

MINUTES OF THE
EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

January 20, 2022

STATEMENT - Open Public Meetings Act

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:

Steve Philips, Chair
Christine Rampolla
Amy Papi
Steve Pepe
Chester Brandt
Deepak Arora
Leon Gurevich
Ivan Wynter
Bonnie Wilson
Dana Winston

ABSENT:

Cathy Decker

ALSO PRESENT:

Jay Weiner, Esquire
Aaron Blessing - Zoning Assistant
Colleen McGurk - Planner
Jason Cline - Engineer

ZONING BOARD REORGANIZATION

Chairman - Steve Philips nominated by Ms. Rampolla,
second by Mr. Mr. Arora. All in favor.

Vice Chair - Christine Rampolla nominated by Ms.
Papi, second by Mr. Arora. All in favor.

Secretary - Amy Papi nominated by Ms. Rampolla,
second by Mr. Arora. All in favor.

Recording Secretary - Deborah Masterton nominated by
Ms. Rampolla, second by Mr. Arora. All in favor.

Attorney - Weiner & Weiner nominated by Ms. Papi,
second by Mr. Pepe. All in favor.

Engineer - Remington & Vernick Engineers nominated by Ms. Rampolla, second by Mr. Pepe. All in favor.

Conflict Engineer - CME Associates nominated by Ms. Rampolla, second by Ms. Papi. All in favor.

Conflict Attorney - Shamy, Shippers & Lonski nominated by Ms. Rampolla, second by Mr. Pepe. All in favor.

MINUTES

December 16, 2021 - Motion to approve minutes by Ms. Rampolla, second by Mr. Brandt. Minutes approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Application #Z-21-31 - Pradhan - Proposed addition to existing single-family dwelling located at 63 Rice Run, block 88.41, lot 2, in the VG zone. Motion to adopt by Mr. Pepe, second by Ms. Rampolla. Resolution adopted.

Annual Report - Motion to adopt annual report by Mr. Gurevich, second by Mr. Arora. Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Application #Z-21-33 - Marciante - Proposed addition to existing single-family dwelling located at 4 Greenwood Court, block 699, lot 16, in the R-3 zone. Mandatory date March 30, 2022. Motion to approve with conditions by Mr. Arora, second by Mr. Gurevich. Application approved with conditions.

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report for 2021 (revised) - discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gurevich, second by Mr. Arora. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MR. WEINER: Good evening, everybody. This is the January 20, 2022, East Brunswick Township Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, on December 30, 2021, notice of this meeting stating the time, date, and location was sent to the Home News Tribune, filed with the township clerk, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the municipal building. A copy of this notice will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting. The zoning board will not hear any case beyond 10 o'clock p.m. with the exception of any hearing in progress at that time and will terminate all testimony at 10:30 p.m. The chair reserves the right to call any application in an order different from that appearing on the agenda.

Additionally, the township is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate chance of exposure to COVID-19 as a part of the township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The dial-in information and agenda have been posted on the township web site and are posted on EBTv for members of the public. Members of the public can call in with the number provided if they have any questions for the zoning board members. You will have 3 minutes to speak. Should you have any further comments or questions, the planning and engineering office is always available by e-mail and phone. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during the public portion.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we -- as we implement this new technology to continue to move the township forward during this health emergency.

For those of you who don't know who I am, my name is Jay Weiner. I am the attorney for the zoning board of adjustment. I have started this evening this evening because this is our reorganization meeting, and the first order of business should be the nominating and voting on a new chairperson for the calendar year, and at that point -- at this point, I would like to open the floor for any nominations for chair.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Jay, I would like to make a motion.

MR. ARORA: I can second it.

MS. RAMPOLLA: To -- I'd like to make a motion to nominate Steve Philips to be our chair --

MR. ARORA: I can second it.

MS. RAMPOLLA: -- for this year for zoning board. Steve -- as most of you all know, Steve has been on the board for many years. I asked him. It's actually 25 years. He's served as chair a number of times so we already know he will be a great chair again. And so I am pleased to make that nomination.

MR. ARORA: And I can second that nomination again based on what Christine said. She did a great job. And having Steve back again with his experience, there is no questions about it. That's all.

MR. WEINER: And for the record, the nomination was moved by Christine Rampolla and seconded by Deepak Arora. If there is no other actions, we can put this to the vote -- to a vote.

Aaron, you want to --

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Weiner.

MR. WEINER: -- want to call the roll, please do clerk.

MR. BLESSING: Certainly. Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Thank you. Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Thank you. Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Philips.

MR. PHILIPS: Sure.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I thank the board for their confidence. I fooled all of you into thinking I actually know what I'm doing so that's good. Thank you for that.

Continuing with the nominations, we will now listen for a nomination for the vice chair.

MS. PAPI: I'd like to --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Amy.

MS. PAPI: Yes. It's my pleasure, Madam Previous Chair -- it's my pleasure nominating

Christine Rampolla for the vice chair. I want to also say that, Christine, during the time of your being the chairperson, your position -- you were knowledgeable, professional. You had -- you were very good, and I just want to thank you for your leadership.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Thank you.

MR. ARORA: And I will second that motion. Christine is a great leader. She did a wonderful job last year chairing the zoning board. I would second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other nominations for vice chair? Seeing none, Aaron, if you could please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you, and welcome aboard to vice chair, and thank you again.

MR. BRANDT: Congratulations.

MR. ARORA: Congratulations, both of you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Our next board member we need is the secretary, and I would listen for nominations for the board secretary.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I'd like to make a motion to nominate Amy Papi as secretary of our zoning board. She does a great job as secretary, and we hope she'll stay.

THE CHAIRMAN: We got a second from the dog.

MR. ARORA: I will second.

MR. GUREVICH: We got a second over

there.

MR. ARORA: I would second Amy Papi on the secretary. She does a great job every year she does that, so I think she's a great candidate.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do we have any other nominations for secretary? Seeing none, if you can, could you please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes for myself.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but, Aaron, you didn't call the dog to see how the dog --

MR. ARORA: What does he think?

MR. WEINER: I'm sure the dog would have voted for Amy.

THE CHAIRMAN: The next -- and to explain it to the members, while Amy is the secretary of the board, it means she signs all the documents that we as the board will finish, including minutes and whatnot that require a signature, but we also have a recording secretary, and this is the person who actually puts together verbatim minutes of every one of our meetings, and that person is obligated to make sure that they get done in a timely manner, and that is the difference between the board secretary and the recording secretary. So just to clarify what might be uncertain among some of the new members.

So with that in mind, I will listen for a nomination for the recording secretary.

MR. WEINER: Before we take the nomination, I just want to add to what you said, Mr. Chairman, is that Amy as the secretary for the board is a member of the board, a full voting

member, whereas the recording secretary is not a board member. So just to clarify that for the record. And I believe, yes, you were taking nominations now, and the floor is open. Sorry for interjecting.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's okay.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I would like to make a motion to nominate Deborah Masterton again as our recording secretary.

MR. ARORA: I will second it.

MR. BRANDT: I'll second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a second. Okay. Are there any other nominations?

Seeing none, Aaron, could you please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Sorry. Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and I will also add Miss Masterton has been doing this for the board for over 10 years, and if you've seen some of the meetings we've had that we've been very lengthy and extensive and sometimes the difficulty of a person who doesn't clearly enunciate or is speaking with English as a second language, it's a little challenging to try to put that together, and I want to thank her for the way she has conducted those minutes over the course of these years, and she's also considered the professionals, as Jay mentioned. So thank you again for the board for nominating and approving her.

Next we have our attorney. I will listen for a nomination for our attorney. Amy.

MS. PAPI: Yes, it's my honor and

pleasure to nominate our attorney, Jay Weiner. I don't know what we would do without you. You're very informative. You help us so much to understand so much. So I am really excited to nominate you for the --

MR. ARORA: I second.

MR. BRANDT: I'd like to second that, and I -- Jay, you do a wonderful job, and I appreciate it, not only for the board, but for the public, as well, and very thankful for what you do for not only -- for everyone in the community. Thank you very much for taking the time to explain things the community and the people that come in front of our board (audio disruption) and make them truly understand that we're working with them and very much appreciate it.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a nominee and a second, we have (audio disruption) hearing none, seeing none, please, Aaron, call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes, and I'd also just like to add to Amy and Steve's sentiments that in addition to Jay being helpful and answering everyone's questions, he's also very accessible and available, and I spent much time on the phone with him this year, learned a great deal in conversations with him, and I know that he's available to all of our board members at any time that we have board related questions, and so I'm very grateful and happy to say yes.

MR. BLESSING: And Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I would also like to vote yes on Jay. I think he does a great job. We've had over the years several attorneys, and Jay

is a standout compared to a bunch of them, I can assure you.

MR. ARORA: I also want to say thank you to Jay. I know we didn't get a chance to say thank you to him, so definitely I learned a lot. I see him the way he collaborates and he's very patient. He knows a lot of stuff, very knowledgeable. So awesome dude.

THE CHAIRMAN: Careful, Deepak, we don't want his rates to go up.

MS. PAPI: Oh, wow.

THE CHAIRMAN: Actually, no, he put in a RFQ so he's -- whatever rate the town agreed to with him.

Moving on to the engineer, listen for a motion on our regular engineer for the board.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I would like to make a nomination in favor of Remington Vernick engineers as our board engineer.

MR. BRANDT: Second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a second from Steve. Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none, Aaron could you please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the name of the nominee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Remington Vernick.

MR. WYNTER: Yes. Thank you.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

MS. WINSTON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and for those members who may not be familiar, Jason Cline is our representative for our board. He is a principal -- he's a professional from Remington Vernick, and

Jason went to the trouble of getting his professional planning license so that he could be a better assistant to our board going forward. So we thank Jason for doing that, and again, I make sure I vote yes for that -- for the engineer.

MS. MCGURK: And a planning license is --

MR. WEINER: I'm glad Jason checked in from a beautiful tropical location to join us tonight.

MS. MCGURK: I might add the planning license is incredibly difficult to get. Very few people get those.

MS. PAPI: Wow.

MS. MCGURK: No, I'm kidding.

MR. PEPE: Nice job.

MR. CLINE: The passing rate at the time that I took the test was almost historically low, but I was one of the ones who got through. I do appreciate the board bringing me back. It's actually really silly to say this now, but happy new year, and I appreciate the vote of confidence. Thanks much.

MR. ARORA: Thank you, Jason.

MR. PEPE: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Our next is -- and just clarification. There are instances where the engineer may have a conflict with one of the applications in front of us, either represent that same client in some other town or some other reason why their professional may be compromised, and therefore, in order to protect the board and the town, we have what we call a conflict engineer, and that engineer would step in should there be a conflict with our existing engineer. So look for a conflict engineer, and I will be happy to listen for motion -- for a nominee for that.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Chairman, I'd like to make a nomination in favor of CME Associates for our board conflict engineer.

MS. PAPI: I'd like to second that, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a move and a second on CME Engineering. Mr. Bless -- are there any other nominations for the conflict engineer? Don't see any, so, Aaron, again, if you could please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.
 MR. ARORA: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.
 MR. WYNTER: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.
 MR. BRANDT: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.
 MS. WILSON: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.
 MS. WINSTON: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.
 MS. PAPI: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.
 MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and for the board's edification, CME Engineers have done an enormous amount of the projects within the town so they are not coming in unknowing. Should the occasion be that Jason and his company can't represent us, they have a wide and broad familiarity with our township, so they would be a fine backup.

Next and last and for the same reason we need a conflict attorney, so I will listen for a nominations for the conflict attorney.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Chairman, I'd like to nominate for our conflict attorney Shamy, Shipers & Lonski.

MR. PEPE: I'll second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Are there any other nominations?

Seeing none, again, Aaron, if you could please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.
 MR. PEPE: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.
 MR. GUREVICH: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.
 MR. ARORA: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.
 MR. WYNTER: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.
 MR. BRANDT: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.
 MS. WILSON: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.
 MS. WINSTON: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.
 MS. PAPI: Yes.
 MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and again, the conflict attorney is another firm that is well known and is very familiar with our town. In the unlikely event Jay would have conflict, they come with huge amount of background in the way our town operates, as well, so we're very comfortable with them.

Okay, I think that covers it. I apologize to the public who might have been waiting for an application, but this is a necessary thing that happens at the beginning of every year.

We seem to have overlooked the pledge of allegiance.

MR. WEINER: I was just going to -- when I just said Mr. Chairman and went to interject, I wanted to say that in my excitedness of getting to start the meeting for the one time a year and my overzealousness of getting it to the nominees, I skimmed right over the pledge of allegiance, and I didn't want to interrupt you in the midst of all the nominations. I figured a good time would be after those were all completed for us for me to remind the chair, but I didn't have to because chairman Philips was already right on it, but that was what I was going to state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, and Mr. Cline now has the flag for us, and so does the town, so we'll -- nothing meant by it, but we're going to follow the town's flag; is that okay, Jason?

MR. CLINE: His is animated. He wins.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, so if we can all rise just to do the pledge of allegiance.

(Flag salute)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you all very much. Okay. And as you may have heard in Jay's earlier speech about the way that the meetings are operated, we can take things in an order different from that appearing on the agenda, and at this point, I'm going to skip some of the other stuff that is just for the board and open up new business, application Z-21-33, Marciante. I see that there's somebody from that application on here. This is proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling located at 4 Greenwood Court, block 699, lot 16, in the R-3 zone. So if somebody -- I see that Miss Marciante is here. If you can unmute yourself, please.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes, I'm here. Do you hear me?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. So are you the only one who is going to be representing this application?

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Then I'm going to ask you to rise and raise your right hand.

MS. MARCIANTE: I had a hip replacement in July so bear with me.

THE CHAIRMAN: You know what, sit down.

MR. WEINER: Chairman, before Miss Marciante takes the oath, I just want to add that I've had opportunity to review all of the notices. They are in order and satisfactory, and this board has jurisdiction to hear this application.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Jay. So miss Marciante, is that how you pronounce it.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yeah, they pronounce it different ways. It's Italian.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, so we're going to still swear you in. You don't have to get up.

MS. MARCIANTE: Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you solemnly swear the testimony you're about to give this evening regarding the application before us is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Could you please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

MS. MARCIANTE: Shannon Marciante, M-a-r-c-i-a-n-t-e.

THE CHAIRMAN: And where do you live, Shannon.

MS. MARCIANTE: I currently reside at 3196 Washington Road in Sayreville.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, and so then I noticed that the application is here under a name of Carol Malinowski.

MS. MARCIANTE: That's my mom.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Could you please give some clarity as to your place in this whole thing so that we can understand how the application has different names on it.

MS. MARCIANTE: Okay, so my stepfather had passed away in July -- I'm sorry -- cancer, and my mom has brain cancer, and I don't want her in a home so we want to move in and take care of her. So that's what we're hoping to do, to build the house so my family and I can take care of her. I'm sorry.

It's a little rough.

THE CHAIRMAN: Take your time. We just have to get some of this on the record. Not looking to make it any more difficult for you.

MS. MARCIANTE: Okay.

MR. WEINER: May I add, Mr. Chairman, that I believe Miss Marciante's on the actual application.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, she filled it out. That's true. And they've called it the Carol Malinowski applications in town when they identified it for us. It's okay.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Miss Marciante, do you -- what is it you're asking the board to grant you relief on?

MS. MARCIANTE: A variance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah. Do you know specifically what it is that you're -- that you need?

MS. MARCIANTE: I'm not good at this. I'm good at personal injury. I think it's for the deck.

THE CHAIRMAN: Actually -- and I can help the board because there's a lot of people that are new here. I could walk them through it, as well. If I can ask the board, when you got the application, Malinowski, Carol, it's a document on the first page. There's a whole list of review agencies. If you can look at this for just a second. If you don't mind, Miss Marciante, I'm going to use your application to -- we have some new members, and I want to help educate them what's going on.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you. Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. What we have on page -- it says page 2. It's actually about two pages in. There is a bulk chart requirement. So everybody see that. If you go down about the fifth thing, the side yard setback, and the side yard setback is 5 feet, 5 -- 5.5 feet, so 5 feet, 6 inches off of the property line. This particular area requires a minimum of 10 feet and a total of I think 20 feet for the total side yards. The house preexisting it already has a side yard of 5 feet, 5 inches, but because the applicant is adding on along the line of the side of the house, anything that's done there becomes requirement for a variance.

Did I do that correctly, Colleen?

MS. MCGURK: Yes, that was great. I could add, in justifying the C-1 variance, there is a lack of lot size. Requirement is 15,000 square feet, whereas the existing lot is 11,250 square feet. And the lot width is 100 feet, whereas the existing lot width is 75. Plus the location of the dwelling. So if the board were to determine that this application could seek approval, those would be some of the justifications.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you. So the board doesn't have any specific questions about the workings of why this person is before us, then we're going to go in and talk about how we can listen to the application and the request. Everybody on the board good so far on this?

Miss Marciante, if you can please give us a little bit more background. You're going to be retaining the same side yard setback that exists right now; is that correct?

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes. Yeah, I'm on the public notice. I can't retrieve anything I was e-mailed. So it says -- again, forgive me because I'm not good with this, but it says a bulk variance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MS. MARCIANTE: (Audio disruption)
explained.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, so the existing house is 5.5 feet, and you're asking for an extension of the house that follows that same side yard line; is that correct, Miss Marciante?

MS. MARCIANTE: Yeah, 10 feet required, yeah. I'm sorry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, refer to as preexisting nonconforming, and for the board's edification, what that means is when this property was originally built, probably in the early to mid-50's, this was not an uncommon event; however, since that time, R-3 zone has come into play, and that's the overlay of the area now, and there's -- and the lot size is 11,000 and it -- and change, and it should be 15,000 and the side yard should be more, but this is preexisting nonconforming. Does everybody understand that? So that's why this applicant is before us, because unless she moves the entire house, and that's not likely, she can't really effectively do anything to the house unless she gets a variance. So --

MR. WEINER: And I think the applicant has already indicated that there's no change as far as in the intrusion into the setback. It's just

that the amount of the home that is -- that will remain within that 5.5 feet, which is beyond the -- what's allowed by the setback, is being extended as the house is being extended, but it's the same line. It's just more of the house will be only 5.5 feet away because that's where the addition is going.

THE CHAIRMAN: And Aaron has taken the liberty of blowing up that particular portion of the plans that were sent to us. That gives you an idea of the area that is not diagonally, but empty white is the area that is part of the extension of the 5 foot, 5 -- 5-and-a-half-foot side yard. Does everybody see that? Okay. So thank you, Aaron.

Does anybody have any questions about what we're looking at on the screen? I can't see you all so you have to talk if I hear anything. I'm going to assume not -- Steve, yes.

MR. PEPE: No, I'm good. It's very clear.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I think that it might not be necessary to keep that up if you can put it back.

MR. BLESSING: Very good.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you for that. That helps a lot of the members understand what we're looking at and what we're trying to do.

So let me see now. Let me ask a couple other questions. Are you planning on having the existing siding matched on the new addition, or are you going to be re-siding the whole house?

MS. MARCIANTE: They're going to match. They'll match the siding.

THE CHAIRMAN: And if there's any roof that's stays the same, in other words, you're not intruding on a roof, you're going to also have that be the same?

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Just trying to see -- a recent -- Miss McGurk, I'm not seeing a whole bunch else on here.

MS. MCGURK: No, there weren't many issues. I mean, there's the deck addition that's low to the ground with no cover, so that don't be very intrusive, and the rest of the addition is all within the required setbacks. There's no building coverage issue or impervious coverage issues.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So what Colleen just said is there are also requirements that a house and its -- and the pavings should not exceed the amount of non-runoff or impervious surface, and

this house does not enter into that realm. So it's -- so there is no need for an additional variance on that. And I apologize to the applicant, but we're trying to help everybody learn a little bit more because we have some really new members.

MS. MARCIANTE: No, I'm fine. I'm learning, too.

MR. WEINER: If I may, to Miss Marciante, the chair and as well as the township's planner has indicated some what appears to be factual information about the property. Is that -- to your knowledge, is that accurate? Is everything that has been stated accurate?

MS. MARCIANTE: Yeah.

MR. WEINER: So you would adopt that yourself rather than sit here and repeat everything.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yeah, everything on the paper, yes.

MR. WEINER: Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Does anybody else on the board have any specific questions of this application? Seeing none, at this point, I'm going to ask Aaron if we have anybody from the public who has called in asking to speak about this application.

MR. BLESSING: We have not, Mr. Chairman, and at the present moment there are not any attendees from the public in this Zoom meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, just in case somebody is listening to it without being an attendee, let's give it at least a minute or so of wait time so that we can make sure that we haven't missed somebody from the public with that event. And for the board's edification while we wait, every application gets opened for the public to speak, and anybody from the public is given the opportunity -- should they agree with it or disagree with the application that's before us, they're given an opportunity to speak before the board. So that that would give anyone a chance, either a neighbor or somebody else, plus or minus, they're allowed to voice their opinion about an application.

Aaron, nothing?

MR. BLESSING: Nothing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now let's recognize that we've closed the public portion. We don't really -- other than the -- Jay, the thing about maintaining the size -- the colors.

MR. WEINER: Is that something that the board would like as a condition? I believe it was

represented that that be the case, but the addition aesthetically will match the existing structure.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes.

MR. WEINER: And you're okay with that, Miss Marciante.

MS. MARCIANTE: Yes.

MR. WEINER: Okay. I'm just going to add that in as a condition.

THE CHAIRMAN: Siding and roofing will match.

MR. WEINER: Siding and roofing will match materials, color, and aesthetics of preexisting structure.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. WEINER: And that is the only condition.

THE CHAIRMAN: Appears to be based on what we're looking at here from the information from the application. So again, now for the board's information, what we -- now what happens is that we would ask for a motion based on what Jay has indicated are part of the requirements of this applicant in order to be granted the variance.

MR. ARORA: I'll open the motion to grant Miss Marciante approval based on the guidelines -- based on the conditions he put. I think based on her scenario and looking at the structure, I think she already has some variances on that house, and it's within that conformity, so I think I would like to go ahead and grant her that variance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a move. Do we have a second?

MR. GUREVICH: Like to second that motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have a second from Mr. Gurevich. Any further discussion from the board? Seeing none, before Aaron takes the vote, just understand again for the alternates, if we have seven of the regular members, the alternates do not vote on this, and I think I have spoken to each of you individually to explain that to you how that works.

MR. WEINER: Aaron, since this is our first meeting since the reorganization, perhaps before we actually call the roll, if you can just announce who the eligible voters are so those who are going to vote know.

MR. BLESSING: Very good. Yes, we do have our seven regular members, which would be

Mr. Pepe, Mr. Gurevich, Mr. Arora, Mr. Wynter, Miss Papi, and Miss Rampolla, and Chairman Philips.

MR. WEINER: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, so we have a move, we have a second, and then based on what we've just described and explained, Aaron, could you please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Certainly. Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes. I would approve this.

The applicant demonstrates the need for this clearly, and there is a hardship that is definitely recognizable, and I wish you the best of luck going forward.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

MR. PEPE: And I vote yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: I vote yes, and I'd like to say I drove through the neighborhood. You know, the houses in the neighborhood, most of them are two stories. This is one of the only ones that's a single story. I think it would be a positive addition to the neighborhood, and on top of that, obviously, for the use and the hardship that was demonstrated during this meeting. I wish you all the best. Wish a speedy recovery to your mother. We hope for the best, and good luck in your development. So my vote is yes.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: I will say yes. I want to also say good luck, and I hope she feels -- everybody feels better.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: My vote is yes to approve application Z-21-33. Thank you and best of luck to you and your family.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: I vote yes, and I'd also like to comment as some of the other board members have to wish you and your mother well and to hopefully enjoy your new home.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I'll also vote yes because it does -- it will still fit the character of the neighborhood, as was mentioned that the other homes were -- mostly all had additions and that there was a hardship demonstrated specifically that

the lot was undersized was the hardship that was presented, and so I vote yes, and I hope you can enjoy the home going forward.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you so much.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and again for the board's edification, as well, many areas of our town were beginning to be developed, if you will, after World War II, and in some of those areas, the lots are what you and I today would describe as small, but back in 1948 through '55 or '58, those homes, those Cape Cods, were a huge step up for many of the people, and it was considered to be the right size at the right time. As we have evolved, clearly, it -- there was overlays of a much larger expectation of lots, and this becomes preexisting nonconforming, and so, you know, it is unfortunate, but maybe that's the way it is that we have to have them come before us in order to get relief from some of the things that were inherited when the home was originally built.

With that in mind and also knowing that, as Mr. Gurevich said, more than half the homes on that cul-de-sac are already built up with much larger footprints and much larger building structures, and this would actually fit in nicely with what has already been done there. So obviously, I'm going to vote yes and wish Miss Marciante and her family well. Thank you.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you so much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. You don't have to stay on, Miss Marciante. You can contact the town tomorrow to get the idea of the timeline as when things can get approved.

MS. MARCIANTE: Thank you so much. And everybody please stay safe. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MS. PAPI: Good night.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now for the members that are still here, which I will think we can talk about the things we left off, which is -- the starting of them is the minutes of the December 16, 2021, and, Aaron, who's eligible?

MR. BLESSING: That would be Mr. Pepe, Mr. Brandt, Miss Papi, Miss Rampolla, and you, Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, and I'm going to use that to again describe why the meeting -- there were only I think five individuals at the meeting. So all those five people will be voting on this.

That -- because they're the only ones that can say whether or not the minutes are acceptable or not, and as we move forward, there will be other times that different people will not be able to make it and so forth.

So I'll listen for a motion to move the minutes from the December 16.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I'll make the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. BRANDT: I'll second.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, who said that?

MR. BRANDT: I'll second that, Chester.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, Chester, thank you.

We have a move and a second. Among those eligible to vote, are there any additions, deletions, changes or corrections to the minutes that were presented?

Seeing none, then, Aaron, please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. And now we have a resolution. Resolution is Z-21-31, Pradhan, proposed addition to an existing family dwelling at 63 Rice Road. Now, again for the board, just so you understand the way it works, we heard this application, and we have approved this application, but until our attorney makes the final resolution for that application, it does not -- it's not entered into the record for approval for the town. So this application was held last year, and, again, Aaron, who's eligible to vote on this?

MR. BLESSING: The same as the last five members. It was heard on December 16. So that would be Mr. Pepe, Mr. Brandt, Miss Papi, Miss Rampolla, and yourself, Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, so among those people having read the resolution as it was presented, are there any additions, deletions, corrections, or changes to the resolution?

Hearing none, Aaron, if you can please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: I pardon. Did we get a motion?

MR. PEPE: I'm sorry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Wait, I apologize. Okay. One of the things that gets missed when you're on a Zoom. Can I have a motion on application Z-21-31.

MR. PEPE: I will make the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I'll second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you. And again, thanks, Aaron, for picking that up.

MR. BLESSING: Of course. We have Mr. Pepe's yes. Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

And the last item we have tonight is the annual report for 2021, and while I have a lot of these in the past, maybe we can just if I can, I don't want to, you know, put her on the spot, but if we can have Miss McGurk at least explain to the board why there is such a thing as an annual report and why we have to approve it.

MS. MCGURK: Sure.

MR. WEINER: Colleen, before you begin, 3 under the resolutions, the annual report, and then item number 5, it reflects to it again as a revised version. We're only going to be considering the revised version; is that correct?

MS. MCGURK: Yes, because I had written some ordinances after I did the original annual report, and I just wanted to include that even though they're not fully adopted. I wanted the board to be aware.

MR. WEINER: I just want the board to understand that when this comes to a vote, what will be voted on will be the final version, which is the revised version, so if you received both, please understand that we will be considering only the revised version.

MS. MCGURK: Okay. So the annual report is a way to look back on the year, like we have all the C variances heard and the other types of use variances, possibly with site plan, to look back and

see if there is any kind of patterns or uses, new uses where we might need to look at the ordinance and make some updates. So that basically, you know, we listed the C variances, and we had a few issues with garages and accessory structures. So that's why I did the revised, and I described what I updated in the ordinance.

Our ordinance currently just says accessory structures and garages for residences can be large enough to fit three vehicles, and it's a little bit vague. I mean, you can obviously just say, well, a parking stall is 9-by-18, times that by 3, but because things come up, I wanted to just clarify that. So I put in the ordinance now nothing can exceed 550 square feet on lots less than 20,000 square feet, and if someone were to want to exceed that number, they'd have to come before this board for a bulk variance, and if they have a lot greater than 20,000 square feet, the garage can go up to 750 square feet. And then I also put in the new ordinance that will hopefully be adopted at the next council meeting that garages and accessory structures all have to be behind the house line because we do have flag lots in the township and other configurations where structures could end up in front of the house, which isn't a good luck. They should be to the side or the rear. So I just clarified that in the ordinance.

And then obviously new uses can come up, like marijuana and different applications for those types of uses, vape shops. So the board could consider, you know, ordinance recommendations and things that we might add something to the ordinance.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I think, Colleen -- and it probably goes back maybe 6 or 7 years -- that people were putting in the pools, and by putting in the pool, there was a certain limit of the amount of square footage that you were allowed to have, you know, as impervious, and the pools were taking up enough space that we had a whole rash of people coming in who were putting in pools that needed variances, and I somehow remember they made a change. That might have been before you joined us --

MS. MCGURK: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- but I remember that that was also another -- so that's one of the positive reasons why these yearly reports are important, because it gives you a sort of a broad spectrum as to what's been going on and what's been

coming before the boards.

MS. MCGURK: Right, and if we notice a pattern where something is consistently going before the board and being approved, then we might want to look at the ordinance to update the ordinance because you don't want to zone by the zoning board. You want to -- if it's something that we're always approving, you would want to decide whether that's something you want to update in the ordinance rather than it continually coming for variance.

MR. WEINER: I think another good example, as Chairman Philips mentioned about pools, even more recently, within maybe the last 2 years, there was a new ordinance put into play regarding electric vehicles and charging --

MR. GUREVICH: I was just about to ask that.

MR. WEINER: -- charging equipment and stations, and since that time, that's actually come up in a handful of applications in the past year or two where we've had that discussed and applicants, particularly on larger properties, commercial type of things, where there are larger parking lots, and now it's within the ordinance. There is how many per spot, you know, and so forth, but it's all reflected in the ordinance, and that's an example of how as times change, technology changes, the ordinances at times need to be tinkered with to be kept up with it, because as Colleen said, the job of the zoning board is not to legislate essentially and create new ordinances from the zoning board, but it's to review what are being requested as essentially exceptions or varying from the rule. So if the rule ultimately is no longer practical, rather than keep having, like, loads of swimming pools, as the chairman used as an example, coming before us over and over again, at some point it makes sense for a recommendation to come from Colleen, as our planner for the township, to recommend the change in the ordinance so we keep up with the times.

MS. MCGURK: Porches was another one. That was before my time, too, but people were coming before the zoning board probably for just small porch additions. It increases the value of the home, the look of the township. It's a nice feature, but not every house was built with the proper front yard setback, so they would have to come before the board for a bulk variance just for a small porch when it's something that everybody

wanted and the town also wanted, so we changed the ordinance to allow for exceptions for that.

MR. ARORA: Awesome.

THE CHAIRMAN: So there's an awful lot of information we've thrown at you all at once, and there's not going to be a test tomorrow, so it's okay, but at the same time, hopefully as new members and people who have just, you know, started really wet your feet into this, I hope that -- apologies to the applicant tonight, but it was a perfect example of how we can learn more from -- as a board about how things work.

So with that, so the resolution, I will listen for a motion to approve the resolution on the annual report.

MR. GUREVICH: Motion to approve.

MR. ARORA: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: From Leon. Okay. We have a second?

MR. ARORA: Yes, I can second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, Deepak. We have a move and a second. Are there any further discussion from the board?

Aaron, please call the roll.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Pepe.

MR. PEPE: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.

MR. GUREVICH: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Arora.

MR. ARORA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.

MR. WYNTER: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Winston.

THE CHAIRMAN: Unmute.

MS. WILSON: I'm so sorry. Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Thank you. Miss Papi.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Miss Rampolla.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes, and I'd also like to say thank you to Miss McGurk, not just for putting the report together but also the work on the ordinance that you referenced that you wrote.

MS. MCGURK: Oh, thank you.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Chairman Philips.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, as well, and again,

from the -- for the members, you may not have been able to fully, you know, put together everything we did tonight, and if you did, that's great. If you didn't, you're welcome to call Jay, myself, you need in order to get some help -- Colleen. I'm sorry, Colleen. I saw your hand -- with regard to, you know, any questions you have about the board, and keep in mind that we are going to be having training sessions, that Colleen has gone out and reached out to most of you, if not all of you, to make sure that, you know, you have an opportunity to go to those classes and get some additional education. It's not -- it's something that we recommend and look forward to having all our members be certified.

So anybody else, anything for -- before we close out, anybody?

MR. WEINER: I have one item. I just want to add that, particularly for the newer members on the board, as counsel for the board, my job is not just to counsel everyone at the meeting as you hear me throughout the meetings giving commentary, asking questions, offering legal opinions and clarifications and so forth. As the board's attorney, I represent the entire board, and it's beyond the meeting. So if you're working on -- and what I mean by that is you get your materials in advance. You review them in order to prepare for the meeting. If something comes up in a particular matter where you're reviewing, you see the plans or an application or whatever it might be, something comes up along there and you have a question about it, because a lot of it you'll read the application, and the applicant will say this is the reason why we want a variance, as an example, tonight. There was a violation of a setback, and maybe you have a question about it, or in more -- it might even a little bit more complex, which are usually the D variances, which are use variances, and what those are about is where the ordinance doesn't permit the proposed use the applicant wants to use the property for, but when any of these things come up, you can call me at my office any time. I mean, to give everyone my -- obviously, the staff has my number, and it's easily to locate, but if anyone has a pen or pencil nearby, it's 732-565-9400. My office is in East Brunswick on Cranbury Road near the high school. And, you know, many of, you know, the more longer tenured members of the board, many of you I've spoken with on multiple occasions because we've gone through this already, and you know my door and

phone are always open to give me a call, and I don't think I'm speaking out of place to say the same goes for Colleen, you know, as our planner. If you have a question, that's what our planning and engineering staff is for. So I don't want -- in fact, I encourage it because I'd rather if you have a question and are uncertain about something, call me before the meeting and say, hey, Jay, you know what, this came up, I'm really not sure, I have a question about this or that, can you please explain this to me, whatever the issue may be, and this way you don't feel that you're pressed for time or in front of the camera or when we're back hopefully soon in person if things improve as far as the pandemic, where you feel maybe you're a little bit restricted or a little bit reluctant to ask as many questions. Don't wait for the meeting. Give me a call before. I'm always available, and even if I can't answer the phone at that point, I will get back to you, and I will take as much time as is needed. That's what I am here for. It's to provide legal counsel to the board on board matters.

So I just wanted to add that because what happens is is the experienced members are not shy. They call me, and we go over it, and we discuss things, and, you know, if there's a question and kick it around and so forth, and a lot of times the newer members are a little bit either reluctant or just don't realize that they can do that and don't feel comfortable. So I want everyone to know that it's not an infringement or an overreach by calling me if you have a question. That's what I am here for. That's what part of my job is. So please fell free if any question comes up.

That was it, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MS. RAMPOLLA: Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I just -- you had said the word certifications. I just wanted to clarify. I think the trainings that we're going to do with our planning and engineering staff, that doesn't replace the I guess certification that new and newer, who may not have taken the class through the League of Municipalities that they're required to have -- is it within 1 year still?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think with COVID that probably has been waived I would guess.

MS. RAMPOLLA: The requirement to have that training?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, no, no, that you have to get a class within the year if they're having them. It's very difficult.

MS. RAMPOLLA: So --

MR. PEPE: I did mine online. I did mine online during COVID, so they definitely offer them online.

MS. RAMPOLLA: I thought it was a requirement, but I just wanted to -- I don't know, maybe even for our new members, maybe get clarification for them, too.

MR. WEINER: Good point. I don't want anyone to think that what we're doing, which is supplemental, is in lieu of what's required. That still needs to be done.

MS. PAPI: Okay.

MS. RAMPOLLA: This is more sort of a replacement for that -- the orientations that would happen down at the municipal building but really couldn't happen during COVID, sort of replaces that orientation I guess, for lack of a better word.

MS. PAPI: Christine, now that you brought it up, once we've received the certification, do we have to repeat something again, or that's good?

MS. RAMPOLLA: Mr. Weiner, do you have -- I don't know -- my understanding one time.

MR. WEINER: My answer to that is no. If the requirements are changed by the state, then you'll be notified by the planning and engineering department if there's something comes down.

MS. PAPI: I haven't as yet received anything.

MR. ARORA: Same here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amy, for what it's worth, I took the class probably in 2005, when they first started making the zoning boards of the state take those classes, and they've never come back again, so that's 16 years.

MS. PAPI: That sounds good.

THE CHAIRMAN: So they haven't come back to do it again. So unless or until they find somebody at the League that they can twist their arm to have refresher courses, it's probably not right now in the cards apparently.

All I have the board before we go, a couple of other things as we prepare for our next meeting. I encourage everyone to go to the sites that are before us. Get learning about the location, seeing the way it looks. Look at the

plans you got, whatever the situation might be, because it's only helpful. We certainly want you to ask and, you know, questions that indicate that you have looked at something there and you found something or you just wanted a clarification from the applicant, and you are allowed to go to the property.

MS. MCGURK: Individually.

THE CHAIRMAN: Comes before us, they sign a waiver stating that they will allow anybody from the zoning board to be on their property to look at it. You can't go into their house and walk around, but, I mean, obviously, you can certainly take a look at what it is they're asking.

So have we -- has everybody got -- Colleen, do you know if everybody has gotten their name tags?

MS. MCGURK: Aaron would know.

MR. BLESSING: If I may, some of you who were with us during our meetings in December have picked them up.

MS. PAPI: Yes.

MR. BLESSING: Some members have not, just as well our two newer members, Miss Wilson, Miss Winston, we do also have name tags made up for you. They are available at our office. We are fully open to the public without an appointment so you can come in and pick them up anytime, unless you want them mailed to you, but either or. We have name tags.

THE CHAIRMAN: And you are allowed to take a look at it, so that would be if anybody questions you, that would be sort of like a get-out-of-jail-free card from somebody.

MR. WEINER: I would just add -- and Colleen just commented on it, and it was a good comment. You can go visit the property, and as the chairman said, it's encouraged. It would be a good idea to do so. If you go there and you happen to by chance run into another zoning board member who is likewise taking a look at the property, you can't discuss the property with the person while you're there. There are laws against it, the sunshine laws. Obviously, nothing prevents you, just like if you're walking down the street or in the supermarket and run into another member of the zoning board, you don't have to leave the store, but if you should have a by-chance encounter, you're not supposed to talk -- in accordance with the law, you're not supposed to talk and discuss board matters with

someone outside, another member outside of the board meetings. So if that happens, you can give a nod, but don't sit and review the application with anyone. That would be violation of what's called the sunshine lawn. You can't comment or discuss.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Anybody else have anything else, questions or comments? Then if there isn't any, I will listen for a motion to adjourn.

MR. GUREVICH: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ARORA: Seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Any opposed? Very good. Well, thank you all very much. Appreciate your confidence and giving it to the officers of the board and also to our professionals, and we look forward to getting again, maybe not in person yet, but by Zoom whenever we have the next meeting.

When is the next meeting, Aaron?

MR. BLESSING: February 3.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we have stuff on the agenda?

MR. BLESSING: Indeed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Very good. Well, then we'll look forward to seeing you all on February 3. Thank you.