

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY  
VILLAGE OF COLONIE PLANNING COMMISSION

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A PORTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING AS IT RELATES TO THE

PROPOSED ROSSETTI PROJECT AT 29 VLY ROAD

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THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled  
matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter  
commencing on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at  
the Village of Colonie Recreation Center, 2  
Thunder Road, Colonie, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

CHRIS DENNIS, CHAIRMAN

KENNY HART

JOHN MARTIN

JIM SPLONSKOWSKI

DAN JUDGE

PETER CHUDZINSKI

ALSO PRESENT:

COURTNEY L. SIM, PLANNING COORDINATOR

VICTOR CAPONERA, JR., ESQ., LEGAL COUNSEL

NICHOLAS COSTA, P.E. ADVANCE ENGINEERING

1 JOHN AGRIANCE ✓  
2 FRANK BLAKE ✓  
3 MARISSA BLAKE ✓  
4 BARRY CANIFF ✓  
5 JUDY CANIFF ✓  
6 BETH GOLDUP ✓  
7 KERI HAGENSTON ✓  
8 KATHY KRASINSKI ✓  
9 WILLIAM LAHEY ✓  
10 PATRICIA MACKEY ✓  
11 KEVIN MOON ✓  
12 JOHN MOORE ✓  
13 NORM MORRISETTE ✓  
14 KEN SCHUMWAY  
15 FRANK STAPH ✓  
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1 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We are here for the  
2 public hearing for 29 Vly Road.

3 The department will read the public  
4 notice.

5 MS. SIM: Please take notice that there  
6 has been duly presented before the Planning  
7 Commission of the Village of Colonie, New York,  
8 on the 5th day of October, 2021, a need for a  
9 public hearing for the Vly Road subdivision.  
10 Note: plans, documents and materials regarding  
11 the proposed project can be found at our  
12 website [www.colonievillage.org](http://www.colonievillage.org) and will also be  
13 provided the night of the public hearing.

14 Please take further notice, that a  
15 public hearing will be duly held on the 19th  
16 day of October, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the  
17 Village of Colonie Recreation Center. At  
18 such hearing, all persons will be given an  
19 opportunity to be heard. Any questions or  
20 concerns can be directed to Planning  
21 Coordinator Courtney Sim at 518-869-7562 or  
22 [planning@colonievillage.org](mailto:planning@colonievillage.org). By order of the  
23 Planning Commission: Courtney L Sim,  
24 Planning Coordinator, dated October 5, 2021.

25 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: The procedures that we

1 are looking at tonight - first of all, we had  
2 sent out over 300 notices to neighboring  
3 properties. We had plans set up at the Village.  
4 You can see that we also have site plans along  
5 the walls here.

6 The format tonight is we typically will  
7 have the applicant do a presentation on the  
8 project. After his presentation is over, we  
9 will have public comments and you should  
10 really be directing your comments to the  
11 Planning Commission. What we will proceed to  
12 do after we hear your comments, is we will  
13 take your comments and we will give them  
14 back the developer to actually respond to  
15 the questions.

16 In advance, I will just say that we  
17 will not be closing the public hearing  
18 tonight because we want to allow at least  
19 two-weeks for those people who could not  
20 come tonight to allow them to get their  
21 questions before us, also.

22 I guess at this point I can turn this  
23 over to the developer, Nick.

24 When I say that we are not going to be  
25 closing the hearing, there will not be a

1 decision made tonight because we want to  
2 hear all of the comments.

3 The applicant is obviously going to be  
4 at the podium. We set up the second podium  
5 for those who want to speak tonight with  
6 public comments and questions.

7 MR. COSTA: Good evening. Nick Costa from  
8 Advance Engineering and we are here on behalf  
9 of Rosetti Acquisitions. They are the owner of  
10 the parcel located at 29 Vly Road they are the  
11 owner of this parcel and they are the applicant  
12 who has made this submittal to subdivide the  
13 parcel into the lots that are shown.

14 This is the parcel that is colored in  
15 yellow. This is an aerial photograph and the  
16 parcel is generally rectangular in shape. It  
17 does have frontage along Chris Place and  
18 then it also has frontage along Hillside.  
19 Those two provide access to the site and we  
20 are using those two access points to extend  
21 Hillside Drive and then we are extending  
22 Chris Place to serve the proposed lots.

23 The proposed lots are 19 single-family  
24 residential homes and 5 duplexes at the end  
25 of the cul-de-sac. The proposed subdivision

1 is in accordance to the zoning. It does have  
2 municipal service. There is sanitary sewer  
3 along Hillside and there is also water along  
4 Hillside that has served the existing  
5 development on Chris Place, and we will be  
6 extending those utilities to serve the new  
7 homes that are being developed along the  
8 extension of Chris Place. That includes the  
9 sanitary sewer and the water and also there  
10 is a stormwater system that is being  
11 proposed that will drain the proposed  
12 surface of Chris Place. The water that is  
13 captured from that stormwater system will be  
14 discharged into an infiltration basin. The  
15 site does have very good soil and we have  
16 done testing of those soils and we are  
17 proposing to infiltrate into the subsoil  
18 that will be able to accept the runoff from  
19 the proposed development.

20 As I mentioned, the existing lot is  
21 about 11 acres in size and the development  
22 will be occurring over a little less than 8  
23 1/2 acres. There is a large area of green  
24 that is existing that is going to remain.  
25 This area right there is going to remain

1 undisturbed (Indicating). It is adjacent to  
2 the school. The school is located right here  
3 (Indicating) and that will remain  
4 undeveloped in its current conditions. The  
5 site does have some existing drainage that  
6 runs along the border here down in this  
7 area. The discharge is out to Vly Road.  
8 There is also a stormwater system that comes  
9 down and drains this neighborhood and also  
10 connects to that same storm system that  
11 discharges into Vly Road in front of the  
12 existing church, which is located right here  
13 (Indicating).

14 So, that's the proposal that Rossetti  
15 Acquisitions is making to the Village. We  
16 have been working with the Village and we  
17 have refined the proposed development over  
18 the time that we have been working with  
19 them. We feel that the plans are now to a  
20 point where they are ready to begin final  
21 approval. If there are any questions from  
22 the Commission, I'd be more than happy to  
23 answer them.

24 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Okay, we don't have any  
25 particular order set up. Whoever would like to

1 speak, come up to the podium. Please give us  
2 your name and address for the minutes.

3 MS. CANIFF: My name is Judy Caniff and I  
4 would like to begin by addressing the character  
5 of my neighborhood.

6 I have lived at 6 Chris Place since  
7 August 1986 - about 35 years. I have raised  
8 my children in this neighborhood and I now  
9 bring my grandchildren here to walk, play  
10 and ride bikes. It's a great neighborhood to  
11 raise a family especially so close to  
12 Sandalwood Elementary School. The  
13 neighborhood is usually quiet and it's a  
14 nice one to spend time outside in. Because  
15 it is a closed neighborhood we have daily  
16 walkers, bike riders, parents with children  
17 in strollers, lots of dog walkers and kids  
18 walking to school. We also have South  
19 Colonie District office employees who walk  
20 on lunch and break time. There's an active  
21 component with residents out using the  
22 streets in this neighborhood daily. It's an  
23 older neighborhood with 75 homes of which  
24 many have small driveways so often there is  
25 another one or two cars out in the street.



1 This does make it difficult when cars try to  
2 pass because the roads are narrow and it  
3 often requires cars to go single file or  
4 wait their turn jogging down the road. It  
5 also makes snow removal challenging.

6 Making Chris Place a cut-through would  
7 drastically change the neighborhood with  
8 increased traffic and additional safety  
9 concerns. The proposal would bring many more  
10 cars - 50 or 60 and Chris Place and Hanifin  
11 would become thoroughfares. Hanifin Avenue  
12 would become very busy, as many would want  
13 to avoid the speed bumps on Lorelee Drive.

14 The Lorelee Drive/Vly Road intersection  
15 would be chosen for anyone wanting to get in  
16 line for the Central Avenue back-up on Vly  
17 Road or if you're headed to the northern  
18 direction of Town. Going left towards  
19 Central Avenue out of Hillside Avenue would  
20 be nearly impossible during busy times. Vly  
21 Road is so heavily traveled now between  
22 Central Avenue and Watervliet Shaker Road  
23 that there are usually back-ups at either  
24 end.

25 Increased volume is of great concern to

1 me and my neighbors. I've been out in the  
2 neighborhood talking to many of them. Just  
3 last week two school buses came face-to-face  
4 on Hanifin Avenue and had to maneuver by  
5 each other. Luckily, there weren't cars  
6 parked at that point in the road. I do not  
7 believe that Chris Place should be extended.

8 My other concerns, all equally  
9 important:

10 Concern for the disappearance of the  
11 green space in the Village and the wildlife  
12 we see. I have seen or heard deer, turkey,  
13 bats which eat bugs and are good for the  
14 environment, tree frogs, woodpeckers, hawks,  
15 red fox, coyotes and many different species  
16 of birds. I personally am a birdwatcher and  
17 I'm very concerned that this will make them  
18 go elsewhere. We enjoy seeing these animals  
19 and want to continue to do so. I think that  
20 a detailed wildlife impact study should be  
21 shared with the community before any  
22 decision is made.

23 I understand an environmental study has  
24 been done, but not released and I have  
25 submitted a Freedom of information request

1 to the Village Hall, but I have not yet  
2 received it. In honesty, I only submitted it  
3 on Friday.

4 Another concern is a number of the  
5 neighbors, many who have lived here a very  
6 long time, have stated that they will move  
7 if this development goes in and the access  
8 is through our neighborhood. This is  
9 alarming to me. I am very concerned that if  
10 this happens, there may be a situation where  
11 landlords come in and buy and rent the homes.  
12 Renters have no investment in the  
13 neighborhood. This has already happened to  
14 two houses in my neighborhood and we end up  
15 having houses that are not taken care of  
16 properly. It affects us all when the outside  
17 of the homes are not kept up. After all, we  
18 all want to have pride in the place that we  
19 live.

20 Another consideration is the number of  
21 students going to Sandalwood Elementary. This  
22 could have an impact with a large number of  
23 homes going in. New apartments just went in  
24 off of Vly Road so that coupled with this  
25 proposed development - it has the potential

1 to bring in many students which brings in  
2 even more buses and more cars. Currently the  
3 neighborhood is experiencing traffic issues  
4 every day at school start time and ending  
5 times. There's a long line of cars down  
6 Loralee Drive every single day. Every day  
7 the school buses come down Daniel Lane,  
8 Hanifin, Chris Place and try to budge the  
9 line at the district office. Sandalwood  
10 Elementary School just put in a bus drop-off  
11 area last summer and greatly expanded the  
12 parking lot on this side of the school to  
13 accommodate the increased traffic. That in  
14 itself speaks volumes to this project that  
15 they had to double the parking lot. There is  
16 a right of way paper street - whatever you  
17 call it - Cypress on Maple Avenue that was  
18 put in when that development was built. It  
19 was intended for access to these woods for  
20 future development. The Board has previously  
21 stated that they don't want it to be used as  
22 a cut-through. I don't want this place to be  
23 used as a cut-through either. The Maple  
24 Drive neighborhood has several different  
25 ways to exit, so not all traffic is funneled

1 to just one road like this development  
2 proposal is to one road; Vly Road. That  
3 neighborhood has 50-foot wide streets and no  
4 telephone poles. My neighborhood has 23-foot  
5 wide streets and telephone poles. That  
6 neighborhood is newer and most houses have  
7 driveways wide enough for two cars. My  
8 neighborhood does not. Snow removal and  
9 emergency vehicle access is much easier on  
10 wide roads.

11 The last point I would like to make is  
12 that I believe that if a development is  
13 approved, the best solution would be for  
14 access through Capital Church's parking lot.  
15 This would save the traffic nightmare for  
16 over 100 homes - all Village residents and  
17 taxpayers. The Chris Place neighborhood and  
18 the Hillside neighborhood should not have to  
19 endure this. Perhaps something could be  
20 worked out for the loss of parking spaces  
21 going into the lot. Maybe more spaces could  
22 be placed behind the church. The church only  
23 has services on Sundays and a few meetings  
24 during the week of which none are over an  
25 hour and 1/2. Their parking lot is seldom

1 fully used at all. The current plan is for  
2 all the traffic to go on Vly Road, anyway.

3 Not to diminish the value of Capital  
4 Church, but it's important to note that  
5 Capital Church has a new lead pastor who has  
6 been there for less than two months who  
7 currently lives in Schenectady and came from  
8 Wisconsin and before that, Maryland. The  
9 sale of the land was completed by a previous  
10 pastor who has moved on. These folks do not  
11 have roots in this neighborhood, much less  
12 in the Village of Colonie. I believe their  
13 community is the capital district and  
14 beyond. I personally don't feel that the  
15 sale of the land was being a good neighbor  
16 to those of us who have made the Village  
17 their home for so many years.

18 One other note and I don't have any  
19 details, but I want to make you aware of it.  
20 Someone just mentioned to me that this  
21 developer is in front of the Town Board -  
22 the Town of Colonie Board tonight looking to  
23 put in 100 or so apartments by the Shaker  
24 Shed which is the same school, same school  
25 district, same elementary school, same roads

1 - everything. That's 100 new apartments,  
2 plus the apartments that they just put in on  
3 Vly Road that are almost completed. We can't  
4 take anymore.

5 My suggestion is you take that map and  
6 you flip it and you put the cul-de-sac down  
7 on the end and then you put that buffer of  
8 trees on the far end and then you make it go  
9 out through the church which doesn't have  
10 hardly any traffic, movement, people,  
11 activities at all and save the 125  
12 homeowners that are going to be affected.  
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Thank you.

15 We are going to sanitize the microphone  
16 between speakers.

17 MR. AGRIANCE: Hi, my name is John  
18 Agriance. I live at 3 Hanifin Avenue.

19 I'd like to know how much of the trees  
20 are going to be cut - how far back? Is there  
21 going to be a tree line? How much of the  
22 trees are going to be left between our  
23 property in the new property?

24 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: The green that's shown  
25 in those plans is the natural tree vegetation

1       that's proposing to be saved.

2               MR. AGRIANCE:   So, you are going to clear  
3       right up to my property.

4               CHAIRMAN DENNIS:   Your property is where?

5               MR. AGRIANCE:   Number 3 Hanifin Avenue.

6               CHAIRMAN DENNIS:   That's the proposal that  
7       is shown there, yes.

8               MR. AGRIANCE:   So, you're going beyond the  
9       survey line and clearing more trees right up to  
10      my property.

11              CHAIRMAN DENNIS:   They won't be going  
12      beyond the survey line, no.

13              MR. AGRIANCE:   Well, the survey plans are  
14      further out than my property.

15              CHAIRMAN DENNIS:   If there's a tree on  
16      your property, they won't be beyond the  
17      property line, no. There is no grading or  
18      anything.

19              MR. AGRIANCE:   So, they are clearing all  
20      the trees right up to all of our properties.

21              CHAIRMAN DENNIS:   The grading on the site  
22      is in those substantial areas.

23              MR. AGRIANCE:   So, that is a yes. They are  
24      clearing all the trees. There's no buffer zone  
25      at all.



1 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: No.

2 MR. AGRIANCE: Thank you, very much.

3 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Again, if there are  
4 people that do not want to speak, we will take  
5 any letters that you might have.

6 MR. STAPH: Hi, my name is Frank Staph. I  
7 live at 16 Hanifin. I have lived there all my  
8 life.

9 I think Judy - she said pretty much  
10 what is on everybody's mind. The traffic on  
11 Hanifin Avenue right now - 10 to 15 cars are  
12 parked on that street in the morning. A lot  
13 of them are from across the street and that  
14 leaves not much room to drive my truck  
15 through. Additional traffic on the street is  
16 going to be hard.

17 I really looked at the site plans. I  
18 don't have any objections really to the  
19 overall development of the property. I  
20 played on this property when I was a kid. I  
21 watched the drainage of the ponds over on  
22 the other development, Cypress Avenue, when  
23 that was all draining through this property  
24 back in the late 70's. At the time, I  
25 thought it was great and was something for

1 me to play in. Now I look back at it and  
2 think of all the wetlands that were lost. We  
3 used to ice skate back there. That's not  
4 available anymore.

5 As far as proposals, my biggest concern  
6 is traffic. There's been talk of  
7 cut-throughs. This is going to be used as a  
8 cut-through as proposed right now for  
9 traffic coming out of the school. I can  
10 guarantee that 100%. It's got really bad in  
11 the neighborhoods along there. I agree with  
12 Judy. I think coming in off of Vly Road will  
13 be a better solution to access this or  
14 possibly coming through Cyprus and deleting  
15 the Chris Place and Hillside access to the  
16 property. It doesn't make any sense to me at  
17 all why you would want to take those two  
18 small roads and use them for access to this  
19 property other than it's probably to the  
20 developers benefit to connect into the  
21 services on those roads. That is the intent  
22 behind the plan. Like I said, coming in  
23 through Cyprus I'm thinking right now is  
24 going to have very little impact on the  
25 plans. Things would have to be rearranged

1 slightly coming in through the church - I  
2 understand that doing that would be a lot  
3 more road frontage that would have to be  
4 built and meet spec and would also probably  
5 entitle giving some property back to the  
6 church so that they could recoup parking  
7 spots. None of that really concerns me.

8 Traffic on Vly Road concerns me. I've  
9 been there 60 years and I've seen a lot of  
10 changes in the Village. When I used to be  
11 able to pull out of Vly Road without a  
12 traffic light, now I sit there for three  
13 minutes every morning and at night it's the  
14 same thing. If you go through there at 5  
15 o'clock at night, you going to sit through a  
16 couple of lights to try to get out of there.

17 This is one of the last green spaces in  
18 the Village. I think if it's going to be  
19 developed, it should be built correctly in  
20 the neighborhood surrounding it. The impact  
21 on them should be of high concern and taken  
22 to the Board into the limit that is impacted  
23 as much as possible.

24 If this does go through as planned, the  
25 one thing that I have a problem with is

1 access of construction vehicles to the  
2 property. Right now, the plan is to go  
3 through Chris Place and Hillside with these  
4 vehicles. I want to know what the Board  
5 thought is on when there are two cars parked  
6 side-by-side on Chris Place. They are  
7 legally parked and construction vehicles  
8 will not be able to get through there. I  
9 would suggest that at the very least,  
10 construction access to the site is through  
11 the church parking lot. I don't think that  
12 would have any impact on the developer at  
13 all. That pretty much is probably all I have  
14 to say.

15 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Thank you.

16 MS. CANIFF: Can I ask a question? Why are  
17 they widening Chris Place for just two houses?  
18 Can someone answer that? I thought that  
19 question would be going to this gentleman here  
20 (Indicating). I thought he was going to be here  
21 for questions.

22 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: No. Again, we want you  
23 to talk to the Commission. We will pass these  
24 on so we can get answers.

25 MS. CANIFF: Okay, that's fine.

1           MR. MORRISETTE: Good evening, everyone.  
2       My name is Norm Morrisette and I live with my  
3       wife and our 2 1/2 cats at 18 Vly. Prior to  
4       that we have lived different places in the  
5       neighborhood for 50 years. Regarding the access  
6       on Hillside: the base of Hillside is 27 feet  
7       wide. I measured it this morning. Currently  
8       school buses do not go up Hillside. They pick  
9       up the children - students, kids at the corner  
10      of Hillside and Vly. If you plan on accessing  
11      through Hillside, do you plan on having school  
12      buses go up Hillside? My reason for asking is  
13      in the wintertime, it is not plowed very well.  
14      I look out the window and I see some of the  
15      people that live in those duplexes having a  
16      hard time getting out - a few of them getting  
17      stuck hollering some very nasty adjectives.  
18      Construction access should be through the  
19      church parking lot. We have a traffic stacking  
20      problem at rush hour. For people trying to get  
21      to Central Avenue to the point where if I want  
22      to make a left onto Vly, a lot of times I don't  
23      have courteous people. The attitude is I was  
24      here first, you weren't. This will exacerbate  
25      things. It's very simple.

1           What about the road they have torn up  
2           with all the construction vehicles? We all  
3           know that Vly Road was not designed for  
4           tractor-trailers and big gigantic delivery  
5           trucks. Is there a plan for Mr. Rossetti to  
6           repave the roads; Hillside and Lorelee,  
7           Hanifin and Chris Place? They are all  
8           legitimate questions.

9           Another concern that I have - my wife  
10          and I have never gotten anything in the mail  
11          regarding this or previous hearings. Any  
12          reason?

13               CHAIRMAN DENNIS: You are at 18 Vly?

14               MR. MORRISETTE: We use 18 Vly and 1  
15          Consaul. People have asked us why do you call  
16          it 1 Consaul? We were mandated by the post  
17          office. They told us you must put your mailbox  
18          on Consaul and call it 1 Consaul. So, that's  
19          what we did.

20               CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We have a list. I will  
21          check the list and then will switch it to  
22          Consaul, if that has to be done.

23               MR. MORRISETTE: Now, can I get a value of  
24          the houses that Mr. Rossetti plans on putting  
25          up?

1 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We haven't been given  
2 that information yet.

3 MR. MORRISETTE: From a business  
4 standpoint, to recoup his investment he might  
5 have to look at \$300,000 - \$350,000 houses.  
6 What that will do - it's like putting oranges  
7 in a basket of bruised apples. It's not a very  
8 good fit.

9 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Are you making reference  
10 to the other homes in the neighborhood?

11 MR. MORRISETTE: Correct.

12 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Okay. I will leave it at  
13 that.

14 MR. BLAKE: Good evening, folks. My name  
15 is Frank Blake. I live at 29 Hanifin Avenue and  
16 also on 40 Loralee, directly across from the  
17 new extension. I have worked construction for  
18 developers and expansion companies for 35  
19 years. I have been at this address for 26  
20 years. My questions are not really directed at  
21 the developer. With that background, this is  
22 most definitely the most advantageous plan for  
23 the property and for access to utilities that  
24 you referred to as there for the property,  
25 which are not. I will submit the detailed

1 questions rather than bore everyone for an  
2 extended period of time. My questions are  
3 really directed at the Village. I'm extremely  
4 disappointed - extremely. Having been a  
5 resident of the Village for 45 years, I was  
6 just astonished that the plans that were  
7 proposed in developed in 2019 - we were refused  
8 to have discussions in August of last year when  
9 the subdivision took place, as if there wasn't  
10 an idea of what was going to happen. It was  
11 referred to and continuously until this day as  
12 the Vly Road expansion. I would like to know  
13 why it's not going out to Vly Road if it was  
14 intended to be Vly Road expansion.

15 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: That's just the address  
16 that was given to that property. That's what  
17 they used for the application.

18 MR. BLAKE: Completely understood, but  
19 again if that was the property why doesn't it  
20 go out to Vly Road? I know when other  
21 development and projects were proposed on this  
22 property, they were actually immediately  
23 declined because Vly Road couldn't handle the  
24 traffic nor could Chris Place, nor could  
25 Hillside. What has changed?



1           CHAIRMAN DENNIS: I don't know remember  
2 the project being pulled out because they  
3 couldn't get out onto Vly Road.

4           MR. BLAKE: What was the reason they were  
5 pulled out?

6           CHAIRMAN DENNIS: I would imagine  
7 financially, but I wouldn't speak for the  
8 developer.

9           MR. BLAKE: I completely understand what  
10 the developer is doing, it's just extreme  
11 disappointment in the Village. I've been here  
12 this long and seeing you rollover for 24 more  
13 units - extremely disappointing.

14           I am curious to see the environmental  
15 impact that Judy requested. We do see fox,  
16 deer and turkey.

17           Also the expansion - it's tough to tell  
18 from the prints and they weren't available  
19 to scan. How much of my side lot and my  
20 adjacent neighbors will be lost? I'm at 29  
21 Hanifin. How much am I losing? You can pass  
22 that question onto the developer. I guess I  
23 would think my Village Planning Commission  
24 would be able to answer that for me.

25           CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Thank you.

1           MR. CAPONERA: We are not going to get  
2 into a discussion. We're going to listen to  
3 your comments. We are going to have the  
4 developer respond and that's the way this is  
5 going to go. We're not going to go back and  
6 forth tonight.

7           MR. BLAKE: So, you're not going to answer  
8 any questions.

9           MR. CAPONERA: We are listening to the  
10 neighbors comments tonight. The questions and  
11 comments will be taken and given to the  
12 applicant who will then be able to respond to  
13 your questions.

14          MR. BLAKE: So, the applicant will dictate  
15 how much of my side - my yard is lost, based on  
16 the Village's approval?

17          MR. CAPONERA: I don't want this to turn  
18 into a big back and forth.

19          CHAIRMAN DENNIS: No private property is  
20 being taken from anyone. You may be using  
21 property that is at the access point. There is  
22 no property being taken from anyone.

23          MR. BLAKE: I'm sorry from the drawings  
24 that I was given tonight and from what was  
25 online it appears that you are widening Chris

1 Place.

2 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We will check to see  
3 that they are within their boundaries. This  
4 proposal shows no property being taken from  
5 anyone else. Legally, they can't do it.

6 MR. BLAKE: Then the road won't be wide  
7 enough?

8 MR. CAPONERA: No property of yours is  
9 being taken.

10 MR. BLAKE: Okay.

11 In addition to the utility access, when  
12 will the Planning Commission be voting? I  
13 guess that's a question that you can submit  
14 to the developer and we will see these  
15 questions that you submit to be publicly  
16 answered within two weeks.

17 MR. CAPONERA: The Board will decide when  
18 the applicant will come back. I don't know if  
19 that decision has been made yet.

20 MR. BLAKE: I heard that it was said that  
21 you're going to leave it open for questions.  
22 I'm just asking when we will see the responses  
23 to those written questions. That could be  
24 received in writing, as well.

25 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We still will receive

1 things for another two weeks before we close  
2 the public hearing. At that point, that's being  
3 passed on to the developer. We will be waiting  
4 for their responses.

5 MR. BLAKE: Then to add to the questions  
6 for the developer: Has the Town been apprised  
7 of the plans for the traffic on Vly Road? I  
8 don't expect you to answer this. Roughly based  
9 on our area average - suburban and 24  
10 occupancies relates to about 78 to 82 cars. So,  
11 that will have a direct impact on Vly Road  
12 which is the site of about 23% more accidents  
13 than most of the Village as well as public  
14 roads around it. So, I would be curious about  
15 that.

16 Under the Village Code right now it  
17 will generate an environmental impact  
18 statement designated by the Environmental  
19 Conservation Commission you created around  
20 this, or for each project. I like to know  
21 when that quality review is determined, as  
22 well as its impact. Again, I'm sorry if  
23 these are ultimately going to be directed to  
24 the developer, but I think as a Village  
25 resident, we should have answers to that.

1           The subdivision that is being proposed  
2     - the drawings are from November of '19. At  
3     last year's meeting we were instructed that  
4     you could not take questions based on these  
5     November 19th drawings, but they could take  
6     questions on the subdivision which was just  
7     to create two lots. That's confusing as a  
8     Village resident. You're acknowledging this  
9     with plans in place almost 2 years ago and  
10    again as our representatives it's not  
11    appreciated. Again, it is surprising.

12           Other than those detailed questions, I  
13    would just like to ensure that when we have  
14    the responses from the developer and also  
15    the Village that the major subdivision  
16    requirements have all been met including the  
17    paving needs and the utility access and that  
18    the Town has evaluated it because these are  
19    not Village services that they are tying  
20    into, in most cases, outside of the storm  
21    water. That is Town water and waste. Thanks,  
22    everyone.

23           MS. CANIFF: Can I just make a statement?  
24    For most of us, this is our first or second  
25    meeting so if we are a little taken aback by

1 the procedure, we're just looking for an  
2 exchange. If you're just going to take our  
3 questions, that's fine. We just want to know  
4 when we will get those answers back because we  
5 don't know. Like I said, this is our first or  
6 second meeting, ever.

7 MR. CAPONERA: You will know before you  
8 leave tonight.

9 MS. CANIFF: Okay, well that's great.

10 MS. KRASINSKI: The people on the other  
11 side of Vly Road did not get any notice. The  
12 gentleman that you spoke -

13 MR. BLAKE: I talked to many of them on  
14 the other side and they didn't know what I was  
15 talking about.

16 MS. KRASINSKI: It's not fair that the  
17 people of the Town of Colonie are also affected  
18 because of the traffic - they are not in the  
19 Village. The other side of Vly Road is the  
20 Town. We put flyers in the mailboxes and that's  
21 why - - not the mailboxes, but the doors.

22 MR. CAPONERA: Can we get your name and  
23 address?

24 MS. KRASINSKI: I don't want to be in your  
25 public notes.

1 FROM THE FLOOR: How come there isn't a  
2 dialogue back and forth when we have questions?  
3 Because that's what I came here expecting  
4 tonight.

5 MR. CAPONERA: In my opinion, because  
6 there are so many people that have concerns  
7 about this, the Board decided to have it at  
8 this location to give people an opportunity to  
9 voice their concerns and ask questions.

10 FROM THE FLOOR: Most of us have similar  
11 concerns.

12 MR. CAPONERA: In my personal experience  
13 for over 45 years, I've done many of these  
14 projects on both sides. Typically when there is  
15 a crowd of people that have deep concerns about  
16 a particular project, it gets very contentious  
17 and it gets pretty uncomfortable. This Board  
18 made a determination to try to keep things in a  
19 calm way and let everyone voice their concerns  
20 and give the applicant an opportunity to listen  
21 to them. We have a transcript that is being  
22 transcribed today with everyone's questions,  
23 names and addresses in it so that the applicant  
24 can come back and answer these questions and  
25 then when that happens, there will be a

1 back-and-forth in terms of answers of what you  
2 just asked as to why can't we go back and  
3 forth. But the reason that we are doing it this  
4 way is exactly what I just said. This isn't a  
5 situation with just five people making  
6 comments. There are quite a few people here.  
7 Most of them want to say something. That's why  
8 we're doing it the way we are doing it. That's  
9 the procedure. Otherwise, you would be here  
10 until 2 o'clock in the morning.

11 MS. CANIFF: Will you be getting input  
12 from the Superintendent of Schools?

13 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Yes, we have contacted  
14 the county. We contacted the Town. I will check  
15 and make sure the school district is notified.

16 MS. CANIFF: I talked to the  
17 Superintendent last week and he has no idea  
18 what's going on.

19 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: So, we will contact  
20 them.

21 MS. MACKEY: My name is Patricia Mackey  
22 and I live at 23 Hanifin Avenue. I was a  
23 schoolteacher for 42 years and I taught  
24 democracy. I have to say that the way this  
25 particular meeting and the last one I attended



1 has been going on - I really am concerned with  
2 the lack of transparency. I don't think the  
3 developer should decide what our quality of  
4 life should be. Most of us have lived in this  
5 neighborhood for quite a while. I have lived  
6 here for 43 years on this particular street. I  
7 bought the house because there were trees  
8 behind it. I would like trees to still be  
9 there. I still don't see why when something is  
10 developed that every tree has to be clear cut  
11 and then none of the trees are replaced. You  
12 just leave us looking into each other's  
13 backyards. It's really unnecessary. We need the  
14 trees because we need the oxygen and the trees  
15 create oxygen. I really think that this should  
16 be thought into and things like the cost of the  
17 house.

18 I'd like to know why there isn't a  
19 buffer zone. I'd like to know if there are  
20 going to be one or two-story houses. All of  
21 our houses are basically one-story houses.  
22 we need a quality environment. We should not  
23 have it eliminated because someone wants to  
24 develop property.

25 When you decide to do whatever that

1        thing is over there on Vly Road - at first  
2        it was just a bare building and now I see  
3        they put up trees between the houses that  
4        were already there. They also put up trees  
5        in the front so that the park that is on Vly  
6        Road has trees. Trees are important; very  
7        important for quality-of-life and mental  
8        health. I wish you would take that into  
9        consideration. Thank you.

10            MS. HAGENSTON: Good evening. My name is  
11        Keri Hagenston and I'm at 5 Hanifin Avenue.

12            I would like to propose to the Planning  
13        Board for consideration to maintain the  
14        conservation area green space with the  
15        existing trees as a tree buffer around the  
16        perimeter of the proposed project for  
17        drainage, wildlife preservation and privacy  
18        for both existing residents as well as our  
19        new neighbors. Thank you, very much.

20            MS. GOLDUP: My name is Beth Goldup,  
21        G-O-L-D-U-P and I live at 6 Daniel Lane. I'm a  
22        renter. I rent to own my house. Most people  
23        know me. They see my husband out all the time.

24            Here's the thing. I get it. I  
25        understand that we need to build. I grew up

1 on the property that Rossetti bought along  
2 Vly Road. Obviously, he's not developing the  
3 property on the acreage that I grew up on,  
4 but that's okay. At the end of the day, I  
5 understand that everybody wants their  
6 privacy. All of these people are now going  
7 to be looking at the people who lived behind  
8 the min \$300,000 houses, which is unfair.  
9 Why can't you just leave the green space,  
10 make it look nice for everybody, let the  
11 people who have the houses that are worth so  
12 much more than I guess the houses that we  
13 all live in -- have their neighborhood? They  
14 can have it. It's good. Great, no problem.

15 At the end of the day we have problems  
16 with the water already. There are sinkholes  
17 and erosion from the traffic on Vly Road  
18 from people coming in and out of the school.  
19 In front of the church there is a sinkhole.  
20 There is pools of water at the end of  
21 Hillside Drive. Are all of those things  
22 going to be taking care of? At the end of  
23 the day it's not fair to keep adding on.  
24 You're destroying the property of people who  
25 have lived there forever so that you can

1 make nice property for new people who want  
2 to move into the neighborhood. I worked in  
3 construction for 15 years. I get it. Build  
4 whatever you want. It doesn't matter, but to  
5 me at least have respectful transparent  
6 collaboration with the people in the  
7 neighborhood as opposed to -- I understand  
8 your side because I have sat on your side to  
9 where you have to sit there and you have to  
10 listen to people complaining to you all the  
11 time about what you want to do. Come to the  
12 meeting with an idea that we're going to  
13 have respectful collaboration and  
14 transparency instead of trying to pull the  
15 wool over people's eyes or say well, Mr.  
16 Rossetti is not here tonight but he's going  
17 to answer the questions. Just be respectful.  
18 When you're respectful to the people in the  
19 area around them, then maybe people wouldn't  
20 be so upset that you're destroying their  
21 property and their way of life. Thank you.

22 MR. FAHY: Good evening. My name is  
23 William Fahy and I live on 55 Vly Road.

24 I'm very happy for the Village to get  
25 this new development because it brings in

1 the extra taxes. I'm very sad for the  
2 Village for the extra entities they have to  
3 give up; such as fire and sanitation, public  
4 works and everything else - for what it's  
5 going to cost in the future.

6 My main concern is because I live on  
7 Vly Road is the traffic. It's already been  
8 brought up. There's a lot of traffic. I  
9 don't go to work anymore. I just sit around  
10 playing in the backyard. The traffic in and  
11 out on Central is tremendously bad. The Town  
12 Planning Board has in front of it now three  
13 planned traffic circles; one on Vly Road,  
14 one on Watervliet Shaker. The other one is  
15 on the end of Vly Road - our street- and  
16 Albany Shaker. The other one is on Sand  
17 Creek at Watervliet Shaker. This is a \$6  
18 million project the Town is looking at and  
19 planning. I hope to God they don't put a  
20 traffic circle at the end of Vly Road and  
21 Watervliet Shaker, my street. The reason  
22 being is that will be a better shortcut for  
23 everybody. Everybody does not like to go on  
24 to New Karner Road. New Karner Road was  
25 built to alleviate traffic and to make the

1 traffic better. However, people use Vly Road  
2 for a shortcut. A gentleman before me said  
3 that there are 6 or 12 cars in front of him  
4 and it takes him two or three minutes to get  
5 out onto Central. That's true because even  
6 not in business hours I have been in that  
7 traffic waiting at Central.

8 The other concern is: I wanted to see  
9 what this project was and where it would go.  
10 I went down to the school and I looked  
11 around and it kind of occurred to me that  
12 people are dropping off their children and  
13 picking up their children. I looked down  
14 Chris Street and I couldn't see how anybody  
15 on that street could live and get out of  
16 their house onto the street at that time of  
17 day. I only hope that they would have due  
18 consideration for the residents and for the  
19 people here that do not want this project. I  
20 certainly do not want this project. I did  
21 not want the project across the street from  
22 me that was built in the Town by Mr.  
23 Rosetti, but it's there. I think he does  
24 good things because he has good buildings  
25 and good property. I wish I was this man.

1 This man is very, very adept at making great  
2 things however he owns four-fifths of  
3 Colonie already. Should we give him more?  
4 Thank you.

5 MS. BLAKE: My name is Marissa Blake. I  
6 live at 40 Loralee, but I grew up on 29 Hanifin  
7 Avenue. I have lived in that neighborhood my  
8 entire life and a lot of people have mentioned  
9 how the traffic is going to be a royal pain  
10 with more buses and everything. It's also  
11 dangerous.

12 When I was going to middle school, the  
13 bus used to go right on Hanifin, pick me up  
14 and drop me off right at my house. I've been  
15 on the bus twice during middle school where  
16 we were in an accident with parked cars  
17 because there's just not enough space. The  
18 roads are not wide enough. So, by the time  
19 my sister was going to middle school, four  
20 years later, the buses no longer go down  
21 Hanifin because of all the accidents that  
22 were happening. If they're not widening any  
23 of the roads, I'm wondering how those buses  
24 our magically going to fit down there.

25 MR. MOON: Good evening everyone. Kevin

1 Moon, 19 Hillside Avenue, right where the main  
2 thoroughfare is going to be going through.

3 I just had a couple of comments and  
4 questions similar to some of my neighbors.  
5 My main concern right now is Vly Road. It's  
6 a horrible road. The driving on that road is  
7 ridiculous. It hasn't been taken care of.  
8 There are potholes in the middle of that  
9 that are ridiculously large. I don't even  
10 like driving on the road.

11 I was thinking about the road across  
12 from Lincoln Avenue down in Colonie. It's a  
13 one-way in and one-way out road like a  
14 U-shape. I don't know if you guys are  
15 familiar with it. I was thinking why not  
16 have to access roads on each side of the  
17 church where that little community thing  
18 that they were proposing is self-enclosed so  
19 everybody doesn't have to deal with all the  
20 extra traffic that would be created with  
21 these proposals that are on hand here.

22 Also, there's an access road that could  
23 be provided by the trees - that go into the  
24 other side of Colonie - to the left of the  
25 tree line. Cyprus - I didn't know the name



1 of it.

2 Also, the new traffic hasn't even been  
3 considered with the new apartment complex  
4 that has been on Vly Road. There's no cars  
5 in their currently, but that's going to be  
6 an additional maybe 100 cars in and out all  
7 the time. Waiting at Vly and Central like  
8 some of my neighbors have said, is  
9 ridiculous every day. I live right there. I  
10 can barely come out sometimes, it's so  
11 backed up from Hillside. Finally, with the  
12 substantial increase in new properties and  
13 the apartments in these proposed 24 units,  
14 I'm wondering if anything is going to happen  
15 with our tax base currently - if it's going  
16 to be decreased and if so by what  
17 percentage, due to the new influx of taxes.

18 That's it. Thanks for having me.

19 MS. CANIFF: I just want to make two  
20 points that I forgot to make. If the buses  
21 can't make it through this area - these old  
22 neighborhoods - the school district mandates  
23 that all kindergartners are picked up by bus.  
24 So, that is an issue because if you have  
25 kindergartners and these are supposed to be

1       \$350,000 to \$400,000 homes, we assume they are  
2       going to be families with children because  
3       everyone wants to be near an elementary school.  
4       Maybe there are teenagers which means even more  
5       than two cars per house.

6               The other point I wanted to make and  
7       this just boggles my mind - that one of the  
8       maps says November 2017. However it had to  
9       have been in the works for so much longer  
10      than that because 8 Chris Place is on there  
11      and the homeowner's name is Rockenstire.  
12      That's my next-door neighbor. She passed  
13      away seven years ago. That house has been  
14      owned by other people for six or seven  
15      years. So, the fact that this plan has  
16      someone's name on it from 2013 or 2014 is  
17      just mind-boggling. Then, the sale just went  
18      through last year.

19             There is something that isn't fitting.  
20      The pieces are not fitting together. This  
21      has been in the works for far too long  
22      without input from the community, from the  
23      neighborhoods and, from us. It's all been  
24      between the developer and whoever else it  
25      is, but to have her name on those plans -

1 and it says it was updated in 2019. I'm  
2 pretty sure she died in 2013 or 2014. I have  
3 her mass card at home and I can check it out  
4 if you need to know the date. That's just  
5 not right.

6 MR. BLAKE: I am sorry to bother you  
7 again. My question was actually meant to be  
8 more pointed to the access to Vly Road. The new  
9 apartments that are on Vly, I believe, don't  
10 have access to Vly Road - that was relative to  
11 traffic - the traffic limitations that Vly Road  
12 presently has. I guess my question for the  
13 developer at the Village is: By pouring the  
14 traffic out to Hillside and to Chris Place,  
15 does that negate the impact on Vly Road that we  
16 saw on paper? Or is that why it doesn't exit to  
17 Vly Road as a Vly Road subdivision would?  
18 that's my last question. Thank you.

19 MR. MOORE: Hi, my name is John Moore and  
20 I live at 4 Hillside Avenue. I've been there  
21 for 51 years and I love living in the Village.  
22 I am concerned however about the 50 or 60 more  
23 cars that are going to be on Vly Road. I am  
24 sort of representing the other Vly Road  
25 residents because this has been an issue - a

1 big issue on Vly Road. There have been major  
2 accidents there. Someone almost got killed not  
3 too long ago. The speed is unbelievable and so  
4 on.

5 I'm also concerned with the loss of our  
6 green space and I would hope that the  
7 environmental impact study will take into  
8 consideration also when they look at all the  
9 deer and antelope - that they also take into  
10 consideration our loss of oxygen from  
11 Central Avenue and from all the traffic that  
12 is in the area. Primarily, so that we don't  
13 continually grow more and more traffic in  
14 this part of the Village.

15 We have two outlets. One is Watervliet  
16 and the other is Hillside. Hillside is  
17 extremely narrow. I don't know that it could  
18 even be widened. There is a great big hill  
19 there that a car Sunday is going to fall  
20 down. It's only 20 foot wide and I can't  
21 believe that a school bus could go up it. I  
22 have seen times when neighbors have parked  
23 cars on each side in front of their house  
24 and a delivery truck can't get through or  
25 the oil truck can't get through. So it's

1           very narrow.

2           Loralee - I can't imagine putting any  
3           more traffic on it due to the fact that the  
4           school is there and all the school buses and  
5           all the parents picking up their kids.  
6           Access to this new area is just totally  
7           inadequate. There is no access. There is no  
8           egress. You can't get into it and you can't  
9           get out of it so you guys are going to have  
10          to do something about that.

11          The Vly Road neighbors got together and  
12          have done work for a long time with the  
13          Town. When they developed 57 Vly Road there  
14          was the input from the residents and they  
15          decided to make the egress and access on  
16          155. I am hoping that somehow you guys can  
17          do something similar because the current  
18          plan just doesn't work. There's just no way.

19          Also there is a sinkhole at the end of  
20          Hillside. I think the Village knows about it  
21          because it's constantly filling it. That was  
22          a wetland. How It ever got approved  
23          initially, I don't know. That is also soft  
24          property there and I understand somebody has  
25          a cellar up there and they have water in

1       their cellar. I don't know which one of the  
2       units.

3               So, I'm going back to Vly Road for  
4       second. I have had constant complaints from  
5       residents about due to all the traffic that  
6       they are afraid to go out and pick up the  
7       mail out of their mailbox because people are  
8       shooting down the road so fast. I have seen  
9       people do 50 miles per hour very often and  
10      hardly make that turn because it's got the  
11      dead-man's turn in there near the end. If  
12      you're trying to ride a bike, walk, push a  
13      carriage, you do it all at your own risk.  
14      There's really a problem with Vly Road and  
15      it really can't handle any more traffic. So,  
16      I don't know how you can build this  
17      development with 50 or 60 more cars added to  
18      Vly Road. It's just an impossible situation.  
19      That's pre-much what I have.

20             Mr. Rossetti and his corporation have  
21      bought the land. I know they own it. It's  
22      their right to develop it. Unless somebody  
23      can find a Blue Karner Butterfly or  
24      something, we are not going to stop them  
25      from doing it. However, it shouldn't be

1       overdeveloped and it's up to you guys to  
2       make sure that it's done right. Like I said,  
3       I love the Village and you guys are the  
4       Village and you're supposed to be protecting  
5       our rights. Thank you.

6               MR. MORRISETTE: I have a wife and 2 1/2  
7       kids. The half is a stray that we feed two or  
8       maybe three times a week. We feed squirrels,  
9       skunks, rabbits.

10              John's daughter is a school bus driver.  
11       Do we have other school bus drivers here?

12              I have heard of buses - you have to  
13       pick up the kids in Vly neighborhoods. My  
14       concern is you've got a lot of traffic going  
15       to and from Boces. I was a Boces student  
16       myself years ago. I'm very thankful for the  
17       training they gave me. My concern is they  
18       should not be going on Vly because of all  
19       the curvatures and wildlife that comes right  
20       out in front of you. You hit the brakes and  
21       your kids are in danger. I would not do  
22       that. I would go down 155 because it's  
23       clear. Perhaps somebody from the Village  
24       could coordinate with the Town and Albany  
25       County and rework the light and see if you

1       could have a longer left turn. I understand  
2       that they want to come through Vly because  
3       they don't have to sit there and wait to  
4       make a turn, but they are putting the kids  
5       at risk. I wouldn't do it myself. Thank you.  
6       In other words, if they're not picking up  
7       kids on the Vly, they should be there.

8               CHAIRMAN DENNIS: As I said before, for  
9       the next couple weeks if there's someone who  
10      couldn't make the meeting here tonight, they  
11      can still make their comment and address a  
12      letter. As I stated before, we will not be  
13      closing the public hearing. We will be informed  
14      with the information that we get and that will  
15      go back out to the developer.

16             MR. CANIFF: Hi. My name is Barry Caniff.  
17      I live at 6 Chris Place. I would like to  
18      understand what the procedure is after this  
19      meeting. Now you take all our questions and or  
20      concerns to the person who owns the property  
21      and he has a chance to answer them, correct?  
22      Then, what happens?

23             MR. CAPONERA: First of all, Nancy is our  
24      stenographer. She has to transcribe everything  
25      that happened here tonight and get that out.



1 Before we do anything, the first question I'm  
2 going to ask you, Nancy, is how long do you  
3 think it will be for you to transcribe this?

4 THE STENOGRAPHER: When would you like it,  
5 Victor?

6 MR. CAPONERA: Is two weeks okay?

7 THE STENOGRAPHER: Two weeks is perfect.

8 MR. CAPONERA: So, taking that information  
9 and now going to your question, the Board will  
10 think about that and then say okay, when do we  
11 want to have the next hearing on this? This is  
12 called a public hearing to give everyone who  
13 has an interest in this property an opportunity  
14 to speak, which you have done. So, the Board  
15 can listen to the comments and questions. Then  
16 the Board has determined that the applicant  
17 should have the opportunity to respond. Nancy  
18 indicated she will get the transcript back in  
19 two weeks and that means they get sent to the  
20 applicant who then has an opportunity to  
21 respond to that. Knowing that information, we  
22 as a Board can make a determination in terms of  
23 when we are going to come back and everyone can  
24 come back and listen to how the applicant  
25 responds to this myriad of questions that have

1       been asked, which are all very good points and  
2       very good questions.

3               So, Mr. Chairman, knowing that Nancy  
4       can get this done in two weeks, the question  
5       we need to know is - Mr. Costa represents  
6       the property owner -

7               MR. COSTA: We will need a couple weeks to  
8       respond.

9               MR. CAPONERA: So, would it be reasonable  
10      to say that we could do this in a month or four  
11      weeks that we can come back?

12              MR. CANIFF: I wasn't looking for a  
13      timeline. I was just looking for the procedure.  
14      So, there is another meeting that we can come  
15      and listen to his answers to our questions and  
16      then is there another meeting, or the Board  
17      just decides what they're going to do?

18              MR. CAPONERA: I can't imagine that the  
19      Board is going to make a decision after the  
20      next meeting.

21              CHAIRMAN DENNIS: There has been a lot of  
22      information tonight. A good portion of it is  
23      very informative to the Commission to actually  
24      review this property. Everybody's talking about  
25      how much time to get things completed and I

1 think the Commission would like to look at a  
2 lot of these items themselves. So, the feeling  
3 that this is going to be done in four weeks - I  
4 don't think that's going to happen. We have a  
5 lot of information and people want to get more  
6 information too; no question. Again, there were  
7 excellent comments made. Those are things that  
8 we want to look at.

9 MR. CANIFF: Mr. Dennis, you made the  
10 comment that no property would be taken. if  
11 Chris Place is 23 feet wide and the new Street  
12 is going to be 30 feet wide according to the  
13 plans, when you say no property is being taken  
14 - are you talking that there must be an  
15 easement?

16 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We will have our  
17 engineer look at that, but I'm sure there's a  
18 right-of-way that's much larger than 23 feet.  
19 So, our engineer will check that.

20 MS. CANIFF: Do you check with the Police  
21 Department about accidents?

22 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We have in the past.

23 MS. CANIFF: I think it would be wise to  
24 take a look and see what they see since people  
25 have mentioned it.

1           CHAIRMAN DENNIS: We will put that into  
2 the minutes. We appreciate that, thank you.

3           MR. MOORE: I just have one more comment.  
4 I remember someone said something about  
5 someone's water pressure and using the water  
6 that's currently going down Hillside. I live on  
7 Hillside and the water pressure is not very  
8 good now. Actually, I can't even run my  
9 sprinkler on my lawn. I have to put a pump on  
10 it because there's very little. I have inquired  
11 about that and I was told that something was  
12 going to be done about a new water tower or  
13 something -- that's a Town thing, I think - the  
14 water pressure. Right now we do not have very  
15 good water pressure on Hillside. Let that be  
16 noted.

17           MR. SHUMWAY: Hi, how you doing? My name  
18 is Ken Schumway and I live at 40 Vly Road.

19           Traffic is bad. I can't get out of the  
20 driveway now as it stands. They come around  
21 the corner flying. You never know whether  
22 they're doing anything about the traffic, as  
23 it is now. It's just a pain in the butt. We  
24 come here and talk about this. How much more  
25 traffic are you going to put down there? Vly

1 is half Town/half Village, right? It's a  
2 Town Road? Because I know one side is a Town  
3 road and the other side is Village. I live  
4 in the Town and the other side is the  
5 Village. So, should we be going to the Town  
6 meeting and fighting them there, too, with  
7 this? I know 39 across the street is the  
8 Village. I'm at 40 and I'm in the Town.

9 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: If you're talking about  
10 the road itself, I believe it's the Town but we  
11 will check to see if that is. Each side is  
12 residential and is Village and Town.

13 MR. SHUMWAY: I see the Village plows one  
14 side and the Town plows the other.

15 CHAIRMAN DENNIS: That doesn't necessarily  
16 speaks to who owns the property.

17 MR. SHUMWAY: Okay, thank you.

18 MS. KRASINSKI: My name is Kathy Krasinski  
19 and I live on Mack Drive.

20 If he proposes to build over by the  
21 Shaker Shed and he puts 100-something  
22 apartments there, is that not also going to  
23 affect Vly Road people trying to get to  
24 Kohl's? Isn't that traffic also going to be  
25 coming down Vly Road? I think that should

1       also be taken into consideration. He's at  
2       the Town meeting today for that proposed  
3       project. It's just something to consider.

4               CHAIRMAN DENNIS: Thank you everybody for  
5       your participation and comments tonight. We  
6       will move on with the rest of our agenda. Thank  
7       you, very much.

8               (Whereas the above entitled proceeding  
9       was concluded at 7:35 PM)

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