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2 EAST END CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CORE PRESERVATION

3 AREA HARSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION

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5 1 INDEPENDENCE HILL, FARMINGVILLE, NEW YORK 11738

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7 December 16, 2015
8 4:12 p.m.

9 PRESENT:

10 JOHN PAVACIC, Executive Director/Acting as Chairman
11 ED ROMAINE, Member
12 SEAN WALTER, Member
13 DON MCCORMICK, Representative
14 ANNA THRON-HOLST, Member
15 BRENDA PRUSINOWSKI, Representative
16 MARTY SHEA, Representative
17 ANDY FRELENG, Member
18 CAROL SHOLL, Commission Staff
19 JOHN MILAZZO, Commission Staff
20 JUDY JAKOBSEN, Commission Staff
21 JULIE HARGRAVE, Commission Staff
22 LARRY HYNES, Commission Staff

23 ALSO PRESENT:

24 RICHARD AMPER, Long Island Pine Barrens Society
25 CATHERINE MEADE, Applicant
26 MIKE HURD, Pastor

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1 MR. PAVACIC: We're about to start
2 the hearing for the East End Christian
3 Academy. My name, again, is John Pavacic,
4 Executive Director and Acting Chair.

5 "Notice of Public Hearing:
6 Pursuant to the Environmental Conversation
7 Law Article, Section 57-0121(10), notice is
8 hereby given that a public hearing will be
9 held by the Central Pine Barrens Joint
10 Planning and Policy Commission on December
11 16th, 2015, on the matter of an application
12 for Core Preservation Area Hardship
13 Exemption."

14 The subject of the hearing is East
15 End Christian Academy Core Preservation
16 Area Hardship Waiver Application. The
17 applicant's representative is Catherine
18 Meade. The project site location is 505
19 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville, New York.
20 The Suffolk County Tax Map number is
21 200-461-3, Lot 40, and the project
22 description is a request for a Core
23 Preservation Area Hardship Permit to
24 develop a 15,000 square foot school
25 building, including a gymnasium for 200

1 students in Kindergarten through 12th
2 grade. The 2.68-acre project site is in
3 the A5 Residence Zoning District. The site
4 currently contains the 102-year-old
5 Manorville Community Church. The proposal
6 is classified as an Unlisted Action
7 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
8 Review Act and a coordinated review was
9 performed.

10 And I'd just like to ask the
11 members to identify themselves for the
12 record, please, starting with Supervisor
13 Romaine.

14 MR. ROMAINE: Supervisor Ed
15 Romaine, supervisor of the Town of
16 Brookhaven.

17 MR. WALTER: Sean Walter, member.

18 MS. THRON-HOLST: Anne Thron-Holst,
19 member.

20 MR. FRELENG: Andy Freleng, serving
21 Sub-County Executive, Steven Malone.

22 MR. PAVACIC: I'd like to hear from
23 Ms. Hargrave again on this application.

24 MS. HARGRAVE: Thank you. You
25 should all have a copy of the staff report

1 and exhibits before you. I'm just going to
2 go through them briefly. The exhibits are
3 A through G.

4 A is a copy of the aerial of the
5 project site and surrounding area, and the
6 site is in Manorville again.

7 B is the survey of the property.

8 C is photographs of the project
9 site.

10 D is a copy of the State DEC's
11 Environmental Resource Map and lists the
12 resource accounts of where the endangered
13 species are.

14 E is a copy of some information
15 that was provided to us by the Town of
16 Brookhaven on a former proposal in -- over
17 ten years ago that proposed the Manorville
18 Depot Historic District and that -- and the
19 historic district was also mentioned in the
20 Pine Barrens Plan. It appears that there's
21 no official historic district, but it was
22 proposed, again, over ten years ago.

23 F is the copy of the Tax Map
24 showing the project site, and also the area
25 to the north where you can see there is

1 some extensive County holdings around this
2 property and in the vicinity of this
3 property as well. This is, again, in the
4 Core Preservation Area. So the area to the
5 north is all in the core and there is a
6 significant amount of public land in that
7 area.

8 G is the applicant's petition.

9 So just to go briefly through the
10 staff report, this is a 2.68-acre property
11 in Manorville. It's just on the northeast
12 corner of the service road of the LIE and
13 Exit 70 on County Road 111, or it takes
14 access off of 111, but if you actually go
15 to the Tax Maps that were provided in
16 Exhibit F, you'll see that the property
17 fronts on the Pine Trail Nature Preserve.

18 To give credit, the Town of
19 Brookhaven gave us -- brought this clearly
20 to our attention and this shows that the
21 property -- the project site is right on a
22 parcel that's a separate parcel called the
23 Pine Trail Nature Preserve.

24 So just as far as an access to
25 Eastport Manor Road and if there's an

1 easement over the nature preserve, some of
2 that information may need to be clarified;
3 how this property has access on Easport
4 Manor Road, if there's an easement, or how
5 that has occurred over time.

6 Again, the property contains a
7 102-year-old church and a playground and
8 the trailer -- a temporary trailer is also
9 on the site. The rest of the area is
10 wooded. There is a slope easement also
11 that's shown on the survey on the frontage
12 of Eastport Manor Road, and again, the
13 applicants proposing to develop a 15,000
14 square-foot building for a school and a
15 gymnasium for grades K through 12.

16 The church and the school
17 affiliation would be helpful for the
18 applicant to speak to that as well, and
19 whether they had -- they may have
20 previously had a school like this or
21 another property, but it was sold. I'm not
22 clear on that.

23 This appears to be an Unlisted
24 Action under SEQRA and the Commission
25 coordinated with the Town of Brookhaven,

1 the Health Department, and the State
2 Education Department, and we are still
3 waiting to hear from the Health Department,
4 but we have heard back from Brookhaven ZBA
5 and there was no problem with the
6 Commission establishing lead agency, which
7 the Pine Barrens Plan -- it says, "The
8 Commission shall seek lead agency for
9 projects in the core."

10 The Commission is awaiting a
11 response from the State Historic
12 Preservation Office. We submitted the
13 materials -- the application materials to
14 them and we're waiting to hear back from
15 them. The Health Department approval would
16 be pending. Again, this is in the core,
17 and whether the site can accommodate the
18 school and the church and all the sanitary
19 flow from those uses, that needs to be
20 worked out, and landing the Pine Barrens
21 Credit in the core. If they were to go
22 over their sanitary flow, that could be
23 problematic.

24 You have decided on the
25 application, American Physical Society,

1 where you did not allow Core Pine Barrens
2 Credits to be landed on that property to
3 accommodate the additional flow that they
4 needed, so they had to either buy sanitary
5 flow or sterilize land elsewhere to make
6 that -- to meet the Health Department
7 standards.

8 The Town of Brookhaven would
9 probably require a site plan and other
10 permits for this application as well, but
11 the applicant has not invested in preparing
12 incite plans and all of those application
13 materials yet because it's expensive and
14 they were waiting to get your decision
15 before doing that.

16 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Did your research
17 turn up "landmark status on the existing
18 church building, town landmark"? I believe
19 we marked that. I have to double check
20 that.

21 MS. HARGRAVE: I know that
22 according to the State, it's eligible for a
23 historic status, but --

24 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: If it's state
25 registered?

1 MS. HARGRAVE: -- as far as if it's
2 a town landmark, I don't have any
3 information.

4 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: I'll get that to
5 you.

6 MS. HARGRAVE: As far as the
7 surrounding area, it contains significant
8 amount of public land. The Ray Corwin
9 Trail Center is almost -- is one house away
10 from the project site. The Peconic River
11 County Park and Robert Cushman Murphy
12 County Park are in the area, and the
13 Peconic River is also to the north. There
14 are a couple of small businesses in the
15 Manorville Post Office and agricultural
16 land uses also to the north and far west of
17 the site.

18 The staff report contains a list of
19 the flow that would be necessary to
20 accommodate the uses on the site, and I
21 believe the applicant has spoken to the
22 Health Department, so she can shed some
23 light on that.

24 Just to go to the questions we have
25 on page 8, again, the SEQRA determination

1 is pending. The State Historic
2 Preservation Office response is pending.
3 We also sent an inquiry to the Natural
4 Heritage Program to see if there were any
5 listing endangered species on this site.
6 The Health Department approval is pending
7 and the town permits would be pending also.

8 The applicant could speak to the
9 hardship criteria --

10 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Actually, that's
11 not entirely true. We do not have an
12 application on this. It's not pending.

13 MS. HARGRAVE: Okay. So it's not
14 pending. It has not even been made yet,
15 okay. That's right.

16 What you may want to discuss is
17 whether this butler building is in keeping
18 with the character of the area, considering
19 this was proposed to be a historic district
20 or if there's any way to design this
21 building to be more in keeping with the
22 area.

23 Maybe the applicant can address
24 whether they've explored alternative sites.
25 Again, they may have owned previous sites.

1 They have discussed with us that they were
2 looking at other properties, so maybe they
3 can explain that to you, and actually,
4 establishing a school and financing that,
5 whether it's feasible on this site, and
6 again, since they haven't filed a site plan
7 and prepared a site plan, we don't know how
8 much more parking they need and how much
9 more clearing would be necessary to
10 accommodate this development.

11 So that's all I have.

12 MR. PAVACIC: Are there any
13 questions for Ms. Hargrave from the
14 Commission? None.

15 We'd like to hear from the
16 applicant, please.

17 MS. MEADE: Can we remain here? Is
18 that okay?

19 MR. ROMAINE: That's fine.

20 MR. PAVACIC: If you can just
21 identify yourself, please, your full name.

22 MS. MEADE: My name is Catherine
23 Meade.

24 MR. PAVACIC: And you need to be
25 sworn.

1 C A T H E R I N E M E A D E , the witness herein,
2 having been first duly sworn by a Notary Public of
3 the State of New York, was examined and testified
4 as follows:

5 MR. HURD: I am a Pastor, Mike
6 Hurd, on behalf of a member of the church.

7 MR. PAVACIC: You need to be sworn
8 in.

9 M I K E H U R D , the witness herein, having been
10 first duly sworn by a Notary Public of the State of
11 New York, was examined and testified as follows:

12 MS. MEADE: First of all, thank you
13 for all your work. That was a lot.

14 We are proposing building a
15 Christian school on the property of our
16 existing church.

17 We did meet with the Health
18 Department and we talked about the water
19 use. That was actually the bigger question
20 that held us up a bit after an hour meeting
21 with Verdes George (phonetic), the
22 representative I spoke with.

23 He told us that, yes, we could
24 actually operate a school there and the
25 church as it exists and the size that it is

1 now with our school being filled to 150
2 students. Once we got to the 150 mark, we
3 would either have to divide it, because we
4 are K-12, we would either have to divide,
5 putting some grades in another location or
6 purchasing more land.

7 He also did talk to us about
8 doubling the waste water usage with credit,
9 but when I spoke with Ms. Hargrave, she
10 wasn't sure if that was accurate so --

11 MR. ROMAINE: Who was it that you
12 spoke to at the Health Department?

13 MS. MEADE: His name was Verdes
14 George. I have his card with me if you
15 want to see, but he was really very clear
16 that it was very doable. He said, "Yes.
17 We can do it at this rate and 150 would be
18 your capacity for students for the school."

19 So looking in the Christian schools
20 that are in the area, and there aren't any
21 in our area, so I'm looking west, after 30
22 years, schools are filled to about 180, so
23 we're not expecting to be near 150 right
24 yet. Of course, you can't really predict
25 that.

1 Could we build somewhere else?
2 Technically, of course, we can build
3 somewhere else. We looked at a lot of
4 different places. Rentals are extremely
5 high, as you're probably aware of. We need
6 to have a gym in order to be a viable
7 school. Competitive basketball is just a
8 keep peace of Christian schools on Long
9 Island and other private schools as well.

10 So though we looked at other
11 places, the expense is too high. So having
12 a partnership with Manorville Community
13 Church and the -- both entities remaining
14 separate, but sharing the ministry building
15 is key for us. It helps Manorville
16 Community Church, which already has a base.

17 It has a really productive food
18 pantry. It serves a lot of people in our
19 community, even though they may not attend
20 our church. Our congregation is small. We
21 serve a lot of people in the community
22 through food pantry all year round, but
23 sharing the ministry building would really
24 help the church.

25 It also helps us because we don't

1 need to purchase another property. Our
2 building would cost about 1.2 million to
3 construct, and looking at that cost and
4 then adding building -- I'm sorry, adding
5 land on top of that would just be doubling
6 our burden. So we're trying to lower that
7 and keeping tuition cost down for families
8 in this area.

9 If you look at the choices for
10 schools on Long Island, there isn't a --
11 there's viable public schools, obviously,
12 but the only option that comes is that --
13 on the East End is really to home school
14 and there's a Locust School in Riverhead
15 and then there's schools further west.
16 There's one small school in Center Moriches
17 as well, but that's it. There are no other
18 choices.

19 So we really feel that there's an
20 outcry from the Christian community saying
21 that we really would like to have other
22 options besides what they already have and
23 so we're feeling of true need for another
24 school.

25 MR. ROMAINE: So there is a

1 Catholic school Center Moriches?

2 MS. MEADE: There's a Catholic
3 school in Riverhead and then there's small
4 Christian school K through 8 in Center
5 Moriches.

6 MR. ROMAINE: A Catholic school?

7 MS. MEADE: No. It's Christian --
8 well, it's not specifically --

9 MR. ROMAINE: It's on Oak Street?

10 MS. MEADE: No. It's on Frowein.
11 You know the bypass?

12 MR. ROMAINE: Oh, okay, right.

13 MR. WALTER: There's also a
14 Catholic school in Center Moriches.

15 MR. ROMAINE: Yes, there is, I
16 know. I sent my children there.

17 MS. MEADE: Right, yes, there is.
18 I'm thinking of the high school in
19 Riverhead.

20 MR. ROMAINE: Right.

21 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: There's also a
22 grade school. There might be two if
23 St. Aidan's is still open.

24 MS. MEADE: Right.

25 MR. ROMAINE: And there's a charter

1 school in Riverhead also.

2 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Correct. There
3 could be two of them minimum.

4 MR. ROMAINE: Right. Could I ask
5 the pastor one question?

6 I know it's Manorville Community
7 Church. Is there a denomination that
8 you're affiliated with?

9 MR. HURD: Manorville Community
10 Church is affiliated with the Reform Church
11 of America. That's the denomination.

12 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Do you currently
13 run a school on the property?

14 MS. MEADE: No. No. I've been a
15 public school teacher for 12 years, a
16 teacher for 23, stepped out in faith to
17 answer a calling to build a school and
18 there's an army behind me. It's kind of
19 beautiful so -- we don't know if this is
20 our location and I understand there's all
21 these parameters we have to go through. If
22 God's not planning it here, it will be
23 somewhere else, but --

24 MR. ROMAINE: I love that faith.

25 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: How is the

1 trailer currently used?

2 MR. HURD: The trailer is used for
3 basically Sunday school classes on Sunday,
4 but it's not a regular school.

5 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Do you have a CO
6 for it? Do you have a CO for that
7 structure?

8 MR. HURD: It's been there before
9 we bought it, so I assume so.

10 MS. MEADE: If the trailer is not
11 being used, we were planning to take that
12 down and building it in that spot. I
13 forgot the other gentleman --

14 MR. HYNES: Larry Hynes.

15 MS. MEADE: Thank you. When they
16 both came to the property, they said, "Wow,
17 you know what, in order to put up a
18 building where the trailer is" -- I don't
19 know if you looked at the pictures that are
20 there, but in order to put the building
21 where the trailer is, we would have to take
22 down some forests, so if we were to just
23 maneuver that and try putting it in the two
24 other possibilities, we would have to take
25 down the west or maybe none of them.

1 MR. ROMAINE: I saw the three other
2 options.

3 MS. MEADE: Yeah, and we are so
4 comfortable with moving it around wherever
5 it can go, and forgive me, I know you're
6 attorneys, and I don't know if that's a
7 good thing or a bad thing, but we're very
8 comfortable with just putting it wherever
9 is a blessing to our community and wherever
10 doesn't damage the forestation. We have no
11 interest in doing that.

12 MR. SHEA: Do options one, two, and
13 three address the parking requirements?

14 MS. MEADE: The parking was
15 actually -- we almost have the right size
16 parking lot at Manorville Community Church
17 already. In order to have the school --
18 the church and the school don't operate at
19 the same time, and so they told us, the
20 Brookhaven Town, that we needed one and a
21 half parking lot per classroom and we're
22 going to have 13 classrooms. So we're just
23 a little bit under what we need for
24 parking. I was very concerned that we
25 would have to add a whole separate lot to

1 double the parking size, but we don't.

2 MR. SHEA: So the total parking
3 space is what?

4 MS. MEADE: I'm an English teacher.
5 I don't teach math so --

6 MR. MILAZZO: 13, 19.

7 MS. MEADE: 13 times -- yeah, so
8 we're at 20.

9 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: Where does the
10 food pantry operate? Out of the church
11 building?

12 MS. MEADE: Yeah. We actually have
13 a pantry in the basement that is just full
14 and we bring things up to the parking lot
15 and it's amazing and it's lines. It's
16 beautiful.

17 MR. PAVACIC: I have two questions:
18 Would the proposed school building when
19 it's not in use, would that be rented out
20 for the night for other events or things
21 like that or during the day?

22 MS. MEADE: No. We do not plan on
23 that. The church is open at night, two
24 nights a week now -- two nights a week --
25 no, even more than that. We have another

1 church that uses our property also, so with
2 that, there's several nights that they're
3 using our property and school things would
4 be opposite those, so no. We expected that
5 it would be shared ministry building.

6 MR. PAVACIC: My second question
7 is: Any future plans for the existing
8 church building that is there now?

9 MS. MEADE: To renovate, we hope
10 not to. We haven't asked the congregation
11 that. We hope to leave it just as is.

12 MR. HURD: We would like to keep it
13 the way it is. We really don't want to
14 renovate the building or anything like
15 that.

16 MS. MEADE: We haven't had it
17 designated. We know we're eligible to be
18 designated, but we haven't had it
19 designated because we're trying to find out
20 how this project will work out, if it's
21 going to be better or worse for us.
22 Financially, we to have consider our
23 congregation. We don't have a very wealthy
24 congregation.

25 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: How large is your

1 congregation?

2 MS. MEADE: It's about 50.

3 MS. THRON-HOLST: How are you
4 funding this?

5 MS. MEADE: How I'm funding the
6 school? Mostly by faith, tuition, and
7 donation.

8 MS. THRON-HOLST: But the actual
9 building of the school?

10 MS. MEADE: Exactly, donation.

11 MR. SHEA: There's an existing
12 cleared area to the east of the church,
13 it's fenced. Could that area potentially
14 be used to address the parking requirement?

15 MS. MEADE: Yes, or the building.

16 We didn't know which would work out best.
17 We honestly wanted recommendation from the
18 Commission.

19 MR. SHEA: So if that was used for
20 parking, that building potentially could be
21 shifted into that existing parking area?

22 MS. MEADE: Yes. Yes.

23 MR. FRELENG: So you did no site
24 lands or sketches?

25 MS. MEADE: We really couldn't. We

1 talked to the Planning Board. We do have
2 an architect that is building a plan to see
3 what our building will look like. We
4 contemplated some of the things that will
5 go into the site plan, but we didn't want
6 to spend the money if we really can't build
7 there. If we can't build in that lot, then
8 it will really waste our small bank
9 account.

10 MR. FRELENG: 50,000 square feet of
11 the building is an estimate or does it
12 include your --

13 MS. MEADE: No. That's our gym and
14 our 13 classrooms. It's small classrooms.

15 MR. PAVACIC: Are there any other
16 questions for the applicant?

17 MR. WALTER: So I guess my question
18 is: It's in the core, and if we had all
19 these issues with the Kent Animal Shelter,
20 what is the mechanism?

21 MS. MEADE: We're not as wooded as
22 they are over there.

23 MR. WALTER: There's two very
24 specific mechanisms that we can approve
25 things, and if you're in the core, I don't

1 know what that mechanism is.

2 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: This lack of
3 proof would be useful.

4 MR. FRELENG: John, they're making
5 a hardship permit to the Commission. What
6 is the hardship?

7 MR. MILAZZO: What is their
8 hardship?

9 MR. FRELENG: Well, they're in the
10 core, right?

11 MR. MILAZZO: Yeah, they're in the
12 core. So they would have to argue that
13 there's a prohibition on new development,
14 the grandfather would get the hardship, so
15 then we would have to make the hardship
16 showing. Hardship showing requires them
17 to: An applicant shall be deemed to have
18 established the existence of an
19 extraordinary hardship only if the
20 exemplary is to achieve and demonstrate,
21 based on the specific facts of the subject
22 property, does not have any beneficial use
23 if used for its present use or developed as
24 authorized by the article and the inability
25 to have a beneficial use that results from

1 unique circumstances peculiar to the
2 subject parcel, which:

3 A: Do not apply to or affect other
4 property in the immediate vicinity.

5 2: Relate to or arise out of the
6 characteristics of the subject property
7 rather than a personal situation of the
8 applicant.

9 Or are not the result of any action
10 or inaction by the applicant or his
11 predecessor or her predecessor in title
12 including any transfer of contiguous lands,
13 which are in common ownership on or after
14 June 1, 1993.

15 So those are the three.

16 MS. PRUSINOWSKI: So if you were
17 not to build the school on this particular
18 parcel, would you continue to operate the
19 church here?

20 MR. HURD: Yes. It's a separate
21 entity. We would like to be in partnership
22 with the school, but the church will
23 continue regardless.

24 MR. PAVACIC: Mr. Amper?

25 MR. AMPER: Do I have to be sworn

1 in again?

2 MR. ROMAINE: Yes. It's a separate
3 testimony.

4 R I C H A R D A M P E R, the witness herein,
5 having been first duly sworn by a Notary Public of
6 the State of New York, was examined and testified
7 as follows:

8 MR. AMPER: Thank you, Sean.

9 MR. WALTER: We don't normally see
10 eye to eye on anything.

11 MR. MILAZZO: It's a blessing.

12 MR. WALTER: It's a Christmas
13 miracle.

14 MR. AMPER: But this is painful.
15 It's like the Kent thing, in that there's
16 nothing in the matter with what they want
17 to do. It's good that they can do it
18 someplace else, and it's good that, thanks
19 to Mr. Romaine, that Kent had some other
20 place to do it.

21 MR. ROMAINE: We're still working
22 on that.

23 MR. AMPER: But as John has
24 observed, they need to make a showing that
25 they have no beneficial use of the property

1 absent the waiver. They can't make that
2 showing, so you don't want to put them
3 through a process, where at the end of the
4 day, they can't do it. The other one would
5 be the necessity for public health.

6 MR. WALTER: The Kent exception.

7 MR. AMPER: And that isn't a
8 showing that they can make. So it's
9 difficult to say no to good people trying
10 to do good things, but it's more
11 problematic if we created a law to protect
12 water, which is in serious jeopardy on this
13 the island, and we say we're not going to
14 do it because we like what somebody wants
15 to do instead.

16 It's the most painful part of my
17 job, but if we establish a precedent where
18 the Commission can just say these people
19 are doing good work, the Lord's work, then
20 anybody can do anything and that is not
21 what the law was created to do, and the
22 objective -- the noble objectives of water
23 protection are lost.

24 So for the record, I don't think
25 these good people can make the showing

1 necessary that will entitle you to grant
2 them the waiver, and you're not doing them
3 any favor by pretending that you can. I'm
4 sorry.

5 MR. PAVACIC: Any other questions
6 from the Commission?

7 MR. ROMAINE: We're going to close
8 the public hearing and leave it open for
9 written comment for ten days and the
10 decision to be made at the meeting in
11 January.

12 MR. PAVACIC: I think the decision
13 deadline is the March meeting.

14 MR. ROMAINE: March meeting, okay.

15 MR. PAVACIC: February meeting.

16 It's the February meeting.

17 MR. ROMAINE: So I'll amend the
18 motion for February and I would want to
19 speak to the pastor and the teacher
20 afterwards because, like Kent, I may have a
21 solution.

22 MS. MEADE: Thank you. Our
23 application was put in under compelling
24 public, and strangely, I don't know if
25 you're familiar with what's happening in

1 our school district, and I can't speak to
2 whether or not it's more important than the
3 protection of water, so I really don't know
4 that. That's the decision for you guys,
5 but what we see in our community is a very,
6 very large drug problem in our schools. It
7 is very large.

8 We have kids who are dying from
9 drug overdose. We have kids who are dying
10 from accidents. We have kids that are in
11 rehab -- a lot of them.

12 Our school district where I live
13 in, Eastport Manor, they are not handling
14 this problem. They're a baby school
15 district and they're not handling it, and I
16 think, for me, to add faith to these kids
17 is a compelling need. They don't have
18 that.

19 MR. ROMAINE: What you may want to
20 do is submit a one or two-page memoranda as
21 part of the written comment to that
22 effect --

23 MS. MEADE: Okay.

24 MR. ROMAINE: -- for us to
25 consider, and then after the meeting,

1 again, I'd like to meet with you and I'm
2 going to bring Brenda into that meeting so
3 we can talk about that. I don't know if
4 there's options, but there's an option I'm
5 thinking of that's possible that would help
6 with other things.

7 MS. MEADE: Thank you.

8 MR. PAVACIC: There's a motion to
9 close the hearing, keep a written comment
10 period of ten days, and put this on the
11 February decision calendar. Who's second?

12 MR. FRELENG: Second.

13 MR. PAVACIC: Seconded by
14 Mr. Freleng.

15 All in favor?

16 MR. ROMAINE: I.

17 MR. WALTER: I.

18 (Whereupon, there was a unanimous
19 affirmative vote of the Board.)

20 MR. PAVACIC: All opposed? Any
21 extensions? Motion carried.

22 MR. ROMAINE: I'll make a motion to
23 adjourn the Commission meeting.

24 (Whereupon, this hearing was
25 adjourned at 4:44 p.m.)

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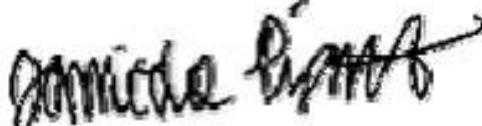
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6 I, JAMIELEE PIGNOTTI, a Shorthand Reporter
7 and Notary Public within and for the State of New
8 York, do hereby certify:

9 THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
10 and accurate transcript of my original stenographic
11 notes.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
13 hand this 21st day of July, 2015.

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