MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF HENRICO COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN THE HENRICO COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004, AT 9:00 A.M., NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH ON OCTOBER 28 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2004.

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Members Present: R. A. Wright, Chairman

James W. Nunnally, Vice-Chairman Elizabeth G. Dwyer, Esq., CPC

Helen E. Harris Richard Kirkland

Also Present:

David D. O'Kelly, Assistant Director of Planning

Benjamin Blankinship, Secretary James F. Lehmann, County Planner Priscilla M. Parker, Recording Secretary

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Mr. Wright - Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the November meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Would you please stand and join me for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country.** Mr. Secretary, would you read the rules, please.

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Mr. Blankinship -Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, ladies and gentlemen. The rules for this meeting are as follows. As Secretary, I will call each case. Then at that time the applicant should come to the podium. I will ask everyone who intends to speak on that case, in favor or in opposition, to stand and be sworn in. The applicants will then present their testimony. After the applicant has spoken, the Board will ask them questions, and then anyone else who wishes to speak will be given the opportunity. After everyone has spoken, the applicant, and only the applicant, will have an opportunity for rebuttal. After hearing the case, and asking questions, the Board will take the matter under advisement. They will render all of their decisions at the end of the meeting. If you wish to know their decision on a specific case, you can either stay until the end of the meeting, or you can call the Planning Office later this afternoon, or you can check the website. The vote on each case will be posted to our website within an hour of the end of the meeting. This meeting is being tape recorded, so we will ask everyone who speaks, to speak directly into the microphone on the podium, to state your name, and to spell your last name please. And finally, out in the foyer, there are two binders, containing the staff report for each case, including the conditions that have been recommended by the staff.

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Mr. Wright - Thank you sir. Do we have any requests for withdrawals or deferrals?

Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir, there are two, A-124-2004, the first case on the agenda, has been withdrawn. That came in just yesterday by phone, so we don't have it in writing. A-141-2004, at the bottom of page 2 of the agenda, has been withdrawn, and that we do have in the file.

Beginning at 9:00

A-124-2004

 CADMUS GROUP requests a variance from Section 24-94 to build a containment basin for fuel tank at 2905 Byrd Hill Road (Parcel 777-743-3330), zoned M-1, Light Industrial District (Brookland). The front yard setback is not met. The applicant proposes 19 feet front yard setback, where the Code requires 25 feet front yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 6 feet front yard setback.

The Board allowed withdrawal of the application for the above-referenced variance.

A-134-2004

WILLIAM E. MARANO requests a variance from Sections 24-95(k) and 24-9 to build a one-family dwelling at 2801 Irisdale Avenue (Hermitage Park) (Parcel 777-746-9404), zoned R-4, One-family Residence District (Brookland). The minimum side yard setback and public street frontage requirement are not met. The applicant has 46 feet public street frontage and a minimum side yard setback of 8 feet, where the Code requires 50 feet public street frontage and a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. The applicant requests a variance of 4 feet public street frontage and 2 feet side yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Marano - I do. William Marano. We have a lot 9 on Irisdale Avenue. We would like a variance in order to build a one-family dwelling. The lot is not wide enough across the front because years ago, back in the '50's, my father-in-law donated three feet of the land for the County to build a road through there for Woodrow Terrace. We're asking for a variance in order to build a house on that lot. It's a one-family dwelling. My mother-in-law owns the lot; she's 94 years old now, and she's living with her daughter, who right now has Alzheimer's. We don't know how much longer they can stay together in the home, and we would like to sell the lot to have money put aside in case my mother-in-law has to go into the nursing home.

78 Ms. Dwyer - 79 proposing?

Is it a one-and-a-half story house, is that what you're

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81	Mr. Marano -	Yes, I think that's what the drawing shows.
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83	Ms. Dwyer -	Are you building it, or
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85	Mr. Marano -	No, a contractor will be building it.
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87	Ms. Dwyer -	This is farther away from the front lot line than the house
88	next door.	•
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90	Mr. Marano -	Yes, the house next door was the original one on that lot,
91		have any zoning things at that time, so they just built them
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92		lost all of the other houses built since then have been set back
93	to the Code distance, I gu	ess. I don't know how far they have to be back.
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95	Mr. Kirkland -	Mr. Marano, where will the driveway be? I see you have a
96		going to be the driveway to the home on the side on Woodrow
97	Terrace?	
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99	Mr. Marano -	Yes, on Woodrow Terrace.
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101	Mr. Nunnally -	Do you have a contract on this, subject to this variance?
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103	Mr. Marano -	Yes sir, we do.
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	Mr Nuppelly	Mha ia tha huildar?
105	Mr. Nunnally -	Who is the builder?
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107	Mr. Marano -	I don't know his name.
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109	Mr. Nunnally -	You have a contract on it, and you don't know his name?
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111	Mr. Marano -	The real estate lady
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113	Mr. Wright -	He's going to have to be sworn.
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115	Mr. Blankinship -	Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
116	•	nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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118	Mr. Caskey -	I do. Mark Caskey, and I'm the owner of Caskey
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119	Construction Company.	
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121	Mr. Nunnally -	You're the one who's going to build the house?
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123	Mr. Caskey -	Right. We are going to build the house on that lot.
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125	Mr. Nunnally -	How many square feet, or can you give us an idea?

126 Mr. Caskev -I submitted a set of floor plans for the house. I believe it has 1417 total square feet. It's a Cape Cod style house. There's two bedrooms upstairs 127 128 and a bedroom downstairs, two full bathrooms. 129 130 Mr. Kirkland -Is it vinyl sided? 131 132 Mr. Caskey -Yes it is proposed to have vinyl siding. And the foundation is 133 of block and brick, brick front foundation, block on the sides. 134 135 Mr. Wright -It looks as if this house will be set back further from the 136 street than the house next door, 2803. 137 138 Mr. Caskey -Right. The County requirements for R-4 have a twenty-five 139 foot setback for the front yard. The house next door obviously didn't meet that. Again, I 140 don't know why that wasn't the case originally when it was built, but we're planning to 141 maintain the County setbacks when we build the house. 142 143 Mr. Wright -I think it's fifty feet. 144 145 Mr. Blankinship -It's a thirty-five foot setback. 146 147 Mr. Caskey -I'm sorry; I thought it was twenty-five, but it's thirty-five. 148 149 Mr. Wright -In your case report, you said the Code required fifty feet. 150 151 Mr. Blankinship -Fifty feet public street frontage. 152 153 Mr. Wright -So that's the frontage, okay. So his problem is frontage and not setback. 154 155 156 Mr. Blankinship, does this lot meet the square footage Mr. Kirkland -157 requirement for R-4? 158 159 Mr. Blankinship -Yes sir, the exception standards require 6,000, and he's got 160 7,144. 161 162 Mr. Wright -Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone 163 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you 164

very much for appearing. 165

166 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board granted application A-134-2004 for a variance to build one-family 167 168 dwelling at 2801 Irisdale Avenue (Hermitage Park) (Parcel 777-746-9404). The Board 169 granted the variance subject to the following condition:

1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable regulations of the County Code.

175	Affirmative:	Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright	5
176	Negative:		0
177	Absent:		0

 The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

 A-136-2004 CHRISTINE N. ROGERS requests a variance from Section 24-94 to build an attached carport at 2712 Timber Court (Terry Heights) (Parcel 771-762-4762), zoned R-3, One-family Residence District (Brookland). The minimum side yard setback and total side yard setback are not met. The applicant proposes 5 feet minimum side yard setback and 16 feet total side yard setback, where the Code requires 12 feet minimum side yard setback and 30 feet total side yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 7 feet minimum side yard setback and 14 feet total side yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Rogers - I do. Christine Rogers. I built my house in 1967 in Terry Heights. We did not have garages or carports at that time. In the meantime, the side of my house where we're building the carport, gets extremely hot, and the cars get very, very hot. I'm not able to go out and stay in the sun, to do anything to my car like washing it or anything like that. The amount of yard that they allow us would not go any further than where the garage is. If you set it in the four feet, than it would make the left side of the garage completely useless at that time. For medical reasons, the garage is no good to me in getting in and out of my house and doing what I have to do, because it had to be set back when it was built, I think ten feet.

211 Mr. Kirkland - Ms. Rogers, do you use the garage at all. Do you put cars in the garage?

214 Ms. Rogers - No.

216 Mr. Kirkland - What's it for then?

217	Ma Danana	NAC bear to the bear and a second of the sec
218 219	Ms. Rogers - driving all the way back to	My husband's hobby equipment's in it now, but I can't, the garage is not helping me where I go right in that door.
220 221 222	Ms. Harris -	Ms. Rogers, are you going to tear down the old garage?
223 224	Ms. Rogers -	No.
225 226 227 228	•	You had two different drawings in your package, and one ink showed a carport that is within the Code requirements, and le carport that you desire.
229 230	Ms. Rogers - completely block the left s	It's a double carport because the amount allowed would side of the door.
231 232 233	Ms. Dwyer -	The problem with the smaller carport is what?
234 235 236	Ms. Rogers - the left side.	It would block the garage and make the garage useless on
237 238 239 240	Ms. Dwyer - garage to maneuver arouse what you're saying.	So there's not enough distance between the carport and the and to get in that other door? I couldn't tell from the picture. I
241 242 243 244 245 246	couldn't maneuver a car,	My name is David House, with Home Exterior Concepts, the ne garage sets back about twelve feet from the house, and you and then if you had a car in the carport, you would have to the way out to the road each time you wanted to access the
247 248	Mr. Wright -	What type of construction would this be?
249 250 251	Mr. House - plans are in the drawing.	Frame. We're going to do frame construction, and a set of
252 253	Mr. Wright -	Will it be open on the sides?
254 255 256		Yes sir. It will be open; it's a true carport. It will be open on nstruction tying it into the house, shingles matching the house, tch and conform to the house and the current structure.
257 258 259 260	Mr. Wright - the back, and the rest wo	So you'd just have two supports, one on the front and one on uld be open?
261	Mr. House -	I believe the drawings are there: it's either two or three

supports.

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264	Ms. Rogers -	It's four supports.	
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266 267	Mr. Wright -	It shows six by six posts, and I don't know how many.	ı
268 269	Ms. Rogers - against the house, and two	There's one out here in front; there's two that are going to be out further.	ng to be
270 271 272	Mr. Wright - neighbor. There will be tw	I'm more concerned with those on the side ne oo, one on the front and one on the back.	ar your
273 274 275 276	Mr. House - we needed to, we could a	Yes sir. That conforms, I believe with the current p	lans. If
277 278	Ms. Harris - carport? Have they expre	Do your neighbors know that you're going to bussed their consent or	uild this
279 280 281 282 283	Ms. Rogers - there, and then the one the since he got notice.	Yes, I have letters from four of the neighbors who nat it would affect the most, next door, has written a	
284 285	Ms. Dwyer -	Is that the Hamlet?	
286 287	Ms. Rogers -	Yes.	
288 289 290 291	Mr. Wright - here in opposition to this very much for appearing.	Any further questions of members of the Board? Is request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. The	•
291 292 293 294 295 296	Dwyer, the Board granted	hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded application A-136-2004 for a variance to an attached rry Heights) (Parcel 771-762-4762). The Board grand owing conditions:	carport
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301	2. The new construction	on shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practi	cal.
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306 307 308	•	quest, as it found from the evidence presented that, du	

would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

A-137-2004 ERNEST CERVENY requests a variance from Section 24-95(c)(4) to build a front porch at 9908 Royerton Drive (Laurel Park) (Parcel 771-761-9640), zoned R-3, One-family Residence District (Brookland). The front yard setback is not met. The applicant proposes 26 feet front yard setback, where the Code requires 35 feet front yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 9 feet front yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Cerveny - I do. Ernest Cerveny. We are requesting a variance to build a front porch, and I will need about a nine-foot variance to meet that 35-foot restriction. Primarily, it's for my wife; she has arthritis in her lower back, and she has trouble getting in and out of the house. There's just a stoop on it, especially during inclement weather, and by having a porch, it would be easy to accommodate her to get out, get an umbrella up and, lock the door, and then leave the house and come back in the same way. That's primarily the reason for my request for the variance. We have a plan submitted with it also. It will have a shed roof, all exposed wood will be salt-treated, and the shad roof will have just a regular pine timber. It will be ten feet eastward and sixteen feet north and south.

338 Ms. Dwyer - I noticed on the plan, the porch would have a shed roof with asbestos shingles? Why did you chose asbestos?

341 Mr. Cerveny - Yes. They're the roofing shingles.

343 Ms. Dwyer - Just the regular roofing? Maybe not asbestos, but

345 Mr. Cerveny - I said asbestos, but I meant like a regular roof shingles.

Ms. Dwyer - An asphalt maybe? It just kind of jumped out at me.

349 Mr. Wright - Mr. Cerveny, do any other houses in this block have porches 350 that extend into the front yard like this one?

Mr. Cerveny - Not in the same block. Two blocks up, on Royerton, there's one at about 9719. I don't have a picture of that, but that's about the measurement of the same one, and that's the same distance from the road. There are several that have

355 356	just, not the stoop, but a c	deck.
357	Ms Dwyer -	So the exterior of the porch would be the salt-treated timber
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359	and not the painted white	poici
360	Mr. Cerveny -	no, I wanted salt-treated because of low
361	•	exposed wood with the exception of the roof would be pine,
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		d with paint or vinyl, and all the other exposed wood would be
363	salt-treated wood.	
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365		So the columns would be painted to match the trim of the
366	house, or would they be .	
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368	Mr. Cerveny -	no, the columns would also be salt-treated.
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370	Ms Dwyer-	So they would not be painted or covered. So that would be
371		the way the house looks, and one of the conditions that staff
372		construction shall match the existing dwelling, and you don't
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373	really have salt-treated, e	xposed wood on the existing house.
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375	•	It's vinyl clad. The only thing I could do would be vinyl clad
376	the posts and the bottom	part, and the railing.
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378		There are other materials, aluminum kinds of rails, that kind
379	of thing that would be	
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381	Mr. Cerveny -	that would be a lot more expensive; the salt-treated
382	•	to build it myself, and I'm using the salt-treated wood with the
383	•	treating the wood itself with a conditioner.
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385	Ms Cerveny -	My name is Blanche Cerveny. We do have a carport in the
386	•	treated lumber, and the driveway is lined with the salt-treated
		ileated fulfiber, and the universal is lined with the Sait-Heated
387	lumber also.	
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389	Ms. Dwyer -	Would you have a handicapped access, like a ramp, or
390	would this be steps?	
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392	Mr. Cerveny -	This would be regular steps.
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394	Ms. Cerveny -	At this point.
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396	Mr. Wright -	Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone
397	•	request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you
398	very much for appearing.	Together the state of the state
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After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **granted** application **A-137-2004** for a variance to build a front porch at 9908 Royerton Drive (Laurel Park) (Parcel 771-761-9640). The Board granted the variance subject to the following conditions:

1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable regulations of the County Code.

2. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.

411 Affirmative: Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright
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The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

 A-138-2004 JANE W. COLLINS requests a variance from Section 24-41(e) to build a sunroom over the existing deck at 1723 Logwood Circle (Gayton Forest Townhouses) (Parcel 743-747-2652), zoned RTH, Residential Townhouse District (Tuckahoe). The rear yard setback is not met. The applicant proposes 20 feet rear yard setback, where the Code requires 30 feet rear yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 10 feet rear yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Collins - I do. Jane W. Collins. I'm here requesting ten feet rear yard variance to build a sunroom over the existing deck at my home. The Code requires thirty feet, and the application proposes twenty feet , and the Code requires thirty feet, so I'm requesting ten feet variance.

Ms. Dwyer - I notice that your next-door neighbor has a sunroom that seems to extend even further out than yours would. Did they obtain a variance?

443 Mr. Blankinship - I'm sure they did. It's mentioned in the report.

445 Ms. Dwyer - The report says that a number of the townhouses in your

446 neighborhood have built these. You have a fairly substantial berm behind your house 447 that would shield the neighborhood behind you from any additional building that you 448 would do. 449 450 Ms. Collins -That's right. 451 452 Ms. Dwyer -The neighbor on the other side, the staff report mentions that 453 it is visible but it's a considerable distance from your home. 454 455 Ms. Collins -About ten feet. 456 457 Ms. Dwyer -It looked farther than that when I was out there, maybe 458 twelve, at least from the rear yards. It looked to be a fairly large common area. 459 460 Ms. Collins -I thought you meant my adjoining neighbor. 461 462 Ms. Dwyer -No. I'm looking at the common area. 463 464 Ms. Collins -Yes, it is a good distance. 465 466 Mr. Wright -Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone 467 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you 468 very much for appearing. 469 470 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board granted application A-138-2004 for a variance to build sunroom over 471 472 the existing deck at 1723 Logwood Circle (Gayton Forest Townhouses) (Parcel 743-473 747-2652). The Board granted the variance subject to the following conditions: 474 475 Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with 476 477 the applicable regulations of the County Code. 478 479 The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical. 2. 480 481 Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright 5 Affirmative: 482

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The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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A-139-2004 **ANN L. VOGT** requests a variance from Section 24-95(c)(1) to 492 build a storage room at 1409 Chowan Road (Forest Heights) 493 (Parcel 759-742-9662), zoned R-3, One-family Residence District 494 (Tuckahoe). The total side yard setback is not met. The applicant 495 proposes 17 feet total side yard setback, where the Code requires 496 21 feet total side vard setback. The applicant requests a variance 497 of 4 feet total side yard setback. 498 499 Mr. Wright -Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this 500 case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please? 501 502 Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the Mr. Blankinship -503 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? 504 505 Ms. Vogt -I do. My name is Ann L. Vogt, and I own the property. Due 506 to conversion by the previous owner, what used to be a school porch and a side utility 507 storage room, was converted to an open-ended deck. That was a number of years ago. 508 I just need an enclosed storage room, because there's no utility or storage area that's 509 enclosed, but part of the house, because I need to store household equipment and 510 supplies, and the closets in the house are very small, and they're just jam packed with 511 stuff, and the addition would be on the side of the house, pretty inconspicuous. The 512 neighbor next door has said it was fine with him. I have a letter in your packet from him. It would meet the addition building and construction would meet the rest of the house. It 513 514 would be a concrete block foundation, and then it would be vinyl sided, and then it would be a roof that meets the same shingle coloring. The side door right now that I 515 516 don't use, I can use to enclose the addition. It's a very small addition, but it would help 517 me a great deal. It's twelve feet by four feet inside dimensions, and I am requesting a 518 variance of the total side yard setback of a touch over three feet. 519 520 Ms. Vogt, did you mean that the side door would give you Ms. Dwyer -521 access to the new storage area? 522 523 Ms. Vogt -It would, and I have already two doors, one to the front and one to the back, so there are two exits already in the house, in addition to the side door, 524 525 but it would give me access to that addition. 526 527 Ms. Dwver -So you would not have another door from the addition 528 outside? 529 530 Ms. Vogt -No, I wouldn't. Only a window, and right now I'm using part 531 of the open-ended den area to put the drier in, which it would stay. I wouldn't intend to 532 put any electrical or plumbing equipment in the room. 533 534 Ms. Harris -Ms. Vogt, in the picture that shows your house and part of

Ms. Vogt -

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536 537 your neighbor's house, is this the neighbor who sent the letter that we have a copy of?

Yes.

539 Ms. Dwyer -And the roofline would be in line with the existing back of the 540 house. 541 542 Ms. Vogt -Yes. It would look fine. 543 544 Mr. Wright -This would be a full one-story addition? 545 546 Ms. Voat -Yes, it would just go straight into where the main part of the 547 house is and just give me more room. 548 549 Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone Mr. Wright -550 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you 551 very much for appearing. 552 553 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board granted application A-139-2004 for a variance to build a a storage 554 555 room at 1409 Chowan Road (Forest Heights) (Parcel 759-742-9662). The Board 556 granted the variance subject to the following conditions: 557 558 Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be 559 constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with 560 the applicable regulations of the County Code. 561 562 2. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical. 563 564 Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright 5 Affirmative: 0 565 Negative: 566 Absent: 0 567 568 The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the 569 unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code 570 would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and 571 authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property 572 nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations. 573 574 A-140-2004 **ERIC WALKER** requests a variance from Section 24-9 to build a 575 one-family dwelling at 11385 Mill Road (Parcel 766-773-4246 576 (part)), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Brookland). The public 577 street frontage requirement is not met. The applicant has 0 feet public street frontage, where the Code requires 50 feet public street 578 579 frontage. The applicant requests a variance of 50 feet public street 580 frontage. 581 582 Mr. Wright -Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this

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case? Would you please stand and everybody be sworn at the same time?

584 585 Mr. Blankinship -Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? 586 587 588 Mr. Walker -I affirm. Good morning; my name's Eric Walker. I'm here 589 requesting a variance to build a single-family dwelling on Mill Road. This dwelling will 590 be a two-story frame with two-car attached garage, side entry. I didn't give you guys 591 copies of the foundation, but I would be happy to pass this around so you can see 592 exactly what I propose building. I also have a copy of a plat that I got from Planning, 593 which shows this parcel prior to I-295 being constructed, and at that time, this parcel 594 would have allowed for or had more road frontage to legally split this parcel. So at that 595 juncture, I'm requesting a variance to build this home. 596 597 Mr. Wright – Mr. Blankinship, I believe there's an error in our report. It 598 says this property adjoins Interstate 64; that should be I-295. 599 600 Mr. Blankinship -Yes sir, it certainly should. 601 602 Mr. Kirkland -Mr. Walker, are you planning to build a house right now in 603 the back, I assume, of the piece of the property. Are you going to build one in the front 604 too, eventually? Is that what the deal is? 605 606 Mr. Walker -That is correct. 607 608 Mr. Kirkland -You need the easement to get to the one in the back? 609 610 Mr. Walker -That's correct. 611 612 Mr. Kirkland -That has rather steep topography going down into that lot. 613 614 Mr. Walker -It does, and I intend on accessing the parcel, if you're 615 looking from the road to the parcel, closer to the left, because that lends itself to not 616 being so steep there. 617 618 Mr. Kirkland -It looks like there was an old roadbed there right along Mill, that went right over into the property. 619 620 621 Mr. Walker -622 that's the conclusion I've come to.

I believe so. I've walked the property several times, and

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624 Mr. Kirkland -Now you have an option, I assume, to buy this and to do all 625 this, correct.

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627 Mr. Walker -Correct, and I have a contract which is contingent on 1) 628 getting this variance approved, and 2) getting a building permit. 629

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630	Mr. Kirkland -	What size lots surround this property?
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632	Mr. Walker -	If I'm not mistaken, the adjacent subdivision, Holly Grove,
633	consists of one-acre lot	s. If you go to the south of 295, there's a residential
634	development that was dev	eloped a year or two ago, which, if I'm not mistaken, are third-
635	acre lots. What I'm propo	sing is two one-acre, plus, lots.
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637	Mr. Wright -	Mr. Walker, how would this house face?
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639	Mr. Walker -	What I'm proposing is to face the parcel in the front, the
640	house is to be parallel to	the road, and the parcel behind, somewhat to be comparable
641	to that.	
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643	Mr. Wright -	So you're saying the house would face Mill Road?
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645	Mr. Walker -	Both houses would generally face Mill Road, correct.
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647	Mr. Kirkland -	Is the reason you have the one shoved close to the other
648	side property line because	e the septic field and the well and all that's got to go in there?
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650	Mr. Walker -	That's correct. I-295 lends itself to have an additional
651	setback that you have to	stay off of that interstate, and that's what's forcing me to push
652	the house closer to Holly	
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654	Mr. Wright -	What size house would it be?
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656	Mr. Walker -	Both houses are approximately 2500 square feet of frame
657	construction with vinyl sidi	ing, two-car attached garage with side entry.
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659	Mr. Wright -	And this is a single story, or two-story?
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661	Mr. Walker -	Two story.
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663	Ms. Harris -	Mr. Walker, when I do travel 295 a lot, I'm trying to visualize
664	your property and how it a	abuts 295.
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666	Mr. Walker -	This property, if you're heading west on 295, just before the
667	overpass of Mill Road, an	d just before Staples Mill Road, the property would be on your
668	right.	
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670	Ms. Harris -	So it's not level?
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672	Mr. Walker -	Once you get down off of Mill Road, the property is
673	somewhat level, yes ma'a	m.
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675	Ms. Harris -	This road that we're looking at, through this slide, is this Mill

676 Road? 677 678 Mr. Walker -Yes ma'am. 679 So we don't have a picture of 295 and the property? 680 Ms. Harris -681 682 Mr. Blankinship -No ma'am, we don't. 683 684 Mr. Walker -If you look at this elevation, or this picture here, you'll see 685 the intersection. 686 687 Ms. Harris -I saw this, but I was concerned about the elevation. 688 689 Mr. Walker -If I'm not mistaken, this property is elevated slightly higher 690 than 295, so visibility is somewhat limited, and if you look at the subdivision behind it, 691 which is Hunton Estates, you get a visual on how similar it would be. 692 693 Mr. Kirkland -Mr. Walker, if you just built one house, you wouldn't need 694 this variance, would you? 695 696 Mr. Walker -That is correct. 697 698 Mr. Wright -Any further questions of members of the Board? All right, 699 Mr. Walker, if you'll just have a seat, and we'll assume this is the opposition. If you'll 700 come forward, those of you who are going to speak. You've already been sworn. 701 Would you please state your name for the record. 702 703 My name's Dave Fogg. I live at 3507 Bekah Lane. We first Mr. Fogg -704 had some concerns, or I did, about the square footage. It didn't really state it on the 705 drawing that we looked at, at the County, and being as that was, it looked like it was 706 about a 1300 square foot, and I went around and talked to the neighbors about it, and 707 everyone was upset about the square footage, so we've addressed that, that at least it 708 met the 1600 square foot that we would have wanted to see on that property. That was 709 a neighborhood concern. As a personal concern, I feel like the house would be too 710 close to my property. 711 712 And you live where? Mr. Wright -713 714 Mr. Fogg -I live at lot 2. 715 716 Mr. Wright -It backs right up to this property. 717 718 Mr. Fogg -And being twenty-five feet off of the line there, I have

719 concerns about it damaging my tree roots from my tree line that comes down the back 720 of the property. I feel like the house should at least be the fifty feet required back off of 721 the property line that the house would need to be if it was built back to back. 722 723 Mr. Wright -This house he says will face Mill Road. 724 725 Mr. Fogg -That's correct, but if it was built conventionally, most houses 726 are back to back, so it would be a fifty feet off of the back line if it were a typical 727 situation. Then the house would have to meet the fifty feet setback requirement. He's 728 turning the house around and therefore making it the twenty-five feet. I feel like that's 729 too close to my property in that situation, and aesthetically, it looks bad, and I feel like it 730 may have an adverse affect on my property value. 731 732 Ms. Dwyer -Mr. Blankinship, this is an A-1 – is there a fifty foot 733 requirement for rear setback? 734 735 Fifty feet front and rear, and fifty feet total side yard and Mr. Blankinship twenty feet minimum side yard. 736 737 738 Mr. Wright -So the way this property's situated, the side would be twenty 739 feet minimum. 740 741 Mr. Fogg -That's correct. It doesn't have to be the twenty-five. 742 Theoretically, he could shift it over another five feet and still comply with the zoning 743 requirements of the A-1. 744 745 Ms. Dwyer -You just want the house farther away from your 746 747 Mr. Fogg -Personally, I don't want it there at all, but if I had to have a 748 house there, I certainly would want it at least the fifty feet off. My other question was 749 had he had a perk test done, and I know he's going to have public water, but if the perk 750 test has been done, is that the exact location, or if it hasn't been done, is it possible that 751 once you've approved it, that the house may shift and be somewhere else on the 752 property, not in this location? I'm not sure – did you say you'd had a perk test? 753 754 Mr. Wright -We'll ask him that. The conditions, if this is approved, the 755 condition is that he has to satisfy the perk test. If it doesn't, he can't build on it. 756 757 Mr. Fogg -I understand that, but I'm talking about the location of the 758 perk test, that determines the location of the house. 759 760 Mr. Wright -We'll explore that with him when he comes back for rebuttal. 761 762 Mr. Fogg -Okay. I guess Henrico County outlawed flag lots a few years 763 ago, and basically that's what we're creating here, is a flag lot, and I assume that you 764 understand the reasons for that, that it was aesthetically unpleasing for the flag lots. I

property line.

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do have concerns about the resale value of my property, with that being so close to my

768 Ms. Dwyer - What is the size of your lot?

770 Mr. Fogg - I have a one-acre lot, and actually, if you'll look on your 771 aerial photograph, part of my property is the back pie shape on the back there also. So 772 I'm on two sides of the property.

Mr. Kirkland - Mr. Fogg, how far is the rear of your home to his property line? What's the distance, do you have any idea?

777 Mr. Fogg - I failed to measure that. I had to have met at least the fifty 778 feet from my property line to my house, so I would say 75-90 feet, something of that 779 nature.

Ms. Harris - Mr. Blankinship, on our information, we're concerned more about the fifty-foot public street frontage. I was wondering about the side setback as far as the rear, he's concerned about the rear setback. If we take up this issue with the fifty-foot public street frontage, would we later have to take up the issue about the side and rear setbacks?

 Mr. Blankinship - The requirement is only twenty feet, so the drawing that he submitted would meet that. Now if you wanted to require, as a condition of the variance, if you feel like it would mitigate the impacts of the variance to require a greater setback on that side, you could certainly do that.

792 Mr. Wright - We could put whatever conditions we think proper if we grant 793 this.

Ms. Harris - With an acre of land, I would think that you could very well issue or change the dimensions to five more feet. I don't think that's the major problem here. The major problem is public street frontage, right?

Mr. Blankinship - Public street frontage is what brings us here. Just eyeballing it, it looks like there's about twenty-five feet to play with there on the southern side, going toward the interstate. By the way, while I'm speaking, I've been running the geographic information system on my computer here, and the location of this house appears to be about twenty feet higher than the interstate. I was surprised that it's that much higher.

Mr. Fogg - I also have concerns about the traffic for the person coming out of that property, either front or back of that property, that once you come out of the school zone at Glen Allen Elementary School, it's a raceway coming over that overpass, and traffic is just flying down there. Every morning, when I take my children to school, I fear someone's going to rear end me. As you know, they've had tremendous development in that area, and the County, or Department of Transportation hasn't addressed the fact that we need a crossover from our street, which we were told we were going to be given a few years ago, when Hunton Development purchased that

814	land. We haven't seen a thing about that. With all the increased traffic, they've got
815	proposals for another hundred homes down the street, I have concerns about coming
816	up out of that hole to get up on the road. I think what's going to happen, is they're going
817	to have to build a berm or bring the elevation up, build a dirt mound, to actually get up
818	out of that property, is the way I see it. They can't just come up that steep incline; it's
819	going to have to have some type of ramp built to get out of there.

Mr. Kirkland - Mr. Blankinship, can you look up the elevation difference between Mill Road and that first lot?

824 Ms. Dwyer - And while you're doing that, Mr. Blankinship, can you do two things at once?

827 Mr. Kirkland - I would say it's at least twenty-five feet difference in 828 elevation.

830 Mr. Blankinship - I'm showing 276 where the house would go, and 290 at the street, so it's fourteen; now that's measuring at one particular point.

833 Mr. Kirkland - You're talking about the home in the back of the property, 834 correct?

Mr. Blankinship - The contour, the two homes are at about the same elevation, and the surface of Mill Road, that north-bound lane is at 290, and both houses appear to lie on the 276 contour. The problem is that it is fairly steep; all of that elevation is right at the front of the lot.

Ms. Dwyer - My next question is, if this variance were not granted, this land could still be developed; it would just require a public street to come into the property, and then houses to have access to that public street, as opposed to the flag lot.

Mr. Blankinship - Yes ma'am, it could be rezoned and developed.

848 Ms. Dwyer - It wouldn't need to be rezoned, if he still just did the two houses.

851 Mr. Kirkland - So he could just build two houses, or just one house?

853 Ms. Dwyer - Probably two, if it's A-1, and it's more than two acres.

Mr. Blankinship - If he built a public street.

857 Mr. Kirkland - He'd have to build a road into it.

859 Mr. Blankinship - Two hundred and sixty feet, or three hundred feet of public

860 street.

862 Mr. Wright - Anything further, sir?

Mr. Fogg - I think I've addressed everything that I could think of, but I would appreciate your consideration on the matters that I've brought up.

Mr. Kaplan - Good morning. My name is Eric Kaplan. I live at 3509 Bekah Lane, and I guess the aerial shows better where I'm situated. I'm at the corner of Mill and Bekah. I have concerns about this. I appreciate the carefulness with which you've asked questions, and I think Mr. Kirkland was right on, in that this is a choice between one or two houses, by and large, in this property, at this variance. And that's pretty important to us. As you know, this is a nicely developing community; it's been heralded as a planning success, and the staff and County leadership, as well as the community interest, is to credit for that. I think this is probably not the area to grant variances without considerable consideration for the impact on the remaining community development.

I think you'll notice that, in order to accomplish this, the road would be built right on my back property line. It's not something that I certainly anticipated. I would believe that the owner of this parcel, when they acquired it, knew what the Code was, and that they could not without a variance, anticipate building more than one house there, in which case a road needn't go along my back property line. Coincidentally, when I bought my house about twenty years ago, I was told I would never have more than one house behind me, because the shape of the property doesn't lend itself to that. I think if you look at how our houses are situated on the lots, you'll notice that this is considerably different. The proposal is considerably different.

Our street, with the exception of the end of the cul-de-sac, we each have approximately 100 feet of road frontage. This certainly does not. As you'll notice, where the two houses, Dave Fogg is my next-door neighbor who spoke earlier, notice the separation between our houses is considerable with the road adjoining my back property and the housing that they intend to put there, this would be different than the way the community has developed and what we're proud of. I suggest that this is not the community to break the rules, if you will, and this particular lot is certainly not one that should be taken lightly. As Dave pointed out, this road would sit right at the crest of a bridge, just off the crest of the bridge. This particular picture indicates the incline, and the aerial picture that I have that has the case number, probably better indicates the location of the bridge with respect to where the road would go. I wouldn't want to be one of the people coming out of that into a blind road, where I couldn't see people coming across the top of the bridge. I certainly don't know that you'd want to put two families in there. I'd ask for your consideration for the community, and I think as evidence of our interest. There are three of the ten of us here who could make it. Thank you.

Mr. Wright - All right sir, thank you very much.

Ms. Trichur - Good morning. My name is Carol Trichur, and I live at 3505 Bekah Lane. I'm the third lot from Mill Road down Bekah Lane. Several of my concerns have already been addressed by my neighbors and yourselves, through your questions as well. Our primary concern that brought my attention was the original plans that showed a smaller amount of square footage for the construction than was consistent with our neighborhood. The developer has addressed that and has met the minimum required square footage based on our street and the neighborhood developments as well.

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> I also have concern about the access of this second property, this rear property, onto Mill Road. It is a blind drive. There will have to be a tremendous amount of excavation and construction done to build that up high enough to get a vehicle on and off Mill Road, and I have some concern that this would in effect almost be used like an alley in a back road subdivision or a small street area. Mr. Walker spoke earlier, there is an old farm lane there; there is an old driveway that did allow the farmers who used the property to access this area, but it is much, much closer to 295, and it would not be effective for the homeowners to use along that point. Basically, that's our main concern, and with the amount of traffic that is on 295, and the tremendous amount of road noise that we get, I do not see this property being particularly attractive to a new family who would want to live there with no protection or shelter from this highway. They would be able to see it; they would be able to hear it, and I would anticipate a big turnover in the residents in that particular dwelling, in both of those, and that is not consistent with the homes along Bekah Lane or the newer areas through the Hunton Estates and on the opposite side of Mill Road, Hunton Park or the additional development there as well. So our concerns are basically the size and the turnover, keeping consistent with what has previously been done in our neighborhood as well. Thank you.

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Ms. Harris - What is the typical square footage for the community?

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935 Ms. Trichur - On Bekah Lane?

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937 Ms. Harris - Your subdivision.

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939 Ms. Trichur - The minimum required was 1600, but I don't know what the typical house is, I think somewhat larger than that.

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942 Mr. Wright - What is yours?

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Ms. Trichur - 1650.

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946 Mr. Wright - Do you hear the noise from 295 at your house?

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948 Ms. Trichur - Oh, extreme. When you're in your back yard, at the rear of 949 the property, you're unable to speak to another person who is out there with you. 950 During the night the traffic stops. But from 5:00 am until around midnight, the traffic is 951 extreme, and the truck traffic is very noisy as well. There's some ruts and some bad areas along 295 that cause the empty trucks to vibrate and make a lot of noise.

Mr. Wright - I didn't know whether there were any plans for the State or somebody to put a sound barrier along there, like they do for a lot of subdivisions.

Ms. Trichur - I'm unaware of that, if there is. Noise is an issue, and folks in Hunton have addressed this, complained about that in other zoning meetings that they've attended as well. They're a long way from us.

Mr. Wright - Thank you very much. All right, Mr. Walker, you have a brief moment to rebut.

Mr. Walker - Thank you. I appreciate the homeowners, Ms. Trichur, Mr. Kaplan, and Mr. Fogg's concerns, and I would like to spend a brief moment to address those concerns. This property, as it exists, was the result of the construction of 295. Prior to 295, this property had considerably more road frontage onto Mill Road. Because of 295, it lended this property to not be developed to its fullest possibilities. Speaking toward the driveway or access onto Mill Road, I propose to construct that driveway towards the right of the parcel, specifically because the topography would allow you to do that. As you move further away from 295 or the overpass, the topography gets a lot less steep, and in terms of building a berm or bringing in a lot of dirt, to be honest with you, I don't think that's necessary, based on where I'm proposing to put that driveway.

Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Fogg mentioned, specifically Mr. Fogg, mentioned the distance of that house in the rear to his back yard. I'm not opposed to shifting the house somewhat closer to 295 to accommodate him. In addition to that, I'm not opposed to constructing a privacy fence along the right side of the property, which in itself would break up any view between the two homes.

They brought up some good points in regards to the noise. That's something I thought about when I put this property under contract. If you look, you don't have it in your exhibits, but if you were to travel into Hunton Estates, you have some houses there that back up to 295, similar to what I'm proposing on these two parcels. There is a small issue, but that is a marketing issue that, as a contractor, I'm willing to undertake. I'm proposing to build a 2500 square foot home, which is comparable to Holly Grove, is considerably larger than what the minimum requirements are. These two homes would be, I believe an asset to the community and to Mill Road.

Mr. Wright - How far would you be willing to set the house off, fifty feet from the north line? You've got what, roughly twenty-five feet now?

Mr. Walker - Currently it's set at twenty-five feet.

996 Mr. Wright - It looks like, with the building setback line that's on that plat, you have room to do that without violating anything.

998 999 Mr. Walker -I would consider that if the Board grants this with the 1000 condition; I would consider that. 1001 1002 This will have a septic system? Ms. Dwyer -1003 1004 Mr. Walker -Yes ma'am. 1005 1006 Ms. Dwyer -And have you done a study for the drain field? 1007 1008 Mr. Walker -I have not had anybody come out yet to look at it. My first 1009 concern was getting this variance approved, and then I would move forward to 1010 addressing that issue. Because that back parcel and the front parcel is an acre, it lends 1011 itself to having several different locations potentially to put that drain field. 1012 1013 Ms. Dwyer -If it's required that it be fifty feet off the line, then the house 1014 would have to be fifty feet off the line, even if the drain field would interfere with that, so 1015 that may cause you some problems. 1016 1017 Mr. Walker -I understand, but what I'm hoping, because this is an acre-1018 plus, we have more opportunity to locate it in a way that won't impede that condition. 1019 1020 Ms. Harris -You said you were a contractor? Have you built other 1021 homes, 25+ square feet? 1022 Yes ma'am; I've built homes as large as 4,000 square feet. 1023 Mr. Walker -1024 I've built two beautiful homes on Pump Road down near Gayton. Both of those homes 1025 are approximately 3,000 square feet. I've also built some smaller homes, over off of 1026 Chamberlayne Estates, off Azalea. I've built some beautiful entry-level homes over 1027 there that range from 1100 to 1500 square feet, so I have the capability to build any size 1028 home necessary. 1029 1030 Ms. Harris -I noticed that you are very specific in where you want to place this house, first house. What is it about the land that we can't just put it 1031 1032 somewhere else, anywhere else? 1033 1034 Mr. Walker -The house? 1035 1036 Ms. Harris -The land – I'd like to know about the lot. I know the perk test will come later, but I was wondering if there are any other problems that you foresee. 1037 1038 1039 Mr. Walker -In regards to where we've set the house, when we submitted 1040 the variance with the County, they require us to put a buildable area on the plat along

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1042 1043 with a building type to show where the house is going to be set. What guides me to actually place that house is the setbacks. As long as I'm within that buildable, I'm in

conformance with the County requirements. So what I did was to put a house type

approximately where I wanted to put it, just so you can see how it impacts the other properties. Again, I'm not opposed to a condition of fifty feet on that back parcel.

1047 Ms. Dwyer - For the other lot, that fronts on Mill Road, how would that 1048 gain access to Mill – would that use the easement road here or have a separate 1049 access?

1051 Mr. Walker - The way I have it illustrated shows a separate access, but what I would do is utilize a portion of the easement towards the front for both driveways.

Ms. Dwyer - So there'd be only one access to Mill Road?

Mr. Walker - Yes ma'am.

Ms. Harris - If I could ask the neighbors to stand, and only three spoke, but I'd like the neighbors to stand. Someone just left. In view of the good will, ill will, whatever is going on here, I was wondering if you have any plans, I know you build the homes and sell them, but what do you do when you have neighbors who don't want you to build a house? Are you obligated as a developer, a builder, to do anything to improve the relations? For example, the community has a noise problem. I don't think it's your problem; I think it's a community problem. I just wondered if you had anything in your experience that would pull the neighborhood together.

Mr. Walker - It really depends on the concerns of the neighborhood. The neighbors who spoke – Mr. Fogg spoke specifically to the distance from his house. That's a legitimate issue he has, and again, I'm willing to address that issue by giving him or moving the house fifty feet from my property line. It really depends on what the issues are. In terms of the noise, I would be a champion or advocate for the State to put a sound barrier on that, but again, that's solely up to their discretion. My plans against 295 are to put as much shrubbery as feasible to somewhat break up the noise and the visibility of 295. What's great about this property, as Mr. Blankinship spoke to, it's approximately twenty feet above 295, so it's at the point where you're driving on 295, the visibility – you may see the rooftops of these homes, which is great. It helps the marketability of both homes.

Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board **denied** application **A-140-2004** for the above-referenced variance.

1085	Affirmative:	Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright	3
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The Board denied your request as it found from the evidence presented that there was no "hardship approaching confiscation," and authorizing this variance would be of substantial detriment to adjacent property.

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A-141-2004

RON AND DONNA ESSEX request a variance from Section 24-94 to build an attached 2-car garage at 11102 Brewer Court (Ridgefield) (Parcel 733-752-8065), zoned R-2A, One-family Residence District (Tuckahoe). The rear yard setback and total side yard setback are not met. The applicants propose 29 feet total side yard setback and 40 feet rear yard setback, where the Code requires 30 feet total side yard setback and 45 feet rear yard setback. The applicants request a variance of 1 foot total side yard setback and 5 feet rear yard setback.

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1103 Mr. Blankinship -

A-141-2004 has been withdrawn.

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The Board allowed withdrawal of the application for the abovereferenced variance.

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A-142-2004

K. CHRISTIAN HARKSEN requests a variance from Section 24-95(b)(6) to build a one-family dwelling at 2113 Oakwood Lane (Bryan Park Heights) (Parcel 781-746-2969), zoned R-4, Onefamily Residence District (Fairfield). The total lot area requirement is not met. The applicant has 5,100 square feet total lot area, where the Code requires 6,000 square feet total lot area. applicant requests a variance of 900 square feet total lot area.

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Mr. Wright -

Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

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1119 Mr. Blankinship -Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? 1120 1121

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Ms. Busch -It is. I'm Barbara Busch, representing Mr. Harksen, who cannot be here today. We are not the only small lot in that subdivision. Almost every lot in there is fifty to sixty feet wide. Of course, we do already meet that requirement, and that's not the problem. The problem is the total square footage of the lot, and we need to have a minimum of 6,000 square feet. We currently have 5,100 square feet. Again, all the lots in that area are small. We're not the only ones over there. If you will look at 2117 Oakwood Lane, 2119 Oakwood Lane, 2112 Oakwood Lane, and 2114 Oakwood Lane, and that's just four; there are others. They also do not meet the total square footage size requirement, but they have houses on them. So we're not asking for anything unusual that would not fit in with the subdivision. 2117 has 5,587 square feet. 2119 has 5,486; 2112 has 5,504; and 2114 has 5,664, so they're all between 5400 and 5600 square feet anyhow. We are the only vacant lot in that block that does not have a house, but yet the seller, the owner is still paying taxes on something that he is

1135 being told is unusable. We cannot pull from a backyard neighbor, a side yard neighbor, because we are the only vacant lot, so it's not like we can acquire additional land 1136 somewhere else and then add it to our parcel to make it larger. Being that we have no 1137 1138 place to pull any additional land from, and it does fit in with the area already, and he's still paying taxes, it's a hardship for him, to be told that the property is worth \$24,000, 1139 when in essence it's really worth \$0 to him if he can't do anything with it. He can't sell it; 1140 1141 he can't will it; he can't trade it. I could see if it was a problem with total square footage, perhaps if it was a health issue, because let's say that you needed to get well and septic 1142 in there, and certainly a lot of this size would not be large enough to get well and septic 1143 1144 in there; however water and sewer does run the full length of the street. So it's not that 1145 it can't be done; there's plenty of lot size to get the water and sewer in and still get the 1146 house in there. In fact, most of the houses on this street are Cape Cods, about 1380 1147 square feet, some a little less, some a little larger. With the setbacks of the back and the side and the front requirements, we would still have enough to get a house in there 1148 and still have plenty of room left over. If you did a house that was thirty-five by forty, 1149 that would be 1400 square feet, which is the average size over there anyhow, and that's 1150 just if we did a one-story. If you did a Cape Cod, which is one and a half stories, you 1151 1152 would have 2100 square feet, so it's not going to encroach on the neighbors and make it look out of place. It is the right size lot for the neighborhood and the right size house 1153 1154 for the neighborhood. We're just asking for you to make the same consideration you 1155 have for others over the years.

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Mr. Wright -1157 How much frontage does this lot have?

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Ms. Busch -This lot has fifty feet, and I have a plat that I can give you as Exhibit A if you would like to see it. It's a subdivision plat. I don't have the entire 1160 subdivision, but I do have the street with our parcel and the adjacent parcels next to it. 1162 Would you like to see that?

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Mr. Wright -That would be fine.

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1166 Mr. Kirkland -Ms. Busch, has your client asked either neighbor on either side if they'd wish to purchase any part of this lot? 1167

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1169 Ms. Busch -If he purchases a portion of the lot

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1171 Mr. Kirkland -..... if they would like to split it between the two of them or buy it – have you asked either one? 1172

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1174 Ms. Busch -They're not interested in doing that. Good try.

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1176 You kept talking about how much taxes they're spending on Mr. Kirkland this; I was just trying to see if that would relieve it in some way. 1177

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1179 Ms. Dwyer -So you can commit to putting a house on this lot that will not encroach on the required setbacks. 1180

1182 Mr. Wright - That's the same size as lot 10, isn't it?

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Ms. Busch - Right, lot 10 is just a tad bit larger actually; that's sixty feet wide; ours is fifty feet wide, and there are others that are fifty feet wide, of course, and it's not the lot width or the road frontage we're having a problem with; it's the total square footage, but yes, it is a little bit larger next door, and they have a Cape Cod there, one and a half stories, about 1380 square feet. We certainly have the room to do this same, almost identical house, next door, and still have it fit in with the neighborhood so it doesn't look out of place.

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Mr. Wright - How many square feet is included in lot ten?

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1194 Ms. Busch - It is sixty feet wide, and on one side it runs – it's right about 1195 6.000.

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1197 Mr. Wright - So it's pretty close.

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Ms. Busch - Yes, and we've got 5100, and there's four other ones, to the left and across the street, that are also not 6,000 square feet, and every one of those have houses on them. In fact in one case, the boundary line was moved in the past, and they got the County to move the boundary line for them. We're not asking to move any boundary lines; we're just asking for us to be able to use what we have.

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Ms. Dwyer - This subdivision was platted in late '40's or early '50's before the zoning ordinance that now applies?

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Ms. Busch — That's correct. We do understand that; however the subdivision was cut up at that time. He just did not file for a building permit at that time, and so it's a shame that they go by the time that you actually file the building permit, not by the time you cut it up. If they always went by the time they cut it up, he'd have a useless piece of property for the rest of his life. He couldn't do anything with it.

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Mr. Blankinship - Actually, we do go by the old standard, but even the old standard required 6,000.

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1217 Ms. Busch - Then they must have gotten variances, because what about 2118 2112, 2114, 2117, and 2119? They are not 6,000 square feet; even then they were not.

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1220 Mr. Blankinship - I don't know at what point those were built.

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Ms. Harris - Ms. Busch, do you have any sample plans, blueprints? You mentioned that you could have a one-story house built with so many square feet.

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1225 Ms. Busch - There's many plans you can put on there. There's 1226 thousands you can get into a book.

1228 Ms. Harris -I'm asking if you have anything in mind.

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1230 Ms. Busch -We're probably going to build another Cape Cod, because 1231 just about everything over there is a Cape Cod; it's a lot easier to build up than it is to 1232 build out, because you don't take up as much square footage on the lot, which would 1233 then save the lot space, which we are trying to save, and thereby not encroach on other 1234 neighbors as well. But we would have our minimum side yard setbacks, the back, the front, all of that would be there, and you would have the same amount of space 1235 1236 between the houses now as you would after we're done building there.

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Mr. Nunnally -Is it going to be of brick construction?

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1240 Ms. Busch -Probably going to be brick front. It's going to be hard to duplicate brick today. You're talking about \$107 a square foot to \$114 a square foot to 1241 1242 duplicate brick today.

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1244 Mr. Nunnally -Yes, but it looks like there's a brick house on each side of 1245 this lot.

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1247 Ms. Busch -It is. It would probably have to be brick front or maybe brick 1248 on three sides, but it would be hard to do brick on four sides and still keep the price down for that neighborhood. People would not be able to afford that in that 1249 1250 neighborhood. There are a few really, really big ones over there, but generally, the Cape Cods under 1400 square feet are going for less than \$140,000, some like 1251 \$120,000, and in the teens. So if you duplicate brick, you're way over \$160,000 on that, 1252 1253 sir. We'd like to.

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1255 Ms. Harris -Are you a builder? 1256

1257 1258 No, I am not. I know the business; I'm a real estate agent.

Do you see the fireplug in the front of the lot?

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1260 1261 Ms. Busch -Yes, we do.

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1263 Ms. Harris -Had you considered what you're going to do, how would that 1264 affect square footage?

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1266 Ms. Busch -It looks like it's further towards the front; certainly it's in front of the house, but I don't think it's right where they want to build the house. It's not 1267 directly where they're going to place the actual house. 1268

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1270 Ms. Dwver -Do you have a measurement on how far back that hydrant 1271 is?

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1275 Ms. Busch - That shouldn't be a problem if it's in the right-of-way; we 1276 have to be set back twenty-five feet off the road anyhow. You can't build that close to

1277 the road, so it shouldn't be in our way.

Mr. Blankinship -

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1279 Ms. Harris - I think we have a picture of it in our packet.

Ms. Busch - And I could not find anywhere at the County that showed there was an easement that ran straight through the middle of the lot, that would prevent us from putting the house there, just across the front, but not into the lot.

No, I don't. It should be in the right-of-way though.

Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board **granted** application **A-142-2004** for a variance to build a one-family dwelling at 2113 Oakwood Lane (Bryan Park Heights) (Parcel 781-746-2969). The Board granted the variance subject to the following condition:

1. This variance applies only to the total lot area requirement. All other applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.

Affirmative: Dwyer, Harris, Nunnally, Wright 4
Negative: Kirkland, 1
Absent: 0

The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

A-143-2004 LINDA HARDWICKE requests a variance from Section 24-41(e) to build a screened porch over the existing deck at 2703 Stingray Court (Winchester Pointe) (Parcel 730-754-6587), zoned RTH, Residential Townhouse District (Three Chopt). The rear yard setback is not met. The applicant proposes 21 feet rear yard setback, where the Code requires 30 feet rear yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 9 feet rear yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

1318 Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Hardwicke - I do. My name is Linda Hardwicke. My request is for a variance of nine feet. I live in a townhouse development. I'm in a duplex unit. The setback requirement is thirty feet, and I need a variance of nine feet. My property backs up to the main road of Winchester Pointe. There is probably an additional buffer of about fifteen feet behind my home, with a wooded area. There are many other units within my subdivision that already have screened porches, Florida rooms, and so forth. By the way, this already has the homeowners' association approval.

Ms. Dwyer - Ms. Hardwicke, I was looking at the drawings that you had, showing the porch, and it looked like on one side it was a ten-foot porch, and on the other side it shows a six-foot porch. I guess I was trying to figure that out. It appears to be straight across the back, so is the porch going to vary?

Ms. Hardwicke - What it is, is a ten by fourteen deck, and it's the conversion of that deck, but on one end of the deck there is a small storage area that comes out. That backs up to the fireplace in the living room, so the actual porch will be ten feet coming out and then fourteen feet across. It just looks strange.

1339 Mr. Wright - It will be exactly where the location of the deck is. Not any 1340 further into the rear?

1342 Ms. Hardwicke - Yes sir. No sir.

1344 Ms. Dwyer - So actually the porch will be ten feet across on both sides; 1345 it's just showing six feet of screened porch where it abuts the storage area.

1347 Ms. Hardwicke - That is correct.

1349 Mr. Wright - And behind your house is the street? Is there a common area back there also?

 Ms. Hardwicke - Yes sir. And there is a wooded area back there. It varies because the lot angles off. If you look at the aerial, I'm the one in yellow; you can see the wooded area back there. It probably goes from fifteen feet to twenty-five feet, so there is a buffer to all surrounding neighbors except the ones up there on Stoney Court.

1357 Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board **granted** application **A-143-2004** for a variance to build a screened porch over the existing deck at 2703 Stingray Court (Winchester Pointe) (Parcel 730-754-6587). The Board granted the variance subject to the following conditions:

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- 1366 1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with 1367 1368 the applicable regulations of the County Code.
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- 2. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.

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The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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A-144-2004 DONNA SCHURMAN requests a variance from Section 24-95(i)(2)a. to build a detached carport and workshop at 2210 Persimmon Trek (Covered Bridge) (Parcel 743-753-1354), zoned C-1, Conservation District and R-4, One-family Residence District (Three Chopt). The accessory structure size limit is not met. The applicant proposes 1,234 square feet of accessory structures, where the Code allows 683 square feet of accessory structures. The applicant requests a variance of 551 square feet.

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Mr. Wright -Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

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Mr. Blankinship -Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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Ms. Schurman -I do. My name is Donna Schurman. I want two things. I want a tool shed so my husband will have a place to play, and I want a carport so that I'll have a place for my brand new baby to live. I turned 45 this year, and I was very fortunate to find my dream car, so I bought my Sebring convertible, and I have no garage and no carport now, and I really don't want it to get snowed on. We live in a beautiful subdivision; we love our home. We have a driveway that goes on forever, and the rear of our yard is an all natural area. There is no grass, and we had a tool shed back there, but we gave it away, and we would really like to have had the carport at the end of the driveway there where we park our cars, but there's a drainage culvert, a drop at the street that runs between our driveway and our neighbor's driveway. If we stayed within the guidelines, we could attach a carport to the house, but we're not able to do that because of the drainage culvert, and we could build the shed separately and still be within the limitations that are allowed. All of the options that are available to us that are within the limitations are architecturally undesirable. We believe that the best looking

thing to do is build the shed and attach the carport to it instead of attaching it to the house. To attach any of it to the house, by way of a breezeway or a covered breezeway, would look horrible, so this is what we propose, and our neighbors love the idea, and I do have a letter of approval, for you, that they've approved the plans and don't have any objections.

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1417 Mr. Wright - What's the size of your lot?

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1419 Ms. Schurman - Huge.

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Mr. Wright - Do you know how many square feet? It looks pretty large to me. Mr. Blankinship, do we know what the size of the lot is?

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Mr. Blankinship - I don't see it listed here. Just eyeballing it, I would guess that it's in the neighborhood of, it looks like 100 by 400, so 40,000 square feet, roughly an acre.

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Mr. Wright - What the problem here is the requirement in the Code is geared to the size of lot for this zoning area, and your lot well exceeds that, so when you look at it from that viewpoint, it's not affecting the neighborhood or anything, because of the size of the accessory buildings relative to the size of the lot. That's the problem. You have behind this proposed carport shed, it appears that we have a lot of screening, trees, etc. Can you see your neighbor to the rear?

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Ms. Schurman - Only in the winter when the leaves are down.

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1437 Mr. Wright - And that's still a long distance from this point to the neighbor's line. This is not in the flood plain, is it, Mr. Blankinship?

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1440 Mr. Blankinship - The proposed building is not, no sir.

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1442 Mr. Wright - Part of the property is though, isn't it?

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1444 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir.

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1446 Ms. Schurman - Yes, and thanks to Isabel, we do know how far the water will come. It came up every bit to the dotted line.

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1449 Ms. Harris - Is that gazebo considered in the accessory structure 1450 allotment?

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1452 Ms. Schurman - But it has our hot tub in it; we're not moving it.

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Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board **granted** application **A-144-2004** for a variance to build a detached carport and workshop at 2210 Persimmon Trek (Covered Bridge) (Parcel 743-753-1354). The Board granted the variance subject to the following condition:

1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable regulations of the County Code.

Affirmative:	Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright	5
Negative:		0
Absent:		0

The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

 A-145-2004

LEONARD SHEPHERD requests a variance from Sections 24-95(c)(1) and 24-9 to build an addition at 2111 Tuckaway Lane (Parcel 753-747-0153), zoned R-2A, One-family Residence District (Tuckahoe). The minimum side yard setback and public street frontage requirement are not met. The applicant has 0 feet public street frontage and 3 feet minimum side yard setback, where the Code requires 50 feet public street frontage and 9 feet minimum side yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 50 feet public street frontage and 6 feet minimum side yard setback.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Shepherd - I do. I'm Leonard Shepherd. I live at 2111 Tuckaway Lane, and the house was built around 1950. Tuckaway Lane has always been a private road. It was originally part of the Franklin Farms, and the Franklin brothers separated each lot for one of the Franklin children. Each one got a lot, and the each built their own houses. It was a private road, and it's still a private road. The County has never taken it up, and that's one of the problems, which I didn't realize was a problem till I went to get a building permit. What I want to do, my house is the smallest house on the lot, and it was built by one of the Franklin brothers who was a brick layer, and then he eventually built the house that's next door to me and moved out, and then rented out my house. The addition I'm proposing would bring my house up to the size of the other houses on

the street. The only problem I have is the garage and outbuildings were built years ago on my property, and they don't conform to the side yard setbacks. So as you see in that picture, there's a lot of stuff in the back yard, and I want to apologize for the way it looks. I do home improvements; I'm a contractor, and my house, I'm like the shoemaker whose children don't have any shoes. I've just let my house go down, but now I've refinanced the house, and I'm going to get my guys working over there, and we're going to do it like one of the projects I do for everybody else. We'll get the whole house looking a whole lot better than it does now, but the one problem is, the side buildings, the lot that they're too close to is part of my neighbor's property, which is just a vacant lot between her and me. They don't ever plan on selling that lot; years ago they couldn't sell it because it wouldn't perk, but of course now that they're building a library across the street, for about \$10,000 or \$11,000, we could get sewer, but they don't plan on selling that lot. I've talked to my neighbors; my neighbor behind me, nobody has any problems. I think what I want to do would increase the value of my house and make the whole neighborhood look better.

1519 Ms. Dwyer - These accessory structures that are along the side – will all 1520 of them remain?

Mr. Shepherd - The little one in the very back is just not on a permanent setting; that was just brought in there. But the rest of them will remain, but will be fixed up to look better.

1526 Ms. Dwyer - Could we show the picture where these structures attach to the rear of the house.

1529 Mr. Shepherd - The one you see right there attached to the house, that's the utility room, and that will be torn down, because that's part of the new addition.

1532 Ms. Dwyer - So that will be torn down. What about the flat roofed one 1533 next to it? Will that be torn down as well.

1535 Mr. Shepherd - No, but you won't see the door, because the whole addition will come over in front of that.

1538 Ms. Dwyer - So how will the addition tie into the house and the buildings on the side?

Mr. Shepherd - There won't be any access to the buildings on the side, except from the outside. There won't be any access from the buildings on the side into the house, but they'll be attached to the house.

1545 Ms. Dwyer - How will the roof line of the addition tie into the main house?

1547 Mr. Shepherd - The addition is going to have a shed roof, and I've got a better plan, if you'd like to look at it. The addition will have a shed roof, except for

1549 1550	there's a tower that I need	ed room for to have a breakfast room that's on one end, but
1551 1552	Ms. Dwyer -	it will tie in under the dormers.
1553 1554	Mr. Shepherd -	That's right.
1555 1556	Ms. Dwyer -	Is that a porch on the back?
1557 1558	Mr. Shepherd -	It's a small porch, that's right.
1559	Ms. Dwyer -	Do you have two shed roofs? Is that two angles, what looks
1560	like a line coming	
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1562	Mr. Shepherd -	the porch is at a slightly different angle than the
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1566	Ms. Dwyer -	The accessory structure that's attached to the side of the
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1569	Mr. Shenherd -	Yes, that's more or less a carport.
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1571	Ms. Dwyer -	The house itself meets the side yard setback, I believe. It's
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1574	Mr Shenherd -	on this side it's got 32 feet. It's an acre lot. It's just
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1580	Mr. Shepherd -	That's right. And even if I tore down the carport and I put on
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1583		have to tear down the garage and everything to do this, which
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1586	Ms. Dwyer -	what I'm getting at is the side yard setback variance
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1590	Mr. Shepherd -	That's right. The new addition meets all the requirements.
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1592		The back yard is very large and in fact, with the trees and
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the adjoining neighbors and talk to them. I didn't get letters, but I talked to all the adjoining neighbors, and everybody's fine with it.

Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **granted** application **A-145-2004** for a variance to build an addition at 2111 Tuckaway Lane (Parcel 753-747-0153). The Board granted the variance subject to the following condition:

1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable regulations of the County Code.

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The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

A-146-2004

DARRYL JACKSON requests a variance from Sections 24-94 and 24-9 to build a one-family dwelling at 2206 New Market Road (Parcel 812-690-3306 (part)), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Varina. The lot width requirement and public street frontage requirement are not met. The applicant has 110 feet lot width and 0 feet public street frontage, where the Code requires 150 feet lot width and 50 feet public street frontage. The applicant requests a variance of 40 feet lot width and 50 feet public street frontage.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Jackson - Yes. My name is Darryl Jackson. I'd like permission to build a one-family dwelling at 2206 New Market Road. The land and the home I'm getting is a gift from my aunt and my mother. In my little drawing, I put it to the right. My acre is supposed to have 150 feet back yard, 50 feet front yard. I'm a few feet short of the front yard space. The whole lot itself is owned by my mother; it won't be sold any time soon.

- 1641 I'm the sole beneficiary. We just need a variance for that few feet of front yard space.
 1642 The contractor and I, we measured it out. The house itself is 28 feet wide. I can get the
 1643 50 feet in front, maybe like ten feet short of the front yard space. I plan on using the
- driveway coming off of her driveway and come to the left of the home.

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1646 Mr. Nunnally - What type home did you say?

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1648 Mr. Jackson - It's going to be a double-wide trailer.

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1650 Mr. Nunnally - How far back off of New Market Road is this house going to 1651 be?

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Mr. Jackson - According to this map I have, my mother's fifty feet; I'm kind of like maybe 200 feet further back, 397 total feet from the road. It is visible from the road.

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1657 Mr. Kirkland - Have you read all the conditions for this case?

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1659 Mr. Jackson -I'm catching them slowly but surely; I'm doing everything as I find out about them. I was told the trailer can be built there; there are several in the 1660 area. I just had to go through the variance because I was not on the footage (frontage) 1661 1662 and I would like to have County water and septic system. The soil scientist is in the process now of doing the brick for the type of drain fill I need for the septic filtration 1663 system, because this land holds water and did not pass a perk test, so I do have to get 1664 the filtration system. The soil scientist is in the process now of doing everything for me, 1665 and the results will show what type of system I need within the next couple of days. 1666

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1668 Ms. Dwyer - The plat that you have provided us shows a 20-foot easement along the edge of the property line. I believe that's the western line, and then you've drawn in a driveway that you plan to actually use.

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Mr. Jackson - Yes ma'am, because it's wooded, and it's kind of moist when it rains real bad; it's moist and soggy and holds a lot of water. Every pitch was taken before we cleared everything, but we knocked most of it down to try to stay much more level, and I put a gravel driveway there so far.

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1677 Ms. Dwyer - That makes sense, and there's a blue area there. What does that mean? Does that mean flood plain, or what does that mean, Mr. Blankinship?

1679 It looks like a pond. Does that mean it's flood plain or springs?

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1681 Mr. Blankinship - I can't say for sure.

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1683 Ms. Dwyer - It shows water?

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1685 Mr. Jackson - The part that we do knock down, we're prepared to fill it with dirt, and that's the reason, I'm quite sure, why we need the filtration system. The house

will be a little ways to the right, and the soil scientist, he has been out there and marked the area for the system, where it needs to go. Everything is set on that part; he just needs to do his testing to see what type of system we need. He says the septic system can be put in, the land is good for a home to be built on, and we're just waiting to see what type of system we need, because he was telling me there's three different types.

> Ms. Dwver -If we allow this division, we have to think not only about how you're going to use the property, but who might be using the property in fifty years or So one of the things that's required is that you have a legal one hundred vears. easement to this property from New Market Road, and the plat that's been given to us shows that the twenty-foot easement coming along the property line through the blue area that might be a pond, that you don't plan to use because you already know it's too moist there, so that would be my first concern, is that we need to make sure that we have a location for the permanent easement that will work in perpetuity, that will work forever for this back lot, and it doesn't look like we have that. You might have permission now to use that driveway because your mother lives there, but in fifty years neither of you may be living there. You don't know; we have to think that way. We have to plan for someone who lives in the back parcel who doesn't know the person who lives in the front parcel. We don't want to cause a lawsuit in the future over how a person is going to get to their house. So there has to be a useable driveway and legal access.

Mr. Jackson - Will I need to build a separate driveway to the side of that?

Ms. Dwyer - I'm not sure.

 Mr. Jackson - That driveway itself is divided off to the property beside it; it's also used by the property beside it. The property beside it also uses that driveway also, because they have a circular horseshoe type of driveway also, so that person that owns that property also uses that driveway also.

Ms. Dwyer - That's not our concern at this point. Our concern is how can we, there needs to be a legal and permanent access to your lot from New Market Road, that doesn't go through a pond or wet area.

Mr. Wright - Not only that, but you have to demonstrate that when you get your building permit, or you cannot get the building permit; that's one of the conditions that Mr. Kirkland's referring to. If you'll look at those conditions, one of them requires before you can get a building permit, you have to demonstrate that you have a legal access to the property which would be something that would be dedicated and recorded for the future. You just can't say, "well, you can use my driveway." That won't cut it.

Mr. Jackson - Would a legal right-of-way solve the problem?

1731 Mr. Wright - Now you show that on this plat; you show an access that normally would be it, but that would have to be granted, but you have to have that

1733 easement granted to you by a legal document that's recorded of record that would make 1734 it a permanent easement. 1735 1736 Mr. Jackson -So who do I send that document to? 1737 1738 Mr. Wright -That's something you'd have get a lawyer or someone to draft and get it recorded in the proper form so it would be acceptable to Mr. Blankinship 1739 when you apply for your building permit. 1740 1741 1742 Mr. Blankinship -It would be part of conveying the property legally, when your mother or your aunt conveys it to you, that would be part of that. Ms. Dwyer's concern 1743 1744 is just that the easement be in the same location where the driveway is. Do I 1745 understand you correctly? 1746 1747 Ms. Dwyer -I just wanted to make sure that he understood that even 1748 though he has an arrangement not to use that easement, it needs to be granted 1749 nonetheless. My other concern is that the usable easement, in light of the fact that it 1750 seems to be going through this wet area. 1751 1752 Mr. Blankinship - I'd just like to see the easement follow the driveway. 1753 1754 Ms. Dwyer -I don't have a problem if his mother lives there now and she doesn't mind him using another driveway, that's okay with me, but we need to make 1755 1756 sure that for future use of that back parcel, there is a legal and usable easement that is 1757 dedicated. 1758 1759 Mr. Wright -Not only that, but it has to be sufficient for access for public 1760 vehicles, like a fire truck or emergency vehicle. We have to make sure that they can get 1761 to the property. 1762 1763 Mr. Jackson -It's cleared off and it's wide enough area for a big truck to get through there. The driveway is fairly wide, and it has good access to the area where 1764 the home will be. 1765 1766 1767 Ms. Harris -Are you speaking of the driveway that you have 1768 1769 Mr. Jackson -...... that I have drawn, yes. 1770 1771 Ms. Harris -That's the one that you said double-wide, I know when they have double-wide constructions, if they have to bring this through the property, based 1772 1773 on the driveway that you've constructed, not the driveway that is proposed in the plan. 1774 Mr. Jackson -1775 We already looked at that, and there's plenty of room for

is good enough and ample for them.

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1777 1778 that. The little driveway that I drew, coming off my mother's driveway, yes they say that

Ms. Dwyer - Mr. Blankinship, is the proposed easement, not the handdrawn driveway, is there an issue with that going through the blue area that is either a pond or a wet area?

Mr. Blankinship - I don't know why that is showing up in blue; it shows on the contour map as only being one more contour line, two feet below where the house is, and it appears to be wooded, in just looking at this drawing, so I'm not sure why it showed up in a different color. I don't really see any problem with that, and when we were out at the site, we were actually looking at the opposite side. We came in the other end of the driveway, because it looked like that was the natural access to the back part of the lot to us. I don't know that it's a problem, but we need to be sure when we get it recorded.

1792 Mr. Kirkland - There seems to be another little round one down there in the other corner.

1795 Mr. Blankinship - Yes, and you can see again that it's just part of the woods there, but it is a little bit lower.

1798 Ms. Dwyer - Maybe it's a spring.

 Ms. Jackson - I'm Gertrude Jackson, the owner of the property; I'm Darryl's mother. The land originally was farm land, and my uncle had little ponds there to feed the animals. When we had the land cleared, we had those areas filled in with soil so that would not be a problem. The section of land that Darryl is referring to, that is moist that we decided not to use that because it was moist, but it is something that we can fill in, hopefully now not, but later, because it will take a lot of dirt to fill that in, to get that cleared up.

1808 Ms. Dwyer - So it was a pond at one time, you remember?

1810 Ms. Jackson - Yes.

Ms. Dwyer - Were there springs there, feeding the pond, do you know?

1814 Ms. Jackson - I honestly don't know how the water was getting there.

1816 Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone 1817 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you 1818 very much for appearing.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board **granted** application **A-146-2004** for a variance to build a a one-family dwelling at 2206 New Market Road (Parcel 812-690-3306 (part)). The Board granted the variance subject to the following conditions:

- 1825 1. This variance applies only to the lot width and public street frontage requirements. All other applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.
- 1828 2. Approval of this request does not imply that a building permit will be issued.
 1829 Building permit approval is contingent on Health Department requirements, including,
 1830 but not limited to, soil evaluation for a septic drainfield and reserve area, and approval
 1831 of a well location.
- 1833 3. At the time of building permit application the owner shall demonstrate that the parcel created by this division has been conveyed to members of the immediate family, and the subdivision ordinance has not been circumvented.
- 1837 4. The applicant shall present proof with the building permit application that a legal access to the property has been obtained.
- The owners of the property, and their heirs or assigns, shall accept responsibility for maintaining access to the property until such a time as the access is improved to County standards and accepted into the County road system for maintenance.

1844 Affirmative: Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright
1845 Negative: 0
1846 Absent: 0

The Board granted this request, as it found from the evidence presented that, due to the unique circumstances of the subject property, strict application of the County Code would produce undue hardship not generally shared by other properties in the area, and authorizing this variance will neither cause a substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

Beginning at 10:00

 Mr. Wright - Any deferrals or withdrawals?

Mr. Blankinship - No sir.

A-147-2004 STANLEY J. SCHERMERHORN requests a variance from Section 24-9 to build a one-family dwelling at 11320 Winfrey Road (Parcels 779-774-3922 (part) and 779-773-0293 (part)), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Fairfield). The public street frontage requirement is not met. The applicant has 0 feet public street frontage, where the Code requires 50 feet public street frontage. The applicant requests a variance of 50 feet public street frontage.

Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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Ms. Gardner - I do. My name is Doreen Gardner, representing Stan Schermerhorn. They're in Australia right now. I'm the one who's going to be

purchasing the property to build the house.

Mr. Blankinship - Before you begin, I had called and asked them to provide a more accurate survey of the property to be conveyed. Do you know whether that was done? I haven't received anything.

Ms. Gardner - They're still in Australia, and they've been there for two weeks, so it was a request that was done recently.

 Mr. Blankinship - It was about two weeks ago, so probably just before they left. I was just concerned that what they submitted was basically a tax map with a little rectangle sketched on it, and when we went out and visited the site, the location that's been cleared and prepared for this dwelling, doesn't appear to be within a couple hundred feet of the little rectangle that they drew on the tax map, and that just left me very uncertain about exactly what part of the property we were talking about. Are you prepared to address that?

1893 Ms. Gardner - As to an exact location, plot-wise? No, I don't have any information on that at all.

1896 Mr. Wright - You mean we don't have a survey of the property that we're concerned with?

Mr. Blankinship - No sir, they submitted the old tax map actually with a rectangle noted on it, and they submitted the Health Department sketch, which gives you accurate representation of where the house is with respect to the drives and the greenhouses, but there are no other overall landmarks on that, and it doesn't appear to me, and I could be mistaken, to match the two exhibits, and do not show the same location within a couple hundred feet.

1906 Mr. Wright - I don't see how we can consider a case if we don't have a 1907 survey showing where the property is.

1909 Mr. Blankinship - I called and requested further information, and it hasn't been 1910 received.

1912 Ms. Gardner - So you're saying you need an actual survey?

1914 Mr. Wright - Yes we would.

1916 Ms. Gardner - I just came in from Michigan last night, so all I have is the

1917 1918	paperwork that was	left for me from the Schermerhorns.	
1919 1920 1921	Mr. Wright - next meeting, to give	My recommendation is that we continue this, defer it to the e you the opportunity to get the information we need to consider it.	
1922 1923 1924	Ms. Gardner - variance because o	There's nothing, it's basically now just a request for a f the footage.	
1925 1926	Mr. Wright -	Yes, we can't tell where the footage is.	
1927 1928 1929 1930		There's also the question of the flood plain, what's sketched he rectangle appears to be in the flood plain, and if it's one acre, that outside of the flood plain, so there are some other issues.	
1931 1932 1933 1934	Mr. Wright - and we've got to kr is.	The problem is you don't have 50 feet public street frontage, ow where the property is to determine whether that's what the case	
1935 1936	Ms. Gardner -	All right. Did you speak to anyone specifically?	
1937 1938	Mr. Blankinship -	To Mrs. Schermerhorn, Nicole yes.	
1939 1940 1941	Ms. Gardner - Well, they'll be in tonight, so I can request that this be deferred to the next meeting? And the next meeting is?		
1942 1943	Mr. Wright -	December 16.	
1944 1945 1946	Ms. Gardner - paperwork, then the	That's fine, if there's nothing I can get right now without that ere's really nothing I can do about it.	
1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952	A-147-2004 for a (Parcels 779-774-3 request of the rep	Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Ms. Harris the Board deferred application variance to build a one-family dwelling at 11320 Winfrey Road 922 (part) and 779-773-0293 (part)). The case was deferred at the resentative, to obtain further information, from the November 18, ember 16, 2004, meeting.	
1953 1954 1955 1956	Affirmative: Negative: Absent:	Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright 5 0 0	
1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962	A-148-2004	WACHOVIA BANK requests a variance from Section 24-104(g)(2)c. to install four signs at 11290 Nuckols Road (Parcel 746-772-8676), zoned O-2C, Office District (Conditional) (Three Chopt). The maximum number of signs is not met. The applicant proposes two attached signs and two detached signs, where the Code allows one attached or detached sign. The applicant requests a variance	

1963 of three signs.

Mr. Wright - Anyone who needs to speak with reference to this case needs to stand and be sworn at one time? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Moore - Yes I do. My name is Horace Moore. We're on a corner not, located at Twin Hickory and Nuckols Road, and it's a conditional use that the County didn't know exactly how to deal with. We would like to reduce our request. We have a permit for one wall sign; we would like an additional wall sign and just one monument sign as an addition.

Mr. Wright - The wall sign's already up on the building, isn't it? I see it every day as I go by.

 Mr. Moore -Okay, we have the permit for that one. So our variance request is for an additional wall sign and an additional monument. We are actually allowed two monuments or one wall sign, but with the berms in front of the bank, we are concealed where the bank has no exposure, and the information signs have to be monolithic, but they're not allowed a Wachovia logo or the word "Wachovia" to be exposed on the directional signs, so it conceals the identity of Wachovia Bank, so we are requesting one additional wall sign, and one additional monument sign of 24 square feet. I have branding books. I'm not sure: I did present it to the County. You should have this, but like the apothecary right across the street, it has five exposed signs, and it's in the same conditional use area. It has a monument sign, it has two exterior wall signs, and two interior wall signs that are exposed to the outside. Also adjacent, across the corner from the Wachovia Bank, is the drugstore. Walgreens, that has five, and the County, in talking to the Administration, they agree that one more additional monument of 24 square feet and one more additional wall sign would not be an excess of signs and it would not damage the area in exposure of contour.

Mr. Blankinship - Who agreed with that?

Mr. Moore - When I went to apply for the permits, on a double road frontage, you're allowed two monument signs, and in this, there is a conditional use that they couldn't decide if it was zoned a bank or an office or a corner lot, and the way the rules read, we could only have one wall sign or two monument signs, which could only be 16 square feet each, or we could have one monument sign of 24 square feet, so we were still bound by one sign and it took about a month to finally get them to well actually, I went ahead and applied for the one wall sign and requested a variance so we would have exposure on both road frontages that would be big enough to really work for the bank.

2009 Ms. Dwver -So you requested two attached and two detached signs, originally, but now you just want what you're calling two wall signs and one monument 2010 2011 sign, two attached and one detached.

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2013 Yes ma'am, so the variance would be for additional wall and Mr. Moore -2014 one monument.

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2016 Mr. Wright -Where would the additional wall signs be?

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2018 Mr. Moore -I have a brand name book here, with all of it on it. I didn't bring the County by some of these very ones. I have the entire book here; I thought 2019 2020 they would have made copies and passed them out. I did give that to the County, and I 2021 thought they were going to make duplicates and pass them out. On the front page, you can see the Walgreens across the corner with the five exposed signs, and if you 2022 continue turning the page, it will show you where the wall sign will go on each side, 2023 facing each road frontage, and where we would like the monument sign to go at the 2024 2025 corner.

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Mr. Wright -You want a wall sign that you can see from Hickory.

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Yes sir. Mr. Moore -

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2031 Mr. Wright -Andy you've already got one that you can see from Nuckols Road. See, the wall sign's pretty obvious. 2032

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2034 Mr. Moore -Well, there is a berm on Hickory. The wall sign faces Nuckols Road, and Nuckols Road is like this, and Hickory goes like this; Nuckols is 2035 2036 exposed this way; this is exposed to Hickory.

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2038 Mr. Wright -I can see the one from Nuckols Road without any problem.

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2040 Mr. Moore -Oh yes sir, absolutely. 2041

2042 Ms. Dwyer -This is an O-2C; were there any conditions relating to office 2043 signs?

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Mr. Moore -2045 The conditional use for office signs is one sign only.

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2047 Ms. Dwyer -I know that's what the Code says; I'm wondering if there 2048 were any proffers agreed to.

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2050 I was looking for them; for some reason I'm not seeing them. Mr. Blankinship -

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2052 We couldn't find any that specifically said we couldn't. There Mr. Moore -2053 was no conditional use; we couldn't find it; we have all the ordinances here, but it's a little bit unclear too; that's where I found the problem in applying for the permits to start 2054

2055 2056	with.	
2057 2058	Mr. Kirkland -	There weren't any conditions in this case?
2059 2060	Ms. Dwyer -	It's an O-2C zoning case, so there were conditions.
2061 2062 2063	Mr. Kirkland - Hickory.	I'm sure there was a load of things out there around Twin
2064 2065 2066 2067 2068		Could I just ask you this question while they're looking this the square footage, I notice that the wall sign has the logo and attached to the wall. How do you measure the square footage
2069 2070 2071 2072	Mr. Moore - channel letters that was poe in that framing book.	Squared it off, but if I'm not mistaken, it was only a set of bosed without the little square logo on the end of it. It should
2073 2074 2075	Ms. Dwyer - the letters	I was thinking that if you just measure the square footage of
2076 2077	Mr. Moore -	Yes ma'am, it would be smaller.
2078 2079	Ms. Dwyer -	But the County may have a requirement for squaring it off.
2080 2081 2082 2083	Mr. Moore - square feet, be 28 square 32 square feet, or someth	In the square footage, it was allowed two of them at 14 feet, and I think, according to the ordinance, we were allowed ing like that.
2084 2085 2086 2087 2088		The total of all signs on the property could not exceed 32, on states that any detached signs shall be ground-mounted it does not limit the number of signs that I can see. It doesn't Code does.
2089 2090 2091	Mr. Wright - Twin Hickory:	How can Walgreens have a wall sign on Nuckols Road and
2092 2093 2094	Mr. Blankinship - rules. This is office zoning	They're in B-2C zoning, so it's a completely different set of g, and that's commercial zoning, business.
2095 2096 2097 2098	that time, the agreement	Mr. Chairman, if I might comment on the Walgreens sign, e future developed as a shopping center with Ukrops, and at with Walgreens is that their detached sign will be removed, the tower sign for the shopping center.

Mr. Wright -

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That's the detached sign. I'm talking about the wall signs, up

2101 2102	on the wall. They've got	one up on Nuckols Road, and they've got one on Twin Hickory.
2103 2104	Mr. Kirkland -	Because they're in business zoning, they can do that.
2105 2106 2107	Mr. Wright - permitted here? To clear	But I can see that; that's what I didn't understand. What is the issue, what can they have under this zoning?
2108 2109 2110 2111	Mr. Blankinship - detached or attached, pro- feet in total area, the aggi	They can have up to two signs, which can be either ovided that they're 75 feet apart and no more than 32 square regate of both signs.
2112 2113	Mr. Wright -	What are they asking for?
2114 2115 2116	Mr. Blankinship - request to just three, two	They were asking for four signs; now he's amended that wall signs and one detached sign.
2117 2118	Mr. Wright -	Does that put them over the square footage?
2119 2120	Mr. Blankinship -	They did not ask for a variance from the square footage.
2121 2122	Mr. Wright -	So they're willing to go with the square footage?
2123 2124 2125	Mr. Moore - maximum allowed.	The one monument sign at 24 square feet; that would be
2126 2127	Mr. Wright -	Where is that going to be?
2128 2129 2130	Mr. Blankinship - feet.	The aggregate total of all the signs cannot exceed 32 square
2131 2132	Mr. Moore -	Will that be all three?
2133 2134	Mr. Wright -	You haven't asked for a variance on that.
2135 2136 2137	Mr. Moore - 24 square feet total, so th	The square footage on all three would be 28 square feet and at is 52 square feet offhand.
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Mr. Wright - So you can beat the square footage requirement?

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2140 Mr. Blankinship - He's suggesting 52, and the Code allows 32. That was not advertised, and it's not mentioned in the application or anything else.

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Mr. Moore - A little bit of the confusion was the conditional use of it being office park instead of zoned as a bank, but it is a bank, and there was confusion about the conditional use in an office area and a bank.

2147 Mr. Blankinship - Banks are a permitted use in the office districts.

2149 Ms. Dwyer - But often banks are in B zoning, which allow you a lot more leeway in terms of signage.

2152 Mr. Wright - Your application did not request a variance on the square 2153 footage of the signs.

Mr. Simmerman - I am Barry Simmerman, Vice President with Wachovia. What I was going to suggest, and hearing the confusion on this office and retail and the other things, is if we can achieve the two building signs, which would be 14 square feet each, which would give us Twin Hickory exposure, and Nuckols exposure, within the 32 square feet, I think that would satisfy the bank's needs. The 52, since we didn't apply for the additional square footage, I think it's reasonable to go within the square feet footage allowed, which at 14 and 14 would be 28 square feet within the 32.

2163 Mr. Blankinship - You could do that without the variance.

2165 Mr. Simmerman - The reason we asked, that's good to clarify, because at the time we did it, it said "one sign on the building or two monument signs," so that's why we only put the one sign up.

2169 Mr. Wright - So you don't need the monument sign? 2170

Mr. Simmerman - It is still a variance. The conditional use says we can only have one wall sign. The variance is requesting for one additional wall sign. That would make two wall signs, because we're only allowed one wall sign, or we're allowed two monument signs at 16 square feet each, or one monument sign at 24 square feet.

2176 Ms. Dwyer - That's the way I read it; you still need the variance for the 2177 second wall sign.

2179 Mr. Simmerman - Even though it meets the square footage, there may be a conditional piece that says

2182 Mr. Wright - You've got me totally confused.

2184 Ms. Dwyer - When you say "conditional use" sir, I think that's part of the confusion. I'm not sure what you mean by that.

Mr. Wright - We can't give you; we have to comply with the Code requirements, and if it says you can have two wall signs, I don't see why you can't. Now I don't see what that does to your

2191 Mr. Simmerman - We'd love to have the monument sign, but we also like to meet your objectives, and I think with the exposure on the two building signs, I think

2193 we're good to go.

Mr. Wright - I can see that bank very clearly.

2197 Ms. Dwyer - Another option is to re-advertise and come back next month.

Mr. Blankinship - The Code reads "one detached or attached sign identifying the project shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. The detached sign shall not exceed fifteen feet in height. Where there is frontage on more than one public street (which is this case), one sign for each street frontage is permitted. If the signs are at least 75 feet apart, but the aggregate total area for those signs shall not exceed 32 square feet." So the first sentence says one detached or attached; the second sentence gives you a height limit for a detached, and then the third sentence says if it's a corner lot, you can have two signs, and it doesn't specify that they have to be one detached and one attached.

2209 Mr. Simmerman - We misinterpreted it, maybe.

Mr. Blankinship - They're here because they originally wanted four.

Mr. Moore - The County told me that the conditional use, now I want to make sure it's clear when we leave here, that the County said the conditional use said I could only have one wall sign. If we could have had two wall signs, I'd have never been here. I couldn't get them to give me a firm answer, and that was the whole reason of the variance.

Mr. Blankinship - Perhaps we should defer, and then they can withdraw, give us a chance to double check all this, make sure I'm not missing something, and then they could withdraw before next month's meeting if there is no need.

Mr. Wright - Appears to me you don't need a variance.

2232 Mr. Wright - What you want us to do is approve two wall signs, one on 2233 Twin Hickory side and one on Nuckols Road side. Looks like to me that's already 2234 allowed under the Code.

2236 Mr. Simmerman - We just verified that piece, that is allowed.

2238 Mr. Wright - Do you have any problem with that, Mr. Blankinship?

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2240	Mr. Blan	•	No sir, that would be fine	with me.	I'll straighten	the record
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Does anyone else desire to speak with reference to this

Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the

case? Would you raise your right hand and be sworn please?

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Brazell - I do. Good morning. My name is Tom Brazell; I'm the Senior Geologist for Vulcan Materials Company. I've been associated with this particular area for some time, and we're asking to renew our conditional use permit to allow us to remove materials from the site, but primarily to complete our reclamation. This area, as Mr. Blankinship's staff report noted, was first mined in 1984. Mining was discontinued around 1993, and this was the state of the property at that time. Around 1999 or 2000, Tarmac Materials and later Vulcan Materials, undertook a reclamation program that cost somewhere in the area of a half million dollars. We had it about 90% complete, and the contractor, Bailey Hassell and Associates, went bankrupt. We have since been trying to gain funding from the bonding company to complete the reclamation. We continue to monitor E&S, and make sure that there are no public problems associated with this property. The material would be taken by river to our processing plant at Curles Neck, something that is not economically attractive, but feasible if we had to do it in an emergency situation.

Mr. Wright - You don't take any material over a public road?

 Mr. Brazell - No sir. Any material that was brought in or out over public roads would be for reclamation purposes. We are not permitted for a plant on this site, so we can't sell a finished product over the road.

Mr. Nunnally - Have you read the conditions that were proposed and are in accordance with those?

Mr. Brazell - Yes sir, I have. Yes sir, I agree with those.

Mr. Nunnally - This says there is also a possibility that some material may be extracted for the next two years.

Mr. Brazell – Yes sir. This is our reserve position for Curles Neck. When this was first mined, we had operations all up and down the James River. This particular operation never had a plant on site. Materials extracted, taken to a load out at the James River, loaded onto a barge, taken to our Kingsland Facility at Willis Road, where the material was offloaded, processed, and put back on a barge. That particular facility is no longer in existence. To process that material now, we would need to put it on the same barge, or a similar barge, take it about three times further down the James River, to Plant 18 at Curles Neck.

Mr. Nunnally - On Condition # 9, it says, "No operations of any kind are to be conducted at the site on Sundays or national holidays." Do you need Saturdays any more, since you are almost through here? Do you need Saturday hours?

2329 Mr. Brazell - If we had to produce, primarily from this deposit, to meet our production guidelines, yes, we would need Saturdays. Again, it would be unlikely that

we would proceed with that, but if this was the only place we could get material, we'd need Saturdays.

2334 Mr. Nunnally - So you don't think you'd be using it much on Saturdays, then, right?

Mr. Brazell - No sir, I don't anticipate any mining at all from this property.

It is economically unsavory to do that. However, if we had to maintain a product load to our customers, this is the only place we can go except for Curles Neck.

2341 Mr. Nunnally - Sort of use it as an emergency back-up.

2343 Mr. Brazell - Yes sir, it's an emergency back-up.

2345 Ms. Harris - What do you mine?

2347 Mr. Brazell - We extract sand and gravel.

Ms. Harris - I noticed that in Condition # 2, you have to restore the land to a reasonably level and drainable condition. Some of that land you had previously mined, right, so when you left it, it was in that condition?

Mr. Brazell - When it was previously mined, the operations in this picture were suspended. Everything was frozen in time. What we did, we had overburdened piles where the hall road was dug. Actually the hall road that you see there is the top of the sand and gravel, which makes a great road. To provide access to the front fields, that was actually dug, and we had overburdened piles on the side of it. Those did not meet the reclamation guidelines. Those will be regraded to, not less than, I believe, a 1 to 4 grade, and reseeded with not less than five inches of topsoil. That condition was not met, and there were similar areas of disturbance that needed addressing. The second picture shows that we have addressed those. We still have some drainage issues in terms of getting vegetation all over all the property.

2364 Mr. Wright - Are they complying with the permit as issued before?

2366 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir, we haven't had any complaints or any problems.

2368 Mr. Wright - Restoration is going like it should?

2370 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir.

2372 Mr. Wright - Any further questions of members of the Board? Is anyone 2373 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case. Thank you very much for appearing.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, the Board **granted** application **UP-27-2004** for a conditional use permit to extract materials from the earth at 7000 Osborne Turnpike (Parcel 798-696-8886). The Board granted the use permit subject to the following conditions:

1. This use permit is subject to all requirements of Section 24-103 of Chapter 24 of the County Code.

2. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall provide a financial guaranty in an amount of \$2,000 per acre for each acre of land to be disturbed, for a total of \$154,000, guaranteeing that the land will be restored to a reasonably level and drainable condition. This permit does not become valid until the financial guaranty has been approved by the County Attorney. The financial guaranty may provide for termination after 90 days notice in writing to the County. In the event of termination, this permit shall be void, and work incident thereto shall cease. Within the next 90 days the applicant shall restore the land as provided for under the conditions of this use permit. Termination of such financial guaranty shall not relieve the applicant from its obligation to indemnify the County of Henrico for any breach of the conditions of this use permit. If this condition is not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.

3. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall submit erosion control plans to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. Throughout the life of the operation, the applicant shall continuously satisfy the Department of Public Works that erosion control procedures are properly maintained, and shall furnish plans and bonds that the department deems necessary. The applicant shall provide certification from a licensed professional engineer that dams, embankments and sediment control structures meet the approved design criteria as set forth by the State. If this condition is not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.

 4. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall obtain a mine license from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. If this condition is not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.

5. Before beginning any work, the areas approved for mining under this permit shall be delineated on the ground by five-foot-high metal posts at least five inches in diameter and painted in alternate one foot stripes of red and white. These posts shall be so located as to clearly define the area in which the mining is permitted. They shall be located, and their location certified, by a certified land surveyor. If this condition is not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.

6. In the event that the Board's approval of this use permit is appealed, all conditions requiring action within 90 days will be deemed satisfied if the required actions are taken within 90 days of final action on the appeal.

7. The applicant shall comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and all state and local regulations administered under such act applicable to the property, and

shall furnish to the Planning Office copies of all reports required by such act or regulations.

2425 8. Hours of operation shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. when Daylight Savings 2426 Time is in effect, and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at all other times.

2428 9. No operations of any kind are to be conducted at the site on Sundays or national 2429 holidays.

2431 10. All means of access to the property shall be from the established entrance onto 2432 Osborne Turnpike.

 11. The applicant shall erect and maintain gates at all entrances to the property. These gates shall be locked at all times, except when authorized representatives of the applicant are on the property.

12. The applicant shall post and maintain a sign at the entrance to the mining site stating the name of the operator, the use permit number, the mine license number, and the telephone number of the operator. The sign shall be 12 square feet in area and the letters shall be three inches high.

13. The applicant shall post and maintain "No Trespassing" signs every 250 feet along the perimeter of the property. The letters shall be three inches high. The applicant shall furnish the Chief of Police a letter authorizing the Division of Police to enforce the "No Trespassing" regulations, and agreeing to send a representative to testify in court as required or requested by the Division of Police.

14. Standard "Truck Entering Highway" signs shall be erected on Osborne Turnpike on each side of the entrances to the property. These signs will be placed by the County, at the applicant's expense.

15. The applicant shall post and maintain a standard stop sign at the entrance to Osborne Turnpike.

16. The applicant shall provide a flagman to control traffic from the site onto the public road, with the flagman yielding the right of way to the public road traffic at all times. This flagman will be required whenever the Division of Police deems necessary.

17. All roads used in connection with this use permit shall be effectively treated with calcium chloride or other wetting agents to eliminate any dust nuisance.

2463 18. The operation shall be so scheduled that trucks will travel at regular intervals and 2464 not in groups of three or more.

2466 19. Trucks shall be loaded in a way to prevent overloading or spilling of materials of any kind on any public road.

20. The applicant shall maintain the property, fences, and roads in a safe and secure condition indefinitely, or convert the property to some other safe use.

21. If, in the course of its preliminary investigation or operations, the applicant discovers evidence of cultural or historical resources, or an endangered species, or a significant habitat, it shall notify appropriate authorities and provide them with an opportunity to investigate the site. The applicant shall report the results of any such investigation to the Planning Department.

22. If water wells located on surrounding properties are adversely affected, and the extraction operations on this site are suspected as the cause, the effected property owners may present to the Board evidence that the extraction operation is a contributing factor. After a hearing by the Board, this use permit may be revoked or suspended, and the operator may be required to correct the problem.

23. Open and vertical excavations having a depth of 10 feet or more, for a period of more than 30 days, shall be effectively sloped to a 2:1 slope or flatter to protect the public safety.

24. Topsoil shall not be removed from any part of the property outside of the area in which mining is authorized. Sufficient topsoil shall be stockpiled on the property for respreading in a layer with five inches of minimum depth. All topsoil shall be stockpiled within the authorized mining area and provided with adequate erosion control protection. If the site does not yield sufficient topsoil, additional topsoil shall be brought to the site to provide the required five-inch layer of cover. All topsoil shall be treated with a mixture of seed, fertilizer, and lime as recommended by the County after soil tests have been provided to the County.

25. No offsite-generated materials shall be deposited on the mining site without prior written approval of the Director of Planning. To obtain such approval, the operator shall submit a request stating the origin, nature and quantity of material to be deposited, and certifying that no contaminated or hazardous material will be included. The material to be deposited on the site shall be limited to imperishable materials such as stone, bricks, tile, sand, gravel, soil, asphalt, concrete and like materials, and shall not include any hazardous materials as defined by the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations.

26. A superintendent, who shall be personally familiar with all the terms and conditions of Section 24-103 of Chapter 24 of the County Code, as well as the terms and conditions of this use permit, shall be present at the beginning and conclusion of operations each work day to see that all the conditions of the Code and this use permit are observed.

27. A progress report shall be submitted to the Board on November 18, 2005. This progress report must contain information concerning how much property has been

mined to date of the report, the amount of land left to be mined, how much rehabilitation has been performed, when and how the remaining amount of land will be rehabilitated, and any other pertinent information about the operation that would be helpful to the Board.

2519 28. Excavation shall be discontinued by November 18, 2006, and restoration accomplished by not later than November 18, 2007, unless a new permit is granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

29. The rehabilitation of the property shall take place simultaneously with the mining process. Rehabilitation shall not be considered completed until the mined area is covered completely with permanent vegetation.

30. All drainage and erosion and sediment control measures shall conform to the standards and specifications of the Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook. Any drainage structures in place prior to October 14, 1992 and which do not conform to the Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook may remain in place until such time as any reconstruction is required at which time said structures shall be brought into conformance with the Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook.

2534 31. Failure to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall automatically void this permit.

2537 Affirmative: Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally, Wright
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2538 Negative:
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The Board granted the request because it found the proposed use will be in substantial accordance with the general purpose and objectives of Chapter 24 of the County Code.

On a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **approved as corrected**, the Minutes of the **June 24**, **2004**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **approved** the Minutes of the **July 22**, **2004**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **approved as corrected,** the Minutes of the **August 26, 2004**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

2559 2560 2561	There being no further business, and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board adjourned until December 16, 2004 , at 9:00 am.
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2563	Russell A. Wright, Esq.
2564	Chairman
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2567	Benjamin Blankinship, AICP
2568	Secretary
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