I don't think we have to put him through for his

1 qualifications.

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Agreed.

3 MR. KATES: He's acceptable?

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.

5 MR. KATES: Your witness.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Thank you.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: Madame Chair, I was
8 provided with the board's list of exhibits, which I'm
9 prepared to accept by way of stipulation.

10 MR. KATES: What is it, A-1 through?

11 MR. CAPIZZI: This was A-1 through
12 A-11.

13 MR. KATES: Do we have any later
14 entries, Jo Anna?

15 MS. MYUNG: I am so sorry.

16 MR. KATES: To the witness list, the
17 exhibit list, A-11 is the last one Mr. Capizzi is
18 referencing.

19 MS. MYUNG: That's correct.

20 MR. KATES: That came in.

21 MS. MYUNG: That came in yesterday.

22 I was -- I was provided by our Building
23 Department the architectural engineering drawings,
24 listed as Exhibit A-11.

25 . Unfortunately, I did not get copies

1 to present to the board engineer.

2 MR. KATES: But we're including that in
3 the list you have A-11.

4 MS. MYUNG: That's correct.

5 MR. CAPIZZI: But this should be -- I'm
6 not aware of this plan, Madame Chair.

7 MR. KATES: No architectural plan.

8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't believe so.

9 MR. CAPIZZI: No. Do you mind if I
10 take a quick look at that plan.

11 MS. MYUNG: Yes. I gave you a copy of
12 the exhibit list.

13 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes.

14 MS. MYUNG: And it's on Exhibit A-11.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: Right. Do you by chance
16 have a copy of that plan.

17 MR. KATES: Do you have a copy of the
18 plan.

19 MS. MYUNG: I'll find it. This is
20 exactly what was handed to me.

21 MR. CAPIZZI: This is something new to
22 me. This is not part of our application.

23 MS. MYUNG: That is not, okay.

24 MR. CAPIZZI: No.

25 MS. MYUNG: Thank you.

1 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you.

2 MS. MYUNG: Sorry for the
3 inconvenience.

4 MR. KATES: So it's A-1 through A-10.

5 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct.

6 MR. KATES: We'll stipulate that is the
7 list without reading through it.

8 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, Documents are received and
10 marked as Exhibit A-1 - A-10 for
11 identification.)

12 MR. CAPIZZI: So, Mr. Hubschman, the
13 board has marked your site plan, last revised -- they
14 have it down as December 20th, 2021. Is that
15 correct?

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's December 28th,
17 2021.

18 MR. CAPIZZI: That's what I thought.

19 MR. KATES: What exhibit is that.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: That's A-9. So we should
21 just note that is -- December 28th, 2021, is the last
22 revision.

23 MR. KATES: We have a colorized version
24 on the board.

25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah. I have three.

1 MR. KATES: So we'll make that A-11.
2 A-11 is the colorized site plan of A-9.

3 (Whereupon, Drawing # 3882-4 "Site
4 Plan" previously submitted as part of exhibit
5 A-9 but now colorized marked as Exhibit A-11
6 for identification.)

7 MR. KATES: Multiple sheets or just one
8 sheet.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are three sheets
10 colored. The Grading & Drainage Plan is colored. So
11 I guess that will be A-12.

12 MR. KATES: Yes.

13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I have the same copy,
14 just colored.

15 MR. KATES: Um-hmm.

16 (Whereupon, Colorized Grading, Drainage
17 & Utility Plan is marked as Exhibit A-12 for
18 identification.)

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: And then the Lighting &
20 Landscaping Plan is colored.

21 That would be, I guess, A-13 then,
22 right?

23 MR. KATES: Yes.

24 (Whereupon, Drawing # 3882-6
25 "Lighting/Landscaping Plan & Details"

1 previously submitted as part of exhibit A-9
2 now colorized is marked as Exhibit A-13 for
3 identification.)

4 MS. MYUNG: I'm sorry.

5 Mr. Hubschman, can you just repeat that
6 again? I have the drawing, Grading, Drainage &
7 Utility Plan details as Exhibit A-11.

8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no. A-11 is the
9 Colorized Site Plan Sheet.

10 MS. MYUNG: Oh, I see. Okay.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

12 MS. MYUNG: All right, I got it.

13 MR. KATES: Colorized A-9.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

15 Then A-12 is the Colored Grading,
16 Drainage & Utility Plan.

17 And A-13 would be the Colorized
18 Lighting & Landscaping Plan.

19 MS. MYUNG: Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Okay, thank you.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. CAPIZZI:

23 Q. Mr. Hubschman, do you have an Existing
24 Conditions Plan that you can flip to?

25 A. I do, but it's not colored.

1 Q. That's fine.

2 A. It's easier. Sheet 5 of the set that
3 the board has is an Existing Conditions Plan. It's a
4 little hard to see now without it being colored.

5 Q. If you can just utilize that sheet just
6 for a quick discussion.

7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, what is the
8 title? Is it Lighting & Landscape?

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no.

10 Sheet A-8, which is 5 of 5, that would
11 be the Existing Conditions Plan, the last sheet in
12 the set.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Thank you.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

15 All of the sheets are oriented the same
16 way with north being up.

17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Hold on one second
18 because my set is not following. This is my Sheet 4.

19 Thank you.

20 BY MR. CAPIZZI:

21 Q. All right. Mike, so take us through
22 the existing conditions, please.

23 A. Sure. Right.

24 Well, the sheets -- again, all of the
25 sheets are oriented --

1 MS. MYUNG: Excuse me. I'm sorry.
2 Can we just unfold the sheets just
3 because this meeting is taped.

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Is everyone done?
5 BY MR. CAPIZZI:

6 Q. Okay, Mike, let's resume.

7 A. Okay.

8 Again, north is up on all of the
9 sheets. Closter Dock Road is going from left to
10 right on the bottom.

11 The middle of the sheet is the Old Dock
12 Road that separates the two sites.

13 The Existing Conditions Plan shows to
14 the left, or to the west, the existing stone church,
15 the existing parking lot to the north of that, which
16 is a 22 spaces, I believe it was.

17 Q. Twenty, I believe, Mike.

18 A. Twenty. Right, 20. It turns into it.

19 Then to the east are the Community
20 Center building.

21 And then to the -- on the corner to the
22 south of the Community Center is the existing
23 parsonage, or the reverend's house.

24 Going to the east, there is some sloped
25 areas, wooded areas, then wetlands just off the

1 property.

2 Q. Thank you.

3 So I had mentioned in my opening just
4 some of the limited parking opportunities. They are
5 just principally on the stone church property.

6 Is that correct?

7 A. Right.

8 There's the existing parking area, yes.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 A. The floor is, like, sloped.

11 Q. As far as the proposal, can you take us
12 through the parking areas that you're going to be
13 enlarging?

14 A. The proposal, sure.

15 I'm now going to Sheet 1. It shows the
16 new construction. We're proposing to add 18 spaces
17 to the west of the existing paved area. So that lot
18 would have 42 -- yeah, that lot would have a total of
19 42 spaces.

20 Again, this is a little easier to see
21 for everybody because of the color. There's the
22 existing church in the center. The parking lot
23 existing is about half of that. So we're adding 18
24 spaces to the west of that, two handicap stalls.

25 And then on the east side where the

1 Community Center is, we're proposing a small parking
2 area between the two -- the two buildings. There's
3 24 spaces in the parking area. And we're providing
4 one ADA stall in front, because the grades really
5 didn't work to have the ADA stall in the lot.

6 Q. Thank you, Mike.

7 As far as the landscaping and lighting
8 components?

9 A. Right.

10 Then also this sheet shows, because of
11 the slope we're proposing two retaining walls. The
12 Landscape and Lighting is shown on Sheet 3, 3 of 5.
13 Again, this is color.

14 We're proposing the Green Giant
15 Arborvitae and some buffer plantings around the
16 property, and some street trees.

17 Q. Just for purposes of the record, Mike,
18 can you just walk us through each particular lot and
19 give us a description of the landscaping and lighting
20 as to which one pertains to stone church and --

21 A. Well, on the stone church, again we're
22 proposing dark American arborvitaes, or the Green
23 Giant arborvitaes that I'm sure everyone is familiar
24 with. They're colored in that darker green color.
25 They're proposed to be 7- to 8-foot planting height.

1 The lighting on the church is just
2 small bollard lighting. We didn't propose any pole
3 lighting on the church at all.

4 On the Community Center side, the same
5 thing, some dark -- the green giant arborvitaes. And
6 then there is some maple -- I'm sorry -- yes, red
7 maples, street trees proposed.

8 And all the remaining lawn areas and
9 trees are going to remain the same around the site.

10 Lighting, we were proposing two small
11 pole lights on the side.

12 And Mr. Frenzel, in his letter, had
13 requested that he thought it was better if we put the
14 two lights on to face south, which we would of course
15 do. We're showing the two lights facing north.

16 Q. As far as on the stone church property,
17 is there an ability to enhance the landscaping area
18 and perhaps provide a double row of arborvitaes along
19 the west?

20 A. We're proposing a 20-foot buffer area.
21 We could easily plant two or three rows of staggered
22 green giants in that area, yes.

23 Q. With the enhanced landscaping, would
24 that buffer the expanded parking area from the
25 neighboring properties?

1 A. Right, yes. The one neighboring
2 property would be to the west.

3 Q. Would that include a screening of the
4 headlights from the vehicles?

5 A. Right.

6 Most of the activity is during the day,
7 I guess, when they -- they're going to testify on
8 that.

9 So there's not really a lot of
10 headlight usage there.

11 But, right, that would -- you know,
12 that would definitely shade the headlights, sure.

13 Q. Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.

14 So you had talked to us about the
15 landscaping components, lighting. How about
16 drainage?

17 A. Drainage, going back to the Sheet 2
18 shows our drainage proposal.

19 The Community Center side, I think it
20 drains down towards the east to the wooded area.
21 That side drains to the Hudson River. And we're
22 proposing pervious paver. There's a strip of
23 pervious paver about 30-feet wide that would absorb
24 most of the water.

25 And that's a green -- you know, a green

1 technology now. They count that as green
2 infrastructure. The DEP looks favorable on that.

3 And having it not connected is also a
4 favorable new drainage concept, rather than piping
5 it. It's really -- rather than just putting basins
6 in and piping it right to the wetlands to have it
7 flow through the wooded area.

8 A similar situation on the church side,
9 pervious pavers and then grading it towards whatever
10 the -- any additional run-off would grade towards
11 Closter Dock.

12 Q. As far as the soil movement
13 considerations, can you discuss that for us, please?

14 A. Right.

15 There's very minimal soil moving on the
16 church -- on the church side because it's pretty
17 level.

18 And then on the Community Center side,
19 the soil moving, there's fill required for that rear
20 parking lot because the lot goes down. There's about
21 8 foot of fill at the back of the property.

22 It's generally flush with Old Dock
23 Road, then it slopes down to about 6 percent.

24 And the quantities were -- let's see.
25 There's 1,496 yards of fill on the east parking lot

1 or, you know, grading in order to bring that up to,
2 like, a drivable grade going down.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.

4 As far as the buffer at the community
5 property, the Community Center property, I know we
6 have the dwelling -- excuse me -- the Community
7 Center building on the north side of the parking lot.
8 Will that provide an element of a buffer of that
9 parking area?

10 A. This will, yeah.

11 Some of our original concepts were to
12 have parking over on the north side of the building.
13 That was kind of taken off the table. It was just
14 not really fitting in with the neighborhood there.
15 So that's why it was decided to put whatever parking
16 we could in the middle.

17 And, you know, we're hampered by the
18 slope, the wetlands, the transition area.

19 So there's no way to really go any
20 further than what we're showing there.

21 Q. And having an access point off of the
22 county road, you'll tell us why that was disfavored,
23 off Closter Dock?

24 A. It's just a slope. It doesn't work.
25 There's an existing driveway.

1 And the sight distance is not good.
2 You're right about the crest of the hill there when
3 you're at Old Dock Road.

4 So you couldn't put an entrance for
5 sight distance. And just the slope going up really
6 didn't work.

7 Q. Can you take us through the bulk table
8 and tell us what the existing nonconforming
9 conditions are and how they're going to be impacted
10 by this application?

11 A. Right.

12 Well, that's shown on Sheet -- on
13 Sheet 1 is the bulk table, the bulk -- and those are
14 the zoning requirements. In the ordinance there's a
15 schedule and a bulk table.

16 So the property is in two separate
17 zones, or there are two separate lots. The west side
18 is on the R-2B Zone, and the east side is the R-2
19 Zone. And they're both -- they're both fairly
20 similar to house sizes and so forth.

21 The lot sizes are 10,000, and 12- or
22 14,000-square-foot lots.

23 But where a conditional use -- so
24 there's a section of the ordinance, which is 220-10,
25 that goes through to the conditional use as a house

1 of worship.

2 So the bulk table changes. It doesn't
3 really follow the R-2B or R-2. It follows the
4 conditional use ordinance, which requires -- do you
5 want me to go through this now, Matt?

6 Q. Please.

7 A. For a church or a house of worship, it
8 requires 5 acres of property. And our total is 2.86
9 acres.

10 So that's an existing nonconforming
11 condition.

12 Building coverage 10 percent. I think
13 it's actually the same in the R-2B.

14 But that's listed in the conditional
15 use ordinance. We're at 7.9 percent on the west, and
16 4.6 percent -- as you can see, that's a very large
17 lot -- on the east.

18 So no variance required for that.

19 Improved coverage in the conditional
20 use ordinance is 25 percent maximum.

21 We're at 42 percent with the parking
22 lot expansion on the left side for the stone church,
23 and 15.8 for the Community Center lot. The overall
24 is only 23.7. So if you count the entire property,
25 we're at 23.7 percent.

1 But I don't think the ordinance really
2 permits to count the whole thing because they're not
3 contiguous.

4 You have lot width and lot depth
5 requires 450 square feet -- I'm sorry -- 450 feet in
6 the conditional use ordinance, and we're deficient of
7 those two existing conditions.

8 The same with the front yard. We're
9 required to have 200-foot front yard from all the
10 streets, which would mean a setback.

11 Of course the existing building, which
12 has been there for quite some time, do not meet the
13 200-foot existing condition, again not being
14 exacerbated.

15 The side yard required is 100 feet.
16 The minimum is 70 feet, which would be the church
17 side here.

18 And, again, that's existed for over
19 100 years. The other -- the community center does
20 meet the side yard requirement.

21 What else do we got here? The rear
22 yard, 200 feet. Both existing buildings, they don't
23 meet the 200-foot rear yard requirement, so that's an
24 existing condition.

25 Heights, we're below 35 feet. So

1 that's good. The buffer abutting a residential use,
2 100 foot is required in the conditional use
3 ordinance.

4 We have 100 foot on the community
5 center where we abut residential use in a residential
6 zone and use.

7 But the church again does not --
8 because the existing parking 3 and we're proposing to
9 expand that to 5 feet, so that's the variance that
10 we're actually creating. The remainder are existing
11 nonconforming that we can't really increase.

12 Then the last one is, the conditional
13 use ordinance calls for traffic or access from
14 Route 9W, which we of course can't access Route 9W.
15 We don't front on Route 9W. And there's wetlands in
16 the way. So it is sort of impossible to drive --
17 have a driveway going to Route 9W.

18 Q. So, Mike, just to recap. It's the
19 buffer where we need 100, we're at 3 and we're going
20 the 5?

21 A. Right.

22 The buffer in the conditional use
23 ordinance would be the one -- the variance that we're
24 really asking for, I guess.

25 Q. And the impervious coverage, if we look

1 at it strictly, it would be what at the stone church
2 property? I'm sorry.

3 A. Forty-two percent if we look at it
4 strictly as a separate lot, yes.

5 Q. And if we combine the two? I'm sorry.

6 A. If you combine the two, it's 23.7
7 percent.

8 Q. I know we didn't talk about off-street
9 parking requirements. I know we're deficient there
10 as well.

11 But that deficiency is actually being
12 reduced by virtue of this application.

13 Can you take us through those numbers,
14 please?

15 A. Right.

16 The zoning ordinance does have a
17 section on parking for this type of use. The house
18 of worship, we list as 125 seats.

19 Actually, after some of the renovation,
20 it's 120 seats they'll have, I understand, when some
21 of pews are were removed and seats were put in.

22 The church requires 42 spaces. The
23 community center requires 30 spaces. It's one per
24 five seats. So there's 150 seats in that community
25 center maximum.

1 So the total required would be
2 72 spaces, based on the use. And we're not expanding
3 the use, or the usage. And we're proposing 67 spaces
4 on both sites total.

5 Q. And so the existing, I'm sorry, was 22
6 existing where 72 is required, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Twenty existing?

9 A. Yes.

10 Exactly, yes, 72 required, yes.

11 Q. And I'm sorry, just as far as the
12 existing was 22 existing?

13 A. I believe it was --

14 Q. Twenty?

15 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Can you just walk
16 through that whole parking thing one more time?

17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's 22 existing, I
18 believe, yeah.

19 MR. CAPIZZI: All right.

20 So we need 72 spaces. We have 22 at
21 present, and we're proposing a total of 67.

22 MR. KATES: Sixty-five.

23 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Sixty-five on one.
24 This is why I'm confused. You're proposing 65 at the
25 community center.

1 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

2 There are 25 at the community center.

3 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: According to this it
4 says 65 at the community proposed, 65 proposed.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right, right. No.
6 That's 67 proposed actually, right. Because there
7 was the one handicap. Then we did count the space --
8 if you add the space that's in the right-of-way,
9 that's like the 67th space.

10 MR. CAPIZZI: It's 67 in total when you
11 count the community center, and another 18 at the
12 church.

13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no, no. Total.

14 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: That's everything.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sixth-seven both sides
17 of the road, yes.

18 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: On this it says
19 community center.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood.

21 So there's a typo in the bulk table
22 perhaps?

23 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The house of worship
24 says you're looking for 42 spaces of which existing
25 is -- what is existing?

1 MR. CAPIZZI: Twenty-two.

2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Twenty-two.

3 So you're adding 20 there, according to
4 this.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We're adding 18
6 actually, yeah.

7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The numbers versus
8 the drawings aren't jibing.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The total we're
10 proposing is 67.

11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: You're adding 67.

12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no.

13 Well, there's -- you can't really take
14 existing and adding these.

15 There's, like, a planter that's coming
16 out here.

17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Roughly, okay.
18 Roughly what is the existing, and what are you
19 proposing?

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Existing is, say, 22,
21 and the proposing, 67.

22 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Okay, thank you.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sorry, it's a little
24 confusing.

25 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: It's okay.

1 Again, reading this...

2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are 25 on the
3 community center proposed and 42 on the church side.

4 BY MR. CAPIZZI:

5 Q. Just so we can have it nice, neatly
6 packed for the purposes of the transcript. The total
7 required sitewide, Michael, is what number?

8 A. The total required is 72.

9 Q. Okay. And the total being provided
10 sitewide is how much?

11 A. Sixty-seven.

12 Q. Thank you.

13 So that concludes everything relative
14 to the bulk table, right, Mr. Hubschman?

15 A. Yes, it does. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Any other items in Mr. Frenzel's
17 report that we didn't catch upon?

18 I think we had captured the two
19 prominent comments there, but I just want to see if
20 there's any -- certainly any other housekeeping items
21 we can certainly work with Mr. Frenzel to address
22 them, correct?

23 A. No, I don't believe there were any
24 other items in the letter.

25 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you, Mr. Hubschman.

1 I don't have any further questions.

2 MR. KATES: Just one more time.
3 Seventy-two required?

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

5 MR. KATES: Sixty-seven proposed?

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

7 MR. KATES: How many existing?

8 Twenty-two?

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Twenty-two existing.

10 MR. KATES: Okay.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Do any
12 members of the audience have questions for
13 Mr. Frenzel -- Mr. Hubschman? I'm sorry.

14 MR. KATES: Before -- let me give you a
15 brief explanation, Mr. Capizzi will have other
16 witnesses. Let's identify what the professions are
17 that will also be testifying.

18 Planner?

19 MR. CAPIZZI: We have Ms. Bogart, who
20 is our planner.

21 And Mr. Lee is the church elder. If
22 the board has some questions relative to operations
23 we can certainly get into that.

24 MR. KATES: So without prejudicing the
25 public, the questions should be directed to what you

1 have just heard as testimony from the engineer.

2 You'll have the opportunity to question
3 the church, itself, in its management. And the
4 Professional Planner who will talk about the zoning
5 criteria that are involved.

6 So right now the board is limiting you
7 to questions only, not comments. You'll have an
8 opportunity later.

9 On the back side of your agenda you'll
10 see the procedures that the board follows. I
11 recommend you to read them.

12 But right now it's just questions of
13 Mr. Hubschman based upon the testimony you've heard.
14 Is that understood?

15 Now, how do we propose for the public
16 to identify themselves and to be questioning? Do
17 they come forward to a microphone?

18 MS. MYUNG: Yes.

19 If they could just come step forward to
20 the microphone. State your name and address, please.

21 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Kates, I don't have
22 an issue. I have a court reporter here this evening.
23 I'm happy to provide the board with a transcript, if
24 that makes life a little easier.

25 Is that -- everyone come up to the

1 microphone. I'll leave it to you.

2 MR. KATES: Well, if the court reporter
3 can hear the witnesses from back there, that would
4 work. That would make to your comfort.

5 But let's start with the witness who's
6 here. Your name please just for the record.

7 MR. KELLY: John Kelly, 9 Old Dock
8 Road.

9 I'm the little house on the top there.
10 So what you're telling -- I'm the one
11 you're impacting the most.

12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You're right here.

13 MR. KELLY: A couple shrubs up there.

14 So what you're basically telling me is
15 you're not presently in compliance with any of the
16 regulations, zoning regulation in town pretty much.
17 Because the buffer is not in compliance. None of
18 these buildings are in compliance.

19 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, we'll
20 leave that to Ms. Bogart to speak to.

21 MR. KATES: The planner is going to get
22 into that in detail, Mr. Kelly. It's one of the
23 reasons that I mentioned there are other witnesses.

24 MR. KELLY: And you're going to be
25 presenting a traffic plan as well?

1 You're expanding exponentially the
2 impact on that road, which is a very narrow road in
3 the town. Since you can't go to 9W, you have to come
4 down to a blinking light at the end of the street.
5 How would you address -- you can't get onto that
6 street on a normal day easily, but now you're going
7 to put another even 67 cars out there.

8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We weren't going to
9 present a traffic engineer. And the use of what's
10 happening today, I don't believe is changing the
11 number of congregants.

12 MR. KELLY: The use isn't changing.
13 The number is changing considerably.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

15 The parking is changing so that the
16 congregants have a place to park rather than park on
17 the street or wherever they can park, out in the
18 cul-de-sac now.

19 MR. KELLY: You're telling me there are
20 60 -- 72 cars on the street at every meeting now.

21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There are now.

22 MR. KELLY: That would not fit. I
23 think there are maybe 12 spaces on Old Dock.

24 And then there's 22 in the parking lot
25 there if you use that. You can't park on the other

1 side. And you're parking on one of the narrower
2 streets in town.

3 This is why I bring up -- I think -- I
4 request some kind of traffic evaluation.

5 Because just to bring up another issue
6 that happened on Closter Dock Road there, is when we
7 did -- when you had to deal with the Mount Laurel
8 Housing, and it was proposed that the first site to
9 be used was just below this property on your plan
10 right here. And then they did a traffic analysis
11 because everything was going to come onto Closter
12 Dock Road.

13 And the reason --

14 MR. CAPIZZI: Madame Chair, if he'd
15 like to give testimony, there's certainly a time for
16 that.

17 MR. KELLY: No. I'm just saying -- no.
18 He did said you're not going to do a traffic
19 evaluation.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: Correct.

21 MR. KELLY: I'm requesting a traffic
22 evaluation.

23 MR. CAPIZZI: Well, we're not going to
24 do that, Mr. Hubschman.

25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Okay. Well, I'm not --

1 yeah, I'm not the boss but...

2 MR. KELLY: No. I understand.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Mr. Kelly,
4 this is the engineer. I'm not sure he's the right
5 person to address what you're asking. It might be
6 better reserved to --

7 MR. KELLY: I have one that he can
8 probably answer, okay. He's talking about
9 mitigation, water mitigation from here. So this is a
10 slope, right?

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

12 MR. KELLY: So you're going to somehow
13 push the water onto the -- how are you going to do
14 that.

15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, everything is
16 designed to pitch the new parking lot to the south,
17 right, so there would be no -- this is curved. So
18 there's no runoff on your property at all.

19 MR. KELLY: Oh, I'm not worried about
20 just my property. I have other neighbors that are
21 impacted immensely by that, or could be because it is
22 a slope down.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: And with the pervious
24 pavement that we're proposing mitigates any --

25 MR. KELLY: Okay. And you're

1 requiring -- you said 72 spots are required between
2 the use of the community house and the church. Who
3 is that required by? The town?

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's in the ordinance.
5 The town has a certain requirement, yeah.

6 MR. KELLY: So it's never been in
7 compliance with that.

8 So you're trying to mitigate that by
9 basically covering a large portion of the property
10 with the parking lots.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're proposing
12 to create more parking onsite, if that's what you
13 mean, yes.

14 MR. KELLY: You're going to put a
15 couple of shrubs up over here.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we were proposing
17 the green giant arborvitaes there, yeah. There's not
18 a lot of room on that side.

19 MR. KELLY: Okay. I know these are not
20 all questions for him. But this impacts me greatly.
21 Because this is a small community church. It's been
22 a small community church. And now it's going to be a
23 car park basically in the middle of Alpine.

24 MR. CAPIZZI: Again, we're not leaving.
25 So we're trying to find a place in order for us to

1 park, not on the street. So we have two options. We
2 can drag this out, because we're not leaving.

3 MR. KELLY: I didn't think you were.

4 MR. CAPIZZI: This is option A, which
5 is park on -- off property, off the street. Or
6 option B is we continue to use the roadway. We're
7 preferring to go option A.

8 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why don't they
9 valet park to the city parking lot.

10 MR. CAPIZZI: If you want to come up
11 and ask the question --

12 MR. KELLY: I'm just asking the
13 question.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: These are
15 questions for the engineer.

16 (Audience Outburst.)

17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Not shouting, just a
18 procedure.

19 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just asked as
20 an option. They can valet park and they can put it
21 all in the town parking lot. Nobody's here on
22 Sunday.

23 MR. CAPIZZI: Depending on how much you
24 put on the communion plate will determine what we can
25 do.

1 Listen, we're not going to open our
2 wallets -- let's wait to be called.

3 MR. KATES: Sir, she's trying to take
4 your testimony. You haven't been identified.

5 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's fine.

6 I just asked the question.

7 MR. KATES: Well, asking a question --
8 there's an order here. The order is you identify
9 yourself in turn and you ask your question. You're
10 going to drive the poor lady crazy.

11 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

12 I thought that whole thing driving
13 spaces 20 minutes drove her crazy.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there
15 any other questions for this witness?

16 MR. KATES: Yes.

17 You can stand now and identify
18 yourself.

19 MR. POLICANO: Robert Policano,
20 979 Closter Dock Road.

21 I think you're underestimating the
22 water runoff of the extension.

23 Coming out, it's east. It's not south,
24 okay.

25 Right now there's an issue on West Main

1 Street that 12 days ago we had a rainfall, and the
2 water from West Main -- which is groundwater, which
3 this is going to increase the groundwater flow -- is
4 going down West Main to Main Street, all the way down
5 Main Street to Closter Dock Road. You can go there
6 right now; it's still flowing 12 days later. This is
7 just going to exacerbate it.

8 MR. KATES: Do you agree,
9 Mr. Hubschman?

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we submitted a
11 drainage report. We're actually not paving more than
12 -- you know, everything presently runs off.

13 So we're controlling -- we're
14 controlling what runs off presently. You know, it
15 will definitely be a positive improvement with the
16 curbing and the pervious paving.

17 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, do we know if
18 the existing conditions -- how long they've been
19 existing in that condition, or were they somehow
20 expanded or added to over time.

21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I worked on the church
22 -- actually, I've been to -- you know, I've been
23 around for a long time.

24 As far as I know, probably at least the
25 last 30 or 40 years, the parking lot has been right,

1 you know.

2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: You said no
3 materials have been brought in? No changes to the...

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I mean, not to the
5 parking lot. We just drove over there, and the
6 paving all looks pretty uniform up to that end there.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: Well, Mike, there is a
8 material pile on the stone church property.

9 Can you just discuss that with the
10 board and what function that's serving, if any?

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know. There
12 was some gravel dumped at the end of the -- some
13 gravel, loads of gravel.

14 (Audience outburst.)

15 MR. KATES: No, please.

16 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, is that
17 gravel area functioning as a parking area.

18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Not now.

19 It's all -- it's just piles of gravel,
20 right, and recycled concrete, yeah.

21 MR. CAPIZZI: So the curbing that
22 exists at the end of the 22 parking --

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Can we have
24 quiet please in the audience?

25 MS. MYUNG: Yes.

1 (Audience outburst.)

2 MS. MYUNG: Please, no whispering.

3 MR. KATES: You'll have your chance.

4 MR. CAPIZZI: Mr. Hubschman, the
5 parking area on the stone church property, that's
6 finished with a timber curb, correct?

7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

8 There's a, like, railroad-type curb at
9 the end of the property.

10 MR. CAPIZZI: Is that still in place?

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

12 MR. CAPIZZI: Is there any evidence of
13 people driving over the timber curb and parking on
14 grass.

15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It would be impossible.
16 Well, it slopes down too. There's a severe drop-off.

17 MR. CAPIZZI: Thank you.

18 MR. KATES: Next person? Your name.
19 Identify yourself.

20 MR. GARABET: Leon Garabet, 987 Closter
21 Dock Road.

22 MR. KATES: Could you spell your last
23 name?

24 MR. GARABET: G-A-R-A-B-E-T. Leon.

25 MR. KATES: Thank you.

1 Your question, please.

2 MR. GARABET: So my question is, my
3 house is right by the gate, right over there,
4 15 feet, 20 feet from my gate. The water comes down
5 -- down like they put septic in the back over there.
6 So when they put the septic, the whole water was on
7 my grass. And they destroy things. They don't fix
8 it. They don't do nothing. They're supposed to put
9 some trees.

10 Here now when you're paving, where the
11 water is going to go? On my property again, no?
12 It's only 20 feet. It's 20 feet from my bedroom.

13 MR. KATES: Let him answer you, if he
14 can.

15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I know when they
16 installed the septic system, there was supposed to be
17 more of a wall and swale on top of that.

18 Well, there was a supposed to be, I
19 said.

20 MR. GARABET: Mr. Hubschman, they put
21 the septic over there and they did the test pit.

22 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Are you going to let me
23 answer? All right, thank you.

24 And our plan does reflect that, the way
25 the wall was supposed to be brought up a little bit

1 and swale down toward Closter Dock there. It didn't
2 look like -- it looked like they added -- there's too
3 much of a slope towards your property, I guess is
4 what I'm saying.

5 MR. GARABET: There's the way it's
6 coming in.

7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, I agree with you.

8 MR. GARABET: And another question I
9 have. When they put over there about 100 tons of
10 pavers, rocks, whatever they put on the property, do
11 they have a permit to put over there 100 pounds of
12 stones in the property.

13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know.

14 But it looks just like a pile of
15 gravel.

16 MR. GARABET: I'm just asking a
17 question because it's there. It's right on my gate.

18 MR. KATES: His answer is he didn't
19 know. Any other questions, Mr. Garabet.

20 MR. GARABET: No.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. KATES: Mr. Policano, you have
23 another question.

24 MR. POLICANO: Just to verify. There
25 were three truck loads, piles of stone dropped there.

1 Two piles were leveled off on the wall. There's one
2 pile left.

3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

4 I've been there.

5 I saw the piles. But we had nothing to
6 do with that. I had nothing to do with it.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there
8 any other questions from the audience?

9 MR. REEVES: David Reeves, 19 Ridge
10 Street.

11 MR. KATES: Reeves? I'm sorry.

12 MR. REEVES: R-E-E-V-E-S.

13 MR. KATES: Your first name,
14 Mr. Reeves.

15 MR. REEVES: Say it again.

16 MR. KATES: Your first name.

17 MR. REEVES: David.

18 It's hard to see from there,
19 Mr. Hubschman.

20 Sara and I, and some others, we've been
21 going to that church since 1976.

22 And it's a wonderful church. You have
23 a wonderful building there. And we were witness to
24 resurfacing the current parking lot about ten years
25 ago.

1 And my question here is, I see a
2 buffer. I could see no buffer from there. I see a
3 buffer here. My layman's understanding is that there
4 should be a buffer of more than 2 or 3 feet for the
5 party right here.

6 Am I correct in that?

7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sure.

8 MR. REEVES: I see virtually no buffer.
9 What is the scale?

10 I see here about a quarter-inch.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's 5 feet. We're
12 proposing a 5-foot buffer there, yeah.

13 MR. REEVES: Five foot.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Correct.

15 MR. REEVES: What is -- I would ask,
16 are you aware of what the ordinance requires.

17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It requires 100 feet.

18 MR. REEVES: Hundred feet.

19 And you're going to do 5.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're just trying
21 to expand the traffic.

22 MR. REEVES: The question is, it's
23 100 feet and you're going to do 5 feet.

24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

25 MR. REEVES: Do you have any concern

1 over the -- does the church have any concern as to
2 the impact to the neighbor next to you, who will be
3 with -- you said you're not moving.

4 Will you be being a good neighbor by
5 reducing the buffer by 95 percent?

6 MR. CAPIZZI: We're not reducing the
7 buffer my 95 percent.

8 As you said, when you were a member of
9 the church, the parking lot as it stands today is
10 3 feet off. We're extending that. We're actually
11 improving the condition from what it was when you
12 were a member.

13 MR. REEVES: That's a matter of
14 opinion, I submit to you.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: The numbers are the
16 numbers. We're going from 3 to 5.

17 MR. REEVES: From 3 feet to 5 feet, so
18 that's an improvement.

19 What would you say the impact is on the
20 neighbor that you have there?

21 MR. CAPIZZI: We believe we've
22 addressed it appropriately.

23 Mr. Hubschman, can you go through the
24 buffering again, and the adequacy of the buffering.

25 MR. REEVES: Addressing it

1 appropriately is one thing.

2 The impact on --

3 MR. CAPIZZI: Let me have Mr. Hubschman
4 --

5 MR. REEVES: I'm asking you to directly
6 answer the question.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: I'm a lawyer. I ask
8 questions. Mr. Hubschman is the witness. He'll
9 answer it.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We were proposing the
11 Green Giant arborvitae hedge along there, which would
12 be a virtual, you know, solid evergreen hedge through
13 that whole area.

14 MR. REEVES: For your information, the
15 light that lights up the church, flood lights not
16 only the Kelly residence but comes into our room and
17 is an imposition in our room as well, the flood
18 lights right now.

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: All right. I'll have
20 to go look at that.

21 MR. REEVES: And I have a question.
22 Maybe it's not appropriate right here.

23 But you had mentioned -- the lawyer had
24 mentioned that this is improving -- the house of
25 worship improves the neighborhood. And in a certain

1 way that's true.

2 And the question is, where the church
3 resided originally before this location and where the
4 residence of the church reside, I'm not sure there
5 are many in Alpine, or in Closter, or in Cresskill.

6 MR. CAPIZZI: It's not material, sir.

7 MR. REEVES: Well, I submit to you that
8 the lawyer himself -- your name, sir? I'm sorry.

9 MR. CAPIZZI: Matthew Capizzi.

10 MR. REEVES: Mr. Capizzi.

11 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes, sir.

12 MR. REEVES: Mr. Capizzi said this
13 would improve it because it's a house of worship.

14 MR. KATES: He said it's essentially an
15 inherently beneficial use, whoever attends the
16 church. The law requires --

17 MR. REEVES: I would differ that if
18 you're coming from a distance away, you are using the
19 church and using the community, not necessarily
20 benefiting it.

21 MR. KATES: Well, the law doesn't look
22 at it that way. It's like a hospital. A hospital is
23 an inherently beneficial use. Not every patient is a
24 resident of the community where the hospital is
25 located.

1 MR. REEVES: Right. Yeah.

2 MR. KATES: The same content.

3 MR. REEVES: The other, of course, is
4 because we live there we see it. And we welcome a
5 house of worship, but you're probably well aware,
6 Mr. Hubschman, and sir, that the traffic on Sunday
7 mornings make it somewhat difficult to access that
8 whole neighborhood.

9 And I think -- I say, as Mr. Kelly
10 does, that a traffic study is appropriate at this
11 point.

12 MR. KATES: Understood.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: And, Mike, I just
14 want to bring something up as far as information I
15 have as far as the zoning violation related to work
16 that has taken place there, which was submitted to
17 the owners as far as adding crushed stone and also
18 the poured concrete sidewalk and wooden guardrail
19 that's been added.

20 So there has been activities that's
21 going on without permits that are expanding the use.

22 So the question, what was the footprint
23 before this expansion versus now?

24 I understand you say you don't have
25 information on that.

1 That's fine.

2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I mean, historically --
3 I thought you were talk about the footprint of the --

4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I'm saying what's
5 taking place. I think this is as of recent.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Recently, you know, I
7 wasn't party to that, but there was a sidewalk added
8 to the west side -- I'm sorry -- the south side of
9 the church.

10 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Is that in the
11 drawings.

12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I'm just trying to
14 clarify.

15 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You're correct.

16 And then there is a sidewalk that was
17 added along the south side of the community building.
18 There was an existing macadam walk along there that
19 was replaced with a concrete walk.

20 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: So what we're
21 looking at as far as existing isn't actually
22 existing.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It was existing in
24 whatever the date of the drawing is, right.

25 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: But as of now we

1 don't have up-to-date --

2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

3 That's not shown on the drawings.

4 You're correct, yes.

5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Thank you.

6 MR. CAPIZZI: Just as a --

7 Mr. Kupferschmid, just as a matter of law, sidewalks
8 and such would not be qualified as an intensification
9 of the use.

10 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I don't know legally
11 if that's true or not.

12 But if you're increasing coverage with
13 concrete -- again, I'll leave this to our attorney.
14 If you're increasing coverage, then I would think it
15 does matter.

16 MR. CAPIZZI: It certainly matters as
17 far as being part of the plan set. That goes without
18 question.

19 And certainly those kinds of things
20 should have not occurred. The gravel should not have
21 been brought to the property. The sidewalk should
22 not have been either established or reconstructed.
23 The timber rails should not have happened. Those are
24 all things that unfortunately cause certainly some
25 bit of aggravation and concern for the neighborhood.

1 I can appreciate that.

2 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Is the applicant
3 here tonight?

4 MR. CAPIZZI: Yes.

5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Maybe the applicant
6 later will be able to address these.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: I don't think so.

8 The mea culpa, I think, is sufficient.
9 You know, to pepper him more about things that we
10 know he shouldn't have done...

11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: This isn't a
12 peppering.

13 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood.

14 MR. KATES: It's relevant to know what
15 the existing conditions are.

16 MR. CAPIZZI: Right.

17 And that can be done through an amended
18 plan set.

19 MR. KATES: All right. So maybe that's
20 what we'll need.

21 MS. MANGOT: Hi. Allison Mangot.

22 MR. KATES: Spell your last name,
23 Allison.

24 MS. MANGOT: M-A-N-G-O-T.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: And your

1 address, please.

2 MS. MANGOT: 19 Old Dock.

3 Your plan has me in that house, but
4 it's wrong. Because that gentleman lives in that
5 house.

6 So, anyway, two things. The existing
7 plan that you have where you said that it would be --
8 you have a macadam that says macadam on the plan.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

10 On where? Well, we have the macadam
11 walk, but that's not there anymore.

12 MS. MANGOT: No. The parking lot. The
13 parking lot.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The existing lot.

15 MS. MANGOT: No. I'm talking about the
16 one that you proposing.

17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The proposed lot here,
18 yes.

19 MS. MANGOT: You have macadam.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

21 MS. MANGOT: I have a picture of what
22 you're talking about.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, that's the walk
24 that was added. That's not shown on our plan, right.
25 That was added.

1 MS. MANGOT: So your plan isn't
2 correct.

3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, that was added
4 after we submitted the plans, yes.

5 MS. MANGOT: Well, you said you were
6 there so...

7 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I was there today. I
8 was there.

9 MS. MANGOT: You saw it. Well, you saw
10 it, right.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're going to
12 resubmit an updated plan showing it.

13 MS. MANGOT: But you saw it.

14 My other question for you is, so since
15 then everything is, in quotes, nonconforming, are the
16 rules for your parking, is that -- you know, for the
17 amount of parking for the community center, for the
18 church, et cetera, et cetera -- I didn't know that
19 there were rules for the community center, just for
20 the church -- does that acreage rule apply for the
21 nonconforming size of 2-and-a-half acres or for a
22 5-acre lot.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. The parking
24 requirements are just based on the number of seats,
25 and it doesn't -- it's not part of the conditional

1 use ordinance, I don't believe.

2 MS. MANGOT: You believe but you're not
3 sure.

4 MR. CAPIZZI: They're not, Michael.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's not, no. The
6 parking section of the ordinance is not in
7 Section 200-10.

8 MS. MANGOT: So it doesn't -- it's not,
9 like, a law that it has be.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the city -- or
11 the Borough set up certain requirements and
12 guidelines for parking, number of spaces per seat,
13 and that's how you design those.

14 The church has a certain number of
15 seats, so they want 40 spaces for 120 seats.

16 MS. MANGOT: And has there been any
17 studies about the off-street parking, how it affects
18 the neighborhood on a Sunday.

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: There hasn't been.

20 But the whole reason for the project is
21 to try to alleviate a lot of --

22 MS. MANGOT: Have there been
23 complaints?

24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I don't know.

25 But I understand there's parking all

1 around --

2 MS. MANGOT: I was just curious if
3 people are complaining.

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.

5 MS. REEVES: Sara Reeves, R-E-E-V-E-S.

6 MR. KATES: Your first name is.

7 MS. REEVES: Sara, S-A-R-A. 19 Ridge
8 Street. I'm with him. I have a question.

9 You had something about handicap
10 parking on Old Dock

11 Is that correct?

12 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we were proposing
13 the one ADA space for the community center on Old
14 Dock Road, yes.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: It's not on the road,
16 Michael.

17 MS. REEVES: Why wouldn't you have
18 handicap parking in the parking lot where the person
19 can get to it.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: Michael, you're
21 describing it as though it's in the road. It's not
22 in the road.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It's not in the road.
24 It's off of the road.

25 MS. REEVES: Why is it not in the

1 parking lot of the church where the handicapped
2 people can get into the church? You're now requiring
3 them to cross Old Dock.

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No, no. There are two
5 ADA spaces on the church side also. It's a
6 requirement that for each parking lot they have their
7 own ADA requirements.

8 MS. REEVES: Is there also one on the
9 south side -- on the east side.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

11 There are two proposed on the church,
12 which is the west, and one proposed on the east side.
13 So there are three total.

14 MS. REEVES: Why would you have one
15 away from the church? I'm just asking a question.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, because each --
17 that building requires -- has an ADA requirement to
18 have a space.

19 MS. REEVES: So that's the community
20 house ADA requirement.

21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

22 MS. MANGOT: Those large circles on
23 your other plan, were those for lighting.

24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Those were -- let's see
25 here.

1 MS. MANGOT: That's what I read. Those
2 right there, those.

3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The circles.

4 MS. MANGOT: Yes.

5 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No. Those are proposed
6 trees.

7 MS. MANGOT: Well, I think -- but I saw
8 lighting.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the lights are --

10 MS. MANGOT: Up to the left.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: This one.

12 MS. MANGOT: No. All the way up to the
13 left.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. There are two
15 lights proposed in the parking lot.

16 And the Borough Engineer had requested
17 that we move those to the north side.

18 MS. MANGOT: So those big -- those
19 three big things are trees.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: These are proposed
21 street trees, yes.

22 MS. MANGOT: No lights.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Those are not lights.

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.

25 MR. REEVES: A point of order, I think.

1 David Reeves again.

2 We are seeing the plans for the first
3 time. I'm expecting that there will be some time for
4 deliberation and for response?

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: The plans
6 were available prior to the meeting.

7 MR. REEVES: Say it again?

8 MR. KATES: The notice that you
9 received indicated that the plans are on file, I
10 believe, in this building -- were they available --
11 on the website.

12 MS. MYUNG: On the website for over a
13 month.

14 MR. KATES: So the applicant has met
15 the notice requirement.

16 There will be, as I understand it, a
17 revised plan, at least an Existing Conditions Plan.
18 And that will be filed in advance of the next meeting
19 that will continue this application.

20 MR. CAPIZZI: We're not finishing
21 tonight, Miss.

22 MR. KATES: We'll not be finished
23 tonight.

24 MR. POLICANO: Robert Policano. Just
25 one more question.

1 Has the fire department given a
2 required count, people count, for that church on how
3 many is allowed in that church?

4 MR. KATES: Did you receive anything?

5 MR. CAPIZZI: For our certificate.
6 Within the building it's already posted with an
7 occupancy limitation.

8 MR. POLICANO: It's posted.

9 MR. CAPIZZI: Within the building.

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there
11 any -- oh, go ahead.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Lane Goldstein,
13 23 Ridge Street.

14 Will we hear later with regards to the
15 active count of parishioners at the church, families
16 that are currently worshiping there?

17 MR. CAPIZZI: Undecided at this point,
18 sir.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Also, there were no
20 parking studies done to date with regards to on a
21 random Sunday, holidays, any kind of -- do we have
22 any idea as to how many vehicles are entering the
23 property or entering the church area.

24 MR. CAPIZZI: Michael, have you spoken
25 to somebody from the church who has told you what the

1 demand is.

2 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes, we have discussed
3 it with the church.

4 And the number of parishioners, and it
5 did coincide with what the requirements are. So what
6 we're proposing is adequate for the usage of the
7 church.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Are those numbers
9 available to the public and to the board?

10 I would imagine that that would make
11 sense as to if you're asking based on demand what is
12 the actual demand, and is the demand on Easter Sunday
13 72 spaces but the other 51 Sundays of the year
14 potentially 37 spaces.

15 MR. CAPIZZI: No. The parking
16 requirement, sir, was -- again, I'm sorry, Michael,
17 how much was that, 76?

18 So, 72 were required by ordinance based
19 upon the number of the seats.

20 We're proposing 67.

21 MR. KATES: But the question is
22 relevant.

23 MR. CAPIZZI: I don't believe so.

24 We park based upon ordinance, not based
25 upon utilization.

1 MR. KATES: Well, no, that's not true.
2 I mean, it's still -- it's still a valid point as to
3 the actual use that's taking place in those
4 buildings. It may not weigh heavily, but it's a fair
5 question. And it seems to me that if you're
6 producing somebody representing the church, it's a
7 fair question to ask of that representative.

8 MR. CAPIZZI: If we provide that
9 testimony, then that person will speak to that issue.

10 MR. KATES: And if you don't, then the
11 board will have to decide whether that's --

12 MR. CAPIZZI: Right.

13 Whether that's material. Whether that
14 assessment is at all material to a buffer variance or
15 an improved coverage variance -- I believe it's not
16 -- but the board will ultimately have to determine
17 that.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have another -- just
19 again going back to the use case. So you'll have to
20 excuse my naivety to the zoning ordinances and laws.

21 But we have two separate -- two separate
22 zones with structures on each zone. And it seems
23 that the numbers are getting blended in some cases
24 and then are being separated in others.

25 So all of this parking that's being

1 added to a completely different piece of property is
2 for the church, itself, and not the community center?
3 So the church, itself, requires 72 spaces?

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

5 The church, itself, requires 42 spaces,
6 and the community center requires 30.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. I guess the
8 other question I have is, why is this -- why is this
9 coming in as one and not two separate applications?
10 Because there are two separate pieces of property,
11 there are two separate use cases, there are two
12 separate zones.

13 MR. CAPIZZI: No.

14 They're all used -- the site is used in
15 common, sir.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.

17 MR. CAPIZZI: So when you attend
18 service on a Sunday at the stone church, you walk
19 across the street to the community center for a
20 post-meal snack and so forth, and there are crossings
21 in services. The only thing that separates them is a
22 municipal street, but otherwise the properties act as
23 one.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, the properties
25 act as one today but they could be subdivided.

1 They could sell one side tomorrow, and
2 they would sell it with the parking and then we would
3 be back in the same position of needing a variance to
4 increase the parking yet again.

5 MR. KATES: Well, the sale of a portion
6 changes the rules of the game. That user would have
7 to come before the relative board in this town to
8 justify what they intend to put in there. And so
9 it's a whole new analysis. What's your use?

10 What is the criteria for the use? You
11 can't take advantage of the church use if you're not
12 a church.

13 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: But if we grant it
14 and they sell off the right side, or the eastern
15 side, that eastern side is going to have these
16 parking spots. We can't take it away.

17 MR. KATES: But they have to justify.
18 They can't take it away without an approval.

19 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I think he's making
20 a good point.

21 MR. KATES: The subdivision, itself,
22 brings into play the diminishing of existing spaces
23 for the side that is retained, and maybe subdivision
24 would be defeated on that basis.

25 So we're not losing -- the law doesn't

1 lose sight of what they have.

2 MR. CAPIZZI: We have no issue,
3 Mr. Kates, recording cross easements, essentially
4 tying the properties to each other, so that if the
5 one was sold, the other would have to be sold and
6 vise-versa so that they would...

7 The intention here is to continue using
8 the property as a whole even though it's separated by
9 a municipal street. So we have no issue with
10 formally documenting that.

11 MR. KATES: That helps.

12 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: It does.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And another question
14 with regards to the use case that the attorney
15 alluded to is that the people that are attending the
16 -- that are going to be parking in these 60-some-odd
17 space are going to be in one building for part of the
18 day and another building for the other part of the
19 day and there will not be cross-over, meaning there
20 will not be two simultaneous events going on causing
21 additional parking to be needed?

22 MR. KATES: Well, we're going to be
23 hearing from the operator of the church, itself.
24 That's a question to reserve for later.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'll hold that though.

1 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, if I can just
2 ask.

3 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Sure.

4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: We've had lots of
5 applications where people want to expand the use, and
6 therefore they have to bring up to the existing
7 standards for various needs.

8 Here you're not expanding the use but
9 you seem to be saying well, we're required to have
10 this much space, we should have it.

11 And it's, kind of, almost backwards in
12 my mind, and going forward. You didn't expand
13 anything, but you're saying, well, we're required to
14 have this much parking so we should have it. And
15 just, I've never seen that happen.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, the property is
17 nonconforming to parking so we're trying to bring it
18 more into conformance and get the cars from parking
19 on the street.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm sorry.

21 Can I ask just a follow-up to that,
22 because that was on my mind; I was going to ask it
23 later to the operator but I guess I'll ask it now.

24 For 156 years the church remained the
25 same size and had 20 spaces. Now, granted times are

1 different now, but when the church was purchased, the
2 church was purchased and there were 100-and-some-odd
3 seats within the church and there were 20 spaces
4 outside.

5 What changed between when the church
6 was purchased that now today there's a hardship that
7 needs to be dealt with?

8 MR. CAPIZZI: That's not a question for
9 the civil engineer to answer.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Who would answer
11 that question?

12 MR. CAPIZZI: There's no need to -- we
13 may or may not have a witness to address that
14 question, sir.

15 I think we're really -- we're going
16 down a path here as far as the nature of how the
17 Alpine Community Church may have operated, which is
18 not material, in my opinion, to this application.

19 And how this church operates is equally
20 not material because we have a Certificate of
21 Occupancy to be here.

22 It's an existing house of worship.
23 It's entitled to operate.

24 To me, this application is simply
25 taking a parking need and putting it onto the church

1 property.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But you're saying that
3 there's a hardship, that we're here today because of
4 a hardship.

5 But the church was purchased knowing
6 that this hardship existed.

7 MR. CAPIZZI: I haven't made any
8 statements about a hardship, sir.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: In the beginning, I
10 believe when you discussed the laws regarding zoning,
11 I thought that you said -- you mentioned --

12 MR. CAPIZZI: I did mention the word.
13 I didn't say the application was predicated upon a
14 hardship.

15 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: So, Mike, my
16 fundamental issue is, they're not here to expand the
17 use of the structure.

18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yes.

19 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: The facilities.
20 They simply want to expand the parking because
21 they're busier.

22 But what if we have a commercial
23 district and, you know, it's young Amazon and they
24 have this building. The building they buy, it has X
25 amount of spots, conforming, nonconforming, it makes

1 no difference, they buy the property.

2 And suddenly they take off and they go
3 wow, we need 1,000 parking spots. I know it a sounds
4 stupid. Understand the point. Like, so go find
5 another place.

6 Now, I know you can't tell a church to
7 pick up and go find another place.

8 But the point is the same, whether it's
9 a church, whether it's a business. You can't just
10 say, well, we're busier so we need more. I'm all
11 about finding solutions for the church. Don't get me
12 wrong.

13 But to say that we're busier and, by
14 the way, the old rules that we're not conforming with
15 say we should have this much parking, you know, it's
16 a tough one. It's a real tough one.

17 MR. CAPIZZI: Mike, it's not a question
18 for you to answer.

19 Ms. Bogart will answer it.

20 Typically reducing a nonconforming
21 condition is -- not typically -- it's always favored.
22 To suggest that somehow it's an oddity that we're
23 taking upon ourselves to voluntarily cure something
24 we may not have the obligation to do so and somehow
25 that's negative, I don't understand how that becomes

1 part of the assessment, but I don't think it's an
2 appropriate thing for the board to deliberate on
3 certainly as far as thinking it's somewhat of an
4 oddity to resolve or mitigate a nonconforming
5 condition.

6 And the standards that are applied to a
7 commercial business are not nearly the same as they
8 are to apply to a house of worship, so,
9 unfortunately, the hypothetical isn't a good
10 parallel.

11 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: I have a fundamental
12 issue with that separation. I don't feel either side
13 should have any special treatment. That's my
14 personal belief.

15 But the law says it.

16 MR. CAPIZZI: Exactly right.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES:

18 Mr. Garabet?

19 MR. GARABET: My question is regarding
20 there's only 20 feet from my window. And engines of
21 the car, how are they going to solve this problem
22 from the engines going through my windows in my
23 bedroom.

24 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Well, we're proposing
25 the 20-foot buffer, which would be adequate with the

1 two rows of -- two or three rows of the arborvitaes,
2 you know, on a nice berm, which would solve the
3 problem.

4 MS. MANGOT: The deer eat the
5 arborvitaes.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: The Green Giants.

7 MR. GARABET: I mean, it's too close to
8 my window. That's what the concern is. The smoke
9 from all these 42 cars obviously will maybe hurt the
10 health or whatever it is.

11 MR. POLICANO: I just want to shed some
12 light on it since there was some discussion about the
13 activity in the church. This is right off their own
14 website.

15 MR. KATES: Mr. Policano, it's off
16 message. We're dealing with only one witness.
17 You'll have an opportunity to comment at length under
18 oath. Just hold it.

19 MR. POLICANO: Well, they talked about
20 the activity.

21 MR. KATES: Well, we won't lose sight
22 of it. We're going to have a transcript here of
23 everything that's been stated, and that will be a
24 record for you to look at as well.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Yes.

1 MR. REEVES: David Reeves again. The
2 individuals in the neighborhood purchased their house
3 based on the way the neighborhood exists today --
4 existed when they bought it. We bought it a long
5 time ago.

6 MR. KATES: Is this a question for
7 Mr. Hubschman?

8 If it's a comment, I've said now seven
9 times, you'll have your opportunity to make comment.

10 But this is only the time to question
11 Mr. Hubschman.

12 MR. REEVES: And my point -- my point
13 to talk to Mr. Hubschman is that Mr. Hubschman's
14 proposal in terms of the -- especially the buffer
15 zones, especially for the neighboring house, okay,
16 this changes the environment of the neighboring
17 house. And that's -- so while it may be alleviating
18 a hardship from the church, okay, it is putting a
19 hardship on the neighbor and the neighborhood.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Do any
21 board members have other questions for Mr. Hubschman?

22 MR. KATES: Just one.

23 Mr. Fergus, in referring the matter to
24 us, doing his zoning review, mentioned site plan
25 review as part of this.

1 And I assume that -- although it's not
2 been stated, we've been focused on the variance --
3 you agree that it's site plan review is as well.

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. We're here for
5 site plan approval also, yes.

6 MR. KATES: Okay, thank you.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Is there
8 any issue with fire truck access or any changes to,
9 you know, security or safety of these buildings in
10 terms of emergency services.

11 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We did not receive a
12 review letter.

13 But there's no -- there's no change in
14 access to the buildings at all. It might even
15 enhance the access a little bit more.

16 MR. REEVES: Point of order, there is a
17 change in the access to the stone church now.

18 With that new addition, you've got a
19 new entrance to the church.

20 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I think there were --
21 the Chairwoman was talking about fire access.

22 MR. REEVES: I stand corrected.

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: More fire access.
24 Right. There's a door over by the bathroom.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Perry?

1 MR. FRENZEL: I have a couple issues.

2 MR. KATES: Mr. Frenzel is the board's
3 -- Mr. Frenzel is the board's engineer. Can you
4 speak to the...

5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: They're asking you
6 to bring the mask -- bring that closer.

7 MR. FRENZEL: I'll be glad to.

8 Regarding the property on the east side
9 of Old Dock Road, you and I were out there a while
10 ago and we did some explorations for possible
11 expansions, replacements, of the septic fields if it
12 would be necessary.

13 The parking lot where it is situated,
14 or proposed to be situated, would that negate the
15 ability to replace a septic system for either of
16 those facilities?

17 MR. HUBSCHMAN: No.

18 I remember where we had investigated
19 were both -- the systems were more or less behind the
20 building, so the parking is sort of in between the
21 two systems.

22 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Are those single?

23 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Just single, old
24 systems, yes.

25 MR. FRENZEL: Single older systems.

1 One looked like it was either just a septic tank, or
2 it could have been just an old seepage pit. That's
3 why I asked. Because at some point in the future if
4 this -- this property is more used, they're going to
5 need to be expanded.

6 So if there is adequate room to do that
7 and the parking lot is not going to expand it, that's
8 an important issue.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Would the
10 construction of the parking lot impact those existing
11 systems negatively?

12 MR. FRENZEL: I don't think so.

13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Heavy
14 equipment or...

15 MR. FRENZEL: No. They're located far
16 enough away from the area that would be disturbed,
17 so.

18 I don't see that that's the issue. I see future
19 expansion would be more of a concern. I believe that
20 -- my opinion was that there is adequate room to do
21 that. But I just wanted to make sure that the
22 parking lot wasn't going to be on top of one of those
23 systems the way it's constructed right now or to be
24 constructed.

25 I have an issue -- and if revised plans

1 are going to be submitted, I'd like to talk my way
2 through it with you -- with the ADA space on the east
3 side. I understand the need for it. I understand
4 the issue with the slope and the maximum allowable
5 longitudinal slope of the path for ADA-subject
6 people. And I understand that that is probably about
7 the only area you could put an ADA compliant space on
8 that side of the street.

9 The thing I don't care for is the fact
10 that whoever parks in that space has to back out onto
11 the road. I'd like to explore, or you to explore and
12 I can take a look at it, if there's any way to turn
13 that 90 degrees so we can get it off of the road but
14 parallel to the road rather than causing someone to
15 back out.

16 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. Well, I'll take
17 a look at that with the revised plan.

18 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Perry, you just
19 brought up something I didn't think about. Here I am
20 thinking this expansion of parking to regulations.
21 But if we've got this greater use now we're looking
22 at this expansion, if we don't have septic tanks that are
23 up to current code and dealing with it. You're going
24 to have a problem with the septic fields because the
25 septic can't fit on the property.

1 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: We have old septic
2 systems.

3 MR. FRENZEL: You have -- on the church
4 side you have a new system.

5 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Yeah. I'm talking
6 about the other side.

7 MR. FRENZEL: The east side you have a
8 residence for the -- for the pastor.

9 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Then we have the
10 community house.

11 MR. FRENZEL: Right.

12 The community house, that may take a
13 look at, may warrant taking a look at, sure.

14 On the other side of the road, I'd also
15 like to focus in the revised plan on the water course
16 from the expanded parking lot down to Closter Dock
17 Road. I'd like to see if there's any way we can
18 create a swale closer to the church building rather
19 than up near Mr. Garabet's property to get the water
20 away from that edge of the property.

21 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah.

22 MR. FRENZEL: The last thing I have is
23 a question. The church parking lot on that side of
24 the street, you're showing a parking lot with a width
25 of 32 plus 23 feet, 55 feet, and then a 5-foot buffer

1 between the parking lot and the house to the north.
2 for the property to the north.

3 If that 5-foot buffer was expanded,
4 would that not so reduce the parking lot to the point
5 where that row of parking along the northerly edge
6 would not be usable?

7 If you had a 10-foot buffer on that
8 side, you cut those spaces down to about 11-feet
9 deep?

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

11 The proposed -- you would lose all of
12 the proposed spaces. And the existing is 3 feet.

13 So we tried to hold 5 feet, which would
14 be adequate for an arborvitae in that area.

15 MR. FRENZEL: So if there was a deeper
16 buffer on that side, you'd effectively lose what
17 you're trying to gain by losing that entire row of
18 parking on that side.

19 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You'd lose the nine
20 spaces, yeah.

21 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Mike, why couldn't
22 the whole thing be shifted closer to the church so
23 basically the parking lot -- where they have their
24 paver walk? It's just not a paver walk anymore.

25 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We could do that.

1 But we were trying to align it with the
2 original, and thought we could jog it to the left.

3 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: If you're doing that
4 much work, you can change the whole long, move it
5 over.

6 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Just move the whole
7 thing over.

8 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Give some relief to
9 the neighbors.

10 MR. HUBSCHMAN: You could probably move
11 it over 8 feet or so, right.

12 MR. BONHOMME: You're going to have to
13 have some area for plowed snow also to store that.

14 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right.

15 Now plow it back. No. They're pile it
16 in a space or at the end of the -- the end of the
17 row. Even on the row, you know, on the lawn area by
18 the septic.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Quiet,
20 please.

21 MR. ABAD: Perry, you said the existing
22 -- so the existing occupancy of the church is 120.

23 Mike, I think you told us this. And
24 the current septic for the church is adequate for
25 120?

1 MR. HUBSCHMAN: It was designed for 150
2 or 140 seats, yes.

3 MR. ABAD: Is that still --

4 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: Well, that's all
5 brand-new.

6 MR. ABAD: It is brand-new.

7 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: They didn't have
8 restrooms there before.

9 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Yeah, that's new.

10 It was just installed a year or so ago.

11 MR. FRENZEL: We have to keep in mind
12 with that, this is not a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week
13 use. This is an occasional use.

14 So we believe it is adequate, more than
15 adequate actually.

16 MR. KUPFERSCHMID: And it's a brand-new
17 system.

18 MR. FRENZEL: Right.

19 MR. REEVES: I'll be very quick because
20 I've talked a lot tonight. My family accuses me of
21 this all the time.

22 Having been very, very familiar with
23 this -- this area because we're so close -- we were
24 involved in the church, okay. And to see the buffer
25 zone of 5 feet is this much, okay, 5 feet isn't much

1 for a buffer zone, okay, for your closest neighbor,
2 okay. You all know -- Mr. Hubschman, you know as
3 well -- I'll address it to you as required -- that
4 there is by layman's guess at least a quarter acre,
5 maybe more, east of the community house and the
6 manse, and that has been basically lost land for as
7 long as we've been here probably 50 or 100 years
8 more. And we were the parking lot to be positioned
9 east of the community house so that you cannot
10 impinge upon the Kelly residence and upon Bob's
11 residence, which you are doing now in an awful way.

12 That would solve -- that would solve
13 impinging upon two families who bought this place
14 with the way it's existing and assumed it would be
15 kept that way.

16 MR. KATES: So the question is, can
17 that be done.

18 MR. HUBSCHMAN: I think you're talking
19 about to the east of the -- this area is all steep,
20 and there's wetlands and transition area. Any
21 further east, we really can't go any further east
22 than we're showing here. We're already showing two
23 5-foot walls in that location on the east in order to
24 bring it up To a reasonable grade.

25 MR. REEVES: It would take a lot of

1 work and expense, I grant you.

2 But it would save the impingement upon
3 the neighbors close to the church.

4 MR. HUBSCHMAN: From an engineering
5 point, it really couldn't be moved any further east
6 than I've shown it here.

7 MR. ABAD: Do you have wetlands?

8 MR. HUBSCHMAN: We had an LOI here, a
9 wetlands and a 50-foot transition. And it's very
10 steep in that area.

11 MR. ABAD: So the whole building
12 envelope is that dashed line there.

13 MR. HUBSCHMAN: Right. That dashed
14 line inside of that is basically --

15 MR. ABAD: The building envelope,
16 right.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Are there
18 any other questions for Mr. Hubschman?

19 MR. KATES: You'll be back,
20 Mr. Hubschman, I assume, so that we'll be renewing
21 this line of questioning again to a certain extent.

22 Do we want to take a brief break for
23 the reporter?

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: Sure.

25 MR. KATES: We'll resume then with our

1 next witness.

2 (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.)

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: We'd like
4 to reconvene.

5 MR. CAPIZZI: So, Madame Chair, we'd
6 like to take the opportunity to carry the matter to
7 the next hearing date so we can have an opportunity
8 to clean up the plan set to see what we can do to
9 modify the parking area on the church property so as
10 to put it on an angle and see if we can increase that
11 buffer and address some of the other concerns that
12 the board and the neighbors have raised this evening.

13 MR. KATES: That said, we're going to
14 continue this hearing. Our May date is May 19.

15 MS. MYUNG: Yes.

16 MR. KATES: May 19th.

17 If the applicant can please get your
18 revised plans filed. I know there's no ten-day
19 requirement, but if you can do a ten-day requirement,
20 considering the publication of this application, it
21 would be very helpful to these people.

22 MR. CAPIZZI: Understood.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN HERRIES: For the
24 public, the plans will be available in the Borough
25 Clerk's office and also on the borough website if

1 you'd like to see them in advance of the next
2 meeting.

3 MR. CAPIZZI: So that will be 5-19-22
4 without further notice, correct.

5 MR. KATES: That's correct.

6 (Whereupon, the matter is continuing at
7 a future date. Time noted: 9:10 p.m.)

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