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6	Use Variance to allow front	-ward parking in
7	the Residential District	x
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9		245 Washington Street Watertown, New York 13601 Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10		wednesday, March 20, 2024
11	BEFORE:	
12	Chairperson:	Samuel S. Thomas
13	Board Members:	Adam Ruppe Morgan Mayer
14		Timothy Virkler
15	Senior Planner:	Jennifer Voss
16	City Planner:	Sharlice Bonello
17	City Attorney:	Christina Stone, ESQ.
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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: This evening, we have four members present, just as an item of information. So that would require three of four to be in consensus regarding a vote.

So we're going to begin this evening as a continuation of a use variance request to allow front-yard parking in a residential district; location, 810 Morrison Street. The applicant is Candy and Richard Marquette.

We'll begin with attendance. Hang on just a second. James Corriveau, he is absent and did indicate that he could not make tonight's meeting.

Morgan Mayer?

MS. MAYER: Present.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Adam Ruppe?

MR. RUPPE: Here.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Tim Virkler?

MR. VIRKLER: Here.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I, Samuel Thomas, is present. We have Sharlice Bonello, Planner.

Senior Planner Jennifer Voss is here, along with Christina Stone, our city attorney.

As I said, this is a continuation of the meeting that we held, I believe, January 3rd the

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last time.

MS. VOSS: I don't think it was January 3rd.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It was the 17th.

I'm sorry.

So we will -- and I would ask that the applicant approach the -- if you have any additional information.

Did everyone receive the estimate for paving?

MS. MAYER: Yes.

MR. VIRKLER: Yes.

MS. MARQUETTE: I'm sorry that we were late with the estimate. We tried to get other people to come and look and they wouldn't. And when the guy came, he said that it would be starting out at \$50,000 and probably more, because where the driveway would have to be, there was a house. So it's not — it's not like regular dirt like they're just going to dig up. They have to go in. They have to remove rocks or whatever, and it would probably cost us more for that.

And I just want to let you know that my husband and I worked forever and we're disabled and retired. We don't get any assistance from anybody,

1	and we take care of our grandchildren. We have two
2	grandchildren who live with us. We don't get
3	support. We don't get food stamps or anything like
4	that. We're just taking care of them, and we just
5	really cannot afford this.
6	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I know in our last
7	meeting, we talked about and the estimate that
8	was submitted by Full Service Paving, Incorporated,
9	was a total price of \$12,385; is that correct?
10	MS. MARQUETTE: I'm not sure. He was
11	there when they talked to him (indicating).
12	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes. This is what
13	Ms. Voss sent to us.
14	MS. MARQUETTE: But he said it was going
15	to be more.
16	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So I didn't
17	know if that included tax because he didn't
18	indicate, so
19	But that was building a driveway from
20	Snell Street property that you own
21	MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah.
22	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: up to your home.

MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah. He said that's not

Okay. Because I know, at one point, we were

talking about a turnaround in the back.

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1	reasonable.
2	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Not doable.
3	MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah.
4	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right.
5	Very good. Thank you for clarifying that. I don't
6	want to keep you on your feet too long.
7	So do colleagues have questions?
8	MS. MAYER: No.
9	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. As I said
10	before, the space that you originally occupied for
11	probably 20 years was one parking space
12	MS. MARQUETTE: Thirty years.
13	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: on the right-hand
14	side of the house, that it's not in compliance.
15	And according to the pictures that were submitted
16	and then I and Google Map had showed that more
17	parking had existed in front of that parcel.
18	Am I correct in saying that?
19	MS. VOSS: Uh-huh.
20	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: As far as off-street
21	parking or on-street parking is concerned, it
22	exists in our neighborhood. I only know
23	everywhere, it exists. And you really
24	Am I correct in saying that that is a
25	person's right to if it's legal parking;

1 although, you cannot park during winter months 2 overnight. It requires removal --3 MS. VOSS: Are you saying the on-street 4 parking? 5 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: On-street parking. MS. VOSS: Yeah, anybody can use 6 7 on-street parking. CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. And I think 8 9 it's, what, November 30th to April 30th, they want 10 cars off the street for snow removal? 11 MS. VOSS: November 1st, I believe, to 12 April 30th. MS. MARQUETTE: And that's when we start 13 14 putting the car in front of our house to park 15 because we can't park out in front. 16 And the reason why the people turned us 17 in was because they were mad because we had our 18 truck in front of our house parked on the side of 19 the road, our side of the road, but they feel that 20 they cannot pull out and come around. So that's 21 why they turned us in. 22 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I would think that 23 would have to be a law enforcement issue as to 24 whether or not visibility is obstructed by a

vehicle. I mean, I understand why a person would

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have that concern and that -- you know, that would be something that, you know, the police department would have to determine.

But it's my understanding people have the right to park in the street, as long as it's legal, as long as it's not in a no-parking area and you're not out there during the winter months because plows have to come through and remove snow. I think that runs like late November through --

MS. MARQUETTE: April 1st.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- April. I see signs posted. But, around here, who knows how the weather's going to play out.

But I do have concerns for -- well, it would be a total of three vehicles because you have the truck that's parked in your driveway. That's perfectly legal. I don't have no issues with that. I do understand your driveway is narrow and it's difficult to go in and open doors, close doors, and have ease of access.

Winter can be difficult if ice is coming off roofs and so forth, but the -- in this picture that is submitted in last meeting on January 17th, I believe -- or 24th, because we canceled the 17th, the picture submitted in January does show a red

1	vehicle that is parked on the lawn. That, I do
2	not I, personally I can't speak for my
3	colleagues. I do not approve of, so
4	MS. MARQUETTE: And in the wintertime,
5	it's there, but in the summertime, we park the
6	truck out front and then
7	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: The truck the
8	truck in this picture is legal.
9	MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah. But then in the
10	summertime, we park the car there, instead of the
11	truck, and the truck goes out front.
12	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But you can't
13	have in my opinion, having that red car, which
14	would be a third vehicle, which is an
15	Am I saying the language correct?
16	an extension of a nonconforming use.
17	You're already it's nonconforming with that
18	first the second vehicle.
19	MS. STONE: Yeah. Well, it's not a
20	nonconforming. It's an illegal use of the
21	property. So "nonconforming" means could note
22	that it was legal and then the zoning changed.
23	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, all right.
24	MS. MARQUETTE: So you're saying I'm
25	trying to get this right in my head. You're saying

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that we can't have all three vehicles here in front of the house?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I feel that way.

MS. MARQUETTE: Now, is there -- like, could we make, like, further down by the fence a -- I can't see from here. I'm blind because of the stroke.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I mean, you do have property there on Snell. I mean, however you want to use your property, but you cannot park vehicles in the front of your house from corner -- if I'm --

MS. MARQUETTE: Okay. So --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- from the corner of your house to the, obviously, opposite corner. Like, your house faces south, I believe. So it would be like from the southwest corner to the southeast corner, so ...

But I feel that you should -- the truck,
I have no problem with where it's parked, and I
feel comfortable with your parking of another
vehicle -- the vehicle to the right of the truck,
but not -- because it kind of -- it blends in
better with the driveway.

But where that red car is parked, that is a third -- that would be considered a third vehicle

or two vehicles that would be out of compliance with city code. So is that clear?

MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah.

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. So you may want to think in terms of if you want to -- you know, you have the red vehicle where, you know, the car to the -- let's say, to the left, the furthest left when facing your house, like where should we put that? Perhaps, that's something you might want to consider looking at the land that you have and trying to find an alternative location for that.

MS. MARQUETTE: But we're in the same problem because of -- like, when the guy came and said that the yard -- because of the stone and all the stuff underneath, it's the same thing as on the side of Snell Street.

Because when the city came in and they -they did some work there. So they put -- they dug
it up, and there's like metal and cement and all
that stuff underneath, and they put dirt on top of
it and then the gravel. So it's -- the whole
thing's like that.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Would that be something that DPW would have to take a look at, or would that -- or is that probably not going to

1	happen? Let's just be truthful.
2	MS. VOSS: I honestly cannot answer that
3	question. I'm not sure.
4	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, perhaps,
5	that's something
6	MS. MARQUETTE: Can I say something?
7	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Sure.
8	MS. MARQUETTE: They were going to come
9	and plant trees because they're doing that city
10	thing where they're planting trees on that thing.
11	And he even came and tried to dig in, and he said
12	they can't put trees around there because of how
13	they did it.
14	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well
15	MS. MARQUETTE: And that's on the other
16	side of my fence.
17	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: However you want to
18	use that piece and whatever way's easiest for you
19	and cost effective for you should then be
20	considered.
21	Questions by colleagues?
22	Okay. Mrs. Voss, do you have anything
23	that you would like to say?
24	MS. VOSS: I don't have anything further.
25	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Ms. Stone?

1	MS. STONE: I have nothing further.
2	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Sharlice?
3	MS. BONELLO: No.
4	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Very good.
5	We do have to close the public hearing,
6	and we have to do the Part 2 of the impact
7	assessment.
8	I see that there are no neighbors, so
9	it's just you two. Is there anything else you
10	would like to add? You're very welcome to, because
11	we are going to close the public hearing.
12	Are people comfortable, before I close
13	it, in voting this evening?
14	(All nodding head up and down.)
15	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Very good.
16	So let's begin, may I have a motion to close the
17	public hearing?
18	MS. MAYER: I move to close the public
19	hearing.
20	MR. RUPPE: Second.
21	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Very good.
22	All in favor?
23	MR. VIRKLER: Aye.
24	MS. MAYER: Aye.
25	MR. RUPPE: Aye.

1	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Very good.
2	Okay. We'll start with the question
3	piece of the short environmental assessment form
4	and the impact assessment. It's a procedure.
5	Number 1, will the proposed action create
6	a material conflict with an adopted land use plan
7	or zoning regulations? No. Let's respond in
8	unison, please. I don't want to hear myself.
9	Will the proposed action result in the
10	change of a use of or intensity of the use of land?
11	MR. VIRKLER: No.
12	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.
13	MS. MAYER: No.
14	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
15	action impair the character or quality of existing
16	community?
17	MR. RUPPE: No.
18	MR. VIRKLER: No.
19	MS. MAYER: No.
20	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.
21	Will the proposed action have an impact
22	on the environmental characteristics that cause the
23	establishment of a critical area, CEA? No.
24	MR. VIRKLER: No.
25	MR. RUPPE: No.

1	MS. MAYER: No.
2	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
3	action result in an adverse change in existing
4	level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure
5	for mass transit, biking, or walkway?
6	MR. VIRKLER: No.
7	MR. RUPPE: No.
8	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.
9	MS. MAYER: No.
10	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
11	action cause an increase in the use of energy and
12	fail to incorporate reasonable available energy
13	conservation or renewable energy opportunities?
14	No.
15	MR. VIRKLER: No.
16	MS. MAYER: No.
17	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
18	action impact existing, A, public/private water
19	supplies? No.
20	MR. VIRKLER: No.
21	MR. RUPPE: No.
22	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: B, public/private
23	wastewater treatment utilities? No.
24	MR. VIRKLER: No.
25	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed

1	action impair the character and quality of
2	important archeological, architectural, or
3	aesthetic resources?
4	MR. VIRKLER: No.
5	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No.
6	MR. RUPPE: No.
7	MS. MAYER: No.
8	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
9	action result in an adverse change to natural
10	resources? Example: Wetlands, waterbodies, ground
11	water, air quality, flora or flauna? No.
12	MR. RUPPE: No.
13	MR. VIRKLER: No.
14	MS. MAYER: No.
15	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
16	action result in an increase in the potential for
17	erosion, flooding, or drainage problems? No.
18	MR. VIRKLER: No.
19	MR. RUPPE: No.
20	MS. MAYER: No.
21	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Will the proposed
22	action create a hazard to environmental resources
23	or human health? No.
24	MR. VIRKLER: No.
25	MR. RUPPE: No.

1	MS. MAYER: No.
2	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. So now we can
3	move with the negative declaration.
4	MS. MAYER: I move that we adopt a
5	resolution finding that the proposed variance will
6	have no significant adverse affects or
7	environmental impacts.
8	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: May I have a motion
9	on that?
10	MR. VIRKLER: I'll vote for the motion.
11	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Second. Okay. All
12	in favor?
13	MR. VIRKLER: Aye.
14	MR. RUPPE: Aye.
15	MS. MAYER: Aye.
16	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All right. Very
17	good.
18	All right. Now, since that piece is over
19	with, we'll begin with the voting procedures. Bear
20	with me.
21	I have given the use variance request at
22	810 Morrison Street much consideration. The
23	applicants have resided at this residence for
24	30 years and have parked in a paved area in front
25	of their home on the right side due to limitations

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of their driveway, which we discussed. It is narrow and does not allow easy access to a vehicle or to their home.

Furthermore, winter conditions often create falling snow and ice from their home and the neighbor's house, which is directly located to the south of their property and abuts their driveway. According to a Google Map, the front yard is now expanded into two parking spaces, and current pictures depict front-yard parking violations, which, in accordance to Section 310-27 of City Code, front-yard parking is not allowed in residential district. Exceptions may be granted when a residence does not have available land to construct a driveway that meets city code. In this case, there is available land.

The applicant submitted an estimate in the amount of \$12,385 of what would allow them to construct a driveway on either property that fronts Snell Street. Now, this is the only financial piece submitted to the ZBA. I looked at the assessment, which I believe was, like, 65,000 in taxes were in the range of 1,500 for 2023. We take into account city, county, and school tax, and it still does not meet the criteria that a reasonable

rate of return cannot be realized from this property without granting a use variance.

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The condition of this property is unique in that the present driveway is narrow and that alternative off-street parking may be constructed on the north end of the parcel that fronts Snell Street. The property owners claim they've been parking in the front yard of their home for several decades, and it did not -- and did not realize until recently that front-yard parking is prohibited.

In this case, Google Maps from 2013 depict that front-yard parking has been expanded to now include vehicle -- include two vehicles, which, again, is in violation. Therefore, I would perceive this to be a self-inflicted hardship. It appears that the expansion of front-yard parking was a matter of convenience for the property, and there was little regard to how it may negatively affect the neighborhood and nearby properties. Vehicles parked in front of the structure in a residential neighborhood usually have a negative impact.

In my consideration of this case, I do not have strong evidence that supports a front-yard

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parking. However, since the conditions of the driveway deem that is not use -- that its use is not feasible, I would only grant one parking -- front-yard parking space on the right-hand side of the house, or to the left of the driveway, with the following stipulations.

So what I'm saying is that driveway parking is fine, and then one other vehicle could be parked there.

It should not exceed 10 feet in width, and no vehicle should interfere with the pedestrian's right-of-way for use of the sidewalk.

Furthermore, the property owners are responsible for curb cut, and I notice you already have one and that you probably won't need that.

MS. MARQUETTE: Could you say that again, please?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I was looking at the pictures and, right now, you have -- a curb cut means that they've taken the curbing away so you can -- you can put that one vehicle in on the right-hand side.

MS. MARQUETTE: They just put the curb in. There never was one.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah. Unless those

1 pictures are not current. 2 MS. MARQUETTE: We just got that curb 3 this year. 4 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, there was never 5 a curb in there? MS. MARQUETTE: There was never a curb. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. that -- because the pictures ... 8 9 Furthermore, the property owners are -- I 10 said that. 11 A vehicle is not to got over the curb, 12 which would obviously cause deterioration in the 1.3 site. The second yard parking space must be 14 eliminated. I -- I know that's like a third, but 15 we're going to call it the second because it's not 16 legal to park in the front yard. 17 Okay. So if parking continues in this 18 area, the code office would cite the property owner 19 with a violation. Should a property owner decide to build a driveway on Snell Street, front-yard 20 21 parking will not no longer be allowed or be 22 prohibited. 23

Therefore, I vote yes to the use variance request at 210 Morrison Street allowing only one vehicle to park in the front yard in front of the

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1 house in accordance with the stipulations cited 2 above. 3 Most times, zoning board, in my history -- and I've been here for a little while --4 5 we have not -- we usually do not grant front-yard parking. I do see this as an atypical situation; 6 therefore, I feel that -- that your driveway 7 parking area and another vehicle should be allowed 8 9 for a total of only two vehicles. Okay? Does that 10 seem clear? 11 MS. MARQUETTE: Yeah. 12 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. 13 MS. MARQUETTE: You said 210. You didn't 14 say 810 Morrison. 15 MS. MAYER: You said 210. 16 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, 810 Morrison 17 Street. Oh, I said 210? 18 MS. MAYER: Yes. 19 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Sorry. Well, thank you. You were listening. Okay. Sometimes I go on 20 21 and on, and I don't think anyone's listening. 22 Okay. So, Mr. Ruppe, would you like to 23 vote? 24 MR. RUPPE: The standard to grant one of 25 these is very high. You have to show that you

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cannot realize a reasonable return for any legal use. And legal use would include not only parking in the existing driveway, but making new ones along the side, even if they didn't connect, and that's an option that we did not really explore.

The quote you had was for 130 feet of driveway, which would go all the way around, and a shorter one would give you some parking and not necessarily cost as much.

MS. MARQUETTE: I don't understand that. I'm sorry.

MR. RUPPE: Yeah. If you had a quote for a shorter driveway on the side that didn't go all the way, as long as it's behind the facade of the house, that would be legal under the zoning law.

MS. MARQUETTE: When we were here, they said it had to go around.

MR. RUPPE: Yeah. Yeah, it just needs to be behind the facade to be a legal option, and the law requires that you be able to prove that none of those other options are going to work for you.

And since all four requirements must be met, failing to meet any one means that it would be a no vote for me.

Additionally, I also -- by the looks of

1	it, it does look to be a self-created difficulty
2	having multiple vehicles, including one that you
3	said you bought somewhat recently, when you could
4	have known ahead of time that you had inadequate
5	parking.
6	MS. MARQUETTE: We were never aware of
7	this until somebody turned us in. If we knew that
8	we couldn't have parking, we wouldn't have parked
9	there for 40 years. You know, even though there
10	isn't any any
11	MS. STONE: Ma'am, I'm sorry. He's
12	giving his decision, so it's not really a
13	question-and-answer debate.
14	MS. MARQUETTE: So it doesn't matter?
15	MS. STONE: Yeah. The time to provide
16	evidence on your case has already been closed.
17	MR. RUPPE: Yeah.
18	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So are you your
19	final vote?
20	MR. RUPPE: So my vote is no.
21	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.
22	MR. VIRKLER: Thank you, folks, for
23	coming and presenting. I know it's also a burden

know what you're going to get.

to come up here unfamiliar with the process and

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Again, as my colleague said, the legal standard here is very high that we have to apply. In listening to what the chairman said, I find myself in agreement with your points, and I would approve it, to the extent delineated by Chairman Thomas with the 10 feet.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So is your vote a yes?

MR. VIRKLER: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. With the stipulations cited in my response. Thank you.

MS. MAYER: Good evening. As my colleagues have pointed out, the standards have not quite been met. However, I also agree with the chairman. With his stipulations, I do vote yes on that basis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So you have three yes votes and one no vote for this use variance request, so your variance is granted for one additional car to park on the right-hand side of the house or nearest the driveway. Okay?

And, Mrs. Voss, would you have to facilitate some --

MS. VOSS: I will get you a letter with the stipulations of that, and I will send you

something in the mail. And I'll let code enforcement know so that they won't continue to send you letters, unless you then park two cars out in front and then you will get an enforcement letter again.

MS. MARQUETTE: Right. Thank you.

MS. VOSS: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any questions?

MR. VIRKLER: Mr. Chairman, I have a question maybe for counsel or Ms. Voss.

If the Marquettes sell the house, will the new owner enjoy the same privilege, or does that terminate when they sell the house?

MS. VOSS: The variance runs with the land.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

Good question. Okay. And if, for some reason,

down the road, if you decide -- if you decide to

build a driveway on Snell Street, then it's -- then

front-yard parking -- once the driveway is complete

and to code, then the front-yard parking -- the

truck can still remain because it's your driveway.

That other space then could -- would have to be

terminated or ended.

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1	MS. VOSS: No.
2	MS. STONE: No.
3	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay.
4	MS. STONE: Yeah, unfortunately, the
5	variance runs
6	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I wrote it down and
7	stated
8	MS. STONE: The variance runs with the
9	land
10	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.
11	MS. STONE: so it doesn't matter
12	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: But if you do
13	decide, because you have that other vehicle, just,
14	you know, that would probably be the most feasible
15	thing to do, to get that off the side lot.
16	All right. Very good. If there are no
17	further questions, may I have a motion to close the
18	meeting?
19	MS. MAYER: I would move to close the
20	meeting.
21	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: May I have a second
22	on that motion?
23	MR. RUPPE: I'll second.
24	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All in favor?
25	MR. VIRKLER: Aye.

1	MR. RUPPE: Aye.	
2	MS. MAYER: Aye.	
3	CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.	Very good.
4	Well, thank you for coming.	
5	MS. MARQUETTE: Thank you.	Thank you
6	very much.	
7	MS. MAYER: Thank you.	
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