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VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

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4	THOMAS RYAN - Board member
5	CHARLES GOSLINE - Board member
6	STEVE FELLMAN - Building Inspector, Incorporated
	Village of Farmingdale
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8	KEVIN WOOD - Zoom Moderator
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- 1 4-27-21
- 2 CRAIG ROSASCO: Good evening,
- 3 everybody, and welcome to the Village of
- 4 Farmingdale. This is the Planning Board
- 5 and Architectural Review Board meeting for
- 6 Tuesday, April 27th of the year 2021.
- 7 With me tonight is fellow members
- 8 Chuck Gosline and a new member --
- 9 everybody give a warm welcome to Tom Ryan,
- 10 former Village Board of Trustee member for
- 11 many years. He brings a wealth of
- 12 knowledge to the Planning Board and we
- 13 welcome him with open arms.
- 14 THOMAS RYAN: Happy to be here.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 CRAIG ROSASCO: Absolutely. Thank
- 17 you, Tom.
- On tonight's agenda we do have two
- 19 site plan reviews; one for 85 Conklin
- 20 Street and another one for 497 Main
- 21 Street.
- 22 Before we get into that, we are
- 23 going to, briefly, do the Pledge of
- 24 Allegiance. We always start with the
- 25 Pledge of Allegiance.

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- 2 Kevin, you can bring up the flag.
- 3 That would be fantastic. And in the
- 4 absence of Michael Manchin, who typically
- 5 reads and does the Pledge of Allegiance,
- 6 tonight I will do it on his behalf.
- 7 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage recited
- 8 the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the
- 9 following transpired:)
- 10 CRAIG ROSASCO: And once again, in
- 11 honor of Michael Manchin, former Nassau
- 12 County Police Officer, take a moment of
- 13 silence in honor of all our fallen heroes
- 14 who provide us protection and provide us
- 15 with the peace and liberties that we
- 16 afford ourselves to everyday.
- 17 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage observed
- 18 a moment of silence, after which the
- 19 following transpired:)
- 20 CRAIG ROSASCO: Thank you very
- 21 much.
- 22 So there are two items on the
- 23 agenda for this evening. We're going to
- 24 take them in order: 85 Conklin Street and
- 25 also 497 Main Street. If there are people

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- 2 that are planning on making the
- 3 presentation in regards to the site plan
- 4 review, you need to raise your Zoom hand
- 5 and Kevin will bring you live into the
- 6 meeting.
- 7 Kevin, do you have anybody present
- 8 on the 85 Conklin Street which is being
- 9 made by the Priestley family?
- 10 KEVIN WOOD: Just call out that
- 11 exact first case again, because I want to
- 12 make sure the right people are raising
- 13 their hands.
- 14 CRAIG ROSASCO: 85 Conklin Street:
- 15 The applicant is Lauri Priestley. It
- 16 could also be her husband, Walter
- 17 Priestley.
- 18 KEVIN WOOD: I see neither, but I
- 19 see a Harry N. So here come Harry.
- 20 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay, let's bring
- 21 him in.
- 22 KEVIN WOOD: Harry, please unmute.
- 23 We do see you. Thanks for joining us.
- 24 FRANK GENESE: Hi. I'm actually
- 25 Frank Genese, Harry's partner. For some

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- 2 reason it's coming up as Harry on here.
- 3 KEVIN WOOD: I can change that, but
- 4 is this the right case?
- 5 FRANK GENESE: Yeah, we're 497
- 6 Main.
- 7 KEVIN WOOD: All right, I'm going
- 8 to put you back in just to check on this
- 9 one more time.
- 10 FRANK GENESE: Sure.
- 11 KEVIN WOOD: Please standby.
- 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: Tom, you
- inadvertently muted yourself. If you want
- 14 to add any input -- there you go.
- 15 THOMAS RYAN: No, I just figured --
- 16 my dog was barking in the background, so I
- 17 can come in and out when necessary. Thank
- 18 you.
- 19 KEVIN WOOD: All right. So you can
- 20 see that the attendee for the next
- 21 applicant has been renamed.
- I have Elissa Kyle on. We all know
- 23 Elissa. I just don't know if anybody is
- 24 here for the Priestley application.
- 25 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay, in the

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- 2 absence of anybody here in regards to 85
- 3 Conklin Street, we can voluntarily jump
- 4 over to 497 Main Street, and I believe
- 5 maybe Frank can identify himself, bring
- 6 him in and just a site plan review.
- 7 KEVIN WOOD: Frank, welcome back
- 8 again. I'm asking you to start your
- 9 video, which I know you know how to do
- 10 because we've seen it. Unmute, please,
- 11 Frank. Thank you.
- 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: Frank, can you hear
- 13 us?
- 14 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Can you
- 15 gentlemen hear me?
- 16 CRAIG ROSASCO: Now.
- 17 HARRY NICOLAIDES: There's two of
- 18 us. My name is Harry Nicolaides. I'm
- 19 also a principal at N2design, and Frank
- 20 Genese is the other principal. So we're
- 21 both trying to get on the --
- 22 KEVIN WOOD: You're both in.
- 23 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Thank you.
- 24 KEVIN WOOD: Slowly spell your last
- 25 name, Harry, please.

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- 2 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Sure.
- 3 N-i-c-o-l-a-i-d-e-s.
- 4 KEVIN WOOD: Okay, fantastic.
- 5 Frank, is your name spelled
- 6 correctly? And if you'd unmute and just
- 7 spell you name. I want to make sure the
- 8 spelling of your last name is correct,
- 9 Frank, please.
- 10 FRANK GENESE: G-e-n-e-s-e.
- 11 KEVIN WOOD: Perfect. Thank you.
- 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay, Frank and
- 13 Harry, welcome to the Planning Board
- 14 meeting. If you'd both please state your
- 15 name and your business address. .
- 16 Obviously, you're here in regards
- 17 to the 497 Main Street application;
- 18 correct?
- 19 FRANK GENESE: Correct. So my name
- 20 is Frank Genese. I am a principal at
- 21 N2design and Architecture, P.C. We're
- 22 located at 315 Main Street, in Port
- 23 Washington, New York.
- 24 CRAIG ROSASCO: Excellent. Thank
- 25 you, Frank.

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- 2 HARRY NICOLAIDES: And I'm Harry
- 3 Nicolaides, also principal of N2design and
- 4 Architecture, P.C., 315 Main Street, Port
- 5 Washington, New York.
- 6 CRAIG ROSASCO: Thank you,
- 7 gentlemen.
- 8 This application tonight is being
- 9 made in accordance with Section 600.195
- 10 for a site plan review and the floor is
- 11 yours. You can tell us what it is that
- 12 Cascone and Kluepfel are planning on doing
- 13 with this property.
- 14 FRANK GENESE: Sure. Do you want
- 15 me to share the screen and put up a
- 16 presentation for you guys?
- 17 KEVIN WOOD: You certainly can do
- 18 that, Frank.
- 19 FRANK GENESE: I am ready. Can you
- 20 guys see that?
- 21 KEVIN WOOD: Yup.
- 22 FRANK GENESE: Okay, so I'm sure
- 23 you're all familiar with this building.
- 24 It's the existing furniture factory
- 25 located on Richard and Main, right off

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- 2 109. So kind of in a sense the gateway to
- 3 the Main Street redevelopment area.
- 4 The building currently is right
- 5 here (indicating), obviously. In the rear
- 6 section is a somewhat undeveloped parking
- 7 area that has been kind of left in some
- 8 bit of disrepair over the years. They've
- 9 stored vehicles there. The grass has
- 10 grown through the concrete. So the site
- 11 definitely is in need of serious
- 12 improvement.
- 13 So looking at the site plan, you
- 14 can see the main building here, and we do
- 15 have a lighted out image of what the
- inside will be, even though that's not
- 17 really of concern tonight. But what we've
- 18 done is, we've tried to soften the parking
- 19 lot area and screen it from the existing
- 20 homes on Rose Street. So what we've done
- 21 is, to meet the requirement of the
- 22 Village, the parking requirement, which is
- 23 23 spots, we've located effectively 19 of
- 24 those spots and we've land banked four of
- 25 them. One here, one here, and

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- 2 one here (indicating). The purpose of the
- 3 land banking is that we wanted to create a
- 4 larger landscape screen behind the
- 5 building so it would give the residents
- 6 that live on Rose Street less of a view
- 7 toward the parking lot.
- 8 What we also planned on doing is to
- 9 kind of beautify the front and the side of
- 10 the building. We are proposing installing
- 11 planters. As you know, the current
- 12 streetscape here is a red brick, which we
- 13 are going to leave. We'll see some closer
- 14 images of it in a few minutes.
- We have met the requirements for
- 16 handicap parking. We did provide a
- 17 loading area. There's two exits,
- 18 entrances in the rear. These would
- 19 primarily be for ADA access through here.
- 20 The main entrance, of course, is off the
- 21 intersection of Richard and Main.
- 22 So this is the current Avanti
- 23 Furniture building right now. Definitely
- 24 has seen better days. There's a number of
- 25 issues with the facade that will require

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- 2 some repair, particularly repointing of
- 3 bricks. There's also going to be some
- 4 changes in the fenestrations which I'll
- 5 show you in a few minutes. As you can see
- 6 now, there are two existing doors here.
- 7 Those will be removed. We have a fairily
- 8 nice street tree on Main Street. We are
- 9 proposing additional street trees around
- 10 the building. So this is what we proposed
- 11 for the building.
- 12 The signage, I believe, has already
- 13 gone to you guys and was approved. There
- 14 is -- we were kind of asked that a meeting
- 15 -- I believe, Steve, you were there that
- 16 day with the Mayor and with Brian to
- 17 possibly put a big 497 on the corner of
- 18 the building, which we thought was a great
- 19 idea. So that's the only modification to
- 20 the existing approved signage plan. This
- 21 would be the Richard Street side. What
- 22 we're going to do is close the two doors
- 23 on that side and replace them with
- 24 windows. All of these window will be new
- 25 windows, with the exception of the

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- 2 storefront on the corner of Richard and
- 3 along the face of Main Street.
- 4 CRAIG ROSASCO: In fact there's
- 5 some doors on that side of that property,
- 6 currently; correct?
- 7 FRANK GENESE: There's two doors
- 8 right now. Two pink doors. Those are
- 9 going to be eliminated.
- There's also a large loading dock
- 11 in the back which we're going to fill in.
- 12 This is the Main Street facade
- 13 (indicating). Again, you know, this is
- 14 the brick -- red brick paving which we
- 15 feel is very attractive and certainly is
- 16 in very good shape. Most of the brick
- 17 work on the building is in some state of
- 18 disrepair, however, it is salvageable. We
- 19 considered sandblasting the existing beige
- 20 paint off of it. However, upon further
- 21 investigation, we determined that any kind
- 22 of invasive procedure on the exterior of
- 23 this building is going to cause some
- 24 serious damage to the grout and some of
- 25 the brick. So we decided against that and

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- 2 decided to go with a painted finish.
- 3 These are elevations of the north
- 4 side and the east side, so this is the
- 5 side that faces (indicating) -- I'll go
- 6 back quickly -- that would be this side
- 7 here (indicating). There are three
- 8 existing windows here. We're going to
- 9 close those in. Then on the rear facade,
- 10 there's a large loading dock area here
- 11 now. That is going to be infilled and
- 12 replaced with a door and a window. We're
- 13 also going to eliminate a window here
- 14 (indicating). This is an existing door
- 15 that's going to be replaced with a new
- 16 door (indicating).
- 17 And that's kind of what we
- 18 envisioned the building to look like upon
- 19 completion. So you can kind of see a
- 20 dramatic change in, you know, what's there
- 21 now to what we feel can be there. We've
- 22 included some additional details. Some of
- 23 the light fixtures that exist further down
- 24 on Main Street. I know those are
- 25 something the Village is in the process of

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- 2 looking into installing. We feel that
- 3 something like that would make a big
- 4 difference on the facade. We're also
- 5 proposing some benches. And we really see
- 6 this as kind of the gateway now to
- 7 Farmingdale. Upon entering Farmingdale,
- 8 you're going to see an attractive
- 9 building. The owners, or the future
- 10 owners of the building are very committed
- 11 to the Village and very committed to
- 12 beautifying the area. So they are very
- 13 interested in doing all they can to make
- 14 this building as attractive as possible.
- 15 This is one more image -- you can
- 16 see some of the infill (indicating).
- 17 These existing storefront windows will
- 18 remain. They're sufficient for now. They
- 19 may be replaced in the future, but we feel
- 20 since they're in decent condition, we
- 21 should be able to salvage them.
- 22 So this is again the site plan
- 23 (indicating). We have been talking about
- 24 placing additional street trees along this
- 25 street -- along the sidewalk on Richard.

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- 2 I believe our conversation with the
- 3 Village was that will be up for discussion
- 4 as far as what the Village's planting
- 5 program is going to be, but the client
- 6 here definitely is willing to plant a
- 7 couple of deciduous trees along the curb
- 8 to further enhance the landscape appeal of
- 9 this building.
- 10 And that is just to give you --
- 11 just to give you a little more detail.
- 12 This is the particular type of
- 13 planter we see going in along the building
- 14 (indicating. It's going to be a weathered
- 15 gray planter. The plantings can be
- 16 various types, depending on season. So we
- 17 can have flowering plants in the spring;
- 18 we can have kind of replacement plants in
- 19 the fall; mums. And that'll give the
- 20 building a kind of an ever changing
- 21 dynamic look to it as the seasons move.
- 22 And that's really -- I do have a
- 23 three-D image of the building. This is
- 24 the way it will look (indicating). So you
- 25 can see in the rear we have eliminated the

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- 2 large roll-up door along this facade which
- 3 is a shared lot line with the building
- 4 next door. We've eliminated a couple of
- 5 windows. All these windows are new
- 6 replacement windows. We chose a patter
- 7 that we feel is reflective of some of the
- 8 other windows in some of the other
- 9 buildings on Main Street. That,
- 10 obviously, is up for discussion as far as
- 11 how the division of the windows will be.
- 12 But that's effectively our building. We
- 13 do have an area here, a planting strip
- 14 where we can put additional trees, and
- 15 like I said if the Village requests it,
- 16 the owner would be more than happy to
- 17 plant street trees here. We don't have
- 18 the width that we do on this side. This
- 19 side is a little bit deeper and as you can
- 20 see the property line runs actually out to
- 21 the middle of the sidewalk here
- 22 (indicating). So we do have a little more
- 23 flexibility on this side to do some
- 24 planting. We've removed the plants from
- 25 this particular rendering because, oddly

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- 2 enough, when the plants are in there, it
- 3 freezes up the image because the plants
- 4 are so graphic intensive. And that is it
- 5 for out building at 497 Main Street.
- 6 Harry, do you want to step in and
- 7 say anything?
- 8 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Again, I believe
- 9 you had mentioned that the lighting, the
- 10 signage and the awnings were approved
- 11 already and reviewed.
- 12 FRANK GENESE: Yeah, the -- from
- 13 what I understand, through Elissa, the
- 14 signage and these gooseneck lights were
- 15 approved. The 497 was not on that
- 16 original plan. The only comment that came
- 17 back from the client is that their
- 18 graphics is -- and I'll kind of give you
- 19 -- so their graphic has a gold "K" but it
- 20 also has a gold ampersand, and he was
- 21 asking me if we would be able to stay
- 22 consistent with their marketing trademark
- 23 and include that ampersand in yellow, and
- 24 I said I would address that at the
- 25 meeting.

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- 2 CRAIG ROSASCO: That's fine.
- 3 Thank you, Frank and Harry for the
- 4 very thorough presentation. In my eyes, I
- 5 think that, cosmetically, the building
- 6 looks fantastic and you both did a great
- 7 job.
- 8 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Thank you.
- 9 FRANK GENESE: Thank you.
- 10 CRAIG ROSASCO: I certainly have
- 11 some questions regarding the plantings in
- 12 the back because as the Planning Board and
- 13 Architectural Review Board probably our
- 14 biggest concern is the neighbors that are
- on Rose Street behind the building.
- 16 What are the plantings plan in the
- 17 two land banked areas that you have there?
- 18 FRANK GENESE: We're looking at
- 19 deciduous trees that will be kind of full
- 20 bloom. We discussed the possibility of
- 21 Arborvitae which would create much more of
- 22 a dense hedge. That also would be a
- 23 practical solution; very low maintenance.
- 24 The issue with Arborvitae is -- if anybody
- 25 has them, which I do, they eventually will

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- 2 grow to 40 feet tall, which is terrific,
- 3 but, you know, I don't know if that's the
- 4 feeling that we want to have, literally a
- 5 30 or 40 foot green wall. So I think with
- 6 a number of closely planted trees, we
- 7 would be able to develop a nice screening
- 8 where it wouldn't be a hundred percent,
- 9 but it will definitely remove that direct
- 10 view of cars. The parking lot will likely
- 11 not be full of cars most of the time.
- 12 They really don't need the amount of
- 13 parking that they have. The way that they
- 14 function is that most of the -- most of
- 15 their space is modular offices, and what
- 16 they do is they have attorneys from other
- 17 insurance companies come on a daily basis
- 18 and use them. So it's not like the lot
- 19 will ever be filled with cars, but we want
- 20 to make sure that the neighbors do not
- 21 feel as if they're looking at a parking
- 22 lot.
- 23 There's an existing green, very
- 24 heavily densed planted area here
- 25 (indicating). There are some existing

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- 2 plants already in place in here
- 3 (indicating). We'll supplement them if we
- 4 have to. We do have a street tree and a
- 5 street tree here existing now currently.
- 6 So, you know, we feel that this will
- 7 create enough of a buffer that it will not
- 8 really create a bad view for the people
- 9 who live on this corner house on Rose.
- 10 CRAIG ROSASCO: Right. Is there
- 11 any plans, Frank, on berming that
- 12 landscape area?
- 13 FRANK GENESE: We haven't talked
- 14 about it. It -- you know, it's a
- 15 possibility.
- 16 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay.
- 17 FRANK GENESE: You know, we could
- 18 raise the grade slightly and plant the
- 19 trees on top of it. You know, that would
- 20 be something that we can certainly
- 21 discuss. Could be a very nice feature.
- 22 So, I mean, the client wants to make sure
- 23 that the neighbors are happy with this
- 24 building and, you know -- so I think that
- 25 that would certainly be a possibility if

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- 2 the height is something that's concerning.
- 3 This is not a very tall house on
- 4 the corner of Rose, so if it was a tall
- 5 two-story home like this one or this one
- 6 (indicating), where you'd be able to see
- 7 over the trees, it would be more of an
- 8 issue. This house is fairly low, so I
- 9 think if the trees are at the ten to 12
- 10 foot level, eventually, and fully -- you
- 11 know, and dense enough to provide a visual
- 12 buffer, I think we should be okay. But we
- 13 could do a three foot berm there to give
- 14 us a little more height and also to give
- 15 the parking lot a little more of a
- 16 separate feel from the (inaudible) from
- 17 the street.
- 18 CRAIG ROSASCO: Right.
- 19 CHARLES GOSLINE: Can I ask a
- 20 question on the building? I think the
- 21 building -- your intentions with the black
- 22 windows and the black shed awnings look
- 23 great. The representation that I think we
- 24 have with the plans shows a black cornice.
- 25 If you stay on that rendering it looks

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- 2 like maybe a four -- four six-inch black
- 3 cornice along the top but in the pages
- 4 that describe the elevations, I don't see
- 5 any reference to that.
- 6 FRANK GENESE: Again, the color or
- 7 the building is something that, you know,
- 8 we've been working on with the client,
- 9 with Elissa, and we did look at the
- 10 palette that the village has for historic
- 11 colors. The client, unfortunately, was
- 12 not happy with some of those historic
- 13 colors, so we decided to stick with white,
- 14 which, you know, is actually a very
- 15 historic color.
- 16 CHARLES GOSLINE: Yeah, I'm just
- 17 saying that your white -- your white
- 18 background on the building, you know,
- 19 compared to the black windows, the black
- 20 shed, looks great. I think that black
- 21 cornice, if it was there, on the top of
- 22 the building, would bring it all together.
- 23 FRANK GENESE: Yeah, we did add
- 24 this later on --
- 25 CHARLES GOSLINE: Okay, so it's not

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- 2 on the rendering that we have.
- FRANK GENESE: It's basically not a
- 4 cornice, it's basically the parapet cap.
- 5 CHARLES GOSLINE: Okay, but it's
- 6 going to be black and I think that sets it
- 7 off if that's what --
- FRANK GENESE: We think the black
- 9 improves the look a lot, especially with
- 10 the corbel brick underneath it that casts
- 11 shadows. I think it's going to be a very
- 12 nice look.
- 13 CHARLES GOSLINE: Okay, great.
- 14 CRAIG ROSASCO: Frank, just to kind
- 15 of segue back, one of the concerns that I
- 16 have is although the Thuja Giants, like
- 17 you said, growing tremendously and they
- 18 look good early on, ten years out, they
- 19 could become awfully overbearing. If the
- 20 goal is to get you into that ten to twelve
- 21 foot, maybe you can consider some other
- 22 natural firs; whether they be emerald
- 23 green arbs or, you know, some spruces,
- 24 just mix it up in there, and --
- 25 FRANK GENESE: Greeneries

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- 2 (inaudible)
- 3 STEVE FELLMAN: I was going to
- 4 suggest, Mr. Chairman, you might want to
- 5 consider Holly.
- 6 FRANK GENESE: Holly, also nice.
- 7 Spruce.
- 8 STEVE FELLMAN: Yeah, Holly doesn't
- 9 get real big; it's green; it's a really
- 10 strong hardy kind of hedge and you can
- 11 keep it at six to eight feet if you trim
- 12 it.
- 13 CRAIG ROSASCO: I agree. And like
- 14 Frank said earlier, the house that's
- 15 across the street is a one-story
- 16 residence, so I certainly think in this
- 17 application a Thuja would be overwhelming.
- 18 Maybe not initially, but at some point, I
- 19 quess there would probably (inaudible) in
- 20 regard to that.
- 21 Anybody else have any commentary in
- 22 regards to the plantings?
- 23 THOMAS RYAN: No, I would agree
- 24 that a hedge concept, if you're going with
- 25 Holly, would make sense. I think your

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- 2 representation on the berm obviously helps
- 3 (inaudible). Holly and the green with the
- 4 assessment and the berm. So that's all
- 5 positive.
- 6 CRAIG ROSASCO: Great. Okay.
- 7 Thank you, Tom.
- 8 Frank and Harry, I don't know that
- 9 you have employment statistics for the
- 10 firm, about how many employees and stuff
- 11 like that. One of my concerns, which came
- 12 up in my review of it is it shows 19
- 13 cubicles and 13 to 15 offices that are run
- 14 around the outside of the building. So,
- 15 essentially, we're looking at somewhere in
- 16 the area of 30 to 35 either offices or
- 17 cubicles and 19 spots. So I don't --
- 18 HARRY NICOLAIDES: The firm has --
- 19 when we first were retained, they referred
- 20 to themselves as a 20-person law firm. As
- 21 the pandemic made everybody comfortable,
- 22 largely working from home, they pretty
- 23 much agreed that they're never going to
- 24 have the full complement in any given day,
- 25 and the reason we went to these work

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- 2 stations is they're basically almost
- 3 visitor stations. So rather than having
- 4 to displace somebody when they came in,
- 5 there's room for someone to leave their
- 6 things behind and come back a different
- 7 day. But that's why when we looked at the
- 8 parking, the confidence is that they won't
- 9 even use the full parking complement
- 10 that's been provided.
- 11 CHARLES GOSLINE: But you also
- 12 mentioned that there were visiting
- insurance reps coming in and out?
- 14 HARRY NICOLAIDES: In and out, but
- 15 again, they don't all come at the same
- 16 time. They come on a case by case basis.
- 17 CHARLES GOSLINE: Right, right.
- 18 But I think the biggest issue for the
- 19 surrounding neighborhood -- I think if
- 20 people are parking on their block, you
- 21 know, no matter what landscaping you put
- 22 in there, that's going to be their biggest
- 23 craw (sic).
- 24 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Sure and that's
- 25 fair. You know, that's why we referred to

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- 2 the land banking this, a means of if we
- 3 find that the actual use starts growing
- 4 beyond what their projections are, we can
- 5 certainly take those spots back as they've
- 6 been planned into the actual parking lot.
- 7 CHARLES GOSLINE: Right, but then
- 8 you eliminate your plantings.
- 9 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Some of it.
- 10 We'll still have the buffer at the
- 11 perimeter. That's why if you don't need
- 12 them, we don't want to use them -- we
- don't want to create a bigger than
- 14 necessary blacktop field.
- 15 STEVE FELLMAN: Can I make one
- 16 suggestion?
- 17 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Please.
- 18 STEVE FELLMAN: Frank, can you go
- 19 back to the site plan.
- 20 FRANK GENESE: Sure.
- 21 (Complying) There you go.
- 22 STEVE FELLMAN: Don't change
- 23 anything. I would really recommend that
- 24 the stalls be 19 feet deep and the backup
- 25 aisle 23 feet so it won't change but I

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- 2 think the 19 foot each stall is a little
- 3 better if somebody's got a pickup truck,
- 4 that kind of thing. And the 23 foot aisle
- 5 is plenty big enough and that's the Town
- 6 of Islip standard for backup aisles.
- 7 HARRY NICOLAIDES: That's fine.
- 8 We'll just put another foot of paint on
- 9 the stripe.
- 10 STEVE FELLMAN: Exactly. Exactly.
- 11 CRAIG ROSASCO: Well, six inches on
- 12 each side, Harry.
- 13 HARRY NICOLAIDES: That's it. All
- 14 right.
- 15 CRAIG ROSASCO: All right, does
- 16 anybody else have any additional
- 17 commentary with regards to this project?
- 18 THOMAS RYAN: Just a clarification
- 19 because I know I heard it earlier. So the
- 20 new curb cut on Rose, will that only allow
- 21 you access to those six spots. Is it
- 22 actually landlocked so you have access
- 23 both to Richard and (inaudible)
- 24 FRANK GENESE: Right. I didn't
- 25 quite hear you, but I think you were

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- 2 referring to the six spots on the north
- 3 side that are separate from the remaining
- 4 spots. Unfortunately, we -- it's an odd
- 5 shaped parking lot. So in order to meet
- 6 the requirement, we had to run a myriad of
- 7 different arrangements, and we found that
- 8 this was the only one that would achieve
- 9 the amount. So in our review with the
- 10 client, it was kind of decided that, you
- 11 know, that would be more or less of a
- 12 pretty much non-used parking lot. It
- 13 would be really there for overflow, if
- 14 they ever, you know, need additional spots
- 15 because they don't even think they're
- 16 gonna fill the existing spots that are on
- 17 the other side, the other 17 spots or now
- 18 13 spots. So, you know, it is a separate
- 19 lot but it certainly, you know, would meet
- 20 the requirement of the client in the sense
- 21 that it provides them with just some
- 22 additional parking in the event that they
- 23 need it. Most of the staff that are going
- 24 there on a daily basis, as Harry said,
- 25 which is probably going to be 12 to 15

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- 2 people, will likely just park as close to
- 3 the building in the lot as possible.
- 4 Although someone -- you know, staff member
- 5 with a brand new car may say, you know,
- 6 what I like my car in a nice big private
- 7 lot, I'm going to park it over there.
- 8 THOMAS RYAN: Next to the Holly's.
- 9 Yeah, sounds good.
- 10 CRAIG ROSASCO: Mr. Fellman, what
- 11 is the parking story on both Rose and
- 12 Richard street there?
- 13 STEVE FELLMAN: In terms of what,
- 14 Mr. Chairman?
- 15 CRAIG ROSASCO: It's just open
- 16 parking to anybody? There's no special
- 17 parking permits or anything required.
- 18 Correct?
- 19 STEVE FELLMAN: Correct.
- 20 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay. All right,
- 21 any additional commentary from anybody?
- 22 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 23 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay. Thank you,
- 24 Harry and Frank for your very complete and
- 25 thorough presentation.

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- What we do at the Planning Board
- 3 here is now we now hand this off to the
- 4 Board of Trustees under Section 600-195 to
- 5 196 for further consideration. Certainly,
- 6 our recommendations and our concerns are
- 7 parking versus cubicles; certainly there's
- 8 an inequity there. So that should be
- 9 considered by the Board of Trustees. The
- 10 plantings we discussed. And there may be
- 11 the possibility that there may be a need
- 12 for a special use permit under Section
- 13 that is zoned, but we defer that back to
- 14 the Board of Trustees. And, once, again,
- 15 we thank you for your presentation
- 16 tonight.
- 17 HARRY NICOLAIDES: Thank you.
- 18 FRANK GENESE: Thank you, very
- 19 much. Have a good evening.
- 20 KEVIN WOOD: Did you want to ask
- 21 for public comment at this time?
- 22 CRAIG ROSASCO: I'm going to defer
- 23 to the Board of Trustees in regards to
- 24 notification and/or public hearing needs
- 25 to be placed on theirs.

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- 2 Is there anybody here that is
- 3 looking to speak on a public basis? If
- 4 they are, could they please raise their
- 5 Zoom hand.
- 6 KEVIN WOOD: All clear.
- 7 CRAIG ROSASCO: I don't see anybody
- 8 on the attendee list. Okay, that's fine.
- 9 Thank you, Kevin.
- 10 All right, with that being said,
- 11 there is the additional site plan review
- 12 tonight for 85 Conklin Street. As I look
- 13 at the panelists and the attendee list, I
- 14 do not see anybody in addition -- I stand
- 15 corrected. I believe Walter Priestley is
- 16 here tonight.
- 17 Walter, if you're here, do you want
- 18 to raise your Zoom hand and Kevin can
- 19 bring you into the meeting. That will be
- 20 great. It looks like he's raised his
- 21 hand.
- 22 KEVIN WOOD: Coming in now.
- 23 CRAIG ROSASCO: Walter, can you
- 24 hear us?
- 25 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Hello, Tom.

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- 2 Hello, Craig, Steve, Chuck and Accurate
- 3 Court Reporting.
- 4 All right, so what do we have to
- 5 say about the 85 Conklin Street Parking?
- 6 CRAIG ROSASCO: Walter, just state
- 7 your name and your business address for
- 8 the record.
- 9 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Walter
- 10 Priestley. My business address is 81
- 11 Conklin Street.
- 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: And the address of
- 13 this application pertains to the next door
- 14 property.
- 15 WALTER PRIESTLEY: The address is
- 16 85 Conklin Street. It's the adjoining
- 17 property that my wife and I own.
- 18 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay, great.
- 19 So we are in receipt of your -- of
- 20 the rendering that we have. Do you want
- 21 to make a presentation on this, Walter,
- 22 and let us know as to what the needs are.
- 23 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Well, the issue
- 24 is that the office is filling up and we're
- 25 -- you know, in order to accommodate the

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- 2 employees and the patients -- some of us
- 3 are ending up parking on the street and we
- 4 don't want patients or people parking on
- 5 the street because it blocks the sight --
- 6 the line of sight for people pulling in
- 7 and out of the office. It's going to be
- 8 in the backyard. It's not going to be
- 9 visible from the street, the parking back
- 10 there. It's going to be a gravel parking
- 11 lot because we -- my wife and I think that
- 12 one day we might want to live -- move back
- 13 to 85 Conklin Street and, you know,
- 14 revisit it as a backyard one day. We're
- 15 not going -- we don't plan on taking down
- 16 any of the -- there's a little forest in
- 17 the back. It backs up to the sump. We
- 18 want to keep that up. And we're going to
- 19 lose one or two spots from our lot but
- 20 we're going to gain about seven. So we'll
- 21 get a net gain of about five or six spots
- 22 there. We're going to use it for
- 23 primarily employee parking and parking for
- 24 the tenants that live at 85 Conklin
- 25 Street. It's a family that lives there.

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- 2 A dad with their three adult children. So
- 3 they have a couple of cars. There's no --
- 4 the basement is unfinished at 85 Conklin
- 5 Street. There's no accessory apartment.
- 6 There's no business at 85 Conklin Street.
- 7 It's just a family. And the backyard, it
- 8 goes pretty deep. It's 235 feet deep. So
- 9 we're looking at just putting gravel. And
- 10 the building inspector and the architect
- 11 showed us what we need for a -- I guess
- 12 it's called a drywell. He was very
- 13 specific about how many square feet we
- 14 need, based on the area. I don't think
- 15 there's going to be any runoff into the
- 16 street because the area is very flat and
- 17 there's a recharge basin to the left and
- 18 behind us. I don't see any impact in the
- 19 neighborhood. The property to the east of
- 20 me has parking all the way back to the
- 21 sump that's paved. I don't -- you know,
- 22 they have multiple -- they have many more
- 23 spots than I have. So I don't think
- 24 there's going to be any issue with any
- 25 neighbors, as far as I'm concerned right

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- 2 now.
- 3 CRAIG ROSASCO: And just so we're
- 4 clear --
- 5 WALTER PRIESTLEY: It'll just make
- 6 it safer for us to pull in and out of our
- 7 parking lot, and the line of sight will be
- 8 a lot easier if we can get our employees
- 9 to park in that back area and the tenants
- 10 that live at 85 Conklin Street to park in
- 11 that back area.
- 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay. And just for
- 13 the record, to be clear, Walter, the spots
- 14 that you're looking to provide on this
- 15 property are not to be used for this
- 16 property. They're for the adjacent
- 17 property; correct?
- 18 WALTER PRIESTLEY: No, they're for
- 19 both. They're for the tenants that live
- 20 at 85 Conklin Street --
- 22 correct?
- 23 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Yes, we have
- 24 some parking for them already and for my
- 25 employees.

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- 2 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay.
- 3 WALTER PRIESTLEY: And myself.
- 4 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay.
- 5 CHARLES GOSLINE: It's really a
- 6 common driveway that serves both of those
- 7 properties; right?
- 8 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Yes.
- 9 CRAIG ROSASCO: What do you plan on
- 10 doing about lighting in the back there,
- 11 Walter?
- 12 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Well, on the
- 13 back of 85 Conklin Street -- if you look
- 14 up -- I can send you pictures of it.
- 15 There's two large -- I guess -- they're
- 16 not flourescent, they're -- they're pretty
- 17 strong lights that face downwards towards
- 18 the ground. They're mounted on the
- 19 building.
- 20 CRAIG ROSASCO: Okay.
- 21 STEVE FELLMAN: And just for the
- 22 Board's edification, even though he's
- 23 proposing gravel right now, we make people
- 24 put in the full drainage as if it's paved
- 25 because at some point it becomes paved.

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- 2 So you might as well get the drainage in
- 3 now and get that all settled, so...
- 4 Didn't get a drainage problem at
- 5 all because it's gravel right now but in
- 6 the future should somebody else want to
- 7 pave it, the proper drainage is going to
- 8 be installed.
- 9 CRAIG ROSASCO: Right, and I
- 10 believe that that's mentioned in the plans
- 11 where they're planning an eight foot ring
- 12 -- an eight foot depth ring for the
- 13 drainage for that and I'm assuming,
- 14 Walter, they would grade that gravel so
- 15 that it drains into that ring?
- 16 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Steve, did you
- 17 see that on the survey?
- 18 STEVE FELLMAN: Yeah, they will
- 19 grade it -- again, they will grade it as
- 20 if they were going to pave it. It's going
- 21 to all be graded and pitched correctly.
- 22 It's just missing the top coat, if you
- 23 will. It's designed to the full two-inch
- 24 rainfall and, as you know, in Farmingdale,
- 25 we are blessed with one of the best sand

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- 2 and gravel this side of the Mississippi,
- 3 so... You know, put the drywell, they
- 4 work really well here.
- 5 CRAIG ROSASCO: Well, I've measured
- 6 the sizing on the parking spots. It
- 7 clears the nine by eighteen by the office
- 8 residential district. The 24 feet that
- 9 you have in between the spots and the
- 10 western side of the property line, that's
- 11 in accordance with the code also. So I
- 12 don't really have any problem. My only
- 13 recommendation to the Board would be that
- 14 technically, the code does say that the
- 15 stalls are to be clearly marked and I
- 16 don't how they're going to do that in the
- 17 gravel, but the Board of Trustees can
- 18 certainly just consider that in their
- 19 application and we've addressed it here in
- 20 the Planning Board.
- 21 Tom and Chuck, do you guys have any
- 22 additional questions?
- 23 CHARLES GOSLINE: I don't have any.
- 24 I'll make a motion to accept as presented.
- 25 THOMAS RYAN: I would agree.

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- 2 CHARLES GOSLINE: Recommend it.
- 3 CRAIG ROSASCO: All right, so, Tom,
- 4 you want to second that motion?
- 5 THOMAS RYAN: I'll second that
- 6 motion.
- 7 CRAIG ROSASCO: All those in favor
- 8 vote aye.
- 9 THOMAS RYAN: Aye.
- 10 CHARLES GOSLINE: Aye.
- 11 CRAIG ROSASCO: Fantastic. So,
- 12 Walter, your application has cleared the
- 13 Planning Board and Architectural Review
- 14 Board. It certainly is subject to the
- 15 discretion of the Board of Trustees and
- 16 I'm sure that you'll bring that up in the
- 17 future with them. And we wish you the
- 18 best of luck.
- 19 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Okay, thank you.
- 20 Thanks, Chuck, Tom, Craig, Steve and
- 21 Accurate Court Reporting.
- 22 THOMAS RYAN: You should have
- 23 recused yourself during that.
- 24 CRAIG ROSASCO: You're very
- 25 welcome. Thank you, Walter.

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- 2 KEVIN WOOD: Walter, you forgot me,
- 3 but thank you. Hi.
- 4 WALTER PRIESTLEY: Thank you,
- 5 Kevin. I can't see you.
- 6 CRAIG ROSASCO: The most important
- 7 guy here.
- 8 KEVIN WOOD: I think I got you in
- 9 here. I was like begging for you.
- 10 WALTER PRIESTLEY: I got a phone
- 11 call from Brian, told me I had to jump on.
- 12 He found my home number. Nobody -- I
- 13 haven't used a landline. I'm like who's
- 14 calling me on the landline? Nobody calls
- 15 us on the landline.
- 16 KEVIN WOOD: We're glad you showed.
- 17 CRAIG ROSASCO: Absolutely.
- 18 WALTER PRIESTLEY: All right, thank
- 19 you.
- 20 CRAIG ROSASCO: Best of luck,
- 21 Walter. Good luck.
- 22 THOMAS RYAN: Thank you.
- 23 CHARLES GOSLINE: All right, take
- 24 care.
- 25 CRAIG ROSASCO: With the conclusion

1 4-27-21 - PLANNING BOARD 2 of that application, that will bring to a 3 close tonight's Planning Board, 4 Architectural Review Board meeting. 5 To my fellow committeemen, I want 6 to thank you for your appearances tonight and should anything change in the near 7 8 future, certainly your participation tonight is greatly appreciated. 9 10 CHARLES GOSLINE: Okay. Hopefully, 11 the quorum continues. 12 CRAIG ROSASCO: Absolutely. Thank 13 you, everybody. 14 CHARLES GOSLINE: I make a motion to adjourn. 15 16 CRAIG ROSASCO: Second? 17 THOMAS RYAN: Second. 18 CRAIG ROSASCO: All right. Everybody, thank you. Take care, 19 20 everybody. 21 (WHEREUPON, this meeting was 22 concluded at 7:40 p.m.) 23

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3	STATE OF NEW YORK
4	Ss:
5	COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
6	I, LORRAINE D. BERARDI, Court
7	Reporter and Notary Public of the State of
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11	record of this meeting to the best of my
12	ability.
13	I further certify that I am not
14	related to any of the parties to this
15	matter by blood or by marriage and that I
16	am in no way interested in the outcome of
17	any of these matters.
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
19	set my hand this 27th of May, 2021.
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