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REMAND HEARING WESTHAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

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    (Meeting begins.)
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    (7:30 p.m.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Good evening, everyone.
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    to call the Public Hearing for this evening to order.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is this meeting going to
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    be filmed? Is the meeting always filmed? I've never
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    seen that before.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: It's -- it's just being
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    recorded.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, does the public
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    know they're being recorded?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: I'll make that announcement
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    right now.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
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    audio at 00:23.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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                                Thank you.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: We are recording tonight's
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   meeting. This is a Public Hearing. It's being
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   conducted as a remand hearing pursuant to an
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   Agreement for Judgment approved by the Superior Court
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   in the case of Cotton Tree et al. versus the Town of
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   Westhampton Planning Board, Superior Court Civil
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   Action Number 1580 CV 001112.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 12.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: 112. And this all started based
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    upon an appeal of our Board's decision, and this goes
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    back to May of 2015.
        I'd like to ask Phil Dowling to step up as a
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    Selectboard Member and speak to you all for a couple
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    of minutes, and then I'll speak for a little bit on
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    the conditions. I know people probably have copies
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    of the Agreement for -- for Judgment and the
    conditions. If somebody would like a copy -- Tom,
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    what did you do with them?
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        MR. HATHAWAY: (Indiscernible -- low audio at
    02:05.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: You can come forward, and I'll
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    put them up here on the stage. Everybody --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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    simultaneous speech at 02:18.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- (indiscernible --
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    simultaneous speech at 02:18.) Yeah, you can come up
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    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 02:20.)
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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    simultaneous speech at 02:20.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yeah. Or just circulate them.
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   If somebody would be nice enough to (indiscernible --
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    simultaneous speech at 02:27) --
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         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have more, Tom?
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    Is that all you have?
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        MR. HATHAWAY:
                         That's it, yeah.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah. If somebody at the end of
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    the meeting wants to have a copy, we can make more
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    copies. Or just let Cheryl Provost know, and I'm
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    sure she can help get you -- get you a copy.
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        So we can now let Selectboard Member Phil Dowling
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    speak.
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        MR. DOWLING:
                       Hi, I'm Phil Dowling of your
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    Selectboard. As Mark said, this goes back to a
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    decision that the Planning Board made on May 28th,
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    2015. They denied. They voted to deny the
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    applicant's request for zoning relief in the form of
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    a Special Permit for a sawmill operation at Parcel 5-
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    15 on Northwest Road.
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        So this has been in litigation for over two
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    years. We ha -- the Town has spent tens of thousands
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    of dollars defending the Planning Board's decision.
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    However, based on several of the preliminary rulings
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    of the Court, it was the opinion of Town counsel that
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    it may be difficult for the Planning Board to prevail
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   in defending its decision. And had the Court
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   overturned the Board's decision and ordered the
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issuance of a Special Permit, the Town would have
lost its opportunity to condition the project in
order to protect the neighborhood from potential
impact. So I just want to be clear about that.

It was our Town counsel's opinion that they could lose the case, that we could lose the case after two years and tens of thousands of dollars, that we could lose the case, which would just automatically give Cotton Tree Company whatever they wanted. So the Selectboard voted unanimously to direct the Planning Board to come up with a set of conditions to attempt to settle the case, and that's -- the -- the Planning Board negotiated with the -- or sent those conditions back to the -- through the -- through our counsel to the -- to the Court, and basically it got resolved with a set of conditions that you can read and are going to be read to you in a couple minutes.

It should be made clear that this agreement in no way limits an individual from their rights to appeal this decision. This -- and this is from the lawyers. It says, "Any individual who is aggrieved by the Planning Board's decision will have the opportunity to take full advantage of the appellate rights according to General Laws Chapter 40(A)(17), and seek further judicial review of the decision."

Does anybody have -- I don't -- I won't (indiscernible -- background noise at 05:59) at this point, but if at some point later you want to ask about the Selectboard's decision, I'm more than happy (indiscernible -- low audio at 06:06). Thank you. MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay. This is Mark Schwallie again, and I think I failed to introduce the Board Members here earlier. To my right is Tom Hathaway. To my left is Robert Turner, and to my furthest left is Bob Dragon. With the conditions, I -- I'd like to say we've tried -- the goal was to make the conditions as restrictive as possible. Obviously it was a negotiation, so you might not always get -- get what you want. But I think the conditions try to cover (indiscernible -- background noise at 07:32) some of the points that were brought up in the past public hearings on this of trying to minimize noise, trying to have sufficient setback, trying to make sure that the area was somehow reclaimed a bit, that it -- it didn't continue to look kind of like lunar landscape, because part of it does look like that. And we tried to limit hours of doing certain work, and also the types of equipment that could be used up there, and that if equipment had to be replaced it wasn't going

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to be replaced with something bigger or noisier, and 1 2 then also trying to limit the amount of trucks 3 visiting the -- the site, and -- and hours those 4 trucks can go in and out. 5 We also wanted to make sure that some of the 6 other equipment and personal property up there was 7 not in -- in the sight of the abutters, because a lot 8 of people were concerned about that, and also 9 protection of -- of the stump-dump from expanding 10 further, because there's quite a pile of stumps up 11 there. We really were concerned about the Building 12 Inspector, who is our Zoning Enforcement Officer, 13 having access to the property at all times of his 14 choosing so an appointment wouldn't be necessary. Ηе 15 can just show up there. 16 And -- and one of the -- when I -- one of the 17 biggest, I think, benefits of -- of the agreement 18 here, where we get some conditions rather than 19 gambling and possibly not having any conditions, is 20 the fact that if there are violations up there, then you have contempt of court and -- and you have 21 22 contempt on -- on this Judgment. And I believe that 23 has more weight than we were in the previous 24 situation, where the -- the Building Inspector was 25 trying to write out tickets and nothing was really

happening. Here we -- we have something that -- as
as -- as Mr. Dowling was saying, it's been wrapped

up in the court system for a couple of years, and now

there's -- there's something tangible we -- we can

bring an action on.

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So with that, I -- if people want me to read through all the conditions, I gladly will. But I -- I think you can read through them, but I think I covered most of the highlights in there.

So what I'd -- I'd like to do next is -- is open up the floor to public comment. And I just ask that people try to keep this to -- if you have something to say, try to be as short as possible. I -- I really would like to keep it to about five minutes to any -- any one individual, and that you address the Board or the Selectboard if you have a question or a concern. I -- I would really -- I really frown upon the cross-talk between everybody here. I'm sure everybody has strong opinions on this matter, and I -- I don't think that's going to solve any problems. If you want to stand up and say you agree with soand-so, that -- that's -- that's fine. I'd ask that you identify yourself and where you live, your street address, and -- and whether you live here in -- in Westhampton or not.

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        You want to add anything?
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Anything to add?
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                              No, as long as people keep
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        MR. HATHAWAY:
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    it civil.
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                       Okay. All right. So with that,
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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    I -- I guess we can start.
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        Yes, ma'am?
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        MS. MALANOVIC: I'm not going to keep it civil.
    I'm only kidding.
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        My name is Judy Malanovic (phonetic). I live on
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    -- my address is (indiscernible -- low audio at
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    13:36), but I actually live (indiscernible -- low
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    audio at 13:37) Northwest Road, right near this whole
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    debacle.
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        But anyway, addressing --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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                                 Phil.
        MS. MALANOVIC: -- Phil -- thank you guys -- and
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   his te -- and his saying that, you know, we -- I saw
    the figures on how much we paid the lawyers to -- to
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    -- to fight this, and they were, like, $20,000 and
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   $30,000.
             That -- that's true. But I want to read --
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   this is a letter holding Mr. Cotton in noncompliance
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   of -- of the laws of wha -- of what the -- he was
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    supposed to comply with. And it says, "Pursuant to
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    Mass General Laws 48," blah, blah, blah, "your office
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    is charged with enforcing the bylaws and has
    authority" -- it was addressed to the Town Zoning
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    Board of Appeals -- "and has authority to assess and
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    levy fines on individuals who vi -- who violate the
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    bylaws. Mr. Cotton's continuing violation of the
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    bylaws and your case and desist order over the past
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    856 days demonstrates blatant disregard for the
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    bylaws and those charged with enforcing them. As
    such, we ask that you assess the maximum fine," and
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    you address this, Mr. -- shall I Sch -- call you Mark
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    or call you --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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        MS. MALANOVIC:
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                          -- call --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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        MS. MALANOVIC:
                          Mr. Mark.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Mr. Mark --
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        MS. MALANOVIC:
                          How's that?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          -- is fine. It will work --
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        MS. MALANOVIC:
                          Okay.
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                          -- for tonight.
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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        MS. MALANOVIC:
                          But it -- but it kind of
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   addresses what you said too. "As such, we ask that
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   you assess the maximum fine of $100,000 per day" --
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and when you kind of -- kind of went, "Yeah, well,
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    you know, they were assessed, but we weren't getting
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    anywhere collecting them," which I find that amazing
    that we can't collect these fines -- "per day to Mr.
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    Cotton for these continuing violations, $85,600 to
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    date, and pursue a noncriminal complaint against Mr.
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    Cotton as permitted by Section 6.06 of the bylaws."
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        Now, with $86,000, I would think we could take
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    that money and continue to fight and pay those
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    lawyers --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
        MS. MALANOVIC: -- so that Mr. Cotton can't
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    continue to -- and not only that. I just want to
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    point out one more thing. This just makes it so
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    clear that Mr. Cotton is not going to go by the law.
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    He is going to continue to break the law, and he is
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    going to continue to -- to zap up these -- these --
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    that we're not even collecting. And I -- and I'd
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    really like the -- somebody to answer me why we're
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   not collecting these --
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        MR. HATHAWAY: That's not something that we
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    (indiscernible -- low audio at 16:06).
        MS. MALANOVIC: Oh, okay. Well, you -- maybe
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   you could direct me to that person another -- later
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   on.
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But still, we should be able to collect those
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    fines, and then we should be able to pay those
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    lawyers that you say that we can't pay, because he's
    not going to pay attention to the law. That's quite
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    obvious. That little section right there says it all
 6
    right there.
        So thank you for letting me share.
    (General applause.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yes, sir?
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        MR. SENEY: Bill Seney, 310 Northwest Road.
    I'll be abutting this property. I've gone to every
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    single meeting for years now regarding this.
    went through due process and he was rejected, and
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    some of what was said in those meetings makes what
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    he's doing, or what the Town has decided to do,
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    ridiculous.
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        Essentially you're setting a precedent --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
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        MR. SENEY: -- that anyone from any town can buy
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    a piece of property near any of you and move an
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    operation like this, a commercial operation.
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   area is not zoned for commercial. It's like seeking
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   a variance. Now, anyone is susceptible to this
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   because of this precedent that's being set.
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        In that meeting also, to support what she said,
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our enforcer, our Town enforcer, the one who would
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    enforce the bylaws and who's going to be the one who
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    has to check on this, stated publicly and in the
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    Minutes that it would be impossible. It would be
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    impossible.
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        You know that he doesn't obey the rules and
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    bylaws that we have now. We don't have anybody to
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    check to see what he's going to be doing.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 That's right.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
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                     What is the point of this?
        MR. SENEY:
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
        MR. SENEY:
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                      I know it's expensive, but it's
    going to be really expensive if this continues.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm - hmm.
16
        MR. SENEY:
                     Thank you.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Thank you.
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    (General applause.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: (Indiscernible -- background
    noise at 18:13.)
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        MS. ANDERSON:
                        Me?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
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                        Teri Anderson, 9 Easthampton
        MS. ANDERSON:
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    Road. So I have a question and a comment. So my
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   question is for Phil or for the Planning Board, but
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Phil because he addressed the court order.
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    would like to have more information on the -- the
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    court rulings that you talked about that were the
    basis for the -- the Town deciding to reach a
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    settlement agreement rather than pursuing the -- the
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             So if you could say more about that, because
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    I'd like to understand the legal basis for heading
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    towards an agreement as opposed to continuing to
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    (indiscernible -- low audio at 18:53). And then I
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    have a comment also about the conditions.
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        MR. DOWLING: So we hired counsel, and we
    listened to them. And what we were told by counsel
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    was that there was a fairly decent chance that we
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    would not prevail in this case, and that left us with
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    two options. One would be to continue and go to
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    court, continue down the road that we were on, which
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    most likely in her mind, based on what information
    she had, from years of experience in dealing with the
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    court, was that we were not going to win this case,
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    that the Special Permit would be granted, would give
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    us no conditions and no power.
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        So her opinion was that we set conditions, make
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   an agreement, and make it a court order so that those
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   agreements would have teeth. And that was her words.
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   That was her conclusion based on the -- what she's
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been dealing with.
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         MS. ANDERSON:
                         Yeah, but based on what?
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    what is -- how did she reach the conclusion that
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    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 20:06) --
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         MR. DOWLING:
                        I don't have those details.
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         MS. ANDERSON:
                         I would like --
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        MR. DOWLING:
                        I'm not second-quessing --
        MS. ANDERSON:
                         I would like --
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        MR. DOWLING:
                        -- her opinion.
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        MS. ANDERSON:
                         -- to understand that.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Why isn't she here?
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        MS. ANDERSON:
                         So if that could be something
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    that you could provide to us, that would be very
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    helpful to me.
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                        Okay.
                               Yeah, we certainly can ask.
        MR. DOWLING:
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        MS. ANDERSON:
                         Great.
                                 Thank you.
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        And then the other -- the other comment that I
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    have is as I understa -- this is the first time I've
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    seen this, so I have some concerns about the
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    conditions in terms of -- some of it sounds
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    contradictory to me. Some of it sounds unenforceable
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    to me, and not specific enough.
                                      So I would like some
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    time to be able to read through this and get my own
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    advice on it, to come back and be able to give better
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    public comment and suggestions to the Board.
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I -- I was a Town Planner for 15 years, and so I
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    am -- I have some familiarity with Zoning. And from
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    my experience as a Town Planner, I think the Board
    was in their rights to deny the Special Permit.
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    I'm really confused --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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                                 Mm-hmm.
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        MS. ANDERSON: -- by this decision, and I would
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    like to understand it better, and to be able to get
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    (indiscernible -- background noise at 21:13) that I
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    know and trust so that I can give better feedback.
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    Thank you.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Just (indiscernible --
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    low audio at 21:19.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
                                 There's -- yes?
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        Ginny Curtis?
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        MS. CURTIS:
                      Ginny Curtis. I live on 207 Main
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    Road, and I've been following this court case for the
    last two years, because it is on the Internet. If
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    you go to "Mass Court" you can follow it. And I
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    thought we were doing really well in court
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    (indiscernible -- low audio at 21:43). And I've been
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    in possession of this Agreement for Judgment and this
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   decision for probably two weeks, and I have two
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    comments to make.
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        One, I'd like to know what public open meeting
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was conducted for the conditions to be discussed and voted upon. That's the first issue.

And then I don't think it should have taken the Town counsel two years to figure out, in her opinion, that we couldn't continue to win. I don't think she should have milked the Town for that long. And especially I find it very difficult to believe that in your conditions that, considering what she's paid an hour -- I assume this is Attorney Lachman (phonetic).

Condition Number 5 says, "The appellant," Mr. Cotton, "shall be permitted to work on the site for reclamation purposes as set forth in the Chapter 61 forest plan."

So when I saw that I went into the Internet, and there is no 61 forest plan that's recorded. The 61 forest plan must be approved by the Conservation Department of the state. Sean Libby (phonetic) spoke with me at length, and he met with Mr. Melnik, Attorney Melnik, Mr. Cotton and the other forester (indiscernible -- low audio at 23:27) lawyer, and told them that what they were trying to accomplish on Northwest Road was commercial. It did not fit into the classification of Chapter 61.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm.

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MS. CURTIS: So I'll give you a letter from Sean
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    Libby (phonetic), who is the forester for District 9.
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    It clearly states that as of last week there is no
    Chapter 61 plan on file with the state from Mr.
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    Cotton or this supposed (indiscernible -- low audio
    at 24:10). So I would like to know who verified
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    these conditions that you have obviously agreed to,
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    when there was no (indiscernible -- cannot understand
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    at 24:20).
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    (General applause.)
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- really quick. I
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    promise I won't take a lot of time.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yes.
                                (Indiscernible -- cannot
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
   understand at 24:36.) I said this at the Budget
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18
   meeting.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
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   audio at 24:39) --
                                Oh, I'm sorry.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                -- (indiscernible -- low
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   audio at 24:42).
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        MS. CURTIS: I'm sorry, but I'd like an
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   answer --
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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    simultaneous speech at 24:44) answer the question.
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        MS. CURTIS: -- to the (indiscernible --
    simultaneous speech at 24:45) --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't
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    know. He let me talk.
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        MS. CURTIS: Yes, I'm sure he did.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I -- I don't think that
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    condition has any time on it, meaning it could be
    filed in the future, sometime in the past. It's --
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    it's just that that's what they would have to comply
    with.
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        MS. CURTIS:
                      It says, "As set forth in the
    Chapter 61 forest plan," and the whole section is
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    wrapped around this Chapter 61 forest plan.
        Mr. Cotton does not have a forestry plan in
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    place --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm - hmm.
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        MS. CURTIS: -- and he has had this two-year
   period. He was denied in 2014. And as I said,
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    (indiscernible -- low audio at 25:42) when he bought
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    the land and when he was denied, and he has not
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   returned. So, once again, it goes to the credibility
   of Mr. Cotton and his lack of follow-up, la -- lack
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   of our town following up on collecting the fines.
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    And the whole issue here, which I'm sure an owner who
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    lives closer to this --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Crisis?
        MS. CURTIS: Crisis. Yes, you're right, this is
 4
    a crisis for property values and land use.
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        Really needs to be addressed here, because this
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    is not making any sense to me, and I live on this
 8
    side of town.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes, (indiscernible -- low audio
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    at 26:28).
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are you done? 'Cause I
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    don't want to step on your toes.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I add to that comment
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    before you --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Well --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- start a new topic?
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to say this
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    really quick. I promise you, I -- I'm going to be
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    quick.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                All right.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                We keep going to Phil,
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   and I said this at the Budget meeting, and he's not
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   an expert, okay? Now, I've been hearing people say,
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   "I don't know, I don't know."
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        Why isn't the lawyer, who made up all of this --
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    like, I would like to hear from the lawyer who can
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    actually answer our questions, instead of you, "Well,
    I don't know, I don't know."
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        Or, you know, like, you didn't know about 61 or
    you couldn't answer that really very clearly, and the
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    lawyer's the one that put on --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
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    audio at 27:07.)
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                              -- you know, made the
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    agreement that these were going to be the conditions.
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    Why isn't that lawyer here? I think she should be
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    here to answer our questions. That's the person who
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    should answer our questions.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Yes.
16
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 That's all I have to say.
17
    Thank you.
18
    (General applause.)
19
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes, Kelly?
20
                    Kelly Auer, 213 Northwest.
        MS. AUER:
21
   response to this woman's -- I don't have a copy of
22
   this thing, and I haven't seen it. But just hearing
23
   the statement as read, you take (indiscernible --
24
   cannot understand at 27:40) Court, you try to enforce
25
   it, and I'm telling you right now, that's an
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ambiguous statement. (Indiscernible -- low audio at
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 2
    27:46.) So already there's Item Number 1,
 3
    unenforceable.
 4
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
                    So, yeah, where is the attorney?
 5
        MS. AUER:
 6
    need to have the attorney and we need to move forward
 7
    with having to speak with the attorney.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
 8
                                Mm-hmm.
 9
        MS. AUER:
                    Thank you.
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yes, sir?
11
        MR. DALEY: I'm Tim Daley. I live at 284.
12
    There's approximately a 500-foot buffer from me to
13
    the stump-dump in that area down there.
                                              My four-
14
    season porch is out in back of my house.
                                              We enjoy
15
    that a couple months out of the year.
                                          When he was
1.6
    down there before with bulldozers and everything
17
    else, we couldn't sit out there. It was just too
    damn noisy. And I know (indiscernible -- cannot
18
19
    understand at 28:37) as far as the lumber business
   there's a lot of (indiscernible -- cannot understand
20
   at 28:40). The only thing he's going to be doing is
21
22
   grinding up what he clears (indiscernible -- cannot
23
   understand at 28:44) land everyplace else.
24
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm.
25
        MR. DALEY: And it's going to be the grinder,
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the grinder, the grinder. Now, there's some other
    issues that need to be addressed. We got all those
 3
    heavy trucks coming. We got a stone and grit road.
 4
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm.
 5
        MR. DALEY: And half to three-quarters of the
    rest of the town has a decent black-top road.
 6
 7
    our taxes just like everybody else.
 8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
 9
    audio at 29:09.)
10
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Hear, hear.
11
        MR. DALEY: On the grade right in front of my
12
    house, when they were hauling all the stumps and
13
    everything else the Jake brake, all the time the Jake
14
    brake, going down the hill before they make the turn
15
    over the (indiscernible -- cannot understand at
16
    29:22).
17
        The second thing. What kind of abatement are you
18
    going to give to poor residents that live within
19
    1,000 feet of that area? What kind of abatement are
20
    we going to get on our taxes when the valuation on
21
    our property because of noise goes down?
22
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
23
        MR. DALEY: I bought that house 30 years ago
24
   because I liked a nice, quiet town. I pay my taxes.
25
   I served on the Search Committee for the Town.
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a firefighter for the Town, and I've contributed to
 1
 2
    the town. And I -- I just feel the Town has totally
 3
    let us down on this issue.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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 5
    (General applause.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yes, sir?
 6
 7
        MR. STEVENSON:
                         Hi, my name is Garth Stevenson.
    I'm at 212 Northwest Road.
                                I've only been here a
 8
 9
    couple years, and I totally missed that this was even
10
    happening until I saw a sign this week.
        My business is I have a recording studio, and
11
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 30:33) movies
12
13
    for a living, my full-time job. And the reason I
14
    moved here -- one of the reasons I moved here was
15
    because it's so quiet. And I'm not sure how much
    I'll be hearing stump-dump or the grinding from where
16
    I am, and if I was recording rock and roll music it
17
    probably wouldn't be an issue, but everything's very
1.8
    quiet. And we're right on the hill, so when the
19
20
    trucks are braking or going up the hill, it'll just
21
   interrupt my business. And, you know, if it's
22
    constantly coming from there, I'll have to move.
        My other issue is we have a three-year-old and a
23
24
   eight-month-old, and our street's covered in kids,
   and we're out there with strollers every day. And I
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don't know how a big, long truck is going to do
 1
 2
    slowing down (indiscernible -- cannot understand at
    31:19) winter. And I don't know if any safety
 3
    considerations have been (indiscernible -- low audio
 4
 5
    at 31:23), but it seems like a real safety issue.
        Down at the marsh at the bottom of the hill
 6
 7
    there's always two boys fishing in the summer without
    their parents, and it's great.
                                    That's -- when I see
 8
 9
    that I say, "That's why I moved to Westhampton, where
10
    all the kids grow up."
        But I wouldn't want my kids fishing down the side
11
12
    of Northwest Road because logging trucks. And I just
    read the conditions here. It says 120 trucks a
13
    month. Who's going to be out there counting trucks
14
15
    every day?
16
    (General response.)
        MR. STEVENSON: And I will be stopping my work
17
18
    every time one goes by.
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
        MR. STEVENSON: But it sou -- I don't know
20
21
    Cotton, but it sounds like from what everyone else
    (indiscernible -- background noise at 32:00) he's not
22
   going to stick to his word, and that 120 could turn
23
24
   into, you know, 300 a month. And, you know, that's
   putting my business in jeopardy, and my family.
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I'm sorry I didn't know about this sooner, but hoping
 1
 2
    there's something that can still be done.
 3
    (General applause.)
 4
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes?
        MR. SILVERNAIL: My name is Paul Silvernail.
 5
    I'm at 245 Northwest Road. Mr. Dowling, so it was
 6
 7
    Katherine Langham (phonetic)? Is that the attorney
    that told you the permit would be issued?
 8
 9
        MR. DOWLING: Those aren't her -- her exact
10
    words, but --
11
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Okav.
12
        MR. DOWLING: -- in essence, yeah.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
13
14
    simultaneous speech at 32:43.)
15
        MR. SILVERNAIL: In essence. Right.
16
        So getting back to -- 'cause it appears that
    we're all going to blame this attorney (indiscernible
17
    -- cannot understand at 32:47) issued.
18
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
20
        MR. SILVERNAIL: So you were notified in
21
   writing, or in a telephone call, or how did she say
   to you in essence the permit will be issued?
22
23
        MR. DOWLING:
                     Say that again?
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: You represented to my town, our
   town, that the lawyer said the permit would be
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granted. You then just said in essence that's what
               So I'm asking. What form of communication
 2
    she said.
 3
    did she use to be able to say that to you?
                       That -- that's not what I said.
        MR. DOWLING:
                                                         Ι
 4
    said that the likelihood would be that we would --
 5
    that -- that -- that the Court would approve the
 6
    Special Permit that was requested. It would overturn
 7
 8
    the judgment of the Planning Board.
                          I'm sorry.
 9
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
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        MR. DOWLING: And --
11
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Do you think you just said that
    before? You think you said all those words?
12
13
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yes. Yes, he did.
14
        MR. DOWLING: I did.
15
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Okay.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yes, he did.
16
                                Yes, he did.
17
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
18
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Then I misheard you.
19
        MR. DOWLING:
                     Okay. And she sent us a written
20
    communication to the Selectboard, recommending that
    we put conditions on the -- on the Special Permit to
21
    take advantage of the teeth that it would give us to
22
    enforce it, rather than allowing this thing to go
23
24
    forward without conditions.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                True.
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MR. SILVERNAIL: So that -- and I'm just trying
 1
    to clarify again. So the attorney said to you that
 2
    if it went to trial it would be granted, or that the
 3
    Court would grant it? Becau -- and the reason I ask
 4
    that is my understanding -- and please explain or
 5
    correct me if I'm wrong, but the agreement -- if you
 6
    vote tonight to deny it, the Court will issue it.
 7
 8
    that correct, Planning Board?
 9
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yes.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: So on April 2<sup>nd</sup> you
10
    basically decided. You -- you decided to vote "Yes."
11
    Now. I know you're going to say you didn't actually
12
    vote, but you did sign a paper that says no matter
13
    how you vote tonight, that Special Permit will be
14
             Is that correct, Planning Board?
15
    issued.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: The Agreement for Judgment reads
16
    the way it reads.
17
                          Okay. Great.
18
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
19
    audio at 34:53) the question.
20
                          What's -- what's the answer?
21
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                              We want the answer.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
22
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          That's not an answer.
23
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         It's an answer.
24
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. Well, answer this
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Tonight if you vote to deny the Special
 1
   auestion.
    Permit, the Court will grant the Special Permit
 2
 3
    sometime in the future, is that correct?
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         I believe that's what the
 4
 5
    Agreement for Judgment says.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. So that means that
 6
    whatever we talk about tonight will not affect the
 7
             The Special Permit will be granted.
 8
    outcome.
    (Indiscernible -- cannot understand at 35:28),
 9
10
    correct?
                         Where are you going with all
11
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
12
    this?
                         (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
13
    speech at 35:34.)
14
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible --
15
    simultaneous speech at 35:34.)
16
        MR. SILVERNAIL: What -- so (indiscernible --
17
    cannot understand at 35:42) question.
18
        MR. DOWLING: Can I --
19
                          What -- I'm asking a question.
20
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're not the
21
   professional, Phil.
22
23
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          What --
        MR. HATHAWAY: (Indiscernible -- cannot
24
   understand at 35:50) everybody. Any comments are
25
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directed towards Phil individually, or Mark as the
 1
 2
    Selectboard Chair. We're not going back and forth.
 3
    We're not getting aggressive toward the --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
 4
    understand at 36:05.)
 5
        MR. HATHAWAY: (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
 6
    speech at 36:07.) I just want to make sure. We've
 7
    got these ground rules. We want to follow them.
                                                      Wе
 8
 9
    don't want this to get --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Keep your face --
10
                        -- out of control.
11
        MR. HATHAWAY:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible --
12
    simultaneous speech at 36:14).
13
        MR. HATHAWAY: So go ahead.
14
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. So can you repeat your
15
16
    question?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
17
18
   audio at 36:25.)
                          Okay.
19
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
        MR. HATHAWAY: (Indiscernible -- cannot
20
   understand at 36:26.)
21
22
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
   speech at 36:26.) So anything that we say tonight is
23
   not going to affect your votes, and it won't affect
24
   the Special Permit being issued.
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MR. SCHWALLIE: You're -- you're free to make --
 1
 2
    everyone here is free to make whatever comments they
 3
    want.
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Correct.
 4
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay? And if anybody is
 5
    aggrieved by the decision, they have -- as -- as Phil
 6
    indicated, you have the right to appeal the
7
8
    situation.
9
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Okay.
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay?
        MR. SILVERNAIL: So can I ask Phil a question
11
    again now on something he spoke of --
12
13
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Sure.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- in this meeting?
14
15
        You said that the Selectboard voted unanimously
16
    for this? Was that all three members voting for it?
17
        MR. DOWLING: Yes.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. And can I ask you
18
   another question (indiscernible -- background noise
19
20
   at 37:24)?
21
        MR. DOWLING:
                       Ask away.
22
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Sure. So we're all aware of
23
   how courts work, that everyone has an attorney. And
   there'll be two attorneys that go in to Court, one
24
   for a plaintiff, one for a defendant. I think we can
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also agree that the plaintiff's attorney would
 1
    completely agree with your case, and the defendant's
 2
    attorney would completely agree with their case.
 3
    I'm at a loss to understand how all of the meetings
 4
 5
    we went to, all of the exhibits, all the testimony
 6
    was all condensed down to be given to the Town's
    attorney, that when I look at the docket for this, it
 7
    doesn't appear that any discovery was done at all.
 8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
 9
        MR. SILVERNAIL: So, Phil, my question to you
10
    is, what kind of discovery, meaning what kind of
11
12
    depositions and what kind of interrogatories, did our
13
    attorney do for this case?
                       I don't readily have -- I don't
14
        MR. DOWLING:
    readily have that detail, but we can get that.
15
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                           But --
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17
        MR. DOWLING: We can get that.
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                           -- since --
18
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Yeah.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- the attorney is being used
20
    as the reason for why this was being -- being issued,
21
    right, I -- I would think that -- that it defies
22
   belief that we just went to this attorney and we
23
   accepted her opinion that this sawmill would be
24
25
   granted, when it appears that based on the way the
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case was proceeding, that was not a given outcome. 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm. MR. SILVERNAIL: I mean on the website that I 3 created, it has the docket. It shows what's happened 4 5 in this case. It shows that Mr. Cotton was -- was found in Housing Court to be found -- what's the 6 7 wording again? He had an argument without merit. But what shocks me is that our Town attorney 8 never went to pursue legal costs against Mr. Melnik, 9 if he was the one that filed that, and certainly not 10 against Mr. Cotton, walked away from over about 11 \$140,000 of fines. I didn't see that was rolled into 12 the agreement that you agreed to. Did you discuss 13 the fines of Mr. Cotton (indiscernible -- cannot 14 understand 39:49) as part of the agreement with the 15 attorney, Planning Board? 16 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: MR. SILVERNAIL: Was there a discussion when you 18 made the agreement to put the sawmill on my road with 19 20 Was there any discussion about the conditions? ongoing (indiscernible -- cannot understand 40:08) 21 for the cease and desist order with the attorney? 22 And -- and if you did -- did you get -- I don't know 23 how it works. Did you guys talk with the attorney or 24 25 did the Selectboard talk to the attorney?

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1
   |shouldn't be asking you this.
 2
        MR. TURNER: (Indiscernible -- low audio at
 3
    40:22.)
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                           So, Mr. Schwallie, is it your
 4
 5
    Board that speaks to the attorney about these
 6
    details, or the Selectboard?
 7
        MR. TURNER:
                      Both.
                           Okay. All right, both.
 8
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
 9
    the Planning Board, did you discuss the cease and
    desist order with the attorney as part of this
10
11
    settlement agreement?
12
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I did.
13
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                         Okay.
                                 Mr. Hathaway, did you?
14
        MR. HATHAWAY:
                        No.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: And Mr. Turner?
15
16
        MR. TURNER:
                    My conversations with her don't
17
    pertain to this.
18
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Okay.
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Okav.
20
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                           Mr. Dragon, right?
                         I -- I think you're beyond your
21
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
22
   five minutes.
23
    (General response.)
24
                                Donate your minutes.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
25
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 I want to go home.
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                So go home.
 1
 2
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes, sir?
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, go home.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are we going to get any
 4
    answer about the -- the questions that I put to you
 5
 6
    folks tonight?
                         It's in the conditions.
 7
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
    neighbors can make reports based upon --
 8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, my God.
 9
        MR. SCHWALLIE: You can make reports with the
10
11
    Building Inspector, and you can bring them to the
12
    Selectboard. And they can --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
13
    audio at 41:48.)
14
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- again, contact the Town
15
    attorney to put, as Phil said, some teeth into the
16
17
    whole thing.
                                Okay. That still doesn't
18
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
    answer anything.
19
        UNIDENTFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
20
21
    audio at 42:00.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yeah. I don't know how -- yes,
22
23
   ma'am?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I'm actually one of
24
   the closest neighbors, and the last time we were here
25
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we were kind of under the impression this was all
    denied. Are these conditions at all up for
 2
    interpretation or suggestion, or is this kind of --
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's (indiscernible --
 4
 5
    low audio at 42:16).
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- what it's going to be?
 6
                         The interpre -- the -- the
 7
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 8
    conditions are part of the agreement.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the agreement is set
 9
    in stone already, and it is what it is? Like, we
10
    don't --
11
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Well, it's --
12
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- have any say or
13
14
    ability to comment on it?
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Everybody's here commenting on
15
16
    it.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, I mean --
17
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
18
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I mean it's -- it's
19
    already -- this agreement, is this going to be the
20
21
    final agreement or is this a draft?
        MR. SCHWALLIE: No. Well, we have to have a
22
23
   vote on it tonight.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is it just -- I mean I --
24
25
   I like some of the -- the conditions, but I just -- I
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have two little kids, and I'm the closest house.
                                                       Ιt
1
    doesn't seem like any of these focus on safety.
2
   noise part doesn't really seem too constrictive.
 3
   just don't really understand. It doesn't seem like
 4
    it's very friendly to the people who actually live
5
 6
    there.
                                That's right.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
7
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Again, it was a negotiation, so
8
    usually with negotiations it's give and take.
9
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a negotiation
10
    without people who are going to have to deal with it?
11
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
12
                         Well --
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
13
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
14
                         -- again --
15
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just, I feel like --
16
                         -- you know --
17
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                                -- (indiscernible --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
18
    cannot understand at 43:17) since the day that it was
19
    denied, that we should have been notified maybe -- I
20
    feel like of all the people, we should have been put
21
    as people who are going to have to --
22
23
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- see, hear and live
24
   with the equipment every day.
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That's right.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
1
                                Well, tha -- that's why
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yeah.
2
    some of the conditions are -- are in tha -- in there.
3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So is this our only
4
   chance to modify the conditions, or is there going to
5
   be more meetings?
6
                         Yeah.
                                I don't foresee more
7
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
   meetings, but I don't know.
8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Well, what's the --
9
                         Sir --
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                              What's the point of --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
11
   what's the point? Sorry. I don't mean to speak out
12
   of -- out of place, but what is the point of all
13
          If you're just going to -- we're going to talk
14
    to you, and then we're going to walk away, and
15
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 44:01) your
16
   SOL, why are we here right now? What's the purpose?
17
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Right.
18
        MR. SCHWALLIE: (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
19
20
    speech at 44:08) --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I got -- 'cause I've got `
21
   a one-year-old and I have a two-year-old. If they go
22
   over that hill and something happens to them, who do
23
   I go to?
24
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Again, you could go to the
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Selectboard and you can --
1
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And they're
 2
    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 44:19) --
 3
                         -- tell the Enforcement Officer.
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 4
 5
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Nothing.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Nothing.
 6
                         I -- I don't know what they're
 7
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 8
    going to do --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
 9
    simultaneous speech at 44:22) --
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- or not do, but -- but
11
12
    that's --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
13
    audio at 44:24.)
14
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         -- that's --
15
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What ground
16
    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 44:27) --
17
                         -- you know, your recourse.
18
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- with? What ground do
19
    you (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 44:31)
20
               Nothing. You -- there's no -- there's no
21
    right now?
   nothing, is my point. We bought our house three
22
    years ago for a good sum of money, move our little
23
   children into this home that's quiet, a good school,
24
    to now have this. I don't think that's proper --
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There's not even going to
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
 1
 2
    be --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 -- for us.
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 -- like, a fence
 4
    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 44:51) --
 5
                                 We pay a lot of money in
 6
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
 7
    taxes, a lot of money in taxes. Like he said, are my
    taxes going to go down?
 8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I asked that question
 9
    (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at 44:57) --
10
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
11
12
    simultaneous speech at 44:57.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: We don't have anything to do
13
    with the tax. It's --
14
                                Well, then who --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
15
                                Well, what about the
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
16
17
    conditions, the --
18
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Yeah.
                                -- the safety factor?
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
    There -- there's a 12-foot wall that's supposed to,
20
    like, be a sound barrier, and there's going to be
21
    some shrubs planted so we don't see the machines, but
22
   we can already see machines that are already there.
23
2.4
   How is that --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
25
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simultaneous speech at 45:15) --
 1
                              -- going to keep, like --
 2
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                -- look out my window,
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
    and that's what I see.
 4
 5
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Like, how are we going to
 6
    keep --
 7
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
                                I'm not against anybody
 8
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
    here. I just know what's best for my family, and I -
 9
    - by all means, everyone have their way. But I don't
10
    fores -- you know, I don't foresee my -- my toddler
11
12
    growing up to be 10 years old but not being a little,
    you know, curious. You know? A little -- it's
13
    impossible. So that's why (indiscernible -- cannot
14
    understand at 45:37) anything. You know, when they
15
16
    do --
17
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible --
18
19
    cannot understand at 45:39) the point they're going
20
    to climb that hill, I mean, what am I going to do?
21
    You know?
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Mm-hmm.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or, you know, 9:00 a.m.
23
   on a Tuesday my kids were playing in the backyard
24
25
   and, "brrr." My kid can't even hear a vacuum.
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going to hear a -- a -- a sawmill?
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 45:57). And
 2
    like I said, nothing against anybody. But, you know,
 3
    right now he's one. He'll be two next year, three,
 4
           It comes to a point where do I sell my house
 5
    and take, what, a couple-thousand-dollar hit for my
 6
 7
    house because of a sawmill? You know, I -- I mean
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 46:16).
 8
 9
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Uh --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I'm sorry.
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE: (Indiscernible -- low audio at
11
    46:21.)
12
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
13
14
    audio at 46:21.)
15
        MR. GAGNE:
                     Thank you.
        Hi, Steve (phonetic) Gagne. I live -- 39 Stage
16
    Road. I'm just trying to understand procedurally how
17
18
    these conditions were drafted up. You -- you say
    it's a process of negotiation that these --
19
20
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Right.
21
        MR. GAGNE:
                     -- conditions were drafted.
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yup.
23
        MR. GAGNE: At some point was there an
    opportunity for town folks and abutters and residents
24
   to chime in on these conditions, to propose
25
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additional ones, more restrictive ones, or were these
 1
 2
    pretty much just negotiated and now here we are?
        MR. SCHWALLIE: A lot of these topics and
 3
    conditions -- I can't say word for word, but I can
 4
    say the topics were part of the original public
 5
    hearing process, up to the point where there was the
 6
    split vote, two in favor of the project, two not in
 7
    favor of the project.
 8
        MR. GAGNE:
                     Mm-hmm.
 9
        MR. SCHWALLIE: So my understanding is that's
10
    where the attorneys kind of had kind of a jump-off or
11
    starting point with these here.
12
                     So there was -- there was public
13
        MR. GAGNE:
            Then conditions were sculpted from that
14
    input.
15
    input?
                         They were -- they were talked
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
16
    about. People weighed in on them be -- before the
17
   original split vote that ended up denying it.
18
                    'Cause part of the frustration I'm -
19
        MR. GAGNE:
    - I'm hearing -- and I'm not even the person who is
20
   going to be hearing the noise. But it sounds like
21
   the frustration is that these conditions were
22
23
   hammered out and agreed to in negotiations before
   folks could actually point out and say --
24
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Exactly.
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MR. GAGNE: -- this condition is problematic on
 1
    that front, like Ginny pointed out, because a Chapter
 2
    61 plan not even on file. I mean that --
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
 4
 5
        MR. GAGNE: -- that's an issue.
        But it sounds like, am I right, that at this
 6
    hearing tonight we're not here to debate or discuss
 7
    or propose or modify or tweak or add or delete
 8
                 Those conditions have been negotiated,
 9
    conditions.
    and that's what's on -- on paper at this point.
10
        MR. SCHWALLIE: These are the conditions that
11
12
    have been negotiated --
13
        MR. GAGNE:
                     Okay.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- between the two attorneys.
14
                     So hypothe -- just a last point.
15
        MR. GAGNE:
    Hypothetically w -- you're going to hear from us,
16
    then you're going to make your vote.
17
    hypothetically you are so persuaded by what you're
18
19
    hearing tonight, the Planning Board voted to deny
                          What would be the next step?
20
    this Special Permit?
21
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         I --
                        Phil, is that something you want
23
        MR. HATHAWAY:
24
   to take?
25
        MR. DOWLING: Do I want to?
                                       No.
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It's -- it's my understanding that regardless of
 1
    what the Planning Board does, this agreement is --
 2
    part of the agreement (indiscernible -- cannot
 3
    understand at 49:06) has already been decided.
                                                     Ιt
 4
 5
    will go into effect --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
 6
    audio at 49:10) the answer.
 7
        MR. DOWLING: -- regardless of how the Planning
 8
    Board votes, and that's that. But as I said at the
 9
    beginning, this is open to appeal, so anybody can
10
    appeal this case.
11
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So if we hire a lawyer we
12
    can appeal it?
13
                       That's correct.
        MR. DOWLING:
14
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we appeal without a
15
16
    lawyer?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
17
18
    understand at 49:34) our $86,000.
                     Sir, just again, procedurally it
19
        MR. GAGNE:
    says this agreement that was reached -- the Agreement
20
    for Judgment says this case -- a judgment shall enter
21
    ordering the case remanded, sent back to Westhampton
22
   Planning Board, for the issuance of a permit. If the
23
   Planning Board decides, based upon the input you're
2.4
   getting tonight, to not issue that permit, wouldn't
25
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that essentially void this agreement and put the case
 1
 2
    back into court?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Court will issue a
 3
    Special Permit along with those conditions if the
 4
    Planning Board denies (indiscernible -- cannot
 5
    understand at 50:17).
 6
                        Yes, Teri?
 7
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                        Can you explain w -- can you
 8
        MS. ANDERSON:
    explain why that is? And -- and what was the purpose
 9
    of -- of the -- of the hear -- having a hearing if
10
    it's already been settled? So is it because the
11
    Selectboard agreed to begin with? And so it's all s
12
    -- it's all (indiscernible -- cannot understand at
13
    50:38) be? And so what is the purpose of this public
14
15
    hearing?
                         To -- to let everybody know what
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
16
    the agreement is, and you can make public comment if
17
18
    you want.
                        I -- I think we made --
19
        MR. HATHAWAY:
        MS. ANDERSON:
                        Oh, so --
20
                         -- (indiscernible -- simultaneous
21
        MR. HATHAWAY:
22
    speech at 50:56).
                        -- (indiscernible -- simultaneous
23
        MS. ANDERSON:
    speech at 50:56) public comments (indiscernible --
24
    simultaneous speech at 50:58) --
25
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MR. SCHWALLIE: And I -- I think it's required
1
 2
    as an Open Meeting.
                        So continue with the public --
 3
        MS. ANDERSON:
                         I think it --
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 4
        MS. ANDERSON:
                        -- hearings --
 5
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                        I -- I --
 6
                        -- (indiscernible -- background
7
        MS. ANDERSON:
    noise at 51:04) no effect?
8
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I -- I -- I --
 9
        MS. ANDERSON:
                        There's no changes to be made
10
11
    based on public comment?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
12
13
    audio at 51:08.)
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 This is unbelievable.
14
    This is (indiscernible -- low audio at 51:11)
15
16
    undemocratic.
                        Is that yes or no?
17
        MS. ANDERSON:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                (Indiscernible --
18
   background noise at 51:18) answer a question?
19
20
    Really?
            That's shameful.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I -- I -- I thought he
21
   had something to comment on this.
22
                      Tom --
23
        MR. MARTIN:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible -- cannot
24
   understand at 51:29.)
25
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How -- can I ask you a
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
 1
    question? How many of you guys (indiscernible --
 2
    cannot understand at 51:37) sawmill? (Indiscernible
 3
    -- low audio at 51:39.)
 4
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible --
 5
    simultaneous speech at 51:41.)
 6
                      Tom Martin, 140 Easthampton Road.
7
        MR. MARTIN:
    And I just wanted to ask Mark something you alluded
 8
    to that -- that -- if you could clarify for the body
 9
    tonight, is that you said because the Planning Board
10
    voted two-two to deny the Special Permit --
11
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Right.
12
                     -- that that was kind of a -- a
13
        MR. MARTIN:
    framework or a foothold for the appeal process to
14
    move towards negotiation or a reconciliation or
15
    whatever. (Indiscernible -- background noise at
16
17
    52:22.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         What -- no.
                                       What --
18
19
        MR. MARTIN:
                    No?
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          No.
20
21
        MR. MARTIN:
                      Okay.
                          What -- what I'm saying is --
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                      If you could clarify?
23
        MR. MARTIN:
24
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          -- it was a split -- it was a
25
    split decision --
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MR. MARTIN: As we know.
 1
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- that ended up in a rejection
 2
 3
    of the Special Permit.
        MR. MARTIN:
                      Right.
 4
 5
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         The Cotton Tree appealed that
 6
    decision.
 7
        MR. MARTIN:
                      Right.
                         It went in to Court, okay?
 8
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
    other gentleman over here asked me, "Well, where did
 9
    the conditions come from?"
10
        The conditions came out of some of those public
11
12
    hearings that we had before --
        MR. MARTIN: (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
13
14
    speech at 52:52.)
                         -- there was ever a -- a -- a
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
15
    decision about, "What about the possibility of this?
16
    What about the possibility of that? How many trucks
17
18
    are going to be there?"
        You know, limitation of -- of trips and -- and
19
20
    all that.
                    Okay. So had the Planning Board
21
        MR. MARTIN:
    voted unanimously to reject the permit, would --
22
    would in your opinion the -- the process been exactly
23
2.4
    the same?
25
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I -- I --
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
 1
 2
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I don't -- I don't know.
                                                    I -- I
 3
    don't.
                      Okay. All right. That's my --
        MR. MARTIN:
 4
 5
    that's my question.
                         Thank you.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
 6
 7
    audio at 53:26.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: The fellow who's standing up
 8
 9
    here?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
10
11
    background noise at 53:30). I live on (indiscernible
12
    -- background noise at 53:33) Road.
        Has any of -- anybody in the room actually worked
13
    in a sawmill? (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speech
14
15
    at 53:40) --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
16
    simultaneous speech at 53:40.)
17
18
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
    background noise 53:42) right after they came to
19
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 53:47) I went
20
    to work (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 53:49)
21
   Aerosmith (phonetic), all right? I've spent a lot of
22
   years working in a large-scale sawmill. Years.
23
        Seems to me that the question is pretty simple.
24
   Either you want all that traffic, all the congestion,
25
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or you don't. I mean, who gives a rat's -- about
 1
    whether they come to town or not? It's just -- it's
 2
    really simple. You pay extra taxes if you have to.
 3
 4
    You want a quiet town. It's not going to be quiet
 5
    anymore.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
 6
                                 Mm-hmm.
 7
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 It's not -- the streets
    aren't going to be quiet. Every road in the area of
 8
    the mill is going to be busy.
 9
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
10
                                 Mm-hmm.
                                 We used to see accidents
11
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
    twice a summer, never mind the winters. It's ju --
12
    it's just simple. Either you want that kind of
13
    large-scale business in town, or you want to keep it
14
    a quaint, quiet town, which most people moved here
15
16
    for, which I did 200 years ago, whenever it was.
    It's that simple. I mean -- I mean everybody's,
17
    like, getting all worked up for nothing. If you want
18
    a quiet town with no stop signs, no -- (indiscernible
19
20
    -- cannot understand at 55:07).
21
        But if you want a quiet town with no stores, none
    of the crap that is down in the city, you have to
22
23
   give a little bit. You've got to pay a little. You
   have to pay a little extra, you pay a little extra.
24
25
   But once you start introducing things like that --
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going to have a personal sawmill, pop out a little
 1
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 55:35) in the
 2
    course of a week? Great. Hey, that's different.
 3
        But I worked in the large-scale mill just up the
 4
            I don't know if anybody here remembers the
 5
    street.
    place. Probably not. No one remembers the chicken
 6
    farm that was just down the street. But anyways, I'm
 7
    going to use up my five minutes. It's really that
 8
    simple, though. Either you want a quiet town, you
 9
    want to keep it that way. Do it. If you don't want
10
11
    it quiet anymore, then give it up.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible -- low
12
13
    audio at 56:06.)
14
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Hmm?
                         Mr. Tracy (phonetic)?
15
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
16
17
    audio at 56:10) choice.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                What do you mean, there's
18
19
   no choice?
                                (Indiscernible -- low
20
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
21
   audio at 56:12.)
22
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                There's always a choice.
   No. (Indiscernible -- low audio at 56:15.)
23
        MR. MCLEOD: I'm Bill McLeod (phonetic).
                                                   I used
24
   to be the Building Inspector, Building Enforcement.
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I was on the Board of Selectmen.
 1
        I have a question about a stipulation included in
 2
    that agreement. It was enforcement by appointment.
 3
    I don't think our town does it. Our zoning
 4
    enforcement is done by a written complaint to the
 5
    Selectmen, and Selectmen will designate the Inspector
 6
 7
    to go look at the complaint. But to make an
                  I don't think that's --
    appointment?
 8
                        No. No, w -- we're -- we're not
 9
        MR. HATHAWAY:
    requiring the Inspector to make an appointment.
                                                      He's
10
11
    got free --
        MR. MCLEOD: You've got it --
12
        MR. HATHAWAY:
                        -- access.
13
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You've got it in the
14
15
    agreement.
        MR. HATHAWAY: He has free access to the
16
   property at his choosing.
17
                      Well, why isn't it in the
18
        MR. MCLEOD:
19
   agreement?
                        It -- it is. Because, trust me,
20
        MR. HATHAWAY:
    that was something I was not happy about.
21
    (Indiscernible -- cannot understand at 56:59) --
22
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, it shouldn't be
23
24
   there.
                        -- (indiscernible -- cannot
25
        MR. HATHAWAY:
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understand at 57:00).
 1
         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This shouldn't be here
 2
 3
    at all.
                          (Indiscernible -- cannot
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 4
    understand at 57:05). I think that's what he's
 5
 6
    talking about.
 7
        Bill Tracy (phonetic)?
                     In response to (indiscernible -- low
        MR. TRACY:
 8
    audio at 57:23), and there's an awful lot of people
 9
    here who weren't present for all the hearings that
10
    were on for over a year's time, it should be noted
11
    that during that time period there were opportunities
12
    for public visitation to the site so people could
13
    look at it. And also there was time when Mr. Cotton
14
    was allowed and told to run his machinery so that
15
    people could stand in different places and -- and
16
    hear what kind of noise was being made. So -- and I
17
    know that folks that weren't involved at the time who
18
    are here don't know that that whole process was on.
19
    And that is where -- the origin, as Mark just stated,
20
    a lot of these conditions came from, based on all
21
    that information that was gained during that time.
22
23
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay.
24
        Yes?
                     Bill Seney again. Let's be clear
25
        MR. SENEY:
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that no one who is against this had any input into
    any of these conditions. Those conditions aren't
2
   worth the paper they're written on. And there's no
 3
    force in this town that is going to police this.
 4
5
   This is a joke.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is a joke.
6
7
    (General applause.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes, ma'am? I don't think
8
9
    you've spoken.
                    Hi, Richelle Hurd. I live on 223
10
        MS. HURD:
   Northwest Road. I've been out there for 20 years.
11
   Don't see trucks ever, or very rarely, and I'm not
12
    going to see them now. I have two teenagers.
13
    There's dogs that run up the street that are going to
14
    get hit. There's things going on that there's no
15
    reason for any of that to be on there.
16
        I've been here too long. It's been quiet up
17
          I'd like to keep it that way. There's no
18
   reason for that up there. It's clearly commercial.
19
    It needs to go somewhere else. Thank you.
20
    (General applause.)
21
                        Is -- is there anybody here --
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
23
24
    audio at 59:34.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Barry (phonetic)?
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MR. BRANDOW: Barry Brandow (phonetic),
1
    (indiscernible -- background noise at 59:41)
2
   Northwest Road. I have a question, comment
3
    (indiscernible -- background noise at 59:46).
                                                    The
 4
    operation that we're talking about is being called a
5
6
    sawmill.
                                Hmm.
        UNIDENTFIED SPEAKER:
7
                                Yes.
        UNIDENTFIED SPEAKER:
8
                       A sawmill according to our bylaw
        MR. BRANDOW:
9
   definition, "A facility utilized to process lumber
10
    into -- into boards, beams" -- actually, I'm sorry.
11
        "Fa -- a facility utilized to process logs into
12
    lumber, boards, beams and related wood stock for
13
    commercial purposes, excluding operation
14
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:00:17),"
15
    which would be a (indiscernible -- cannot understand
16
    at 1:00:22) sawmill or something like that, I assume.
17
        Now, according to the Cotton affidavit of August
18
    31 of 2012, there is nothing mentioned about boards,
19
   beams or as -- associated products. All I heard was
20
    grinding stumps. Now, the DEP Notice of
21
   Noncompliance calls it processing wood waste.
                                                    I call
22
    it forest products waste-disposal facility.
23
        UNIDENTFIED SPEAKER:
                                Mm-hmm.
24
                       It ain't a sawmill.
        MR. BRANDOW:
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UNIDENTFIED SPEAKER: Mm-hmm. 1 So the We -- Westhampton Zoning 2 MR. BRANDOW: bylaw, a Schedule of Use Regulations, April 1. 3 3-2 through 3-6 list all permissible land use 4 codifications. In my opinion there is no general, 5 business or manufacturing or industrial use listed 6 that would meet this definition of stump-grinding. 7 So exceptions (indiscernible -- cannot 8 understand at 1:01:26) regulations, "No building 9 structure shall (indiscernible -- cannot understand 10 at 1:01:30) and no building, structure or land shall 11 be used for any purpose other than as provided for in 12 this section." 13 And this is not provided in that section. 14 use or a condition is not specifically or generally 15 listed here, a landowner or interested party should 16 contact the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance." 17 Now, that sounds pretty straightforward to me, 18 and I -- I can't buy this idea of a sawmill. It is 19 not mentioned in the initial request. 20 Now, a variance is pretty tough to get, 21 and I would assume that's why (indiscernible --22 cannot understand at 1:02:20). But I would suggest 23 that maybe we should have tried for the variance and 24 done it the right way, instead of wink-wink, "Let's

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do it the easy way and see if it works." 1 "The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hear and 2 decide requests for variance from the terms of this 3 bylaw, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:02:42) of 5 Chapter 48 of the General Laws of the State of 6 Massachusetts. Such variance shall be granted only 7 if all of the following conditions have been met." 8 This is state law. "Circumstances exist that 9 relate to the (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 10 1:03:00) conditions, shape or (indiscernible --11 cannot understand at 1:03:02) of the land or 12 structures, which especially effect such land or 13 structures but do not generally affect the zoning 14 district in which the land or structures are 15 located." 16 I don't pretend to know how that particularly 17 affects this whole thing, but I don't see that it 18 does. "Literal enforcement" -- okay, B. 19 "Literal enforcement of the bylaw will result in 2.0 a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise," and 21 C, "That desirable relief may be granted without 22 substantial detriment to the public good, and without 23 nullifying or substantially (indiscernible -- cannot 24 understand at 1:03:41) from the intent or purpose of 25

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the bylaw."
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        That one sounds like a tough one to me, because
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    the bylaw clearly states what a sawmill is, and this
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                      Thank you.
    a sawmill ain't.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Mm-hmm.
 6
    (General applause.)
                          Ginny Curtis?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                                         Ginny?
                      Northwest Road used to be called
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        MS. CURTIS:
    Shake (phonetic) Street. Remember? (Indiscernible -
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    - low audio at 1:04:15.) Northwest Road used to be
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    called Shake (phonetic) Street (indiscernible -- low
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12
    audio at 1:04:20). It's not Shake (phonetic) Street
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    anymore.
        And, Phil, as a Selectman you hold the purse
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    strings, and I think that you've gotten the gist
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    tonight, and people will tell you more details of why
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    they're opposed. But the bottom line is the people
    who are in this room tonight are here because a
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    neighborhood got together. They made posters.
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                      We did emails, and this side of
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    made a web page.
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    town got together with that side of town --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
        MS. CURTIS: -- to bring people together.
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    Because what was painfully apparent on March 10th with
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    the Executive Session -- it was on the web page, on
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one of the agendas that showed at Friday night at 1 7:30 on March 10th. There was an Executive Session 2 with the Planning Board and the Selectboard. 3 Now, there has been a financial decision 4 5 (indiscernible -- background noise at 1:05:30) to not pursue this case. You -- this -- this is a sham, 6 because this agreement, the first three pages written 7 by these two lawyers clearly state -- there is no 8 question after reading this that no matter how much 9 everybody pleads tonight, brings all of these issues 10 up, the bottom line is it's a done deal, because this 11 12 document states clearly that even if you guys voted against it tonight, this lawyer has told this lawyer 13 to take the Special Permit and take it to Hampshire 14 Registry of Deeds and file it. Now, that's the 15 16 bottom line here. So this case on 4/7, April 7th, was trial-ready 17 18 to go in to Court, and this attorney convinced the Selectboard, "Oh, after two years we can't win that. 19 So don't spend the money with me for two days in 20 21 trial." That's how I see it from the outside. But I can 22 look down the street here and maybe ask for some 23 accounting of how much money that's been sent --24

spent and is still being spent on the court, Land

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Court, with (indiscernible -- cannot understand at
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    1:07:16) and Cheryl Malinowski's (phonetic) lawsuit
    in this town. That hasn't been cut off, I've seen,
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    because the Town wants that land.
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        So as far as I see it, I see it's a money call.
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    I see a judgment call by the Selectboard, that you've
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 7
    made a decision based on what the lawyer told you,
    "Stop."
 8
        And that's what you did, and I don't think that
 9
    you're being fair to the homeowners and their
10
    property values on Northwest Road. Thank you.
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    (General applause.)
12
                     Bill Tracy (phonetic) again, 106
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        MR. TRACY:
    South Road. And again, I'm not issuing any judgment,
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    ju -- just trying to offer clarification. First of
    all, this case first did come to the Zoning Board,
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    and as a member of the Zoning Board, we had public
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    hearings and we voted against it. So that process
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    did go through in the proper manner.
        Secondly, just as a point of historical
20
    information, I think it is interesting that Northwest
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   Road did used to be called Shake (phonetic) Street,
   but not for the reason that everybody thinks.
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   was where the farmers in the fall would take their
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   hogs and then go up there and get the -- the nuts
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from the trees, and that was called "shake." It was
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 2
    the nuts and the -- the -- came off the trees.
    ate nuts and acorns, and it was called "shake," and
 3
    they would take their hogs up there (indiscernible --
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 5
    cannot understand at 1:08:47) and get the shake.
    that's why it's called Shake (phonetic) Street, and
 6
    then back in the 1940s in deference to the people who
 7
 8
    lived there that was changed. It became Northwest
 9
    Road.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
    audio at 1:08:58.)
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                         Paul?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Paul Silvernail, 245 Northwest
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    Road. Mr. Tracy (phonetic) spoke about the sound
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15
    testing. I also think it's useful for everyone here
    that Mr. Tracy (phonetic) submitted a letter in
16
17
    support of the sawmill because he had to be in
18
    another Town meeting. I have a copy of it if you
19
    guys want it.
        So my question to the Planning Board, from the
20
    time that you voted two to two to deny it, did you
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22
   have any new findings?
                            Were there any new findings
    that you had as a Board about this sawmill from the
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    time that you denied it in 2015?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         I -- I --
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MR. SILVERNAIL: Was there any new evidence that
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 2
    you gathered?
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I do -- I don't -- I don't what
 3
    you mean by "findings."
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. Well, so what you did
 5
    when you rejected the sawmill, you had what you
 6
    called "findings," which I would assume is based on
7
    all of us getting together and talking, and then you
 8
 9
    wrote down the reasons why. For the --
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Right.
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- for the Superior Court you
11
    submitted an agreement that had findings to it.
12
   my question is, from the time you rejected the permit
13
    in 2015, did you gather any new evidence to be able
14
    to have new findings?
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
16
    understand at 1:10:19.)
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: No, (indiscernible -- cannot
18
   understand at 1:10:22). I said -- do you understand
19
20
    the question?
        MR. SCHWALLIE: No, (indiscernible --
21
    simultaneous speech at 1:10:26) --
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. So -- and -- and I
23
   believe it was March 2015 is when you submitted --
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   well, I think (indiscernible -- cannot understand at
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1:10:31) May. You voted two to two, correct?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yes.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: Okay. From that time, has the
 3
    Planning Board acquired any new evidence or data as
 4
    part of reviewing the -- the Special Permit for the
 5
    sawmill?
 6
                         We -- we wrote our decision and
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 7
    then filed it with the Town Clerk, and we had the
 8
    two-two -- the -- the split vote.
 9
10
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                          Yup.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible -- cannot
11
    understand at 1:11:01.)
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        MR. SILVERNAIL: So --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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15
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- maybe --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yeah.
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- somebody else can phrase the
17
    question. But --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He just wants to know was
19
20
    there --
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- from the day --
21
22
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible --
23
    simultaneous speech at 1:11:10) permit?
        MR. SILVERNAIL: -- from the day that you had
2.4
   that vote until you entered into this agreement in
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April of 2017, was there any --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         But --
 3
        MR. SILVERNAIL:
                         -- new --
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- from there it was appealed
 4
    and it was again in legal hands, so --
 5
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
 6
 7
    audio at 1:11:24.)
        MR. SILVERNAIL: So is the answer that you
 8
 9
    had --
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes, ma'am?
1.0
        I -- I -- I don't know how else to answer the
11
    question. I'm -- I'm --
12
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible --
13
    simultaneous speech at 1:11:31.)
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                         I -- I -- I --
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
16
    understand at 1:11:33) we need the lawyer here.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: You know --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
19
    audio at 1:11:35.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Ma'am?
21
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I got a question
22
    for all of you, one by one.
23
        Do you live on Northwest Road?
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- low
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audio at 1:11:41.)
1
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you live on Northwest
 2
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    Road?
                        I don't.
        MR. HATHAWAY:
 4
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you live on Northwest
 5
 6
    Road?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 No, I live close.
                                                    No.
7
                                 Do you? Phil, do you
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
8
    live on Northwest Road?
9
10
        MR. DOWLING:
                       No.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So why don't you
11
    all move onto Northwest Road and see if you like it?
12
                        Just 'cause I'm not on Northwest
13
        MR. HATHAWAY:
    Road doesn't mean (indiscernible -- cannot understand
14
    at 1:12:00).
15
                                Yes, sir?
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay.
16
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 My point is -- is that --
17
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Sir?
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19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                -- you guys can go listen
    to all the noise and everything else --
20
21
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that we're going to
22
23
   hear.
                         Ho -- hold on. This quy
24
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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simultaneous speech at 1:12:08) --
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 2
        MR. SCHWALLIE: -- hasn't spoken.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                               (Indiscernible -- cannot
 3
    understand at 1:12:10.) I live on 326 Northwest
 4
    Road, all right, abutted right next to (indiscernible
 5
    -- background noise 1:12:18) property and so on.
 6
            I got great neighbors. My neighbors are
 7
            I love all of my neighbors. Good people,
 8
 9
    including Dave Cotton. He'd help you out whenever he
    could, you know? (Indiscernible -- cannot understand
10
    at 1:12:31.) I've been hearing trucks all the time
11
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:12:37).
12
    They had a gravel pit. I heard Jake brakes. I heard
13
14
    trucks.
        And, you know, I don't know these people, "I've
15
1.6
    never heard a truck."
        I heard trucks (indiscernible -- cannot
17
    understand at 1:12:48). I'm tired of it. I want to
18
    be friends with everybody (indiscernible -- cannot
19
20
    understand at 1:13:03) ganging up on Dave Cotton.
21
   He's a good man.
        Oh, yeah. (Indiscernible -- cannot understand at
22
23
    1:13:14.) They're great people. I care about my
   neighbors, including Dave Cotton, who's always good
24
   to me, you know? (Indiscernible -- cannot understand
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at 1:13:28) trucks. Well, hey, you know, trucks are
 1
    there all the time. (Indiscernible -- cannot
 2
    understand at 1:13:34.)
 3
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
 4
    simultaneous speech at 1:13:35.)
 5
                         Yeah.
                                Folks?
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
 6
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
 7
    understand at 1:13:38) --
 8
 9
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Fo --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible --
10
    cannot understand at 1:13:39) Chesterfield Road,
11
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:13:42) Road.
12
    Nobody ever says (indiscernible -- cannot understand
13
14
    at 1:13:44).
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have heard trucks
15
    (indiscernible -- low audio at 1:13:46) Jake brakes
16
17
    and stuff.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay. I -- I -- I think we
18
    got your point, sir.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                              We should --
                         Okav?
21
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- be good to each other.
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23
    That's all I got to say.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: All righty.
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        MS. CHALLET: Can I say something?
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MR. SCHWALLIE: Yes --
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        MS. CHALLET: (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
 3
    speech at 1:13:59).
 4
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          -- Mary.
 5
        MS. CHALLET:
                        I live at 315 Northwest Road.
    I've lived there all my life. Well, I'm still alive.
 6
 7
    But there are always trucks in there.
                                            My husband and
 8
    I have an excavating business.
                                    Trucks are in and
 9
    out, and part of those trees that are down there
10
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand 1:14:18) property
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    to build their house on. They bulldozed the stumps
12
    all out. (Indiscernible -- background noise at
13
    1:14:29) most of the stumps came from (indiscernible
14
    -- cannot understand at 1:14:32), and the trees that
15
    are piled up there were cut when his house was put
16
           (Indiscernible -- background noise at
17
    1:14:41.) And the people up there (indiscernible --
    cannot understand at 1:14:44) these Jake brakes.
18
19
    (Indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:14:46.)
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    They call it a pup. A pup. P-U-P. (Indiscernible -
21
    - cannot understand at 1:14:53), and a -- a logger
22
   would know.
23
        They were logging somewhere in Westhampton, I
24
   believe off Kings Highway, and the log truck had a
25
   load of trees, and then he got another one.
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like a trailer but they call it a pup. Two loads he
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 2
    was dragging. He went up through Chesterfield, and
 3
    there's always been traffic. Nobody complained.
    They never, ever did. We've always had one hell of a
 4
 5
    good neighborhood up there. (Indiscernible --
 6
    background noise at 1:15:27) used to bring their pigs
    up there so that they eat the acorns and all of the
 7
 8
           That's why it was named that.
        And they had a great bunch of neighbors, so other
 9
    neighbors had moved in. (Indiscernible -- cannot
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11
    understand at 1:15:50.) But they went up there.
12
    Several people were there. They heard the noise
13
             They test the noise level. It was all
    tested.
14
    passed.
             It was all right. And I think it's now time
15
    they laid off Cotton Tree Service and gave Cotton --
16
    he would do anything for anybody. Anybody breaks
17
    down (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at
18
    1:16:12.)
19
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
20
    simultaneous speech at 1:16:12.)
21
        MS. CHALLET: I'm sick and tired of all of these
22
    Jake brakes and everything. It's time. Hopefully
23
    somebody straightens them out. I'm sick of it.
24
    Thank you.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okav. One more comment.
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Ma'am? 1 2 All I can say right now is wow. MS. MORREY: 3 name is Leslie. I live at 322 Northwest Road, Leslie 4 I don't usually say much at these meetings, 5 but I do have a couple -- well, one question and one 6 comment. My question to the Board and to the Selectboard is why was it, when it was being negotiated with the 8 9 lawyers, amongst the lawyers and yourselves, why 10 wasn't it brought back at that time for discussion 11 with the town for these stipulations? Is there a 12 reason why it wasn't brought back to us at that time 13 when you guys were under negotiation? 14 And we were involved the whole time with open 15 forums and this and that, and you -- you -- you know, 16 you went to court and everything. Why wasn't it at 17 that point brought back to the town members, the --18 especially the abutters? Why -- why wasn't it? 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why weren't people 20 involved? The people were involved with our 21 MR. SCHWALLIE: 22 split decision. Then it was appealed. 23 MS. MORREY: Right. 24 MR. SCHWALLIE: Then it's been wrapped up in the 25 courts. I quess if it had gone to trial I -- I don't

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know who would have come in as witnesses and -- and
 2
    all that.
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        MS. MORREY: No, I mean why was the town
    members, all of us, not included on the negotiation
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 5
    stipulations to the Special Permit that the lawyers
    agreed upon in that -- whatever that write-up is?
 6
    Why weren't we involved in that? Why couldn't we be
 7
    involved in that? Why is it just the two little
 8
 9
    lawyers talking back and forth, agreeing upon for
10
    everybody else in this room as to what Mr. Cotton can
    and can't do?
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12
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Mm-hmm.
                        I believe we expected the lawyer
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        MR. HATHAWAY:
14
    to act in the best interest of --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                              Cotton.
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        MR. HATHAWAY: -- (indiscernible -- simultaneous
17
    speech at 1:18:28).
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Indiscernible --
19
    simultaneous speech at 1:18:28.)
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Okay.
21
        MS. MORREY: Okay. That's fine.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible -- cannot
23
    understand at 1:18:34.)
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        MS. MORREY: I just -- I just think that, you
   know, with everything that we've been through, all
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the time that we've taken and all the meetings that
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    we had, it would have made more sense for the Board
    and the Selectboard to say, "Hey, we need to
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    (indiscernible -- background noise at 1:18:47)
 4
    everybody," or at least -- at least the abutters.
 5
        I'm a direct abutter to Mr. Cotton's property.
 6
 7
    He -- he is my back of my property.
        Excuse me, I'm not finished.
 8
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Yeah.
                                I'm -- I'm sorry.
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        MS. MORREY: My back of my property is abutting,
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    well, part of his property. We do have a little
11
    buffer of trees, but if he was to go cut them all
12
    down, that's it. No more buffer.
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        My dog -- okay? I have two children and two dogs
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15
    and a husband.
    (General laughter.)
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                                Which one stays outside?
17
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
        MS. MORREY: My dog -- one of my dogs is getting
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    older. I'm not even worried about my husband, but
    one of my dogs is -- is getting older, and she took
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   off back there, okay? And it -- it's happened twice
21
   in the last couple months. We had to go look for
22
   her. She doesn't hear. She doesn't come when she's
23
   called. She can hardly see. She was back on the
24
25
   back (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:19:43),
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    going into the woods.
        I -- I startled a huge deer. It was humongous.
 2
 3
    You know, it was -- it was so beautiful back there,
                     It's quiet and -- and serene, and I
    walking around.
 4
    just -- you know, I just -- I just really wish that
 5
    this could have been brought back to all of us before
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 7
    you guys made the negotiation. Even though the
    lawyer was supposed to be acting on our behalf, she
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 9
    obviously had an opinion, as you -- as Mr. --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Bowerly (phonetic).
        MS. MORREY: Bowerly (phonetic) has said.
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    she's not here today to --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 To tell us.
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        MS. MORREY: -- to tell us her side --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Exactly.
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                     -- and I think that that should
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        MS. MORREY:
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    have been a definite must.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Exactly.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Art?
                        Yes. Art Pichette. I'm one of
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        MR. PICHETTE:
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    the three Selectmen that are here tonight.
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        And the Selectboard, so that you know, was not
   directly involved in the early process related to
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   what ultimately became a two-to-two vote to deny.
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   That decision was appealed by the applicant, and he
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was of course represented in the appeal. We were 1 2 represented by Town counsel to present our reasons for denying the permit. And when I say "our 3 reasons," it -- it -- it w -- it's the Planning 4 Board's reasons of course, because it's their 5 purview. But after that -- the -- that suit was 6 filed, that appeal was filed, our attorney argued for 7 the Town. His attorney argued that the appeal should 8 be granted. And there are filings that go on between 9 our attorney and the -- his attorney that continue to 10 be presented to the judge. We continue to -- to pay 11 for our attorney, obviously. 12 But as this case was proceeding, Town counsel 13 made it known to both the Pla -- the Selectboard and 14 to the Planning Board that we were more likely than 15 16 not to lose this case, and if we lost the case we would not have the right to have any conditions on 17 the Special Permit that the Court would then grant. 18 It was the opinion, I believe, of -- of our Town -- I 19 -- I don't believe. I know. (Indiscernible --20 background noise at 1:23:02) that the best way to 21 proceed was to get conditions that would protect the 22 Town, the abutters, and that that was going to be the 23 best that we could do, as opposed to losing the whole 24 25 thing and having no conditions, and we would have no

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say over what activities went in there.
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        Understand one very important thing here, and
    that is that the members of the Selectboard and the
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 4
    Planning Board did not choose to go forward with
    these conditions to benefit Mr. Cotton. We did it
 5
    because we were trying to protect the town as much as
 6
 7
    we could, given what we were being told by Town
    counsel. And I -- I mean, that -- these people up
 8
    here are not doing this to you. They're doing it for
 9
10
    you. And I'm sorry (indiscernible -- background
11
    noise at 1:24:19). We can either grant this permit
12
    and have conditions, or have the Court grant the
    permit with no conditions. That's it in a nutshell,
1.3
14
    and I'm sorry (indiscernible -- background noise at
15
    1:24:40).
                         Yup.
16
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
17
        MR. PICHETTE:
                        (Indiscernible -- background
18
    noise at 1:24:45.)
19
        MR. HATHAWAY:
                        I -- I'm going to move that we
20
    close the Public portion of the -- of the hearing and
21
   move on (indiscernible -- simultaneous speech at
22
    1:24:55).
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                I've raised my hand four
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24
   times. I have one question --
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He did.
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and I would like an --
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        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Okay.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- answer to it.
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: I -- I'll -- I'll le -- let you
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 5
    have the last comment.
 6
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 In listening here, the
 7
    only time the trucks are restricted from going in
    there is nine to one on Saturday. So that means at
 8
    six o'clock at night, seven o'clock at night they're
 9
10
    making regular delivery in there? The only thing it
    says in here is Saturday, nine to one. There is no
11
    other restriction on trucks.
12
       MR. SCHWALLIE: There's a limitation on the
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14
    amount of trucks.
                                There's a limitation on
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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16
    the amount?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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18
    background noise at 1:25:34.) But there's nothing
19
    about times. And I remember when he was
    (indiscernible -- background noise at 1:25:43) trucks
20
    coming in there at 7:30, eight o'clock at night.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Yup.
23
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Yup.
24
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yup.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yup.
                                       Yup.
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1
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For sure.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                               At 6:30 in the morning.
        MR. HATHAWAY: All right. I'd like to close the
 3
 4
    Public Hearing.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                You got to move to --
 5
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                What kind of answer am I
 6
 7
    going to get for that question?
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: You're going to move to close
 9
    comment, public comment?
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        MR. HATHAWAY:
                        Public comment.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay. There's a motion to close
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12
    (indiscernible -- cannot understand at 1:26:10)
    public comment. Do I have a second? A third? Clo -
13
    - close public comment by four.
14
15
    (General conversation.)
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Public comment is now closed.
16
    (Indiscernible -- background noise at 1:26:33.)
17
18
        Okay. Folks --
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We still have the hearing
19
    going on, so all (indiscernible -- background noise
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21
    at 1:26:51).
    (General conversation continues.)
22
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Folks? Excuse me.
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24
    (General conversation continues.)
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
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background noise at 1:29:24) all night. Can you
 1
    please take your conversations outside (indiscernible
 2
    -- background noise at 1:29:29) talking, or please
 3
    come up and listen (indiscernible -- background noise
 4
 5
    at 1:29:31). Thank you.
    (General conversation continues.)
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 7
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of the people, for the
 8
    people, by the people.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: I -- I'd like to reiterate
 9
    again, any individual who is aggrieved by the
10
    Planning Board's decision has the opportunity with
11
    appellate rights under General Law 40(A), Section 17
12
    for further review of the decision. I -- I do want
13
14
    people to know that.
        For -- for what it -- for what it's worth,
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    people, I -- I -- I would just like to -- to
16
    personally say to you all this -- this is a tough,
17
                      It -- it -- it -- I -- I feel
18
    tough situation.
19
    bad for my fellow Planning Board Members here. I --
    I -- I -- I feel bad for everybody here, because
20
    people are so, so concerned. We're all concerned.
21
    think our Selectboard is -- is -- is very concerned.
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   And -- and I just want you to know, we as Board
23
   Members, and -- and -- and I'm speaking for the
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    Selectboard here also, we're -- we're all very
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concerned about this, and -- and we take this
 2
    seriously, and -- and -- and -- and we know people
 3
    are -- are upset and frustrated.
        And -- and I -- I -- I just want you to know my
 4
 5
    heart goes out for all you guys. This has been
    killing me for a long time. And I don't want to get
 6
 7
    into everything that isn't so great with -- with my
    life, but this whole thing here has -- has been
 8
    personally killing me. And for what it's worth, I
 9
10
    just thought I'd share my personal thoughts and --
    and let you know.
11
        So what I would like to do is -- is move to close
12
13
    the Public Hearing.
                         Second?
14
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Yeah.
15
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                          Third?
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                 Third.
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Fourth?
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18
        And with that, move to take the vote.
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        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I -- I'll second.
20
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         Second?
21
                                 Yeah.
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                And -- and I -- I move to
22
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay.
    approve the Special Permit, subject to the terms and
23
    conditions and the remand decision and the Agreement
2.4
25
    for Judgment that we've all been talking about this
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evening.
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 2
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can't agree with it.
 3
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Okay.
    (General applause.)
 4
 5
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree.
 6
        MR. SCHWALLIE:
                         You agree?
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible --
 7
    background noise at 1:33:48.) Don't agree.
 8
        MR. SCHWALLIE: Don't agree.
 9
    (General applause.)
10
        MR. HATHAWAY: (Indiscernible -- cannot
11
12
    understand at 1:34:02.)
13
        MR. SCHWALLIE: No.
        I -- I guess I -- I have to go on the record.
                                                        Ι
14
    -- I -- I guess I'll -- I'll agree to go with the
15
    conditions and -- and the judgment, so we're -- we're
16
    split here, I guess. Okay. So it's a vote, two for
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    and two against. All righty. All righty.
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        So that's our decision.
                        That is our decision.
        MR. HATHAWAY:
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        MR. SCHWALLIE: Two yeses, one by Tom Hathaway,
21
    one by me, and a no by you, Bo -- Bob Dragon and Bob
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23
    Turner. Okay.
                                Yeah.
24
        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
        MR. SCHWALLIE: All righty. So with that we'll
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adjourn.
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       MR. HATHAWAY: I'll second.
       MR. SCHWALLIE: Second that move to adjourn.
3
       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                Third.
4
5
       MR. SCHWALLIE:
                        Third.
       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fourth.
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7
       MR. SCHWALLIE: Fourth.
       We adjourn.
8
   (Planning Board remand hearing ends.)
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