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PARVIZ ZARABI

39 TANNERS RD.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y 11020

PINE BARRENS CREDIT CL.

Dear Sur

I have reviewed your letter of interpretations regarding all of the pascels of the properties that ever submitted for Credits.

the amount of Gredits given as totally unacceptable to is, since every piece of property is and has been single and Separate for a long time, and we have invested a lots of money toward purchasing et 10 years ago. It will create a great deal of hardship for us ever can't get one credit for every parcel.

your reconsideration toward this problem is greatly appreciated

PARVIZ ZARABI

## PINE BARRENS CREDIT CLEARINGHOUSE \_

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February 6, 1996

Mr. Parviz Zarabi 39 Tanners Road Lake Success, New York 11020

Re: SCTM # 200-511-4-27

SCTM # 200-511-5-19; 21; 23; 73; 76; 85

SCTM # 200-511-6-1; 2; 8; 29; 31; 38; 41; 43; 49

SCTM # 200-562-4-9

Dear Mr. Zarabi:

Please find enclosed the Letters of Interpretation for the above-referenced parcels pursuant to your applications.

If you desire to obtain Pine Barrens Credit Certificates, you must complete a Pine Barrens Credit Certificate Application for each parcel following the instructions in the Pine Barrens Credit Handbook.

The Clearinghouse did not allocate Pine Barrens Credits to Suffolk County tax map parcel # 200-511-6-47, because a copy of the parcel's deed has not been submitted to the Clearinghouse. Upon receipt of that document, the Clearinghouse will review the parcel's application.

Thank you for your participation in the Pine Barrens Credit Program.

Sincerely,

Raymond P. Corwin

Executive Director, Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission

**Enclosures** 

P.O. Box 587, 3525 Sunrise Highway, 2nd Floor, Great River, New York 11739-0587 516-563-0385 / Fax 516-277-4097

JOHN MILAVZO

"BRIEF"

To: PINE BARRENS CREDIT CLEARINGHOUSE.

To The Attention Of: Mr. John C. Milazzo, Esq.

Ref: Appeals Case "Parviz Zarabi" 23 April 1996 @ 3:30pm.

Item: We agree with the preservation of the Pine Barrens, We disagree with the equity of the settlement with property owners.

We purchased seventeen single and separate residential building lots. I will discuss this concept w/documentation at hearing. We were aware certain improvements may have had to be made ie. pave road

Present zoning dose not effect S&S lots. Lot size is not proportionate to value in an open market.

By Governments actions you have eliminated any private market and replaced it with a voucher system, Supreme Case Law will be submitted at hearing.

Use and value of voucher/credits is in a VERY GRAY area, I will relate with documentation from and conversations with Town Of Brookhaven officials and County of Suffolk Health Department officials.

Approval of one Governmental agency dose not constitute approval by another.

FACT THE VOUCHER/CREDIT SYSTEM IS GROSSLY FLAWED, in our case We will discuss suggestions to improve situation at hearing.

We are absolutely open to an equitable settlement.

Singerely

Mr Ernest Hoffstaetter J

"Hoffstaetter Enterprises"
PARALEGAL

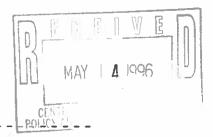
Agent for Owners
5 Riverside Ave. Mastic Beach ,N.Y. 11951

(1) (516) 399-0367

P.S. Please note the deed for S.C.T.M. # 0200-511-6-47, has been sent to you and anticipate its inclusion at the above stated hearing per our phone conversation. Thank You.

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## PINE BARRENS CREDIT CLEARINGHOUSE



In the Matter of the

Public Hearing on the Appeals of

PARVIZ ZARABI

3525 Sunrise Highway Great River, New York 11739

April 23, 1996 3:43 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

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## APPEARANCES:

BOARD OF ADVISORS

JAMES TRIPP - Chairman

JACK HANLEY - Member

ROBERT DUFFY - Member

MITCHELL PALLY - Member

JOHN MILAZZO - Attorney

DORIS ROTH- General Counsel

RAY CORWIN

WILLIAM SPITZ- DEC

## ALSO PRESENT:

LORRAINE TREZZA

DONNA PLUNKETT

MR. TRIPP: Notice of the public hearing. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by this Board on today's date.

The hearing is to consider
the appeals of the persons
aggrieved by the allocation of Pine
Barrens Credits contained in their
Letters of Interpretation. The
Board is hearing such appeals
pursuant to Section 6.7.3.4 of the
Central Pine Barrens Land Use Plan.

At the hearing the Board will hear two appeals. The first appeal at what will now be the second appeal of Joseph Gazza, and the first appeal is a Parviz Zarabi, and others who are appealing the Pine Barrens credit allocation contained in 17 Letters of Interpretation issued on February 6.

The hearing under the notice is scheduled to take place today at this place starting at 3:30.

MR. MILAZZO: I would just amend that to include the parcel, it will be 18 parcels because I issued a Letter of Interpretation today on parcel number 200511-6-5121.

Applicant and his representative will give a brief overview and then we have a staff report which we will submit to the record. And then I suggest that a public hearing be held open for two weeks to give staff a chance to respond to their written materials which have not been reviewed by commission staff today. So we will close the hearing at the end, we will discuss that at the end.

MR. TRIPP: Do you want to come up here, Mr. Hoffstaetter. So you may proceed at least what I have from you so far is the one page.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: That is

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the brief, right.

MR. TRIPP: Dated April 23, 1996.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: What I am going to do is I made packets for all of the Board members so they can peruse this at their leisure.

And I gave one to the stenographer to save her a little typing.

First, I would request a copy of the minutes of this hearing, and have provided you with a copy of my presentation.

Briefly my qualifications. I
am a paralegal permit expediter. I
have twenty-three years experience
in construction real estate,
commercial and residential permits.
And have dealt with almost all
branches of government.

Let me state for clarity, we are not opposed to the preservation of the Pine Barrens, just in your method of compensation for the

Proceedings 6 1 2 taking of our property. 3 Fact. We own and have paid residential property taxes on 4 eighteen single and separate 5 6 building lots for ten years, to 7 date approximately \$55,000.00. 8 MR. TRIPP: May I just 9 interrupt you for a moment. 10 When you say "we," who is the we? 11 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: 12 owners. I use the word "we". "I," 13 is alienating. 14 MR. TRIPP: How many owners 15 are there? 16 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Four 17 owners. 18 MR. TRIPP: Are they in 19 affect joint owners of all eighteen 20 parcels that we are talking about? 21 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: I believe 22 so, yes. 23 Prior to that, other 24 individuals whom we purchased all 25 rights and title from paid

residential property taxes since 21
July 1892 when the map of Eastport
Land and Improvement Company, map
number 605 was filed. We purchased
these lots in 1986 at a cost of
approximately \$100,000.00. The lots
were purchased with the if you will
expectation of developing each and
every lot. Also, to purchase
additional lots and split our
larger lots which would enhance our
profit margin due to the road
improvement costs which we
anticipated.

Please keep in mind if an application, that is another owner's application, preceded ours road improvement costs would be greatly reduced. Each building lot in today's market would have a very conservative market value of at least \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 improved.

I will now explain the single

and separate concept, AKA the Grandfather Law.

Now, what I am going to do at the end of my presentation, I have individual folders for a mass to file for the Chairman which have all of the documentation from the Town, all the printed records of everything I am indicating and I will, you know, make that part of the record.

Town of Brookhaven Code Local
Law 85-372 C(2), which is attached.
Simply put, based on a formula of
up-zoning dates by location, school
districts and road frontage a date
is derived. In this case it would
be 26 May 1975. If the parcel was
single and separate no abutting
property in the same name except
for street to street, which is a
law Guazzo versus Chave Supreme
Court decision of 18 April 1969,
which allows back to back splits.

I have a copy of that law.

You have a building lot with setbacks set by this law, regardless of current zoning.

Fact. Dollar value is not proportional to an increase in lot area, building yield is the driving force. When a large parcel is purchased the principle is the same; yield, improvements, market value equals offer. A lot's value is in the fact one residence can be placed upon it.

By government's actions you have eliminated any private market for these parcels and have replaced it with a voucher credit system, essentially a closed market with strict, very gray area uses.

Example. When asked what we can use one credit for per the Town of Brookhaven Planning Department, and I spoke with Larry Constantino (phonetic), who is to speak with

John, and I tried to speak to John Girandola and Thomas Kramer (phonetic), the Commissioner, I spoke on the 4th of April, the 8th of April, the 11th and the 16th and the 17th, and I got absolutely no reply with what you can do with the credit.

On the 11th of April I spoke with Suffolk County Department of Health Services. I received a brochure from a Mr. Roy Reynolds which if you can make heads or tail of you are better people than I. I asked Mr. Reynolds what he felt you can do with a credit. He said we have never had any come in and we don't know.

If my assumptions are correct and I will confirm it with direct questions, I will ask these at the end, but any notes you wish to make on this, I want to go back to these two things; do they have a

strict -- one, do they have a strict and limited use. And two, credits may only be used in the same school district. That is per Dr. Coppleman (phonetic), who I spoke to on several occasions.

Then I would say that in conjunction with other research I have done, only big developers will have any possible use for these credits and will positively exploit and abuse the market by offering token amounts per credit.

Also, I will note an approval by one governmental agency does not constitute an approval by another through contradictions in each agencies' rules and interpretations, the old ping pong runaround.

Fact. If what I have stated is reasonably true, what is being perpetrated upon this land owning citizen constitutes almost a

taking, in that we have been denied reasonable use of our property.

Reasonable being what the zoning is for, a residence. Some parallels can definitely be drawn between our situation and United States Supreme Court decision of 9 June 1987,

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale, the appellant versus County of Los Angeles,

California, item 85-1199 which states an inherently unfair and caprices and arbitrary taking by a municipality.

I made copies of that for you, also.

Now, with all do respect I will beg your indulgence in the following. Being nice and complacent with government does not work.

You cannot blame citizens for thinking there was no premeditation and conspiracy on government's

part. First, the Town of Brookhaven on it's own motion does a major up-zoning.

Then, Suffolk County
government declares if you don't
pay your taxes on a vacant parcel
we will take it in one year instead
of three.

Then, a year or so later, they add a \$100.00 penalty if you don't pay your taxes on time besides the interest they were already charging.

Then, government declares

your property unbuildable by

citizens regardless of their

financial situation must keep on

paying taxes while government plots

their fate.

Then, a system of credit
vouchers is devised and instituted
with no value set. I tried to cover
all, trying to cover all possible
legal basis and then citizen owners

are thrown to the wolves and left to their own fate.

By your own words in an article which I have a copy of, no value has been set and no use has been determined.

But the hapless citizen

watches and wonders how the County

can direct sale and auction off

each year at inflated prices, not

for owed back taxes but

profiteering and keep bringing the

coverage amount from the ceased

lands, even wetlands ceased outside

the core area because some poor

sole couldn't pay their taxes.

And to my complete shock, and I have the documentation right here which I will provide momentarily, to my complete shock even to try to sell at the auction for May 7, 1996 property, the property in the Pine Barrens Core Area which is parcel number 151, I have it all here.

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Never once saying, "hay buddy, how about a trade?"

Then, government keeps collecting the quarter sales tax that citizens assumed was to go for purchasing core lands at reasonably fair market value, and comes to find out this money is misappropriated and diverted into the infamous black hole, AKA the general financed fund, and used for such things as committee studies, salaries, expense accounts, renting buildings, worthless poor projects.

Our tax dollars hard a at work.

I wonder why we feel like a pawn in some heartless charade.

All that is asked is government fairness. We would hope you are all reasonable and honest men and take all we have said into consideration.

Hopefully this case is about doing the right thing.

We deserve and are entitled to closer to 18 credits, not the 2.33 credits offered. Only under the following criteria; use of credits outside the core area, and this is for clarification, credits should not be used in the core area and excluded environmental sensitive areas.

One credit, and this is perhaps simply put but I would think it would work, one credit equals one house increase in lot yield, anywhere.

Credit based on long
established criteria, either single
separate, or 20,000 square foot or
40,000 square foot depending on
location conforming lot yield.

One credit includes Town and Health approval, no slick gimmicks.

Or, government purchases our property at fair market value which is the price we would have realized prior to their actions.

In either case, the collection of property taxes stops immediately.

A duck is a duck is a duck no matter how you try to portray, disguise or deceive. This is a taking.

This is not a threat by us, just a clear observation. By each of you seated here today making the right decision and doing what is right you will overt an inevitable retroactive, class action lawsuit.

As in the case with Shoreham, this will cost every tax payer in Suffolk County to defend and ultimately with interest payback what you deny here today.

Sincerely, Ernest Hoffstaetter, Jr.

Now I will briefly go through my documentation. I made only one packet of the documentation. First, are copies of the Town laws which I stated with the items indicated highlighted. This is how single and separate is derived with a zoning sheet.

And again, after I present all of this, if anybody has any questions I will be happy to re-explain any particular item.

Here is a copy of --

MS. ROTH: Excuse me, Mr. Hoffstaetter, do you want these to be marked as part of the record?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Yes. I don't have a separate copy, I said that in the beginning of the presentation, that it be made part of -- I only have one of these packets.

MR. TRIPP: This is something we could keep. We could just mark

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the whole thing as one exhibit once he identifies them.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Here is a copy of Guazzo versus Chave Supreme Court and First English Evangelical Lutheran Church versus County of Los Angeles.

Here is again, now I have got some examples in here of why citizens have a feeling of concern for what is going on. Perhaps unrelated but a governmental action is something I happen to be involved in. The Havens (phonetic) Estate in East Moriches of 206 acre area which was purchased in the late 80's for approximately \$13,000,000.00 with open space acquisition funds and is now being considered for a golf course.

If anybody were familiar with that land I have two articles indicating that, if anybody were familiar with that property I think

. that they will be --

MR. GRECCO: What relevance does this have?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: The relevance it has is there is an inherent mistrust of what this government is doing. And these are examples that I am presenting, with all do respect, and I made that clear in the beginning, I am here to do a job but I have to make it clear why people feel the way they feel. When an article if you want that as an example, when an individual reads an article like that, they have concerns. If a person were familiar with it.

MR. GRECCO: But as to the facts we are talking about some open space in East Moriches which has nothing to do with the Pine Barrens, this has nothing to do with the application.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Yes, it

does.

MR. GRECCO:

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: It proves distrust of governmental actions.

Where?

MR. PALLY: How can you prove distrust?

MR. TRIPP: I want him to finish the description and he is proposing that we mark everything that he brought here today and --

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: And then you will have all the time you want to look at it and question whatever.

MR. TRIPP: And we can ask questions.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Here is another reason, this is more relevant to the pine Barrens. I have a letter here dated the 4th of August 1992 to then Supervisor John Lamura, it was sent certified mail, return receipt. I have the original with the receipt. This answer was

never answered and I have attached some copies of articles that you can look at, also.

This is in the beginning of the conception of the Pine Barrens. Just briefly read what is relevant about this and how the Pine Barrens Core Area lines were setup that concerns a lot of people. How the lines deviate around certain properties and without regard included other properties. Subject north shore properties, hearing of 4 August 1992, with reference to the above project I have two questions.

MR. TRIPP: If you are going to submit it I don't think you have to read it.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: I will be very, very brief with it. Others I am not going to read at all.

The main concern is how do you get 5,086 single family

residents and 9.92 million square feet of commercial onto 40,000 acres? No response was ever made to that letter. In setting values which is kind of a key issue a short while back the County had come up with some mitigation, swapping properties, transfer of properties. I directed this letter to Mr. Herbert Davis, our legislator at the time. The letter is dated 13th of September, 1994. It is regarding a proposal by the county to swap properties. It was never answered to this date.

Also, I will submit one property that I was involved with -- I have attached the tax map, it's a land lock -- well, it's not land locked, it's on a paper street. It's 21 feet wide by 100 feet deep that laid smack in the middle of my clients' property. It was owned by the County of Suffolk,

it had no value to the County of Suffolk, it's not in the Pine Barrens.

We asked the County what is this lot worth? They sent us back this letter. We did purchase it because we had to purchase it, the minimum acceptable bid is \$1,000.00 for a 21 by 100 foot lot on a paper street in the middle surrounded by our property. There is the official letter from the County of Suffolk.

MR. GRECCO: Can I go back to one of your exhibits?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Sure.

MR. TRIPP: Let him finish his presentation and then we will open it up.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: This fell out of the first folder which had the single and separate in it.

Then we have the articles that I refer to which were ongoing

grass routes support the petitions about the taking of the quarter percent or the misappropriation in the quarter percent sales tax and we have an article dated April 20th, which is indicating that they are now going to be, although it is not yet settled on an appropriate price for these credits. And it seems the County is relying on \$5,000,000.00 from the Northville gasoline spill which puzzles me.

Then I have the real shocker. I was down at the Town of Brookhaven researching and trying to speak to the officials there to see what their presumed use of the credits was and there was a poor old lady sitting there and she didn't speak English very well and she was down there tying to find out whether she should buy this property.

And as often as I do when I

am down in the Town I see somebody kind of in need and I said maybe I can help you. She had this letter that the County had just sent her, tax map 0200 Section 420, Block 1, lots 23.1, upset price, that is the opening bid, \$20,000.00. Here is the book for the auction on May 7 with that item highlighted.

I had the staff look up and on a tax map locate this property, completely land locked piece of property behind her property. And when I had staff further research it they said it's in the Pine Barrens Core Area. I said, well, geese, that is strange.

Now, there is a whole load of other things in here including wetlands parcels which the County is hawking at this auction. I only researched one of these, I really didn't have the time to look at every one of these and see if they

are in the Pine Barrens. But, I think if we look at the 0200's and if we saw if there are any 511's, I don't see a 511 but I see a close one, 514 or something like that. Somebody might look into what the County is selling.

And then, this is, I am not even opening it up, it will be for your perusal, but this is really, really what amazes me with officials as to how a person in elected office can do such moronic things in my humble opinion. And when people hold these things it gives my credibility to an organization such as yours.

MR. TRIPP: I will identify
it. The last is a series of
newspaper articles at least one of
which is dated April 21, 1996, one
is dated May 11, 1995, one is dated
February 17, 1996, and the other
one is dated April 14, 1996. Can we

Proceedings 28 2 mark everything either as one 3 exhibit? MR. MILAZZO: I will like to 5 preserve the record by doing each 6 one individually, I think that 7 might be better. 8 MR. TRIPP: Let's do it now 9 but let's do it expeditiously. 10 MR. MILAZZO: The first exhibit will be the staff report 11 12 that was issued. 13 MR. MILAZZO: The second one, 14 Number 2, will be a letter dated --15 "Dear Interested Party," without a 16 date from Barbara Friedman 17 (phonetic), of the Auction Sales 18 And Affordable Housing Unit. 19 Number 3 will be a brochure 20 issued by the Suffolk County 21 Department of Law, Division of Real 22 Estate, for an auction to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 1996. 23

Exhibit Number 4 will be, appears to be a case called Guazzo

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Proceedings 1 29 2 V. Chave, site 301, New York 3 Second. MR. TRIPP: All I think you 4 5 have to do is write the number on 6 it. 7 MR. MILAZZO: You have to 8 state what it is. I am sorry. 9 Number 5 is the English 10 Supreme Court decision. 11 Number 6 is going to be an 12 article, "Pine Barrens Credit Set 13 To Go, " without a date, News April 14 20, 1996. Number 7 will be an article 15 16 "Growing Grass Routes to Save the 17 Trees, " News, April 14, '96. 18 Number 8 is going to be a 19 Newsday, November 21, 1995, "Budget 20 Approved." 21 Number 9 is a letter from 22 April 15, 1994. 23 Number 10 is a letter from

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Number 11 is the Suffolk

County Department of Health

Transfer of Development Rights

Promulgated issued September 30,

Number 12 is a Town of Brookhaven single and separate date list.

Number 13 is the Town of Brookhaven form concerning single and separate 85-372 C(2).

Number 14 is a list of standards for zoning class Town of Brookhaven again.

Number 15 is a letter, unsigned.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: It was signed, I didn't want to put that in.

MR. MILAZZO: To John Lamura,
Town of Brookhaven Supervisor at
the time, August 6, 1994.

Number 16 is an article of News, dated February 20, 1993.

Number 17 is hearing held on Breslin North Shore Plan, July 29, 1992, is "2,100 Acres of Controversy," Newsday article of August 3, 1992. The second is an article dated March 14, 1995, that is Number 17.

Number 18 is a Newsday
article from 3 June '94. "Four for
Four, County to pick three sites."

The last is Number 19 is an article from Sunday April 14, 1996, Newsday, "Fire Works on Grucci Gaffney Hires."

Number 20 is an article from February 17, 1996, Newsday.

Number 21 is an article dated May 11, 1995, "Moonlighter Who Quit," is Number 21.

Number 22 is "a Home In A

Piece Of The Past." I don't know

where it came from but it was dated

21 April '96 and we can refer to

this after.

The only thing I want to add to the record is a staff report issued by the Suffolk Pine Barrens Commission Staff and I will give the applicant a copy and this is Number 23. It's an Application Analysis on Clearinghouses' letterhead issued April 19, 1996.

Just for the record and this will be my last comment, it includes a map of the 511 section, a brief prepared by Ernest Hoffstaetter, and a copy of a letter issued by Barbara Wiplush, Town attorney, to Jim Tripp February 27, 1996.

And the only thing I want on page three of the Application Analysis, the last sentence it appears that the applicant has been crossed out."

I have the record preserved and now you can have questions.

MR. TRIPP: Questions, and I

will ask everyone, as far as possible ask questions regarding factual.

MR. GRECCO: Mr.

Hoffstaetter, it's your position that because these parcels are single and separate one house equals one credit; is that correct?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Yes.

MR. GRECCO: Do you have surveys of these properties?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: No.

Because, it would be pointless to spend money on surveys and chains of titles which is indicated by Chris Hubbs (phonetic), of the Town attorneys' office on something.

MR. GRECCO: I am just asking a question. Do you have a survey?

Are you comfortable with this chain of title insofar as this property is considered single and separate back to the cut off date?

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No, all I have MR. MILAZZO: is a deed from March of 1986.

MR. GRECCO: So, you haven't even prepared a single and separate search?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: The cost of preparing a single and separate search on one lot, and I will make a deal with you, if I prepare a complete single and separate and run it through the Town which is the cost of \$350.00 for a single and separate search and \$40.00 for a review fee and I would say in that area, a survey may run you, because they would have to get back into the woods and do clearing and whatever, you might be talking \$500.00 for a survey. If the lot turns out to be single and separate we get one credit for it.

MR. GRECCO: Am I to understand you correctly, your basis for these number of requested

1 Proceedings 35 2 credits is based upon single and 3 separate? 4 MR. TRIPP: Just so you 5 understand, anything that we do 6 here today would be contingent, if 7 we decided to do anything at all on 8 the applicant going to the Town and 9 getting from the Town proof that he 10 qualifies. 11 MR. GRECCO: I am not 12 suggesting that. 13 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: It would 14 be a huge expense. 15 MR. GRECCO: I am just saying 16 you are coming in here and telling 17 me it is single and separate but 18 it's your burden to prove it; 19 right? 20 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Yes. 21 MR. GRECCO: How do you 22 propose you prove this to us? 23 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: How you 24 would prove it is that in general, 25 you can look at an area of a map

and you can get a pretty good idea, if one owner, if they purchased all from the same owner and the owner had owned the property for a long time, and again, any date was, we only had to be single and separate, let me make that clear to 26 May '75.

So in other words, when I prepare a chain of title, I don't have to be single and separate back to 1892, only to 1975. I would look at the reasonable possibilities that it is single and separate due to the fact of expense simply check the names of the surrounding owners.

Now, I am not speaking about back to backs, I am speaking about if I know that they don't own on this side and they don't own on that side and they bought the property in 1980, they have owned nothing else along side of it so

you only really have a five year span that anyone else buy next to them or to the people they purchase it from own anymore it's unlikely. The odds are pretty much in the favor that they are single and separate.

MR. GRECCO: Are we in agreement that 1975 is the cut off date?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: I can prove that with the first three documents.

MR. GRECCO: That date that you showed us there that May is the cut off date for the up-zones of the Town where if you are single and separate as of that date you preserved your right; is that correct?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Correct.

MR. GRECCO: What have you demonstrated to us to show us that you were single and separate as of

Proceedings 38 2 that date on these parcels; what 3 have you presented to us to show us 4 that you are single and separate as 5 of that date? 6 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Nothing. 7 We are not going to spend, you 8 know, except that you can see the 9 layout of the lots, you see that 10 they are individual lots. 11 MR. GRECCO: Layouts is 12 nothing to do with title. 13 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: You are 14 under the assumption that we own 15 adjacent lots. 16 MR. GRECCO: I am asking, 17 your basis is preexisting; right? 18 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Correct, 19 that's correct. 20 MR. GRECCO: And you agree it 21 would be your burden to prove this 22 preexisting right? 23 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Sure. I am 24 not going to, however, proof it on 25 a fancy, you know, or for .10 of a

credit. I mean, that would be un --you know, unrealistic to expect
someone to spend \$1,000.00 a lot on
five year period presuming that
nobody else owned contiguous
property for five years. I would
say the odds are pretty good that
they are.

And again, to prove that yes, you would have to go through a guaranteed survey, a single and separate chain of title, filing fees, and such as that. But again, in a situation like this I think that is unrealistic to do at this point and it would be unwarranted.

MR. TRIPP: Any other questions?

MR. GRECCO: Would you be willing to give us just single and separate searches on this parcel?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: That is \$350.00 a piece back to '75. If you are willing to give us a credit

Proceedings 40 2 a piece that each one --3 MR. GRECCO: I am not 4 suggesting that. However --5 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: 128 times \$350.00 is a lot of money. 6 7 MR. GRECCO: Others have done 8 this. 9 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Maybe on one lot but not on 18. 10 11 MR. GRECCO: I am just 12 disagreeing with you, you are 13 wrong. MR. HOFFSTAETTER: 14 Т understand. And you do understand 15 16 the concept of the back to back 17 splits? MR. GRECCO: Absolutely. 18 19 I also want to state for the 20 record, you made a statement that 21 the County is auctioning a piece of 22 property in the core. That is not 23 correct. That parcel which you

mentioned is in Centereach and not

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MR. HOFFSTAETTER: And the Town told me it is in the Pine Barrens Core.

MS. PLUNKETT: It's not in the Pine Barrens.

MR. TRIPP: We are not going to dispute what someone may have told you.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: That is an official of the Town. When you look at that map it is very, very difficult to figure out. But believe me, a person, you know, who is, I am going to go back and question Bill as to give me bad information and making a fool of myself if it is in the Pine Barrens but I will double check and I will get back to you whether it is or I will have him get back to you and state why it is or why it isn't. He told me he looked at it, he looked at it twice, it is in the Core Area.

MR. GRECCO: Do you have any other evidence or anything else you would like to put forward regarding this application?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: No.

MR. GRECCO: I have no further questions.

MR. TRIPP: I have just a few questions.

What is the distance, if you know, the approximate distance from the closest existing improved road to your parcels?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: I think it varies, I did map that all out. It varies between 300 feet and I think maybe 1,000 feet.

MR. TRIPP: We have an estimate of 536 feet to close to 4,000; would that strike you as being correct?

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Again, without doing a layout exactly, I did an estimation, so you are

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saying 5,000 total feet of road.

MR. TRIPP: You have a number of different parcels scattered.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: You have different ways of getting it, you wouldn't necessarily put one road in, you have to plan that.

As I have indicated that is a problem of the applicant, not a problem of the property. If he is willing to put in a road but when a person does that, remember, there are certain people who also plot and what they do is they will go in and they will buy up all the lots along that path in. People who, you know, really have owned the property for a long time don't want to be bothered putting a road in, you can generally pickup enough lots along the way and make it worth your while. That was the intention.

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it's a good basis for you saying well, you have to put a road in just to lot X which is way, way down here. That is going to be a total cost of improvement for that one lot because that really isn't how it works. No developer does that.

MR. TRIPP: So, if you were going to develope you would buy --

MR. HOFFSTAETTER:

Absolutely. And I would also indicate that on top of -- what you would do is look up all the owners of record along the way, you would send letters of solicitation; are you interested in selling? If they are interested, the market price would be relatively low but once it's in profit and you put in the improvements it makes it worth while.

Also, some of the lots are larger of the 18 lots, and they

would qualify. I think one or two of them on the entire blocks. I think without again the Pine Barrens Core Area being there, under normal circumstances you would go to the zoning board of appeals and as long as it is within two hundred feet of your application you reasonably conform to the size of the lots in that area. I would say you are guaranteed get at least another three or four lots without a blink under normal circumstances on a couple of the lots.

MR. TRIPP: This is a question, initially of Dennis Moran since you are here today.

If this applicant came into the Department of Health, would there, you know, these owners who jointly own a total of 18 parcels, what would be the response, if any?

MR. MORAN: I think what

would happen in a case like this,

if it were more than five parcels

in the same ownership, it would not

be exempt from Article 6, and

therefore, it would have to be an

application looked at under the

criteria of Article 6 where you

have 40,000 foot lots.

If additional lots were purchased, in order to do like road development those would also be included in evaluation. You would have to look at a yield map based upon the number of lots that have been purchased, the size of those lots. But you would certainly have to look at them and treat them as a common scheme or development, so therefore, we will have to look and see what yields you would get out of them.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Please let me comment on that.

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If a lot is single and separate, it is exempt from that situation. And if you purchased additional lots, and again, with all do respect, if you purchase additional lots you are not going to purchase them in the same name, you are going to purchase them in a different corporate name or whatever you are going to do. what you would do if you were real smart and real slick is you would find the furthest down lot and you would make an application only on that lot. And get a road into it and then when the road passes the other ones are automatically -- I mean, with all do respect, that's what you do. That's what builders do. I mean it's totally unconscionable expenses that builders are put through to build one house.

Certain times, again, the

Proceedings 1 48 bottom line is still the same. One 2 3 house would be there and that's it, it just circumvents some of the 4 5 aggravation and expense that you 6 might have to go through. 7 MR. TRIPP: Any other 8 questions? 9 MR. MILAZZO: I just have a 10 couple. 11 MS. ROTH: Mr. Moran, could 12 you just identify yourself for the 13 record. 14 MR. MORAN: Dennis Moran, 15 Civic County Department of Health 16 Services. 17 I just want to MR. MILAZZO: 18 comment on a few things. First and 19 foremost on the application 20 analysis, the fourth parcel says an 21 allocation of 4.14. It is 22 actually .14. I just want to change

that for the record.

The other thing, the eyes of the credit that has been identified

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in the plan. The allocation that they are limited to intra district transfers in the Town of Brookhaven is not correct. Town of Brookhaven allows you to move across school district boundaries.

The request I have is if you could supply a copy of a tax bill for the last year for each parcel, if that's possible.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: The ones I have.

MR. MILAZZO: Whatever is the most recent tax bill.

Also, if you could give me some sort of statement, the amount of money you paid for all the lots. The deed says it was about \$33,000.00. If I could get that, as well.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Which deed? You have copies of all the deeds. There are stamps on the deeds, the stamps are calculated.

1 Proceedings 2 If you will ask the County what 3 that adds up to. That is a verification, I 5 could just give you a word but that 6 is the verified fact. 7 MS. ROTH: You might want a 8 statement as to whether there is 9 any other consideration. 10 MR. HOFFSTAETTER: No, no, 11 they are all vacant properties, 12 there is no consideration. 13 MR. MILAZZO: I would 14 recommend we keep the hearing open 15 for two weeks, until the close of 16 business on May 6, 1996. And if 17 anyone has any supporting materials they want to add to the record. 18 19 MR. TRIPP: Is there anything 20 else? You have a copy of the 21 report. 22

So, if there is anything else you want to submit will you do it before May 6.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Just in

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questioning your comment, you said that, and it was my question 1 and 2 on the first page, do you have a strict and limited use and you just stated that there is a particular criteria somewhere that says what you can do with a credit. I have not been able to locate that.

MR. MILAZZO: That's in Chapter 6 of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Then I would say to you without reading it, that chapter, does it set strict and limited uses on a credit or do you just walk into Health Department?

MR. TRIPP: I would suggest that we furnish you a copy of Chapter 6, which I think we can do easily, and the Town of Brookhaven has amended it's own zoning

ordinances recently as to the as of right receiving areas.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: The second question, again, maybe I have been misinformed, but I spoke with Dr. Coppleman (phonetic), on several occasions and he had clearly told me, now this was a little while ago, things maybe changed but Dr. Coppleman (phonetic) clearly told me and stated that credits could not cross school boundary lines.

MR. TRIPP: I don't dispute he may have told you that, that is no longer the case within the Town of Brookhaven in the as of right receiving areas.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: So, if it is in Brookhaven Town I could use it anywhere.

MR. TRIPP: In the designated as of right receiving areas.

MR. PALLY: Which are

outlined in the plan.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: So I am getting a copy. So there are strict uses of these, you can't just use them anywhere. That is the only point I am trying to make is I can't arbitrarily take this one piece of paper and walk down to the Health Department.

MR. TRIPP: There is a Plan, so the efficient thing to do is read the Plan. If you have questions about what it means, there are lots of people to answer the questions.

MR. HOFFSTAETTER: Again, I tried the Town and no one was able to answer.

MR. TRIPP: Anyone else here have any comments on this application?

So, the record will remain open until May 6. Thank you very much.

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Presentation to: PINE BARRENS CREDIT CLEARINGHOUSE. Appeals Case "Mr. Parviz Zarabi & others Hearing date 23 April 1996 @ 3:30pm. Location: 3525 Sunrise Hwy. Great River, New York. 11739 Contact Person: Mr. John C. Milazzo, Esq. (1)(516)563-0385. Good Afternoon, First I will request a copy of the minutes of this hearing and have provided you with a copy of my presentation Briefly my qualifications I am a Para-legal Permit Expediter, I have 23 years experience in construction, real estate commercial and residential permits and have dealt with almost all branches of government. Let me state for clarity we are not opposed to the preservation of the Pine Barrens, just in your method of compensation for the taking of our property. Fact we own and have paid residential property taxes on 18 single and separate building lots for 10 years to date apx. \$55,000.00. Prior to that other individuals whom we purchased all rights and title from paid residential property taxes since 21 July 1892 when the map of "Eastport Land and Improvement Co." Map #605 was filed We purchased these lots in 1986 at a cost of apx. \$100,000.00+, The lots were purchased with the full expectation of developing each and every lot also to purchase additional lots and split our larger lots. Which would enhancing our profit margin due to road improvement costs which were anticipated. Keep in mind if an application preceded ours road improvement costs would be greatly reduced. Each building lot in today's market would have a very conservative market value of at least \$25,000.00 to \$35.000.00 improved. I will now explain the Single and Separate (S&S) concept aka. Grandfather Law Town Of Brookhaven Code Local Law 85-372 c(2) attached, based on a formula of up-zoning dates by location, school districts and road frontage a date is derived. In this case it would be 26 May 1975 If the parcel was, S&S no abutting property in same name except for street to street, Guazzo vs. Chave Supreme Court decision 18 April 1969, you have a building lot with setbacks set by this law, regardless of current zoning. Fact dollar value is not proportional to an increase in lot area, building yield is the driving force. When a large parcel is purchased the principal is the same yield, improvements, market value = offer. A lots value is in the fact one residence can be placed upon it. By governments actions you have eliminated any private market for these parcels and replaced it with a voucher credit system, essentially a closed market with strict very gray area uses. ie. when asked what we could use one credit for per T.O.B. Planning Dept. No reply Per S.C.D.H.S. Don't know! If my assumptions are correct and I will confirm it with direct questions 1. do they have a strict and limited use. 2. Credits may only be used in the same School District. Then I would say that in conjunction with other research I have done, only Big Developers would have any possible use for these credits and will positively Exploit and Abuse the market by offering token amounts per credit. Also I would note an approval by one governmental agency dose not constitute an approval by another through contradictions in each agencies rules and interpretations, (the old ping pong run-around).

Fact if what I have stated is reasonably true what is being perpetrated upon this land owning citizen constitutes almost a taking, in that we have been denied reasonable use of our property (reasonable being what is zoned for "a residence"). Some parallels can definitely be drawn between our situation and United States Supreme Court decision of 9 June 1987, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glen Dale, appellant vs. County of Los Angeles California no 85-1199 which states an inherently unfair caprices and arbitrary taking by a municipality

Now with all due respect I will beg your indulgence.

Being nice and complacent with government DOSE NOT WORK!!!!!!.

You can not blame citizens for thinking there was no premeditation and conspiracy on governments part. First the Town Of Brookhaven on its own motion dose a major up-zoning. Then Suffolk County government declares if you don't pay your taxes on a vacant parcel we will take it in one year instead of three.

Then a year or so later they add a \$100.00 penalty if you don't pay on time, besides the interest they were already charging. Then government declares your property un-buildable but the citizens regardless of there financial situation must keep on paying taxes while government plots there fate.

Then a system of credit vouchers is devised and instituted, with No value set, to try to cover all possible legal bases, and then Citizen owners are thrown to the Wolves and left to there own fate.

By your own words, no value set, no use determined!!!!!!!.

But the hapless Citizen watches and wonders how the County can direct sale and auction off each year at inflated prices, "Not for owed back taxes", but profiteering and keeping the overage amount from the ceased lands even wetlands, ceased outside the core area because some poor sole couldn't pay there taxes. and to my complete shock even try to sell at the auction on for 7 May 1996 property in the Pine Barrens CORE AREA, ie. Parcel #151 and Never once saying hay buddy how about a trade.

Then government keeps collecting the 1/4¢ sales tax that citizens ass umed was to go for purchasing core lands at reasonably fair market value, and comes to find out this money is misappropriated and diverted into the infamous Big Black Hole aka. the general fund and used for such things as committee studies, salaries, expense accounts, renting buildings, worthless PORK projects.

Our Tax Dollars Hard At Work!!!!

I wonder why we feel like a pawn in some heartless charade.

ALL THAT IS ASKED IS GOVERNMENTAL FAIRNESS. WE WOULD HOPE YOU ARE ALL REASONABLE AND HONEST MEN AND TAKE ALL WE HAVE SAID INTO CONSIDERATION.

HOPEFULLY THIS CASE IS ABOUT DOING THE RIGHT THING!!!!!!

We deserve and are entitled to closer to 18 credits, not the 2.33 credits offered, ONLY under the following criteria.

(USE OF CREDITS OUTSIDE THE CORE AREA & EXCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE LAND).

1 Credit equals 1 house increase in lot yield, anywhere.

Credit based on long established criteria either S&S, or 20,000sq.ft. / 40,000sq.ft. conforming lot yield.

1 credit includes Town and Health approval, NO SLICK GIMMICKS!!!!

Or government purchases our property at fair market value, which is the price we would have realized prior to there actions.

A DUCK IS A DUCK IS A DUCK, NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY TO PORTRAY DISGUISE OR DECEIVE.

THIS IS NOT A THREAT BY US, JUST A CLEAR OBSERVATION. BY EACH OF YOU SEATED HERE TODAY MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION AND DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, YOU WILL OVERT AN, INEVITABLE:

#### RETROACTIVE

#### CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT

AS IN THE CASE WITH SHOREHAM.
THIS WILL COST EVERY TAX PAYER IN SUFFOLK COUNTY TO DEFEND AND ULTIMATELY WITH INTEREST PAY BACK WHAT YOU DENY HERE TODAY

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Commission and PBC Clearinghouse Meeting Summary (FINAL) for May 15, 1996 (Approved by the Clearinghouse Board 7/9/96 and by the Commission 7/10/96)

Joint Meeting with Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse Board of Advisors Brookhaven Town offices, Building 4, Medford / 2:00 pm

<u>Present:</u> Mr. Dragotta (for Suffolk County), Mr. Girandola and Ms. Wiplush (for Brookhaven), Ms. Filmanski (for Riverhead), Mr. Freleng (for Southampton) and Mr. Cowen (for New York State).

General counsel was Ms. Roth. Staff members from the Commission and other agencies included Mr. Corwin, Ms. Trezza, Ms. Plunkett, Mr. Milazzo, Mr. Hopkins (from the Commission), Mr. Spitz (from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation), Mr. Cochrane (Suffolk County Treasurer), Mr. Tripp, Mr. Grecco, Mr. Hanley, Mr. Pally (from the Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse Board of Advisors; present at the times indicated), and Mr. Moran (from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services). Additional attendees are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dragotta at approximately 2:20 pm. A five member quorum of the Commission was present throughout the meeting. At the start of the Commission meeting, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Grecco, and Mr. Hanley were present; thus, the Clearinghouse Board did not have a quorum at that time.

#### **Administrative**

· Public comments

<u>Summary:</u> Mr. Olsen, representing Civil Property Rights Associates, requested copies of the resolutions passed at the 5/1/96 meeting regarding title policy and purchases of Pine Barrens Credit Certificates. Mr. Corwin provided one and will provide the other as soon as possible.

Mr. Amper, representing the Long Island Pine Barrens Society, spoke on three topics. First, he reported that the initiative and referendum drive to place upon the ballot a modification of the County's Drinking Water Protection Program, has received approximately 20,000 signatures. The signatures are undergoing a check for validity now, before submittal of the petitions.

Second, the Advisory Committee has received and discussed the Commission's letter via counsel regarding the Advisory Committee's functions under the pine barrens law. He reported that the Advisory Committee does not agree with the Commission's position, and that many of the members helped to design the law. He observed that the Advisory Committee has decided not to focus on that disagreement, but rather on the issue of funding the acquisition program.

Third, he stated that the Commission is using executive sessions for holding discussions and making decisions that should be made in open session. He indicated that he did not wish to have to file suit regarding this issue.

# Pine Barrens Credit Program

• Suffolk County Treasurer's report: Mr. Cochrane

Summary: Mr. Cochrane, the Suffolk County Treasurer, went over the attached report
on the Clearinghouse funds for the period ending 4/30/96. He recommended that the
funds be reallocated among certificates of deposits so that there is a certificate of
deposit maturing each month. Specifically, he suggested that \$500,000 be moved into
a certificate of deposit from its current money market status. This will require a vote of
the Clearinghouse, as soon as there is a quorum today.

## **Commission Administrative**

• Draft budget for 1996-97 fiscal year <u>Summary</u>: Mr. Corwin went over the attached draft budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year. He explained that a draft budget was needed now, prior to the adoption of the final state budget, because the Commission's insurance policy for directors and officers was due for renewal prior to Jun 9, 1996, and the renewal application requires a budget breakdown. A final budget will be provided and adopted once the final version of the state budget is settled.

A motion was made by Mr. Cowen and seconded by Mr. Freleng to approve the attached draft budget for the Commission's administrative funding for the 1996-97 fiscal year. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

- Financial disclosure (not on the original agenda)
   <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Girandola asked whether the staff members file financial disclosure
   forms. Ms. Roth replied that the staff members are not required to, since they do not
   hold policymaking positions. Mr. Corwin noted that he has one on file already with
   Suffolk County since he is a County Park Trustee.
- Proposed joint meeting with Advisory Committee: at 5/29 Commission meeting
   <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Corwin explained that the Advisory Committee has proposed a joint
   meeting with the Commission at the previously scheduled Commission meeting on
   5/29/96. Mr. Girandola suggested that a separate Commission meeting date be



scheduled for only that purpose. That was informally agreed, and the staff will coordinate the selection of such a date.

# Compatible Growth Area (Commission)

Manorville Nursery Expansion / Manorville: materials; setting of hearing
 <u>Summary</u>: Ms. Plunkett summarized the application materials received to date, and
 distributed copies to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Girandola that no public hearing be held on the Manorville Nursery Expansion application, and stated that Brookhaven Town will provide all minutes of the hearings which have been held on this project. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Freleng for purposes of discussion. In the ensuing discussion, it was agreed that the Commission can still ask the applicant for additional materials as deemed necessary. Mr. Cowen stated that he was unwilling to vote for such a resolution today without reviewing the materials distributed at today's meeting. The discussion touched upon the project's conformance with the <u>Plan</u>, and the overall requirements of the statute. The motion was then approved by a vote of 3-1-1, with the dissenting vote cast by Mr. Cowen and the abstention cast by Mr. Dragotta.

Application of clearing standard to small, ZBA approved lots
 <u>Summary</u>: Ms. Plunkett distributed a summary (attached) of the clearing conditions
 which the Commission has previously applied as part of Compatible Growth Area
 decisions, including but not limited to the small, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) lot
 splits (which only occur in Brookhaven, not in the other two towns). She suggested
 that the Commissioners review the document prior to discussing it.

Mr. Girandola raised the question of what clearing standard should be applied in the case of the ZBA lot splits of uncleared land. Mr. Pavacic was present at this point. Mr. Spitz suggested that, if a new standard is deemed necessary, then it could be applied to only those new ZBA lot splits which arise in the future. It was agreed to place this on the 5/29/96 Commission agenda, and that Brookhaven Town will work on a proposal for addressing these cases.

Quogue Quick Storage / Quogue Village: staff overview
 <u>Summary:</u> Ms. Plunkett noted that the applicant's representative, Mr. Marcks, will be here later in the meeting. She summarized the application involving an industrial subdivision consisting of five lots along Old Country Road in Quogue Village. She discussed the application, the site plan map, and the vegetation concerns.

Mr. Marcks arrived at this point. He noted that a 1987 approval from the Village required a 40 foot buffer along Old Country Road. Mr. Cowen asked if there was any nondevelopment exemption in the pine barrens law for industrial subdivisions, and it was agreed that there was not. A discussion was held regarding whether a Compatible Growth Area hardship application needs to be filed, whether a new hearing would then be needed, and what standards for hardship (core or CGA) need to be

applied.

A motion was then made by Ms. Filmanski and seconded by Mr. Freleng to (1) accept the applicant's request for an extension of the Commission's decision deadline on this application to 6/12/96 and (2) to accept a request by Mr. Marcks today to convert the current application to an application for a CGA hardship application. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1, with the dissenting vote cast by Mr. Girandola.

• Change of zone referrals and SEQR coordinations (faxed; follow up from 5/1)

Summary: Ms. Plunkett had previously distributed a packet of coordination letters and comment requests for pending change of zone requests from Brookhaven Town. In the discussion which followed, the effect of changes of zones within receiving areas was discussed, including possible effects upon the demand for purchase of Pine Barrens Credit Certificates. It was agreed that the Commission does not need to see every project within the towns, but that there is a general class of projects for which notice should be sent to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Cowen and seconded by Mr. Freleng to recommend that, in the review of change of zone applications affecting as of right receiving areas, the towns undertake to the extent legal and possible to encourage the redemption of Pine Barrens Credits; and to further advise that the Commission does not need to see all change of zone applications within the entire town. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Pally arrived at approximately 4:00 pm, and a four member quorum of the Clearinghouse Board was then present.

## Pine Barrens Credit Program

Draft agreement with SC Treasurer: discussion
 <u>Summary:</u> Ms. Roth had faxed the attached draft agreement with the SC Treasurer for the investment of the Clearinghouse's capitalization funds. The revised document contains language addressing the concerns of Suffolk County that the County was not indemnified.

A motion to approve the draft agreement was made by Mr. Cowen. At this point, Ms, Wiplush noted that she had not received the draft agreement until just now, and Mr. Girandola stated that documents should not be distributed so close to the meeting date. After a brief discussion, the motion was seconded by Ms. Filmanski. The motion was then approved by a vote of 4-0-1, with the abstaining vote cast by Mr. Girandola.

Mr. Cochrane left at this point.

# Plan Implementation

• ECL Article 57 amendments: status

<u>Summary:</u> Mr. Corwin reported that the amendments, bill number A8846A/S6112A,

have been passed by the Assembly, and are awaiting action by the Senate.

- Riverhead Town code amendments: status

  <u>Summary:</u> Ms. Filmanski provided copies of the Riverhead Town code amendments
  which have been adopted by the Riverhead Town Board already. Ms. Roth will
  examine the amendments and they will be placed on the agenda for the 5/29/96
  meeting.
- NY Army National Guard load training (not on the original agenda) <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Corwin reported that the first load lift of the abandoned vehicles will be held on 5/23/96, with an accompanying press conference. He asked if there were any remaining concerns with respect to liability, and Ms. Wiplush stated that a document should be drawn up stating that the town is not liable for the work. A discussion ensued regarding the plans for the work, the safety procedures, and the jurisdictions involved.

# Clearinghouse Administrative

Draft summary for 4/23 Clearinghouse meeting: corrections, approval (faxed)
 <u>Summary:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to
 approve the summary of the Clearinghouse meeting of 4/23/96. The motion was
 approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

#### Core Preservation Area

Letter of Interpretation: summary of applications; issuance of new letters
 <u>Summary</u>: Mr. Milazzo distributed the attached summary of complete Letter of
 Interpretation applications and associated staff reports through 5/15/96. He
 summarized the new applications for Letters of Interpretation and the Clearinghouse
 Board discussed each. The results are as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to allocate 0.10 credit on the application of the estate of Josephine Sullivan (200-528-2-20). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Pally and seconded by Mr. Grecco to allocate 0.10 credit on the application of Harold Nussbacher (200-530-1-22). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Pally and seconded by Mr. Hanley to allocate 2.64 credits on the application of Louis Gartenberg (600-137-4-10.4). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Grecco and seconded by Mr. Pally to allocate 6.54 credits on the application of Louis Gartenberg (600-137-4-11.6), and to stipulate that the

allocation may be reduced by 1.00 credit if a dwelling is determined to be on that parcel. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to allocate 0.21 credit on the application of John Leonhardt (900-167-2-8). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to allocate 0.10 credit on the application of Peter E. George, Jr. (900-212-6-16). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Pally to allocate 0.21 credit on the application of Mavis Branch-Payne (900-215.1-1-38). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Pally to allocate 3.00 credits on the combined applications of George Mathys (900-286-2-19,22, and 37). The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

- PBC Certificates: issuance of first certificate
   <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Tripp, acting as Chair of the Clearinghouse Board, signed the first Pine
   Barrens Credit Certificate for the Nicholas Aliano application, Certificate number 200 001. The signed original certificate will be forwarded to Mr. Aliano.
- Gazza / Southampton: Clearinghouse public hearing on allocation appeal
- New Clearinghouse Board meeting <u>Summary</u>: Mr. Gazza arrived at this time with a letter requesting an extension of the decision deadline on his credit appeal. He stated that he has not completed all of the single and separate searches for the parcels involved in the appeal, and needs additional time. A discussion then ensued over the significance of single and separate status in deciding credit allocation appeals, the specific lots involved in the Gazza appeal, and the relationship of the Southampton Town development rights to the Commission program.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pally and seconded by Mr. Grecco to (1) accept the request for a delay of the decision date for the Gazza credit allocation appeal, (2) to set a new date of 6/18/96 for the Gazza decision, and (3) to schedule a meeting of the Clearinghouse Board of Advisors for 6/18/96 at 3:00 pm at the Commission office. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse by a vote of 4-0.

Parviz Zarabi / Manorville: credit appeal decision (5/15 deadline)
 <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Grecco reported that the lots involved in this appeal are shown as currently owned by Suffolk County, and thus not eligible for credits. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pally and seconded by Mr. Grecco to deny without prejudice the credit allocation appeal decision for the Zarabi / Manorville application. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

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• Expressway 60 Patent and Bernard Meyer / Manorville: credit appeal decisions (5/15 deadline)

<u>Summary:</u> Mr. Tripp noted that single and separate status is not necessarily a basis for a full credit being allocated to a parcel, however, the <u>Plan</u> does acknowledge the significance of certain roadfront parcels in the core area. He also discussed the State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act regulations, and announced that those constraints will not be applied in deciding this appeal. Mr. Grecco also noted that the County's Health Code Article 6 was considered as well. It was decided to issue a total of 21.8 credits for all 37 parcels involved in the appeal. A motion was then made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to issue a total of 21.8 credits for these 37 parcels involved in the appeal. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

# Clearinghouse Administrative

 Authorizing the movement of funds among investments by the SC Treasurer (not on the original agenda)

Summary: A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Pally to approve and authorize the transfer of \$500,000 by the Suffolk County Treasurer from its present location in a money market account to a certificate of deposit. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

# Pine Barrens Credit Program

- Pine Barrens Credit valuation: status of final report

  <u>Summary:</u> Mr. Corwin reported that Dr. Nicholas will have a new draft completed by

  5/21/96. No further discussion was held.
- PBC purchase policy: discussion, proposed letter

  <u>Summary:</u> Two draft, work in progress versions of a letter to core area owners
  regarding the purchase of Pine Barrens Credits were discussed. Mr. Cowen
  suggested deleting certain sections of the draft letter proposed by Mr. Tripp, and it was
  agreed to remove it. It was further agreed to have comments sent to Ms. Roth for
  production of a new version.

Mr. Tripp raised the question of what additional efforts the Commission or the Clearinghouse could make to help the program. He was particularly concentrating upon the issues which affect small lot owners. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pally and seconded by Mr. Hanley to authorize Mr. Tripp, as Chair of the Clearinghouse Board, to work on the new version of the credit purchase letter on their behalf. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

Extension of appeal time for past recipients of interpretation letters: proposed letter
 <u>Summary:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Grecco to approve the attached letter to core area owners who have already received a Letter of

Interpretation authorizing an extension of the time in which they may file an appeal of their Letter of Interpretation. The motion was approved by the Clearinghouse Board by a vote of 4-0.

• Title policy: payment of title insurance fees, implementation

<u>Summary:</u> Mr. Corwin raised the question as to whether the administrative costs of the

Clearinghouse (e.g., appeal hearing stenography, legal notices, etc.) should be paid

from the Commission's administrative budget or the Clearinghouse funds. It was

informally agreed that all administrative costs of the Clearinghouse operation should be

paid from the Commission's administrative budget.

#### **Administrative**

#### Public comment

<u>Summary:</u> Mr. Hofsteader, representing the Zarabi / Manorville appeal, summarized portions of the statement he had read into the record for his client at the previous Clearinghouse meeting.

Ms. Hendrix, a core area property owner, asked about the use of any income which the Clearinghouse may realize from the sale of credits. Several Board members explained the revolving fund nature of the capitalization fund to her.

Mr. Dittmer, representing Civil Property Rights Associates, spoke briefly about the suit which some New Jersey property owners had filed a few years after the New Jersey development rights transfer program began.

## **Executive Session and Adjournment**

<u>Summary:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Cowen and seconded by Mr. Freleng to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. The Commission entered into executive session at approximately 6:06 pm.

A motion was later made by Mr. Girandola and seconded by Mr. Dragotta to exit from executive session. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0, and the Commission returned to open session at approximately 7:02 pm. The meeting was immediately adjourned without a formal resolution.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Speaker Sign-in and Attendance Sheets.
- 2. SC Treasurer's report on Clearinghouse funds (4/30/96)
- 3. Draft Commission budget for 1996-97 fiscal year (5/15/96)
- 4. Summary of applications to the Commission (5/15/96)
- 5. Draft agreement with SC Treasurer
- 6. Complete Letter of Interpretation Applications (5/15/96)