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Subject:

1551 Briarcliff Road HPC Appeal

Commissioners,

In response to your direction at today's meeting, please find below suggested motion language, which includes my input and David's:

"In consideration of these 5 appeals pending before the Board today, I move to reverse and remand the Historic Preservation Commission's April 19, 2017 decision to issue a certificate of appropriateness authorizing (1) the property division and (2) proposed development of the smaller resulting parcel with two multi-family buildings and associated improvements, on the grounds that the Commission abused its discretion in coming to its decision. I find that the decision to issue the certificate of appropriateness violated the Druid Hills Historic District's aspirations of protecting the natural landscape as contemplated in Guidelines 4.1.2 and 4.1.3, and that the preservation commission did not properly apply Guideline 8.1, "Open Space and Parkland Preservation and Conservation," and Guideline 8.3, "Protection of the Historic Watershed Design and Design Concept." The Commission is directed to reconsider the application in consideration of these Guidelines, and to additionally require the applicant to perform an archeological study as contemplated by Guideline 11.0."

Please let me know if we may be of further assistance.

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