

Town of North Hempstead
Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:05 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry Nicolaides, AIA, Acting Chairman

Tatiana Govoni, Commissioner

Patricia O'Neill, AIA, Commissioner

Frank Genese, AIA, Commissioner

Ross, Lumpkin, Commissioner/Town Historian

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Algios, Town Attorney

Neal Stone, Planner

Wesley Sternberg, Planner

Debbie Babino, Stenographer

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2 COMMISSIONER NICOLAIDES: All right, we are calling the
3 meeting to order, and it is 7:05.

4 MR. STONE: Testing, testing, testing, testing. Are we
5 good?

6 Okay, calling the meeting to order. Do we have time, a
7 time called? It is 7:05 p.m., we'll do roll, and we'll begin
8 with, this will be Acting Chair Nicolaides.

9 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Present.

10 MR. STONE: Okay, got a whole new roster of
11 Commissioners, so --

12 COMMISSIONER GENESE: Well, not really.

13 MR. STONE: Commissioner Govoni?

14 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Present.

15 MR. STONE: Am I doing alphabetical? I'm not sure.
16 Commissioner O'Neill?

17 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Present.

18 MR. STONE: Commissioner Genese?

19 COMMISSIONER GENESE: Present.

20 MR. STONE: Commissioner Lumpkin?

21 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Here.

22 MR. STONE: Okay, so we have a quorum, we have five
23 members for this evening.

24 On the record we have, from the Town Attorney's office,
25 Deputy Town Attorney, Deborah Algios, myself, Neal Stone from
26 the Planning Department as well as Wesley Sternberg from the

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2 Planning Department. The meeting is being recorded this
3 evening by our stenographer, Debbie Bambino (sic) from Excel
4 Reporting with one item, one case on the agenda for this
5 evening, and I'll hand it back to the Chair to call that case.

6 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Well, in terms of minutes,
7 has everybody reviewed last --

8 MR. STONE: Do we have -- yeah, we've got the meeting
9 summaries.

10 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: All right.

11 MR. STONE: Did all the Commissioners have a chance to
12 review the meeting summaries?

13 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Yes.

14 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Yes.

15 MR. STONE: Okay, and I'll call roll individually on
16 that.

17 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Sure.

18 MR. STONE: Okay, all right, so --

19 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Motion to accept the minutes,
20 the meeting summaries.

21 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Second.

22 MR. STONE: Okay, second, Commissioner Govoni and
23 Acting Chair Nicolaides?

24 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Aye, approved.

25 MR. STONE: Commissioner Govoni?

26 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I seconded.

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MR. STONE: No, aye or nay.

COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Oh, aye.

MR. STONE: Okay.

Commissioner O'Neill?

COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Aye.

MR. STONE: Commissioner Genese?

COMMISSIONER GENESE: Aye.

MR. STONE: And Commissioner Lumpkin?

COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Aye.

MR. STONE: All right, carried, and then we're moving
on to the agenda items.

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2 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: All right, so we have one
3 event for the evening, it's the -- it seems we have a number of
4 them.

5 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: No, this was --

6 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Oh, sorry, wrong one. That's
7 better.

8 All right, so it's the Landmark on Main, 234 Main
9 Street, Port Washington. It's to approve, install rooftop HVAC
10 equipment and all necessary support structures, and I believe
11 there are people present to present their application to us.

12 You can take the podium, identify your name and
13 address, and who you are, and why you're representing Landmark.

14 MS. MOGUL: Hello, everybody. I'm Laura Mogul, do you
15 need my address for the record? 25 Murray Avenue, Port
16 Washington, 11050. I am the Acting Executive Director at
17 Landmark on Main Street, Inc. We manage the community center
18 side of the building at 232 Main Street in Port Washington.

19 MR. BURMAN: Good evening, my name is Russell Burman,
20 18 Haven Avenue, Port Washington, New York, and I am a member
21 of the Board of Directors.

22 MR. SUSEL: My name's Riza Susel from Lizardos
23 Engineering, we're the applicant and engineer of record, 200
24 Old Country Road, Suite 670, Mineola, 11501.

25 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Would you like to present the
26 application to the Commission?

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2 MR. SUSEL: Yes.

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Please proceed.

4 MR. SUSEL: We are looking to replace two HVAC units
5 that are in disrepair. We submitted the pictures of the
6 existing units. Due to the existing structural supports of the
7 existing roof, we're looking to replace the new units in a
8 32-foot setback behind where the existing units are. There is
9 a 24 inch parapet wall that's already in there. The new
10 proposed unit, we have the HVAC cut sheets, is about 68 inches.
11 They're going to be on -- it's going to be above, about 22, 24
12 inches off of the roof, as well. The total height from the
13 roof level, finished roof level, to the top of the unit is
14 going to be 88 inches.

15 We recently, to accommodate the Board and the
16 surrounding areas, we took a 2 by 4 by 8-foot pole, we went
17 back to where the front of the unit's going to be, held it up,
18 went onto the street and the park, looked around, can't see the
19 unit in any way, shape or form.

20 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Did you photograph that at
21 all?

22 MR. SUSEL: We photographed it, yes, it came out a
23 little a blurry, we have the photo with us but it's not going
24 to really show much. It's actually going to show nothing.

25 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Well, that's good.

26 MR. SUSEL: Yes, so we did --

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ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Could you show us the
nothing?

MR. SUSEL: Sure, of course.

MR. STERNBERG: Those are the ones you e-mailed me
yesterday?

MR. SUSEL: No.

MS. MOGUL: No, no, these are brand new.

MR. SUSEL: So the ones from yesterday were -- yeah.
So in these two pictures, you can't see them at all but there
is a gentleman, Sean, he's the -- I believe he's one of the
managing directors.

MS. MOGUL: He's the Technical Director.

MR. SUSEL: The Technical Director is holding an 8-foot
pole that you can't see in any way, shape or form in these
pictures. He is currently standing at the front facade of
where the unit's going to be installed. It's completely
invisible.

MR. BURMAN: Laura was present when they were taken.

MS. MOGUL: I took the picture.

MR. BURMAN: Took the picture, yes.

MR. SUSEL: Yes.

MR. BURMAN: Lawyer stuff.

ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: It's sort of like the tree in
the forest.

MR. SUSEL: Absolutely.

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2 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: And are there any places
3 within the property that you can see it? In the back or the --

4 MR. SUSEL: From within the property itself?

5 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Yup.

6 MR. SUSEL: There's a courtyard in the middle that you
7 would have to be inside the building in the courtyard to look
8 up and see it, and even then it's just only from the property
9 itself, nothing from the adjacent park and nothing from behind
10 the building, nothing from the front of the building.

11 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: And that's all this
12 application's for, there's no window replacement, there's no
13 other work being done.

14 MR. SUSEL: It's just those two units and the
15 associated duct work and the associated steel support.

16 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Very good.

17 Are there any questions among the Commission?

18 COMMISSIONER GENESE: No.

19 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: No.

20 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: If you want to make quick
21 work, I'll move to approve it.

22 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: I'll second.

23 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Good job.

24 COMMISSIONER GENESE: Okay.

25 COURT REPORTER: Mr Lumpkin, you seconded that?

26 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Yes.

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MR. STONE: Commissioner Lumpkin.

COMMISSIONER GENESE: I'll moved it.

ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: I'm not used to the new job.

COMMISSIONER GENESE: I moved.

MR. STONE: Motion by Commissioner Genese, second by
Commissioner Lumpkin.

All right, calling roll.

Acting Chair Nicolaides?

ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Approved.

MR. STONE: Okay, Commissioner Govoni?

COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Approved.

MR. STONE: Commissioner O'Neill?

COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Approved.

MR. STONE: Commissioner Genese?

COMMISSIONER GENESE: Approved.

MR. STONE: Commissioner Lumpkin?

COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Approved.

MR. STONE: Carried.

ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Thank you.

MR. STONE: Thank you, very much.

MS. MOGUL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Congratulations.

MS. MOGUL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GOVONI: It's was a great presentation by
the way.

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2 MS. MOGUL: Thank you, so much.

3 MR. SUSEL: Have a nice evening.

4 MR. STONE: Thank you, very much.

5 (WHEREUPON, this application was concluded.)

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2 MR. STONE: Before we adjourn.

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Not so fast.

4 MR. STONE: There was a second item that I asked Wes to
5 add on to the agenda today, and that's dealing with our CLG
6 Grant.

7 As you know, because I needed help to select the dates,
8 we're going to -- bless you.

9 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Thank you.

10 MR. STONE: We're going to be doing our first set of
11 three Outreach Meetings to both Historic Districts on May 22nd
12 and May 23rd which is Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 22nd
13 of May being in Port Washington, and the Thursday the 23rd
14 being Roslyn Heights. The locations are set now for Port
15 Washington. It's going to be the Port Washington Public
16 Library, and Roslyn Heights it's going to be at 51 Orchard
17 which is where we have our Community Development Agency, also
18 known as the Roslyn Community Center, also know as the Gayle
19 Community Center.

20 So we have -- I had -- Commissioner Govoni sort of
21 picked this up as her pet project in contributing to the
22 Commission. I've probably tapped you more than you ever wanted
23 to but she's been flying solo helping to prepare a lot of the,
24 not only material, but logistics for both of these events.

25 Because our Commission has shrunk again, substantially
26 enough, three Commission members in one place, sort of -- that

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2 constitutes a quorum now with five?

3 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: No, so a quorum is based on the total
4 membership, regardless. So it's a seven membership Board.

5 MR. STONE: I see, okay.

6 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: So a quorum is four.

7 MR. STONE: Okay, so we can have three of you coming
8 out and attending these sessions. What has become somewhat
9 advantageous is that all of your predecessors that have
10 vamoosed off the Commission are being tapped in some way, shape
11 or form, sort of in Emeritus status to help us out.

12 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Oh, good.

13 MR. STONE: We met -- I met with former Commissioner
14 Cybriwsky two weeks ago. Anne will be preparing a short insert
15 presentation to the program to be repeated both in Port and
16 Roslyn speaking about just general valuation and value of
17 owning in a Historic District from a real estate perspective,
18 and I think that, you know, what she puts together is going to
19 be helpful for residents to hear.

20 We had one of our Planning Department staff go through
21 our, we call it a library, on the second floor of the Planning
22 Department over there and discovered a video that was put
23 together by North Hempstead, another grant, which is dated a
24 little if you look at the cars that are being driven down the
25 streets. But there's enough in there that Commissioner Govoni
26 and I and Commissioner Cybriwsky agreed that right up to the

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2 point where the video starts to talk specifically about our
3 individual historic landmarks, that the preamble in the video
4 is, you know, a nice multimedia contribution that I think we're
5 going to introduce to these sessions just to break things up a
6 little bit.

7 Some of you have indicated that you'd be willing to
8 come out for one or both of the meetings in addition to
9 Commissioner Govoni. I'd like any of you that have responded
10 to think about what role you might like to have in the program.
11 I am going to try and set up with our IT some form of audio to
12 help us get through a Q&A session, but that I thought would be
13 most valuable having our two most senior former Commission
14 members, if they're available, to patch them in. One will be
15 in Chicago, I know that. The other one will be out of town. I
16 don't know whether that means out of country, but both John and
17 Nancy have said that they would make themselves available for
18 these sessions, and I was thinking one for one and one for the
19 other so that we're not over tapping them, but they would be
20 patched in to help out with Q&A.

21 Commissioner Govoni has put together the start of the
22 very comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. I invited all of
23 you to do training which was offered by the Saratoga Springs
24 Historic Foundation last Tuesday. I don't know how many of you
25 were able to get on for that training, but I stole about nine
26 of their slides, which the slides are on myths and facts about

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2 historic preservation. Tatiana has these, I think we're going
3 to fold these into our PowerPoint, as well.

4 So the Supervisor has been invited, I haven't received
5 a response as of yet, and all of the aides and assistants to
6 the Supervisor's office have been notified. The Councilmember
7 for District 6 is Mariann Dalimonte. She has got back to me
8 and expressed an interest, if not both, at least for Port, in
9 coming to make some opening prepared remarks at the start of
10 the workshop or workshops. I haven't heard back from
11 Councilmember Scott yet, either.

12 Okay, so we'll have at least one of the electeds for
13 one of the sessions. We'll run about seven minutes of a short
14 video. I will probably do a little bit of preamble to why
15 anybody is there who's there, make introductions to any of you
16 that are going to help out with speaking.

17 If you're not averse to, you know, following prepared
18 slides that we put together, you know, it would be wonderful
19 having one of you sort of read through the PowerPoint that we
20 prepare. I think Tatiana and I are going to make sure that
21 things just don't go off in left-field with respect to just our
22 technical, you know, running of the projectors and things of
23 that nature.

24 I don't anticipate that it's going to be a huge number
25 of people. We're going to, through the grant, do a mail drop
26 to every address in both districts. We're going put it in the

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2 Port Washington Public Library Newsletter coming up for May.
3 The Councilwoman is going to put it in her individual Port
4 Washington Newsletter that she sends out, and Commissioner
5 Govoni, did you know of anything for Roslyn, Roslyn Heights?
6 You're still looking into that.

7 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah, I haven't finished looking
8 into that yet.

9 MR. STONE: Okay.

10 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Who's the Councilperson for
11 Roslyn Heights?

12 MR. STONE: Its Councilmember Ed Scott.

13 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: Ed Scott, yes.

14 MR. STONE: So if any of you have any relationship,
15 then please just touch base and give a nudge because I think
16 that would be great if these Councilmembers came up to the
17 events. They don't have to stay for long, just say hello and
18 welcome the --

19 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: They could get he word out,
20 as well.

21 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: Yeah.

22 MR. STONE: And so if we get ten, if we get 20. Twenty
23 would be more than I could hope for, but I, you know, what I am
24 hoping for is a good solid 10, 12, 15, because we're going to
25 run this again in the fall, we're going to run this again in
26 the spring of '25. So these will be good test runs and --

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2 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: It would be helpful if we
3 could encourage the local real estate community, particularly
4 in those areas.

5 MR. STONE: Yes.

6 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Because they're the first
7 line of defense.

8 MR. STONE: Yes, thank you.

9 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: They're communicating to the
10 prospective buyers and very often not communicating to
11 prospective buyers.

12 MR. STONE: Contact lists.

13 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: To know what they're buying.

14 MR. STONE: Yes, yes.

15 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: That they're buying a home in
16 that district.

17 MR. STONE: No problem with that at all.

18 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: But if you could reach out to
19 the brokers and have them give a speech about it to get the
20 audience to be the brokers. I don't --

21 MR. STONE: Specifically to my three architects on the
22 Commission, if you have contact lists --

23 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Yup.

24 MR. STONE: -- or contact info or through the AIA.

25 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: That's a thought.

26 MR. STONE: If you have any AIA lists.

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2 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Well, the Long Island chapter
3 of the AIA can get communications out.

4 MR. STONE: That would be one small help but it would
5 help immensely if you could outreach to your professional
6 association, and then furnish us with lists. We'll make sure
7 that the outreach goes out on or about the first weekend of
8 May. We're aiming to get the outreach done in the two to three
9 week range before the meetings take place. We're not insisting
10 on any RSVPs, we'll have sign-in sheets for attendees that do
11 come out, a table at the door, and Commissioner Govoni is
12 working on making sure that we actually have events that have
13 refreshments for a change, we haven't done that since the
14 pandemic. So we'll have juice, coffee, cookies, and we won't
15 tell New York State because they expressly had prohibited that
16 we have these things funded by the grant --

17 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: It's being recorded.

18 MR. STONE: -- but not that we cannot have them at the
19 sessions.

20 All right, any questions? Yes?

21 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: I just -- I haven't responded
22 because I didn't see it, but I am happy to make up for my
23 winter vacation.

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Nice, that would be great in case
25 we lose Nancy or John, you know.

26 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Yeah.

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2 MR. STONE: So consider that.

3 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Absolutely.

4 MR. STONE: Q&A.

5 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Do you know what time it will
6 be held?

7 MR. STONE: Sorry?

8 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: You gave the dates but I
9 don't know the time.

10 MR. STONE: Yeah, so Wednesday, May 22nd, in Port.

11 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: What time?

12 MR. STONE: At seven.

13 COMMISSIONER NICOLAIDES: Seven p.m., so they're
14 evening.

15 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Seven to nine.

16 MR. STONE: Yeah, well, we do have the space booked for
17 six go until nine, we won't go until nine.

18 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Yeah.

19 MR. STONE: In fact, we'll try and keep it to an hour.

20 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Okay, so one more time. Port
21 Library, May 22nd, 7 p.m.

22 MR. STONE: Seven p.m., yeah, start time is 7 p.m.

23 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: The same thing with Roslyn.

24 MR. STONE: Yeah, yeah, so yeah, start time. Come a
25 little bit before but let's coordinate, we'll just make sure we
26 know who is coming so that we -- well, there's only five of

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2 you, so --

3 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: Well, it might be nice, though I
4 think at the sessions, to have an architect.

5 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Mm-hmm.

6 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: I can do the Port night, as
7 well.

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: And I can do Port.

10 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Is that too many?

11 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: Frank, can you do Roslyn?

12 COMMISSIONER GENESE: What night is that?

13 MR. STONE: Roslyn is on the Thursday, the 23rd.

14 COMMISSIONER GENESE: No, I can't do Thursday. I can
15 do the Wednesday.

16 MR. STONE: No, we got too many of you now for
17 Wednesday.

18 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Let me see what I can do.
19 That's the 23rd?

20 MR. STONE: Well, fight amongst yourselves.

21 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: I can do both nights.

22 MR. STONE: All right.

23 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Yeah.

24 MR. STONE: The good thing is they're not that far
25 apart.

26 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: I can do the 23rd.

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2 MR. STONE: Okay.

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: We have two and two.

4 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I don't anticipate a huge crowd
5 because this is the Wednesday and Thursday before Memorial Day
6 weekend.

7 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: So we may lose people because a
9 lot of people may be escaping.

10 MR. STONE: But it was the only --

11 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: But for the fall we should be
12 able to.13 MR. STONE: And those dates were, reasonably, the only
14 ones that did not conflict with any religious holidays, any
15 school activities, any sports tournaments, piano lessons, drum
16 performances.

17 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah.

18 MR. STONE: So, yeah.

19 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Could you give me the
20 location for the Roslyn one?21 MR. STONE: 51 Orchard Street, that's the back
22 entrance, the entrance off the parking lot is off of Lincoln
23 Street.

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah.

25 MR. STONE: So --

26 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah, it's --

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2 MR. STONE: The parking is at Lincoln.

3 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: We can probably use the entrance
4 that we use.

5 MR. STONE: Yeah, we'll have signs.

6 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah.

7 MR. STONE: There's four entrances to the building,
8 so --

9 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Also, we're going to have
11 handouts at the public meetings, I'm slowly getting some
12 together but everybody will have a PowerPoint presentation,
13 maps of the Historic District in the Town of North Hempstead,
14 et cetera, plus we're going to -- I'm going to do this next
15 week, at Atlantic Blueprint, we'll have the maps blown up.

16 MR. STONE: Oh, yeah, the district on boards.

17 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right, for each one.

18 MR. STONE: Yeah.

19 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: And I have easels.

21 MR. STONE: We're phasing in a revamp of our entire web
22 page, web tree, and so we will probably send around, you know,
23 at least the -- once it's up, just for input, one round of
24 changes. I'll try and consolidate all of your comments, and
25 then we'll send those back to IT who already has consultants
26 from, I believe, Michigan, that they're working with to redo

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2 the entire town website. Tatiana has found some fantastic
3 websites that are, you know, we're really going to cull from
4 various different websites to take the best of what we see.

5 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: We're coming up with a best
6 practice --

7 MR. STONE: Yeah, yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: -- based on websites, and we
9 asked them, as well, just more for structure and ease of
10 layout, and then by the end of next week, in between gardening,
11 I'm going to actually do the schematics for the layout of the
12 website.

13 MR. STONE: Story boards, right.

14 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Story boards, and then we're
15 probably going to phase it, so it's really important to get
16 landing page and the basics up --

17 MR. STONE: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: -- because people are going to be
19 getting that brochure, and it's got the QR Code.

20 MR. STONE: QR Code on the mail out, on the brochure.

21 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right, so we got to get the
22 basics done --

23 MR. STONE: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: -- before that meeting. Then
25 there's other stuff that we can add in phase two.

26 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: That's great.

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2 MR. STONE: Yeah.

3 ATTORNEY AGIOS: When is the brochure going out?

4 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: The first week in May.

5 MR. STONE: Yeah, it will be first week in May.

6 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Give people a couple of weeks.

7 MR. STONE: That's a two to three week cushion.

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right.

9 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: The tri-fold you're talking about.

10 MR. STONE: Yeah, the tri-fold. As well, we have the
11 graphics designer, Jeanine Davis, did professional invitation
12 cards that go into the business envelopes with the brochures,
13 so -- and like I said, we're not going to -- hey, the grant
14 paid for it, so I mean, we made sure that it came off as
15 professional; you know?

16 We just really want to snag as many folks with the
17 interest in coming out to, you know, a location that is within
18 walking distance of where they live and just familiarize
19 themselves a little bit better so that we're not getting people
20 handed summonses, it's bad PR, you know, illegal renovations
21 that any of you that have driven through the district can --
22 you know what's come before the Commission, and you know what
23 has just been done without permission. So we're trying to ward
24 that off, and then if somebody gets a summons, we can say that
25 we did --

26 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: We tried.

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2 MR. STONE: -- everything within a reasonable purview.

3 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: It's the C of As transferred on
4 the house. We've got two for sale over on Willow.

5 MR. STONE: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: And also, for those that may want
7 to delve more into the history of their house, the
8 architecture, who it was, because a lot of the houses I know in
9 Roslyn were built by the same people who built the McKay
10 Estate, et cetera. So some people may be curious about that.

11 MR. STONE: Yeah, Anne Cybriwsky is -- that's one of
12 the things that she's going to talk about. She's really going
13 to stress the fact that if you're new and you just bought and
14 you're a homeowner of three to five years and you don't know
15 what the history is of your own home, then spend some time and
16 get to know the, not only your builder, the previous owners,
17 but the context of your home in relation to other homes in the
18 district because as people learn more and take a little bit
19 more initiative they can build the story. The story at Port,
20 you know, and this is Anne's presentation, the story is as
21 important to the value of your home as it is to the value of
22 the entire district, and so, you know, she's going try and
23 ignite a little bit of enthusiasm for that, so --

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: You can't tear down the house
25 that you're living in.

26 MR. STONE: Yeah.

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2 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: It's in a Historic District, so
3 you can't tear it down. So you're basically vested in finding
4 out more about your home and seeing what you can do to, you
5 know, enhance the originality of it, et cetera, it's place in
6 the sphere of things.

7 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: You know, I don't know if it's too --
8 but maybe as a long-term project to have, like, you know,
9 somebody could go on our website, and you could actually find
10 your house and have some history. Click on your address and
11 actually --

12 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Don't I always say this.

13 MR. STONE: Yes.

14 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: That actually does exist in
15 some villages.

16 MR. STONE: It's another grant, so you know, for
17 another year.

18 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah.

19 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: He went and tagged them.

20 MR. STONE: But it's certainly doable.

21 (WHEREUPON, there was an off-the-record discussion.)

22 MR. STONE: So that's all I have, but you're
23 up-to-date. We're not going to be having another Commission
24 Meeting to really act on any of this before we have the
25 Outreach Meeting. So in advance, I appreciate your
26 participation. We will talk one-on-one or two-on-one about,

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2 you know, the specific roles and offerings that you can make at
3 the sessions.

4 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: When is the next meeting; June?

5 MR. STONE: It is June. I'm not sure off the top of my
6 head.

7 MR. STERNBERG: We don't have any applications, so --

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: The alternate date is June 13th.
9 It's May 9th, July 11th, those were the established ones, and
10 then the alternate would be the next one.

11 MR. STONE: Oh, so May would be the next one but we
12 have no applications, so yeah, we would bounce to June.

13 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I can come up with something if
14 you want me to.

15 MR. STONE: No and no.

16 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: That would be a hard no.

17 MR. STONE: She said she could come up with something
18 with her property.

19 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I've been before the Commission so
20 many times, I'm sure I can think of something.

21 MR. STONE: All right, so --

22 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: The hard part becomes is the
23 homes that aren't historic.

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yes, the nonconforming.

25 MR. STONE: Noncontributing.

26 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Noncontributing.

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2 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Noncontributing.

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: That's the real problem.

4 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yeah.

5 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: You have a bunch of people
6 who own them and don't feel that they're rightly, you know,
7 should be.

8 MR. STONE: And that's what Anne was speaking to, you
9 know --

10 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: We discuss that in the
11 PowerPoint.

12 MR. STONE: -- you know, you may have a noncontributing
13 house, but it has a history.

14 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Right.

15 ATTORNEY ALGIOS: Well, we tried to get those people
16 when we revised the code by adding that as part of the
17 expedited building process. So if you're in a noncontributing
18 house you can --

19 MR. STONE: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Well, we have at least four that
21 I know of that are noncontributing.

22 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Because they don't identify
23 themselves --

24 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: No, right.

25 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: -- as fitting into the
26 requirements.

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2 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right, and they've been sold --

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Right, so it's new buyers.

4 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: -- so the original people in
5 1999, '98 said, I want to be part of this district no longer
6 own them. So it's the new people that have come in.

7 MR. STONE: Right, and if we --

8 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: And that goes back to
9 educating the public.

10 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Yes.

11 MR. STONE: Yeah, if we were to do something where we
12 were to, you know, start to document or put onto the website,
13 you know, short histories or something like that where a
14 homeowner that is in a noncontributing structure can see that
15 there was, you know, a story. Then it changes things a little
16 bit.17 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: But I would make sure that
18 it's part of this PowerPoint.

19 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: It is.

20 MR. STONE: Yeah, yup.

21 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right early on we discuss --

22 MR. STONE: And it's what Anne is going to be --

23 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Historic, you know --

24 MR. STONE: Yeah, talking about --

25 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: -- historic house versus a
26 noncontributing home. So yeah, right up front we address that.

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2 MR. STONE: Okay.

3 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Well, thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Are we finding old photographs
5 of this area? I'm looking for some, and it's difficult; you
6 know? I will push for it. I've got one really nice one but
7 it's lopped off.

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: The Roslyn Library has stuff.

9 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Actually, I was at the Roslyn
10 Library some time ago, and they had surprisingly little.11 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Right, the other place that might
12 have a lot more would be the Institute.13 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: I'll see if I can find -- I
14 think if we have some old photographs so you can get a feeling
15 of --16 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I've got a couple because I've
17 been, like, going down to Etsy and eBay and finding old, you
18 know, because I've been doing a deep dive on the history of my
19 house. So I'm sure we can come up with something.

20 (WHEREUPON, there was an off-the-record discussion.)

21 MR. STONE: Okay, so that's all I have. Would you like
22 me to call roll for adjournment?

23 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: I just want to say something.

24 MR. STONE: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: I signed up for the Saratoga
26 Continuing Ed, and I never got a link to it.

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2 MR. STONE: Someone else, as well --

3 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: I didn't get it.

4 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: It was on my calendar --

5 MR. STONE: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: -- and I was going through my
7 e-mails.

8 MR. STONE: Did you get on at all?

9 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: No.

10 MR. STONE: Okay, it's now --

11 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: It's posted on YouTube.

12 MR. STONE: Yeah, I have been pestering Marcy up at
13 Saratoga for, like, the last seven days to get it up on their
14 YouTube channel.

15 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Okay.

16 MR. STONE: I'll send that to you --

17 COMMISSIONER O'NEIL: I did, yeah.

18 MR. STONE: If you want, you can take a look at it.

19 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Yeah.

20 MR. STONE: It's under an hour.

21 MS. O'NEIL: Okay.

22 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Can you send us all the link
23 to that YouTube?

24 MR. STONE: Sure, sure.

25 Unfortunately, when I asked Frances up at SHPO, they
26 didn't get any professional development credit assigned for it,

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2 but you can self report.

3 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Yup.

4 MR. STONE: Like self report, and take credit for it.
5 Like, I'm going to do that.

6 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: I mean, it is Saratoga Springs, I
7 was watching it, it's Saratoga Springs; okay?

8 MR. STONE: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER GOVONE: It's a multimillion dollar area.

10 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: That's what you meant by
11 that.

12 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: So it's a little different than,
13 you know, especially Roslyn Heights, it's really bucolic, but
14 it's still very useful. It's got a lot of interesting things.

15 MR. STONE: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: There's a lot of stuff on YouTube
17 from other historical societies that I've been looking at,
18 so --

19 MR. STONE: Okay, do we have a time call?

20 MR. STERNBERG: 7:42.

21 MR. STONE: Okay, so Acting Chair Nicolaides? Oh,
22 motion to adjourn? Anyone?

23 COMMISSIONER GENESE: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

24 MR. STONE: Okay, motion made by Commissioner Genese.

25 Second?

26 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: I'll second.

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2 MR. STONE: Second was? Commissioner O'Neill.

3 Acting Chair Nicolaides?

4 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: I'll move to close.

5 MR. STONE: Okay, aye.

6 ACTING CHAIR NICOLAIDES: Aye.

7 MR. STONE: Commissioner Govoni?

8 COMMISSIONER GOVONI: Aye.

9 MR. STONE: Commissioner O'Neill?

10 COMMISSIONER O'NEILL: Aye.

11 MR. STONE: Commissioner Genese?

12 COMMISSIONER GENESE: Aye.

13 MR. STONE: Commissioner Lumpkin?

14 COMMISSIONER LUMPKIN: Aye.

15 MR. STONE: It's 7:42, the meeting is adjourned.

16 Thank you, very much.

17 (WHEREUPON, this meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.)

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