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2	STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ORANGE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD
3	X In the Matter of
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6	AT&T UPGRADE AT ORCHARD DRIVE (2013-04)
7	929 Orchard Drive
8	Section 1; Block 1; Lot 37 AR Zone
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11	SITE PLAN, SEUP & ARB
12	Date: March 7, 2013
13	Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Town of Newburgh
14	Town Hall 1496 Route 300
15	Newburgh, NY 12550
16	BOARD MEMBERS: JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman
17	CLIFFORD C. BROWNE KENNETH MENNERICH
18	THOMAS P. FOGARTY JOHN A. WARD
19	ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL H. DONNELLY, ESQ.
20	BRYANT COCKS PATRICK HINES
21	GERALD CANFIELD
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24	MICHELLE L. CONERO 10 Westview Drive
	Wallkill, New York 12589
25	(845)895-3018

1	AT&T UPGRADE AT ORCHARD DRIVE 3
2	Hauser & Edsall Consulting Engineers.
3	MR. COCKS: Bryant Cocks, Planning
4	Consultant.
5	MR. BROWNE: Thank you. At this time
6	I'll turn the meeting over to John Ward.
7	MR. WARD: Please stand for the Pledge.
8	(Pledge of Allegiance.)
9	MR. BROWNE: Our first item of business
10	is AT&T Upgrade at Orchard Drive, project number
11	2013-04. This is a site plan and a special use
12	permit and ARB, being presented by John Furst.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: John called. He
14	won't be here because of the weather.
15	I'd move for a motion from the Board to
16	set the meeting of March 21st for a public
17	hearing for the AT&T upgrade at Orchard Drive.
18	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
19	MR. FOGARTY: Second.
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
21	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Tom Fogarty.
22	Any discussion of the motion?
23	(No response.)
24	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
25	roll call vote starting with Cliff Browne.

AT&T UPGRADE AT ORCHARD DRIVE
MR. BROWNE: Aye.
MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
MR. FOGARTY: Aye.
MR. WARD: Aye.
CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself. So
carried.
(Time noted: 7:03 p.m.)
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MR. BROWNE: Our next item of business is Valon and Vatan Restaurant, project number 2012-26. This is a site plan being presented by Charles Brown.

MR. BROWN: Thank you. We were before the Board a month-and-a-half ago, two months ago. Since then we've been to the Zoning Board. We secured the variances. As part of that process we had a public hearing, and a lot of the comments at the public hearing were pertaining to Stone Street, the width of Stone Street, the condition of Stone Street, as well as the drainage and parking from the adjoining restaurant where people park along the street.

We met the highway super out there, and based upon our field meeting we've agreed to widen it to 24 feet across the front of our property, curb it along our side there, bring the curbs into ours, attach to the curb along North Plank, put a trench drain across our driveway and that will discharge into the existing swale along Stone Street back to the building.

In addition to that, we haven't done a full review of Pat's comments and addressed all

MR. CANFIELD: If they can achieve that with their plan. There are some altercations to

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I was going to ask if you'd like the referral to the Orange County Planning Department

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1	VALON AND VATAN RESTAURANT 10
2	with the new plans?
3	MR. BROWN: Okay.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
5	motion to circulate the Valon and Vatan
6	Restaurant to the Orange County Planning
7	Department.
8	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
9	MR. FOGARTY: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
11	Ken Mennerich. I have a second by Tom Fogarty.
12	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Cliff
13	Browne.
14	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
15	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
16	MR. FOGARTY: Aye.
17	MR. WARD: Aye.
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
19	carried.
20	Thanks.
21	MR. BROWN: Thank you.
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23	(Time noted: 7:05 p.m.)
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1	POTTER'S RIDGE 13	
2	MR. BROWNE: Our next item of	
3	business is Potter's Ridge, project number	
4	2012-15. This is a two-lot residential	
5	subdivision and lot line change being	
6	represented by Charles Brown.	
7	MR. BROWN: If you remember, the	
8	approval was contingent on tying in the adjoining	
9	lot into the Town water. We haven't been able to	
10	do that yet because of the season and what not,	
11	so we're requesting an extension of that approval	
12	at this time.	
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: According to your	
14	letter, you wanted a ninety-day extension. That	
15	would carry forth okay.	
16	I'll move for a motion to grant a	
17	ninety-day extension for Potter's Ridge	
18	subdivision and lot line change.	
19	MR. WARD: So moved.	
20	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by	
21	John Ward. I have a second by	
22	MR. MENNERICH: Second.	
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Ken Mennerich.	
24	I'll ask for a roll call vote starting with Cliff	
25	Browne.	

1	POTTER'S RIDGE
2	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
3	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
4	MR. FOGARTY: Aye.
5	MR. WARD: Aye.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: And myself.
7	Jim, I think I did give Jerry a copy of
8	the plans but he was out sick.
9	(Time noted: 7:07 p.m.)
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1	COUNTRY ESTATES 16
2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mike Donnelly is
3	going to discuss with us I guess we'll make it
4	part of the record.
5	You have a copy of the memo from Ross
6	Winglovitz which we'll be discussing tonight, the
7	referral to the Health Department for Country
8	Estates, project number 2012-25.
9	When they were first before us, within
10	a month or so ago, it was thought that the
11	project was the subdivision was in a zoning
12	district that required several area variances.
13	It was later determined that it's in an R-3
14	district.
15	So Mike, do you want to take it from
16	there?
17	MR. DONNELLY: Sure. When they came in
18	last there was a map note that restricted
19	development of, I think it's two lots. I'm not
20	sure.
21	MR. HINES: Actually three but two of
22	them are subject to this now.
23	MR. DONNELLY: Okay. And the applicant
24	had identified the properties in the R-1 Zone,
25	and we all just went along with that on that

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assumption. For that reason we sent it to the Zoning Board for certain variances. Now it's apparently in the R-3 Zone, the variances aren't needed, and the question is what is the procedure to follow. Since the map note was one dictated apparently by the Health Department, before you can take action to amend your subdivision to allow the development, I think it makes sense to have the applicant go to the Health Department and see whether or not the Health Department is willing to remove that restriction, which may have been a combination of the technology of septic systems as well as the drainage flowing through the area. And, you know, they either will or will not release the restriction. If they do, the applicant will need to return here to get amended subdivision approval from you.

It seems to me, I know I'm volunteering
Pat, but the letter might be better coming from
you if that's the direction the Planning Board
wants to give.

MR. HINES: We can do that.

CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. So for the record, would you give us the verbiage for a

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2	motion and we'll approve that?
3	MR. HINES: Just refer it to the Health
4	Department for review of the septic proposed
5	septic system and removal of the not for building
6	purposes at this time map note.
7	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. I'll move
8	for a motion then to grant Ross Winglovitz the
9	opportunity to meet with the Orange County
10	Department of Health for the septic location.
11	MR. WARD: So moved.
12	MR. FOGARTY: Second.
13	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
14	John Ward and a second by Tom Fogarty. Any
15	discussion of the motion?
16	(No response.)
17	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I'll move for a
18	roll call vote starting with Cliff Browne.
19	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
20	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
21	MR. FOGARTY: Aye.
22	MR. WARD: Aye.
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So
24	carried.
25	(Time noted: 7:10 p.m.)

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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Mike is going
3	to bring us along on Gardner Ridge. That
4	seems to be coming back into light somewhat.
5	MR. DONNELLY: I will in a second.
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Attached to Ross's memo is another memo having to do with Driscoll and Polo. Is that better off at the next meeting?

9 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We'll discuss it 10 next time.

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MR. DONNELLY: Gardner Ridge, and I gave you the materials on it because I got involved kind of through the side door. Jerry knows more about it than I. It was a project approved in 2005, extended I think through 2007 or so. When that duration of that site plan approval was about to expire, the applicant asked, and you granted, the opportunity to return to preliminary site plan approval which has no duration. The project sat in that status for quite some time. Now the applicant, I assume, wants to move forward.

But anyway, they had written a letter to Jerry, copied to me, in which they attempted to set forth a basis for a claim of vested

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rights, that certain construction work was done on the site, I'm not even sure if it was on the site but in furtherance of site development, and they wish to have the Town recognize that they have vested rights. The letter was copied to me I thought simply as a courtesy. I looked at it quickly and put it in the file. I got a call from Richard Mahon, the attorney who wrote the letter, in the end of February asking if there had been any ruling on his request for recognition of vested rights, and I said Rich, you're calling the wrong person, it isn't my call. When I looked at the letter I realized it wasn't sent to Mark Taylor. I wrote a letter to Mark Taylor and told Rich he should follow up with Jerry or Mark.

For you to have the full picture, I've given you a copy of Mr. Mahon's letter, my letter to Mark Taylor, the enclosures and what I sent to Mark. I'm sure Jerry and Mark can take it from there. Realistically this is the same procedural posture that Exiter was in. Exiter had to first apply to the building department for determination, in the first instance, as to

1 GARDNER RIDGE 23
2 whether or not the building department would
3 recognize a claim of vested rights. If that
4 claim is not recognized, their option is then to
5 appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. And if

7 happy, they can then bring an Article 78

8 proceeding challenging the determination of the

9 Zoning Board of Appeals.

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It really has very little to do with the Planning Board, unless and until there is some claim of vested rights, and at that point it's still less to do, except ultimately to give a final approval at some future date if the applicant was ready to move forward.

the Zoning Board of Appeals doesn't make them

It's all in the letter I left for each of you.

18 CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Questions from the 19 Board?

MR. MENNERICH: I guess just in general, not this specific one but on the preliminary approval, you can just go on indefinitely? So ten, twenty years down the road --

MR. DONNELLY: Well, no. I had given

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you a letter about it sometime back. State law has no durational provisions on site plans. It does have durational provisions on final subdivisions. Your code sort of tracks the State law on subdivisions, the preliminary part. A site plan has a duration of two years, renewable for one additional year for a total of three. You also have a preliminary site plan period that has no durational provision, however that doesn't mean you couldn't, at some point in time, say to an applicant you have not been before us for six months, two years, whatever you think. Unless you return to us to advise us of the status of your application, we will consider it withdrawn and the preliminary approval rescinded. default it does not have a durational provision. I think you would have the authority to make the applicant show that he was still diligently pursuing it.

The danger with perpetual renewals of preliminary approvals, on both the subdivision and the site plan side, is what could happen like a change in the zone. Now you're going -- now an applicant is going to want to argue that

obviously the Town didn't think it applied to me because they renewed my preliminary approval. So in some ways it's better, and that's what State law says, for preliminary subdivisions which gives you, in and of itself, no vesting, that you can let it sit. There's an expectation in the Town law provisions governing subdivision that the applicant is to return within six months, but it's not an expiration like it is for final approvals. We could rewrite the code to give duration to preliminary approvals.

I think in a letter some time back I suggested that periodically we kind of cull all of the outstanding preliminary or -- preliminary site plan and preliminary subdivision approvals and make a judgment as to whether or not we think it's time to call them back in and ask them what they want to do. Obviously you want to throw out some of that dead wood, so it doesn't sit out there, and clean up your files. I don't know there's any advantage of keeping it on a six-month leash and having all those people continue to come back, particularly in a period of the economy like right now.

MR. BROWNE: You said the Board does

have an option that we could at some point say

that's been out there long enough, we're going

to --

MR. DONNELLY: I think so.

MR. BROWNE: -- we're going to pull it?

MR. DONNELLY: We had actually done

some of these in the past. We prepared a sample

10 letter where we had older preliminary approvals.

I forget how it read. Something like you haven't

time period, the applicant -- the Planning Board

14 would like to hear the status of your

application. If you don't apply to return to the

agenda within sixty days, we'll consider your

17 application withdrawn.

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MR. BROWNE: Is that something that's considered a right of the Planning Board?

been before the Board in, you know, fill in the

MR. DONNELLY: Sure. I think so.

Yeah. Somebody -- you don't have to honor a

22 preliminary approval that was granted forty-two

years ago when the zoning code was different,

when the stormwater regulations were different.

25 At some point I think it makes sense to pull some

of those in. Yes, I think you have the authority to do that.

CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Let's talk about that. Something has preliminary approval and the stormwater regs change, what's the time clock?

MR. HINES: When the stormwater regs changed last there was an initial drop dead date in them, and there was such an outcry from developers and people who had projects on the books for many years that they pulled that back. It would have really eliminated some projects based on the new regulations, and there was a lot of political outcry. So they said that if the project had closed out their environmental review and had an approval, it didn't say preliminary or final, by the time the regulations were adopted, they were allowed to continue. So you could conceivably have projects, and we still do have projects, with the 2008 version of the stormwater regulations.

MR. DONNELLY: Let me take a better example. I was involved in some litigation years back where a project was arguably approved in the late 1960s, and flash forward into the 1990s, now

2	there's litigation, actually in the bankruptcy
3	court is where it was, as to whether or not the
4	approval was valid. Some of the difficult issues
5	were the village's road specifications had
6	changed. The roadways couldn't be built. The
7	separations between water and sewer lines that
8	were required by the Health Department were
9	different now than they were in the 1960s,
LO	therefore what was shown on the plans couldn't be
11	approved. You run into all of these problems if
12	these approvals are suddenly claimed to be valid.
13	So I think periodically, and I don't know what
L 4	the duration is, I think it makes sense, and I
15	think you have the legal authority, to write the
16	applicants and say you haven't been here in four
17	years, we assume your application is withdrawn.
18	Unless you get back on the agenda and tell us
19	otherwise, we're going to rescind the resolution
20	and close our file. I don't think that's unfair.
21	MR. BROWNE: Have we done that, John?
22	MR. HINES: We have.
23	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We must have
24	because Pat remembers it.

MR. HINES: It actually spurred some

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1	GARDNER RIDGE 29
2	applicants to come in and say we're going to get
3	going again.
4	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We'll go through
5	the files, and I think it makes sense. There's
6	one I can think of off of 32, right on the
7	border. He got caught in the zone change, and it
8	would be the second phase of that subdivision. I
9	can't think of his name offhand. Pella Estates.
10	MR. CANFIELD: Joe Pellegrino.
11	MR. HINES: For the back.
12	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: That's one that I
13	think had preliminary approval, and it's been
14	years since we've heard from him.
15	MR. HINES: He had some wetland issues
16	that arose. The wetland maps were changed on
17	him.
18	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: For a variety of
19	reasons. If for one in particular, we have maybe
20	not enough or some escrow money in that account,
21	and sooner or later the State wants to know how
22	we're handling these monies that have been around
23	for a long, long time. Yup. Okay.
24	MR. DONNELLY: And that's another
25	reason

1	GARDNER RIDGE 30
2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Yeah.
3	MR. DONNELLY: for pulling them in
4	and saying we're going to consider this withdrawn
5	and return your money.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Okay. Good.
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8	(Time noted: 7:18 p.m.)
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25 DATED: March 18, 2013

1 PARK LANE 32

CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: We have three

3	public hearings for the meeting of the 21st.
4	We may be getting in a three-lot
5	subdivision. We had some inquiries about
6	whether they have all their monies together
7	or not We don't know

Jerry, Newburgh -- Stewart Avenue, that project is just about ready to be signed off?

MR. CANFIELD: Park Lane, yeah. I spoke with Chuck tonight -- late this afternoon. Where we are at with it, we're just waiting for them to post bonds, which I believe they submitted some stuff to Mark Taylor. He's reviewing that right now.

What Chuck did indicate, though, is that they're looking at a series of minor changes I would think, but I want to see their actual drawings. He was indicating that they may be changing the layout of some of the units. I don't believe it affects the actual square footage of the units, the dwelling units or the count. He also said that they would be perhaps changing slightly the roof line and then also

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2	some of the stone on the front. They may be
3	increasing some of the area with more stone.
4	He said also that, surprisingly, they
5	have a contractor that's willing to do real stone
6	as opposed to cultured stone for a very similar
7	price.
8	MR. HINES: Wow.
9	MR. CANFIELD: That's what we said. In
LO	any event, I asked them to submit they're
11	supposed to drop off tomorrow some drawings so we
12	can take a look at it and just evaluate what
13	their changes are. At that point I'll be in
L 4	touch with John as to what's the magnitude of it,
15	if it's something that we feel should come back
16	before the Board.
L7	Once they post their securities they
18	can get started, and they're anticipating, you
19	know, like yesterday.
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2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Would you know, how
3	close is Newburgh Toyota? Driving by it looks
4	like the building itself is are they getting
5	close? I know they can't pave today, but
6	MR. CANFIELD: They're moving right
7	along. To put a percentage on it, I couldn't
8	give you that, of completion. They're well, well
9	on their way.
10	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Bryant and I were
11	talking about it.
12	We'll figure how we'll put all of the
13	minutes together. I think we'll do it under Town
14	Board business.
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16	(Time noted: 7:21 p.m.)
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1	VITAMIN SHOPPE 39
2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Is the Vitamin
3	Shoppe going into, do you know? The vitamin
4	building.
5	MR. CANFIELD: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: It is. Okay.
7	There's a for lease sign.
8	MR. HINES: That's the little spot
9	MR. CANFIELD: That's the center spot
10	that was created. There's about a 1,200, 1,300
11	square foot
12	MR. HINES: Between the phone store and
13	Vitamin Shoppe
14	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Then I'll move for
15	a motion to close the Planning Board meeting of
16	the 7th of March.
17	MR. MENNERICH: So moved.
18	MR. FOGARTY: Second.
19	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: I have a motion by
20	Ken Mennerich, a second by Tom Fogarty. I'll ask
21	for a roll call vote starting with Cliff Browne.
22	MR. BROWNE: Aye.
23	MR. MENNERICH: Aye.
24	MR. FOGARTY: Aye.
25	MR. WARD: Aye.

1	VITAMIN SHOPPE	40
2	CHAIRMAN EWASUTYN: Myself. So	
3	carried.	
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