VILLAGE OF HINSDALE 1 2 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 4 **APRIL 18, 2018** 5 6 1. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Bob Neiman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning 7 Board of Appeals to order on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:31 p.m. in 8 Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. 9 10 11 On behalf of the Board, Chairman Neiman offered condolences at the passing of Member Keith Giltner's father, stating our thoughts and prayers are with him. 12 13 He thanked retiring member Marc Connelly for his many years of service on the Zoning Board, and made mention of his soft, quiet wisdom that will be missed. 14 15 He also welcomed new member Tom Murphy to the Board. 16 2. ROLL CALL 17 Present: Members Gary Moberly, Joseph Alesia, Tom Murphy, Kathryn Engel, 18 John Podliska and Chairman Bob Neiman 19 20 **Absent:** Members Keith Giltner 21 22 23 Also Present: Village Attorney Michael Marrs, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Village Clerk Christine 24 Bruton and Court Reporter Kathy Bono 25 26 27 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 28 a) Regular meeting of February 22, 2018 Following corrections to the draft minutes, Member Engel moved to approve 29 30 the draft minutes of February 22, 2018, as amended. Member Moberly seconded the motion. 31 32 33 AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Murphy, Engel, Podliska and Chairman Neiman 34 NAYS: None 35 36 **ABSTAIN: None** 37 **ABSENT:** Member Giltner 38 Motion carried. 39 40 41 b) Regular meeting of March 21, 2018 42 Following corrections to the draft minutes, Member Moberly moved to approve the draft minutes of March 21, 2018, as amended. Member Alesia 43 seconded the motion. 44 45

AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Murphy, Podliska and Chairman Neiman 46 47 NAYS: None 48

**ABSTAIN:** Member Engel

**ABSENT:** Member Giltner

Motion carried.

## 4. APPROVAL OF FINAL DECISION

a) V-01-18, 415 South Vine Street

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b) V-02-18, Monument Sign on Landscaped Median of Salt Creek Lane
The agenda was revised to include the approval of these final decisions;
however, the Board agreed they would like more time to review the
documents. As there is no substantive issue in either case affected by a
delay of the approval, Member Podliska moved to delay approval of the
final decisions for V-01-18, 415 South Vine Street and V-02-18,
Monument Sign on Landscaped Median of Salt Creek Lane. Member
Engel seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Murphy, Engel, Podliska and Chairman

Neiman

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Member Giltner

Motion carried.

### 5. RECEIPT OF APPEARANCES

Court Reporter Kathy Bono administered the oath to all persons intending to speak this evening.

# 6. RECEIPT OF REQUESTS, MOTIONS, PLEADINGS, OR REQUESTS TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT OF A GENERAL NATURE – None

## 7. PRE-HEARING AND AGENDA SETTING

a) V-04-18, 550 West Ogden Avenue

Mr. David Kanzler, CEO of Hinsdale Orthopedics and property manager, addressed the Board. He explained they are asking for this variance for two reasons: 1) Patient safety, the large landscaping structure blocks sightlines for patients and cars; and 2) there are parking challenges in the area, 20 employees are being parked remotely. Granting the variance would provide an additional 4-6 parking spaces. Mr. Kanzler reported the business has been in place since 1980, and although no injury has been reported, there have been fender benders, but he cannot confirm whether the parking lot landscaping is the cause. He pointed out the neighbors are concerned that employees and patients do not park in front of their houses, since the loss of the Amlings parking. Member Moberly noted the landscaping is very tall; it could possibly be made smaller and lower. Mr. Kanzler agreed, but pointed out this would not address the parking need.

Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis confirmed the parking, as it exists, is grandfathered in well before 1989. There is a 60 space

deficiency under the current code.

The Board had no further questions for the applicant; Chairman Neiman set the public hearing for May 16, 2018.

#### b) V-05-18, 842 West Seventh Street

Mr. Dan Roberts, Roberts Design and Build, addressed the Board stating that Mr. John Behrendt from his office addressed the ZBA previously for the original application. In this revised application, they are requesting corner side yard setback relief, but have reduced the request as a result of Board suggestions at the pre-hearing in February. They are able to make that compromise because they are no longer trying to keep a portion of the existing structure. The corner side yard setback would be reduced from the required 15' feet to 11.5' feet. He explained this corner lot is 45' feet wide by 125' feet deep, and the hardship is trying to fit a reasonable house on the property.

The second request is for maximum building coverage relief of 1%. He pointed out there are many 47' foot lots; to his knowledge, this is the only 45' lot. They are only asking for enough relief to make the building lot coverage the same as a 47' foot wide lot would permit. This is 62' square feet of relief, which makes a huge difference in making a plan work. He noted there are always storm water concerns with a larger footprint, but in this case there are two streets for water to flow to, and as a corner lot there is more grass to absorb water. He has analyzed the building coverage relief relative to the 47' foot and 50' foot lots that are more prevalent, and he believes the request is reasonable and comparable to those.

Mr. Roberts said he has no feedback from neighbors as yet. They haven't sat down with everyone yet, but will before the next meeting. He does not believe this will impact any neighbor, as this property is up against Route 83. Chairman Neiman said although the two requests are interrelated, the seven standards for approval would have to be met for each request. It was clarified that the architect/builder is listed as the applicant on this case, but is acting on behalf of the property owner, Mr. Frank Spirovski. Mr. McGinnis said he has not done a count, but there are many 47' lots in the Village. He has never seen a 45' lot before.

The Board had no further questions for the applicant; Chairman Neiman set the public hearing for May 16, 2018.

#### 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### a) APP-03-17, 504 South Oak Street & 422 South Oak Street

Chairman Neiman opened the public hearing on this matter and reminded the Board this is a continuation of the hearing from February.

Member Alesia stated that he was absent from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing, but has reviewed the materials and the transcript and is ready to participate. There was no objection to his participation. Chairman Neiman also clarified that the arguments tonight are limited to the supplemental issue from February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He asked both parties to limit their arguments in accordance with the 10 minute rule which should suffice.

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Due to the complex nature of the proceedings, the transcript of the public hearing is included as part of these minutes. (Exhibit A)

There being no further testimony, or questions from the Board, Member Podliska moved to close the public hearing for APP-03-17, 504 South Oak Street & 422 South Oak Street. Member Engel seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Murphy, Engel, Podliska and Chairman

Neiman NAYS: None **ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Member Giltner

Motion carried.

#### DELIBERATIONS

Chairman Neiman began deliberations by reading the standard that is applicable from the zoning code which states that the appeal procedure is provided as a safeguard against arbitrary, ill-considered or erroneous administrative decisions. It is intended to avoid the need for legal action by establishing procedures to review and correct administrative errors, but it is not intended as a means to subvert the clear purpose, meanings or intent of the code or the rightful authority of the Village Manager to enforce the requirements of the code. To that end the reviewing body, (the Zoning Board of Appeals), should give deference to the spirit and intent of the language of the code and reasonable interpretations of that code by those charged with its administration.

Member Murphy asked if a resident with one zoning lot could build guest quarters above their garage that included a kitchen, etc. if they state no one is going to live there. Mr. McGinnis explained you can only have one principal use on a lot, or zoning lot, or lot of record. So, when people ask for a pool house or a coach house, it has to be one element short of a dwelling unit. In other words, either a kitchen, bathroom or bedroom would have to be eliminated. Additionally, the Village makes sure the utilities come off the principal structure.

Member Podliska referenced the standard of review read by Chairman Neiman and concludes it is a reasonable interpretation contained in the July 12, 2017 letter; the structures are capable of being separately maintained. altered, enlarged, rebuilt, restored and repaired in conformance with §10-104. and therefore these are two separate lots, and the building on 504 S. Oak can proceed. He believes this is a reasonable interpretation, and he is strongly influenced by the photograph included in Bayit Properties submission, Exhibit J. that illustrates 504 S. Oak is a stand-alone single-family residence. Additionally, the property has its own access and its own billing for purposes of utilities. He noted that the Dugans submit that if this property is an

 accessory to the principal structure, it is one zoning lot that can't be subdivided thereafter, but he disagrees with the analysis. Even if the code states it became one lot, the ZBA has the authority, if the circumstances are appropriate, to subdivide. The two existing structures conform to the surrounding area. Although the purchaser wants to tear the building down and build something else, and while the Dugans are asking to have this treated as a single lot, and part of their argument is their reliance upon the appearance of this lot, they may not enjoy the same view if something larger is built on the entire property.

Member Moberly agrees with Member Podliska's remarks, and added there were two houses on these properties in 1989, two houses in 1994 and two houses on two lots were sold in 2017.

Member Alesia also agrees, and added that when the Girschs went in to make their changes they were told they were creating an accessory structure, and would lose their right to sell this as a separate lot. Mr. Girsch changed the plans and built a property that is capable of being a single-family dwelling. It is capable of being a single-family residence regardless of how it was used since 1994. So, he concludes the Village's decision in this matter is reasonable.

Member Engel concurred, and added the record indicates this pre-code structure was remodeled, not entirely demolished and rebuilt.

Member Murphy disagrees and believes this property is clearly an accessory in use to 422 S. Oak. He is not convinced by the argument that having your next door neighbor's house and storing stuff in it makes it an accessory, but one of the provisions states the use of the structure has to be customarily found as an incident to such principal structure and use. Nor is he convinced that Mr. Girsch went to great lengths, because he knows Jerry Girsch and he's a careful guy. If he wanted to make sure, he would have asked for a letter of clarification at the time. There is no evidence there was ever a resident of the 504 S. Oak building; it was used for nothing and it was designed for nothing but to be the coach house and a four-car garage. Member Murphy added that, with all that said, he does not feel the decision the Village made is unreasonable, but he would have made it differently. He added, after hearing the standard of review, it would be hard to say his views are right enough that the Village is wrong.

Chairman Neiman said this is a difficult decision, and commended both attorneys for submitting good arguments; however, he does not believe the Dugans have established that the Village Manager's decision was arbitrary, ill-considered or erroneous. Mr. Girsch came back, and changed the plans, and with those changes these would remain two separate lots. Additionally, he is not sure how the builder was supposed to do any more due diligence than they did. The properties were marketed as two separate lots. The developer came back to the Village, and got assurances from the Village that it was two separate lots. He will vote to affirm the decision of the Village Manager in the letter of July 12, 2017.

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South Oak Street. Member Podliska seconded the motion. 1 2 3 AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Engel, Podliska and Chairman Neiman NAYS: None 4 5 **ABSTAIN:** Member Murphy **ABSENT:** Member Giltner 6 7 8 Motion carried. 9 9. NEW BUSINESS - None 10 11 10.OLD BUSINESS - None 12 13 14 11. ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Member Moberly 15 made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of 16 17 April 18, 2017. Member Engel seconded the motion. 18 AYES: Members Moberly, Alesia, Murphy, Engel, Podliska and Chairman 19 20 Neiman NAYS: None 21 **ABSTAIN: None** 22 23 **ABSENT:** Member Giltner 24 Motion carried. 25 26 Chairman Neiman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. 27 28 29 Approved: May 16, 2018 30 31 Christine M. Bruton Village Clerk 32 33

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
COUNTY OF DU PAGE )
BEFORE THE HINSDALE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
<pre>In the Matter of:</pre>
422 and 504 South Oak ) Street, Case No. APP-03-17.)

CONTINUED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had of the above-entitled matter before the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals, at 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois, on April 18, 2018, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. ROBERT NEIMAN, Chairman;

MR. GARY MOBERLY, Member;

MR. TOM MURPHY, Member;

MR. JOE ALESIA, Member;

MR. JOHN F. PODLISKA, Member; and

MS. KATHRYN ENGEL, Member.

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A Company of the Comp	1	ALSO PRESENT:
•	2	MS. CHRISTINE BRUTON, Deputy Village Clerk;
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	4	MR. ROBB McGINNIS, Director of Community Development;
	5	MR. MICHAEL MARRS, Village Attorney;
	6	MR. ROBERT O'DONNELL, Attorney for Mr. & Mrs. Dugan;
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	8	MS. SUSAN OVERBY, Attorney for Bayit Builders and Avra Properties.
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06:56:54PM	10	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Next matter is the
	11	continuation of the appeal Case APP-03-17, 504
	12	South Oak Street, 422 South Oak Street.
	13	MR. ALESIA: Before we begin, just for
	14	the record, on February 22nd I was absent from
	15	the meeting, but I have had a chance to review
	16	all the materials as well as the transcript of
ļ	17	that meeting, so unless there's any objection,
	18	I'm ready to participate.
	19	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Great. Keep in mind
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	21	the supplemental issue that we discussed at the
	22	February 22nd meeting. It's not necessary to
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1 rehash the other arguments that were made on 2 February 22nd and so if both parties could limit 3 their arguments to that issue. I think under the circumstances, normally, we have a 15-minute 4 5 rule. I think a 10-minute rule for each side on 6 the supplemental issues should suffice and if you need more time, we will give you more time. MR. O'DONNELL: Good evening. 9 my name is Bob O'Donnell. I represent the 10 appellants James and Nancy Dugan. 11 I am going to refer to the same packet of material that I used at the last 12 13 hearing. It's 13 pages. I have extra hard copies if anyone needs it. 14 If you all have 15 yours. 16 Shortly before the last hearing was 17 adjourned an issue arose actually when the village attorney was speaking, he was holding up 18 19 a document that he identified as a certificate of occupancy for the 504 property and I objected 20 21 because we had not seen any such document and we -22 had made two requests under the Freedom of

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1 Information Act to the village and no such 2 document appeared. Since that time, and I'll not 3 4 rehash what occurred that resulted in the 5 adjournment, but since that time, we have had an opportunity to get ahold of that document as 6 7 well as return to the village and review all of 8 the documents that the village had responsive to our request and compare them to what we had 10 previously been given. 11 The document -- and it's a document that is the first page of Group Exhibit A to the 12 13 Bayit Builders' supplemental submission. 14 would put it on the screen but candidly, it's so 15 small, you wouldn't be able to see it. 16 But the document is not a 17 certificate of occupancy. It's a document on a 18 village form, it's an application for a certificate of occupancy. In the upper right-19 20 hand corner of the document makes reference to a permit number. That is the building permit 21 number and if you take a look at the second page 22

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1 of that group exhibit, that is the application 2 for the building permit. It shows the building permit number and the date of issuance of the 3 4 permit 3/29/94. 5 That 3/29/94 date is the same date 6 that appears on the application for the 7 certificate of occupancy. So it appears, 8 commonly done in many municipalities, that when 9 the building permit is issued, one submits the 10 application for a certificate of occupancy which 11 the village then holds in its file until such 12 time as the project is completed and the CO is 13 issued. 14 The document also on the form that is the application for the certificate of 15 16 occupancy has about 80 percent down that first 17 page a section that says to be filled out by the 18 building department. There are two lines, one 19 for a conforming use, the other for a 20 nonconforming use. And here the word, the 21 letters ok are written in the conforming use. 22 To me that means that the use that's proposed

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1 and the building to be built is a conforming use 2 in the zoning district or in a class of 3 occupancy R-1 the zoning district is listed just beneath. 4 5 There's nothing on this document 6 that reflects or indicates or states in any way 7 that a certificate of occupancy was approved. 8 This is an application not a certificate of 9 occupancy. 10 However, the only purpose of my 11 objection really was that there was a document 12 being identified that we had not seen. 13 certificate of occupancy would have been 14 required on the 504 lot for the accessory In other words, if it was a four-15 structure. 16 car garage with a recreation room, the village 17 now and then requires a certificate of occupancy 18 if the property is going to be used. 19 A certificate of occupancy is not 20 limited to being issued for residential units, single-family homes. It is required to be 21 22 issued for a structure that is going to be used.

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1 So a rec room with a four-car garage, an 2 apartment with a four-car garage, an office with 3 a four-car garage, even an accessory structure 4 would have required a certificate of occupancy. 5 So the certificate of occupancy 6 does not support in any way, shape or form, that 7 the structure on the 504 property was not an accessory structure, which really leads us back 8 9 to the fact that the coach house, which has been 10 identified frankly in every writing that I have seen, the coach house on the 504 lot is an 11 accessory structure. 12 13 Your code and Exhibit 4 to the packet I referred to Section 9-101.B, the 14 15 definition of accessory structure applies hand 16 in glove to the coach house. I don't need to go 17 through it. I did that last time. It applies. 18 If it is an accessory structure, 19 the structure on the 504 lot, and it is, it must 20 be located on the same zoning lot as the 21 principal structure. That's according to 22 Section 12-206 or Exhibit No. 6.

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1 A zoning lot may not be divided 2 unless the lots are conforming if they are 3 subdivided. Here the two lots, particularly the 4 504 lot, would not be conforming if divided 5 therefore the zoning lot cannot be divided. 6 And most importantly, that's 7 exactly what the Girschs were told in 1993 by 8 the village manager. If you take a look at Exhibit No. 8, what they were told is speaking 9 10 directly to this point, "In summary, the zoning 11 lot appears to be large enough to allow your 12 clients to pursue their improvement plans. 13 However, once the coach house is accessory to 14 the principal structure, the property consists 15 of one zoning lot and cannot be subdivided in 16 the future." 17 Now, you might say well, what they 18 were contemplating at that time is a four-car 19 garage with a rec room. Doesn't matter. 20 Whether it's a four-car garage with a rec room 21 or a four-car garage with an apartment, it's 22 still a coach house. It still fits the

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1 definition of an accessory structure. 2 The point that the village manager 3 was making is if you are going to have an 4 accessory structure, which they did, then that 5 accessory structure has to be part of a zoning 6 lot, the zoning lot can't be divided. That was also -- that same point was confirmed by the 7 8 village manager in July of 2017. 9 When I look at the supplemental 10 submittal of Bayit Builders, they make a statement, and it's interesting, they make a 11 12 statement in the last page of their submission, 13 and they specifically make reference to the 14 single-family home, the so-called single-family 15 home that exists on the 504 property, and they 16 say that that single-family home can't be 17 converted, using the word converted, to an 18 accessory structure. 19 The structure on the 504 property 20 was never used as a single-family home. 21 point in time was that structure used as 22 anything than accessory to the principal

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1 structure on the 422 lot. That structure, from the time it 2 3 was built in the early '90s until today, was 4 used only as a four-car garage to service the 5 principal structure on the 422 lot and in 6 addition to the four-car garage serving only the 7 principal structure on the 422 lot it had an 8 apartment, a living area. That living area does not take -- does not convert it into a single-9 10 family home. It was never used as a single-11 family home and your code talks in terms of use. 12 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Where does the definition of a zoning lot address the idea that 13 14 how the owner uses any of the buildings on the 15 lot is relevant? 16 MR. O'DONNELL: If I may direct you to 17 that point, Mr. Chairman, and I have extra 18 copies of this. 19 That Section 12-206 when -- and I 20 included the entire provision, but as one reads 21 this and the relevant portion is a tract of land 22 consisting of one or more lots of record.

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,1	here. Or parts thereof under single ownership
2	or control. Yes. Located entirely within a
3	block and occupied by, occupied by, a principal
4	building and its accessory buildings.
5	The 422 lot contained a single-
6	family home with a single occupant utilizing an
7	accessory structure that existed on the 504 lot.
8	Section 12-206 defines a zoning lot to fit what
9	occurred here.
10	So directly to your point, Chairman
11	Neiman, occupied by or used by would mean one
12	and the same. Those two lots were occupied as a
13	single zoning lot by a principal structure and
14	an accessory structure from the time that
15	structure on the 504 lot was built in 1994
16	remaining to today. It was never used as a
17	single-family home.
18	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: So you read the term
19	occupied by in Section 12-206 to imply that the
20	owner has to actually live there?
21	MR. O'DONNELL: I'm saying in this
22	instance, yes. The owner did live on the zoning

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1	lot with a house on one lot 422 and an accessory
2	structure on 504.
3	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: But are you saying
4	that the owner didn't occupy the building on the
5	south lot?
6	MR. O'DONNELL: When you say south, you
7	are talking 504?
8	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Yes.
9	MR. O'DONNELL: No. The owner occupied
10	the zoning lot. This occupied by refers to the
11	zoning lot. The zoning lot is the two or more
12	lots under single ownership or control.
13	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Thank you.
14	MR. ALESIA: You mention use and
15	there's been a lot of back and forth on use.
16	What section can you point us to
17	where use is pivotal in support of your argument?
18	MR. O'DONNELL: The most frequent use
19	of the word use, I knew I was going to do that.
20	If you look at tab 4, that's the definition of
21	an accessory structure or use.
22	So in each of the five elements of

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what constitutes or what constitutes an 1 2 accessory structure, it makes specific reference 3 to use or use with respect to each one of those. 4 So my point there is a structure 5 can be accessory to a principal structure either 6 by designation or use. And here I would suggest 7 it was both but it was clearly by use because 8 from the time it was built until today it 9 served, it meaning the structure on the 504 10 property, served only the principal structure on the 422 lot. That makes it an accessory 11 12 structure. One in Hinsdale can only have an 13 accessory structure as part of a zoning lot. 14 You are talking about a MR. MURPHY: 15 definition of accessory structure or use. 16 not surprised that use pops up in each of those 17 because in each case we are talking about a 18 structure or use as though you can have a 19 structure and you can have a separate something, 20 a walkway or whatever that is a use, I presume. 21 So I guess I'm not following the 22 argument that in defining accessory structure

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1	use, the use of the word use means that the
2	structure evaluation is going to be done only by
3	use because structure and use are two different
4	things in the definition. Does that make sense?
5	MR. O'DONNELL: Candidly, not really.
6	And I can tell you why it doesn't make sense.
7	Because here it talks about an accessory
8	structure.
9	MR. MURPHY: Or use.
10	MR. O'DONNELL: Or use.
11	But I think most applicable here is
12	that we have a structure on the 504 property.
13	What is that structure? First and foremost the
14	structure is a four-car garage.
15	Now, a four-car garage doesn't
16	necessarily make it accessory but in this
17	instance, the two garages that existed prior to
18	1994, one on 504, one on 422, were torn down.
19	They were replaced with a single four-car garage
20	serving only the 422 property because that was
21	the only occupant, that was the only user of the
22	property.

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1 So if we focus -- and I would 2 submit to you by definition the primary function 3 of a coach house historically is to house today vehicles, yesterday it used to be the horse and 4 5 carriage with living quarters attended to it. But always defined as accessory. 6 In fact, I did look up several 8 definitions this afternoon and historically, a 9 coach house served what you call it a principal 10 structure or principal use, historically, it's 11 often referred to as the main house but it also 12 often refers to the property, what we are now 13 calling the zoning lot, being the estate. 14 Whatever term you use, that structure served 15 only the 422 principal structure. 16 MR. MURPHY: I get that. 17 I guess what I'm saying is just as a legal matter reading this you are saying an 18 19 accessory structure or use, two things, but 20 accessory structure or accessory use A and B. 21 We are not talking about an accessory use here, 22 we are talking about a structure.

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1	MR. O'DONNELL: Well, in a sense we are
2	talking about both. It doesn't say accessory
3	structure and use, it says accessory structure
4	or use.
5	MR. MURPHY: Right, but what would
6	accessory use be? What kind of a nonstructure
7	the words "or use" have to mean something.
8	MR. O'DONNELL: They do. I agree.
9	MR. MURPHY: So if something is not an
10	accessory structure, it can still be an
11	accessory use. What kind of thing are you
12	talking about?
13	MR. O'DONNELL: One that would come to
14	my mind where one utilized a vacant area but
15	landscaped, used it for children's recreation,
16	had a patio, not technically a patio, maybe a
17	structure, that's why I'm kind of not going
18	there. You can clearly incorporate the estate
19	to include a large open space area.
20	MR. MURPHY: Exactly how I would read
21	it. But then when I go through this definition,
22	I should be able to cross out the words "or use"

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1 every time through here and still read it and I 2 would get the definition of accessory structure. I take out "or use" in any of these places 3 4 because that's B of the two-prong definition we 5 are using, I take out "or use" in each of those 6 places, I should still be able to read this and 7 have an accurate definition of an accessory 8 structure, right? 9 MR. O'DONNELL: Yes. Yes. I agree. 10 MR. MURPHY: It seems to me, what it's 11 worth, it seems to me the word serves is much 12 more meaningful with respect to the definition 13 of accessory structure than the word use because 14 you should be able to just eliminate those words 15 use to come up with a definition of structure. 16 And then I think the concept you are talking 17 about is more of the word use is No. 1, serves, 18 comes up in No. 3 as being served. Does that 19 make sense? 20 MR. O'DONNELL: No, it does. 21 understand. And again, it's either or. either a principal structure or use or it could 22

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1	be both.
2	MR. MURPHY: Agree. Agree. Okay.
3	MR. O'DONNELL: Because when we talk
4	about a garage, you know, and again, it's not
5	just the garage in this case, you have the
6	connective motor court that straddles the
7	property line so that's really part of the
8	parking/driving uses that are on what I believe
9	to be the single zoning lot.
10	MR. MURPHY: I guess my point is when
11	you diagram this, when you break this down I
12	think with the contract division, I'm not left
13	with use being the defining aspect of an
14	accessory structure. And there's still plenty
15	of things in here that tie the two together and
16	it still makes sense but I don't think the code
17	is saying use is the governing fact.
18	MR. O'DONNELL: No. And I'm not
19	suggesting that it is. I was merely responding
20	to Member Alesia.
21	MR. MURPHY: I thought you said that.
22	I watched all the earlier

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1	MR. O'DONNELL: No. And I didn't
2	MR. MURPHY: You did not say that
3	before? Okay. I misunderstood.
4	MR. O'DONNELL: Well, I didn't watch so
5	if you say I did, I did.
6	MR. MURPHY: I thought that was a key
7	part of your argument. If it is not, then I'm
8	sorry.
9	MR. O'DONNELL: I don't think it was.
10	I was just responding to where does use come
11	into play and I was just responding by saying it
12	really comes into play in the definition of
13	accessory structure.
14	MR. MURPHY: Okay.
15	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: It seems to me we
16	have gotten back to the substance of what was
17	argued in February, which may be helpful to us
18	this evening, and if it's the consensus of the
19	board members that we should continue this for a
20	few more minutes, that's okay with me, but we
21	are beyond the scope of what the argument was.
22	I think by definition the limited

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1 issue of whether or not there was an occupancy 2 permit granted was only worth a couple minutes 3 and we got back into the substance of the 4 argument, which at least for me, helps refresh 5 my memory. 6 I have concluded but MR. O'DONNELL: 7 for questions, so it's at your pleasure now. 8 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: I have a question. 9 So your argument in your 10 supplemental brief is that Mr. Girsch's intent 11 was to use both lots as a single-family compound 12 while maintaining the appearance. So far as the 13 village was concerned, the properties were 14 capable of being used independently. 15 How, when one owner, one family, 16 owns two adjacent lots both with structures on 17 them and arguably, both structures could meet 18 the definition of a principal residence but the owner is using one of the structures for 19 something other than a principal residence, how 20 21 is the village supposed to know that the owner 22 is doing that and does it make a difference?

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MR. O'DONNELL: I don't think it makes 1 2 a difference under your code, but I do think the 3 circumstance would arise when the owner of the 4 property seeks some permission, some permit, some approval from the village before doing 5 6 something. 7 And I think that's when this 8 village and many other villages take the 9 opportunity really to cement the notion of a 10 zoning lot. There's that movement of a foot 11 here, I believe, and I know it's in other 12 municipalities where candidly you don't want 13 this circumstance to arise. But I think it 14 really depends in the first instance how you are 15 using the properties. In other words, you do 16 have to meet the defined requirements of an 17 accessory structure. 18 Now here I think the coach house 19 pretty definitively does that. But to answer 20 your question, Chairman Neiman, if you, for 21 example, had two clearly single-family homes on 22 two separate lots and by all appearances the two

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1 properties were completely separate homes, there 2 was no motor court straddling them, there was no 3 this house is using that house for a garage, had 4 the garage on the other lot, and in addition to 5 the garage, by the way, there was a sport court 6 located behind the coach house which was obviously serving only purposes attended to the 7 principal structure so in this case it wasn't 8 9 just the structure itself, the garage or the 10 coach house itself, but I think a municipality 11 unless someone comes forward and makes 12 application for some approval or some permit, 13 then it's really everyone is on notice that if 14 you use the properties, if you have an accessory structure and a principal structure, then you 15 16 are allowed to do that. 17 And I think a key is here both 18 before the original home was torn down by Girsch 19 and then rebuilt on the exact same footprint the 20 structure was nonconforming. The side yard 21 setback there was a violation and it remains 22 today violation of a side yard setback.

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1 get that break. You get that because it's a 2 zoning lot. That's what allowed that circumstance 3 to occur because you are taking the two lots and 4 combining them into one. 5 So under the code it's, I believe, 6 if you are using a coach house, attended to a 7 principal structure, you can only do that on a 8 zoning lot. But here it really doesn't matter 9 because when Girsch came to the city, to the 10 village in 1994, he was told if you are going to 11 use it, the coach house is accessory to the main 12 house, it can only be done on a zoning lot and 13 you can't unwind the zoning lot. 14 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: But then he changed 15 his plan. 16 MR. O'DONNELL: What he changed is --17 he didn't change his plan. What he changed is 18 he went from having a rec room above the garage 19 to an apartment above the garage. 20 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Which made it a 21 principal residence. He met the definition of a 22 principal residence with those modifications.

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1 MR. O'DONNELL: Most respectfully, it 2 It's still a coach house. It's still 3 accessory to the principal structure. 4 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Because that's how 5 Girsch was using it? 6 MR. O'DONNELL: That's how it was 7 With all due respect, I don't think you can tell anyone that a four-car garage with a 8 9 1,500 foot apartment, that four-car garage was 10 there to serve and only serve the 422 structure. Only. And, parenthetically, the testimony we 11 12 had last time is that the use of the residential 13 portion of the coach house was as an office. 14 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: So I'll grant you, 15 Mr. O'Donnell, that it would be unusual, 16 especially in this town perhaps, to have a fourcar garage on the first floor of a principal 17 residence and a 1,500 square foot living space 18 19 above it. 20 In my view there are some highly unusual homes that have been built in this town 21 22 with four-car garages and 15,000 square feet of

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1	living space all around them. But, regardless,
2	both buildings still met the definition of a
3	principal residence.
4	Here's my problem. I understand
5	that in terms of appearance it looked like a
6	coach house. I understand that that's how the
7	Girschs used it but isn't it still a principal
8	residence?
9	MR. O'DONNELL: No.
10	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Because it wasn't
- 11	used that way?
12	MR. O'DONNELL: It wasn't designed,
13	built or used that way. It was designed to be a
14	coach house. It was designed and built and used
15	to be accessory to 422. I would submit there's
16	no doubt about that.
17	So when you say well, it meets the
18	requirements of a principal residence, that was
19	never on the table. That was never what it was
20	going to be used for. That was never what was
21	built. That's never how it was used. So it
22	defies logic to say no, roll back to 1994 could

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1 they have built a four-car garage with a 1,500 2 square foot apartment? Let's say that they 3 could have. All right. But one difference. One difference. They could not under your code 5 have continued the nonconformity from the side 6 yard setback. The only reason that that was 7 key, that's critical, they didn't get a variance 8 from the side yard setback. They continued that 9 nonconformity and the only reason they were 10 allowed to continue that nonconformity is 11 because it was a zoning lot. 12 My answer to your question would be It would have to be different 13 different. 14 legally if they cured the nonconformity of the 15 side yard setback but they didn't. That was for 16 whatever reason important to them to build the 17 exact same structure on the exact same footprint 18 and carry that nonconformity forward. That's a 19 zoning lot. 20 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: We are now 25 minutes 21 into the 10-minute limit. Any other questions 22 from the board?

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1	MR. MURPHY: Is there a definition of
2	principal residence in the code? I know there's
3	dwelling but I didn't read it all obviously, but
4	I didn't know if that was a term of art.
5	MR. McGINNIS: There is a definition
6	for principal structure or building. "A
7	structure or building in any zoning lot intended
8	to be utilized for a principal use and to which
9	any other structure on such lot must be
10	accessory."
11	MR. MURPHY: Okay. That helps.
12	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: That's interesting.
13	Intended to be utilized for a principal use.
14	MR. MARRS: But are you asking,
15	Commissioner, the definition for single-family
16	dwelling?
17	MR. MURPHY: The term was used
18	principal residence and I didn't see that
19	definition appear anywhere so I wondered if it
20	was
21	MR. McGINNIS: There's a distinction.
22 .	There's also dwelling unit. I think that's

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1	important to point out as well.
2	MR. MURPHY: Well, dwelling, I did find
3	that definition. That's any structure or
4	portion thereof designed or used for habitation
. 5	by one or more families, right?
6	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Designed or used.
7	MR. MOBERLY: Designed is the key word.
8	MR. O'DONNELL: Just to clarify,
9	principal structure is used in the definition of
10	accessory structure but the phrase principal
11	building is used in the definition of zoning
12	lot. I think they are intending to mean the
13	same thing but it's a different label.
14	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Well, 12-206 in the
15	alphabetical definitions.
16	MR. McGINNIS: Under dwelling there's
17	actually three different definitions, dwelling,
18	dwelling single-family detached and dwelling
19	unit.
20	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay.
21	Any other questions of
22	Mr. O'Donnell?

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1 (No response.) 2 Thank you. 3 MR. O'DONNELL: Thank you. MS. OVERBY: Susan Overby on behalf of 4 5 Bayit Builders and Avra Properties. 6 First, there are a number of factual inaccuracies that I'd like to correct 7 8 from Mr. O'Donnell's presentation. But the 9 first I'd like to point -- to direct your 10 attention to is the certificate of occupancy and 11 there's a disagreement between the sides about 12 what a certificate of occupancy is and what an application for certificate of occupancy is. 13 14 So the first attachment to our 15 submission is what we submit is a certificate of 16 occupancy. And as Mr. O'Donnell noted, the 17 reason that this became an issue is because the village's attorney was attempting to controvert 18 19 the Dugans' argument that Mr. Girsch evidence of 20 the fact that he did not intend this to be a 21 single-family residence was that he did not 22 apply for or receive a certificate of occupancy.

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1 Now that this document has come to 2 light, the Dugans' position has shifted and they 3 claim that whether or not they applied for a 4 certificate of occupancy is irrelevant. 5 regardless of that shift in argument, we submit 6 that this is, in fact, an approved application 7 for certificate of occupancy. It is not dated 8 3/27/94. It is dated February 16, 1994, on the 9 date to the building commissioner. Then you can 10 see at the top a permit was later issued in 11 March of 1994 and in the section that says to be 12 filled out by building department, it says 13 conforming use, ok, class of occupancy R-1 and 14 the type of occupancy that was applied for was a single-family residence. 15 16 Now, the Dugans' argue that this is 17 merely an application, it is not in fact a true 18 certificate of occupancy. So I went back and I 19 looked through the FOIA request for 504 South 20 Oak and determined that this document is all 21 that exists for any certificates of occupancy in 22 the file for 504 South Oak. There's no separate

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1	stand-alone certificate of occupancy, which
2	leads us to believe that the village's practice
3	was to approve an application for a certificate
4	of occupancy after the permits were issued and
5	after the inspection.
6	MR. MURPHY: Have you found any other
7	instance?
8	MS. OVERBY: Yes, and I have attached
9	them.
10	So attached to my submission I have
11	attached the building permits, all the building
12	permits that show that for this 1993, 1994
13	renovation all of those were for single-family
14	residences.
15	MR. MURPHY: No, that's not my
16	question.
17	Have you found other instances
18	where this was done?
19	MS. OVERBY: Yes. Yes. So Exhibit D
20	is a 1948 certificate of occupancy for 504 South
21	Oak and it's the same certificate of occupancy
22	and then it says, to be filled out by the

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1	building department and it's checked conforming
2	use checked class A. There's no other separate
3	stand-alone.
4	MR. MURPHY: I'm talking about your
5	position is that the village this was how the
6	village did things.
7	MS. OVERBY: It's based on my review of
8	the file which
9	MR. MURPHY: For what property?
10	MS. OVERBY: For two properties.
11	MR. MURPHY: What I'm asking is were
12	there other instances around that time that you
13	could find where the village was doing this
14	thing, this exact thing, when they issued a
15	certificate of occupancy?
16	MS. OVERBY: You mean in 1994, 1993?
17	MR. MURPHY: Yes. 1948 doesn't seem to
18	be terribly relevant to how things were being
19	done. You can assume this meant that was all
20	there needed to be, then it seemed like there
21	would be other instances.
22	MS. OVERBY: So I reviewed the file for

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1	504 South Oak and 422 South Oak and for the
2	entire histories of both of those properties I
3	was unable to locate a stand-alone certificate
4	of occupancy. I was only able to locate an
5	application for certificate of occupancy that
6	indicated an approval.
7	MR. MURPHY: My question is: Down the
8	street six months earlier they do the exact
9	MS. OVERBY: I understand your
10	question. With respect to 422 South Oak I was
11	unable
12	MR. MOBERLY: What about for there
13	were hundreds of houses built in the '90s in
14	Hinsdale. Is this the standard procedure for
15	how all certificates of occupancies were
16	MR. McGINNIS: I can't tell you that.
17	I can tell you today they would issue a
18	certificate of occupancy or a certificate of
19	completion for everything.
20	What I found was that there was a
21	formal certificate of occupancy granted for new
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but I can't find evidence of a formal 1 2 certificate of occupancy issued for anything other than but for new single-family homes. 3 MR. MOBERLY: But is this it? MR. McGINNIS: No. That's not the 5 6 formal certificate of occupancy that was issued 7 for new single-family homes. MS. OVERBY: But that was only issued 8 9 for new single-family homes. This was a 10 MR. MOBERLY: Okay. rebuilt. Or you tell me what it is. 11 12 MS. OVERBY: Right. And so that leads to my next point, which is the Dugans' arque 13 that in 1994, 1993 the entire structure at 504 14 15 South Oak was torn down and rebuilt. The plans indicate that that is not correct. And with 16 respect to this argument that they rebuilt this 17 18 nonconformity, that's simply not true when you look at the plans. They demolished -- so prior 19 20 to 1994, 504 South Oak had an attached garage 21 and then it had one single stall garage. removed the attached garage, they removed a 22

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1	living space or recreation area, I'm not sure
2	what it was, and expanded the garage that was
3	under the living space to the four-car garage
4	and the four corners of the main structure
5	remain the same. They changed the windows. So
6	this alleged rebuilding of a nonconformity is
7	simply not accurate to what the plans show.
8	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: I have some questions
9	going back to the certificate of occupancy
10	issue.
11	MS. OVERBY: Sure.
12	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Is it your contention
13	that the application for the certificate of
14	occupancy for 504 South Oak was submitted on
15	February 16, 1994?
16	MS. OVERBY: It's my contention that
17	that's when it was dated by the applicant.
18	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay. Fair enough.
19	Is it also your contention that up
20	in the right-hand corner of the application the
21	certificate of occupancy there's a permit number
22	issued and a date issued of March 27, 1994, is

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1	it your contention that the certificate of
2	occupancy was, in fact, issued on March 27, 1994?
3	MS. OVERBY: No. That's when the permit
4	was issued. Because we can see the permit on
5	the next page.
6	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Right.
7	MS. OVERBY: So the permit was issued
8	and then inspections were done. And I have
9	attached all of the inspections. And then at
10	some later date, while it's not dated, someone
11	filled in conforming use ok, R-1.
12	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Where is that?
13	MS. OVERBY: That is on the application
14	for certificate of occupancy under to be filled
15	out by the building department.
16	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: At the bottom of the
17	application?
18	MS. OVERBY: Correct. Conforming use
19	ok, class of occupancy R-1.
20	So our contention is that Girsch's
21	architect submitted this application, which was
22	dated the 16th of 1994, permits were issued,

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then various inspections occurred over the 1 2 course of the project. And then at some point 3 the building department filled in conforming use ok and class of occupancy R-1. I can't say when conforming use ok was put in, it's not dated. 5 6 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay. Mr. McGinnis, 7 is it accurate to say, I just want to make sure 8 I understood your -- the village's position on 9 this. 10 Is it accurate to say that in this 11 time period in '94 the village normally did not 12 have a separate form for the approval of a 13 certificate of occupancy? 14 MR. McGINNIS: So, again, not having 15 the, you know, anything to pull from, we do have 16 the staff secretary was here at the time. 17 ask her about this. I did show her the 18 document. She said that it was her 19 understanding that Chuck Schmitz, who was the 20 then building commissioner, only issued a formal 21 certificate of occupancy for new single-family 22 homes primarily because the title company wanted

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.1	to see that formal certificate of occupancy
2	before they rolled the construction loan into an
3	end loan.
4	And the certificate of occupancy,
5	the formal half sheet of certificate of
6	occupancy, was not generally issued for
7	remodels, renovations, what have you, additions.
8	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: And just to clarify
9	the record, it's therefore possible that
10	Ms. Overby's position that the ok, class of
11	occupancy R-1 without a date at the bottom of
12	the application for certificate of occupancy, is
13	it possible that that is how the village issued
14	a certificate of occupancy at the time and it's
15	also possible that that's not how they did it,
16	we just don't know?
17	MR. McGINNIS: I would agree with that.
18	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay. That clarifies
19	things.
20	MS. OVERBY: So the reason we sort of
21	got into this conversation about the certificate
22	of occupancy and other documents that relate to

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1 the village's view of these properties in the 2 original hearing was that the Dugans argued that 3 there was no evidence that the village treated 4 504 South Oak as a single-family residence and 5 from my clients' perspective in terms of the due 6 diligence that they could possibly have done 7 before purchasing this property, the only things 8 they could have done they did it. 9 They sent a letter to the village asking can we develop this as a single-family 10 11 residence and the village said they could. 12 they reviewed the files on the properties which 13 indicate that this property has been treated by 14 the village as a single-family residence in 15 every interaction that the village has with the 16 property. So you asked Mr. Dugan's attorney 17 18 how is the village supposed to enforce the implication of a single zoning lot if the 19 20 implication of a single zoning lot can be 21 created by mere use of a property and he said 22 well, the way that village's typically interact

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1	is when they issue permit or have some other
2	reason to inspect the property. And the file for
3	504 South Oak shows that every time the village
4	interacted with that property they treated it as
5	a single-family residence.
6	I also think it's important to note
7	that from 1948 until 1993 the properties 504
8	South Oak and 422 South Oak were owned by
9	separate owners. Completely different families
10	lived in those houses.
11	To say that 504 South Oak has
12	always been a coach house is simply incorrect
13	and that also goes to the fact that the Dugans
14	argue incorrectly that the property was built in
15	1994. It was not built in 1994. It was
16	remodeled in 1994.
17	And as we argued, Mr. Girsch went
18	to great lengths to ensure that he could, at a
19	future date, sell the property to be redeveloped
20	or used as a single-family residence later on.
21	And so he changed his plan. He expended a lot
22	more money to make sure that 504 South Oak

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retained all of the characteristics of a single-1 2 family residence. CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: I happened to ride by 3 4 the house this morning and there was some 5 differences from when I rode by and drove by it 6 in February. 7 There's a new fence that gives the appearance that on the 422 lot there's now a 8 9 fence along -- I don't know if it's along the property line, but it's a new fence and there's 10 11 been some kind of demolition on the 504 building 12 and if I'm not mistaken, I'm not sure there were two driveway aprons all along when the Dugans 13 14 owned it but now there's one driveway apron that 15 goes to the 422 lot and there's a separate one 16 for the 504 lot. How come? 17 MS. OVERBY: My clients own both 18 properties and we are remodeling 422 South Oak 19 to prepare it to be sold. 20 CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay. 21 MS. OVERBY: So I can't speak to exactly 22 why they did that.

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1	I know they have been using 504
2	South Oak to stage trucks and equipment at 504
3	while they are working on the interior of 422.
4	I'm not quite sure that I'm getting
5	what you are asking.
6	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: I was a little
7	surprised. There seems to me to be an attempt
8	to alter the appearance of the lots, lot/lots,
9	to be determined, to make it appear to the eye
10	today as opposed to when I drove by in February
11	that they were they look more separate than
12	they did a couple months ago.
13	MS. OVERBY: Well, when we purchased
14	the two lots, we intended to make them as
15	separate as separate could be and we are
16	finishing our remodeling on 422 and preparing to
17	sell it. So it's not in any way to sway this
18	body if that's what you are asking.
19	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Yes, kind of.
20	MS. OVERBY: No. That's not the
21	intention of doing it. We have pictures. Both
22	sides have submitted a lot of different pictures

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1	showing how the properties were. It's not an
2	attempt to change the facts on the ground such
3	that it would sway you. It's simply in
4	preparation for attempting to sell 422 South Oak.
5	MR. MOBERLY: Just for follow-up, we
6	drove by this, my wife and I wanted to see what
7	this was all about. And it was probably after
8	the first hearing and the fence was there then.
9	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: It was?
10	MR. MOBERLY: Yes. There was a
11	relatively new wooden fence but it's been there
12	for I'm not sure. Was there a building permit
13	required for a fence?
14	MR. McGINNIS: I'm going to need to
15	look into this tomorrow. Actually, I wrote a
16	note here.
17	MR. MOBERLY: Okay. The fence was up I
18	think relatively shortly after our first
19	meeting. I drove by and there was a fence there.
20	It's probably been six weeks.
21	MS. ENGEL: I drove by there before the
22	first meeting and that fence was there.

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1	MR. MOBERLY: It looks like it was
2	built within six to nine months.
3	MR. McGINNIS: There have been permits
4	pulled for the 422, several permits pulled for
5	the 422 South Oak property.
6	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: How about 504?
7	MR. McGINNIS: The permit apps were
8	submitted for the new house but beyond that I
9	would have to
10	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay. Because
11	there's work going on in 504. Windows are gone.
12	I mean, there's work going on.
13	MS. OVERBY: That one window in the
14	front I think has been boarded up for some time.
15	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Okay.
16	MR. PODLISKA: 422 has its own garage
17	now, right, mulți-car garage?
18	MS. OVERBY: Yes.
19	MR. PODLISKA: And the 504 property you
20	are asking us to make a decision based upon the
21	appearance of that property, I think it's in one
22	of your exhibits here?

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1	MS. OVERBY: Yes.
2	MR. PODLISKA: Your response in
3	opposition. You have Exhibit J. I'm not quite
4	sure how to get you to the page I'm looking at
5	because these pages are not sequentially
6	numbered, but it's attachment 1 and it says it's
7	a Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation
8	Commission application for certificate of
9	appropriateness.
10	MS. OVERBY: Right.
11	MR. PODLISKA: And then attached to
12	that there's some architectural drawings and
13	then some color photographs. And I'm looking at
14	the first colored photograph it's shifted to the
15	right of the page.
16	MS. OVERBY: This one? Yes.
17	MR. PODLISKA: Yes. That's the
18	property we are talking about, right?
19	MS. OVERBY: Correct.
20	MR. PODLISKA: Okay. This is what we
21	have been referring to with a lot of use of the
22	term coach house, right?

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1	MS. OVERBY: Correct.
. 2	MR. PODLISKA: That sure looks like a
3	single-family residence to me.
4	MS. OVERBY: It does to me, too.
5	MS. ENGEL: And it doesn't look
6	anything like the one next to it.
7	MR. PODLISKA: So I'm concerned that we
8	may have gotten more tied up with jargon than we
9	should have.
10	Because I'm looking at this house
11	and this looks like a single-family residence.
12	We talked about the small square footage but
13	this is a house that you can very easily see in
14	any part of Hinsdale.
15	MS. OVERBY: It was marketed and sold
16	as a single-family residence and that is how we
17	bought it.
18	MR. PODLISKA: This is not the house
19	before 1994, this is the house since then?
20	MS. OVERBY: No. This is from the
21	listing photo.
22	MR. PODLISKA: Okay. Thank you.

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1 You are welcome. MS. OVERBY: 2 I'm a licensed realtor. MR. MOBERLY: I'm sure you are shocked and impressed by that, 3 but this is the listing from the MLS and it 4 5 closed on July 13, 2017, the same day as the 422 б lot closed and they closed as separate 7 transactions on separate pins. So I would like to make 8 MS. OVERBY: 9 one final point and then I'm happy to answer any 10 additional question. 11 It's our position that the code has 12 no language that makes it so the use of a 13 single-family residence alone can cause it to be 14 transformed into an accessory structure and 15 cause two previously separate lots to be 16 combined into a single-family lot; and if that 17 is the village's contention, our response is 18 that that needs to be accomplished in a way that 19 is much clearer to a third-party purchaser who 20 is coming to develop a property and takes all 21 necessary steps to ensure that they can develop 22 the property as it was sold to them and to

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1 prevent this situation where an unweary buyer 2 gets into a situation where they have spent over 3 a million dollars and then if the Dugans 4 prevail, their position is that lot can only be used as an accessory structure from here on out 5 б and that, quite frankly, doesn't seem fair. MR. MURPHY: Did you say that they had 7 8 asked the village before buying? 9 MS. OVERBY: Yes. 10 What exactly -- I haven't MR. MURPHY: 11 seen anything. 12 MS. OVERBY: I sent a supplemental 13 letter. We sent a letter to the village manager and -- actually, the realtor sent a letter to 14 15 the village manager attaching our plan and the 16 village manager said yes, you can develop the 17 property in this manner. And I'll be honest, 18 there's some disclaimer language saying you have 19 to get all the proper permits. And so we 20 purchased the property and then when we submitted the permit, that's when all of this 21 22 sort of erupted.

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1	MR. MURPHY: I missed that.
2	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Any other questions?
3	MR. MARRS: Just to go back when I
4	first referenced the certificate of occupancy
5	document, the application last time, it was my
6	understanding was that that's what served as a
7	certificate of occupancy at that time and that
8	that designation of ok is what converted it from
9	the application to certificate.
10	Now, I understand, based on what
11	Robb says, I don't think we are going to get to
12	the bottom of that, how that actually happened
13	back then.
14	But that aside, I do think the fact
15	that it's checked single family, that building
16	permits subsequently were issued and signed off
17	on and inspections were done based on this
18	application, that it's more evidence again that
19	this was being treated as a single-family home
20	and I want to go back to something that I think
21	is important.
22	When Mr. O'Donnell was talking

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about the 1993 letter, he read you a provision 1 2 however, once the coach house was accessory to 3 the principal structure, the property consists 4 of one zoning lot and cannot be subdivided in 5 the future. He did not read the very next 6 sentence, which says, please note that no 7 separate dwelling units will be permitted in the 8 coach house, all right. 9 So this was written at a time when 10 they had proposed this plan of a rec room with a 11 garage and the village was telling them that's 12 fine. If you do this, you can do it but you are 13 going to create a zoning lot and be advised that 14 you can't put a dwelling unit in there. 15 So what happened next? They went 16 back, they changed their plans in order to 17 protect their rights and put everything that 18 they needed into this to create a dwelling unit. 19 It's got a kitchen, it's got a bathroom. got sleeping areas. 20 21 It's been pointed out that this is 22 not similar to every other house in Hinsdale,

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1 that it has a lot of garage space in comparison 2 to living space. Well the village doesn't regulate design. They look at whether it has 3 all the elements that make it a dwelling unit. 4 5 And that's what this is. And they couldn't have 6 put that dwelling unit in, it wouldn't have been 7 approved if it wasn't being approved as a dwelling 8 unit. If it was an accessory structure, they 9 wouldn't have signed off on it with the kitchen 10. and everything else in it. So I think that's 11 important. 12 And the only other point I wanted 13 to make is that we have had a lot of talk about 14 the definitions here and the use of the word use. 15 And the village has just never -- they are not 16 the use police. They don't have the resources 17 to go out and monitor uses on properties. 18 go back to that point of what we look at, what the village looks at, is those contacts that 19 20 come to them when people apply for permits and 21 the record shows that through time the village 22 has consistently treated this as a single-family

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1 use and I know that it was in Ms. Overby's brief but she didn't touch on it but I wanted to 2 3 mention the motor court. 4 We have the permits that we talked 5 about last time and that she attached as 6 exhibits where they came in for the driveway 7 permit and the village said well, we can't grant 8 this. This is two separate addresses, two 9 separate properties. You need two separate 10 permits. And importantly, you have to keep that 11 driveway one foot off the property line or we 12 are not going to approve it and that's how it 13 was designed and inspected presumably. 14 may have been filled in later after the village 15 was no longer monitoring it but that was the 16 village's condition on approving that particular 17 permit. 18 So those are the couple of points I 19 wanted to make. The village has, in my mind, been 20 very consistent all through this in treating this 21 as a single-family unit and again, the use is 22 not the dispositive factor and it's not explicit

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1	in our definitions that this is what controls.			
2	It is whether it is we can't have a single-			
3	family dwelling unit on the same zoning lot as			
4	another single-family dwelling unit.			
5	So to my mind, it's not designed as			
6	an accessory structure, it's a dwelling unit and			
7	we ask that that's how the village interpreted			
8	it and we ask that you uphold our determination.			
9	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Thank you.			
10	Is there a motion to close the			
:11	Public Hearing?			
12	MR. PODLISKA: So moved.			
13	MR. MOBERLY: Second.			
14	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Roll call, please?			
15	MS. BRUTON: Member Moberly?			
16	MR. MOBERLY: Yes.			
17	MS. BRUTON: Member Alesia?			
18	MR. ALESIA: Yes.			
19	MS. BRUTON: Member Murphy?			
20	MR. MURPHY: Yes.			
21	MS. BRUTON: Member Engel?			
22	MS. ENGEL: Yes.			

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1	MS. BRUTON: Member Podliska?				
. 2	MR. PODLISKA: Yes.				
3	MS. BRUTON: Chairman Neiman?				
4	CHAIRMAN NEIMAN: Yes.				
5	(WHICH, were all of the				
6	proceedings had, evidence				
7	offered or received in the				
8	above entitled cause.)				
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1	STATE OF ILLINOIS )
2	) ss: COUNTY OF DU PAGE )
3	I, KATHLEEN W. BONO, Certified
4	Shorthand Reporter, Notary Public in and for the
5	County DuPage, State of Illinois, do hereby
. 6	certify that previous to the commencement of the
7	examination and testimony of the various
8	witnesses herein, they were duly sworn by me to
9	testify the truth in relation to the matters
10	pertaining hereto; that the testimony given by
11	said witnesses was reduced to writing by means
12	of shorthand and thereafter transcribed into
13	typewritten form; and that the foregoing is a
14	true, correct and complete transcript of my
15	shorthand notes so taken aforesaid.
16	IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have
17	hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial
18	seal this 26th day of April, A.D. 2018.
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20	KatheraBow
21	KATHLEEN W. BONO, C.S.R. No. 84-1423
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