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Comments regarding the Methodist church property Public Hearing from 7/27/21

First and foremost, this is in no way a statement regarding a religious organization right to build or to worship. This is strictly about the preservation of, long-time, historic building. As the Village Board has yet to approve the new Village Comprehensive Plan, I am very concerned that this will lead to the destruction of this and other buildings in the Village of Chester that have so much history to them.

I would believe that there must be a way for this building to be preserved and renovating for the need of the users (congregation). However, if the church is non-repairable that I would hope that it could be built in a style of the surrounding Historic Area of Main St., and Downtown Chester.

I would also like to make a comment concerning the drainage. I believe that a question was raised about this last month and I'm curious to know whether it was addressed and has the Street Superintendent (Charles Bono) made any comments regarding the same. I don't believe there is a 'catch basin' at the bottom of this driveway and it has been known to cause icing in the wintertime and extreme runoff in a rainstorm, that water than just rolls down to Valada Ln., to be sent only to the first group of ditches on the side of that road.

Having seen the artist rendering tonight (7/27/21) I was shocked to see how out of character it is for the street and area on which it is going to be erected. Certainly the church could be designed in a way that is more in context with the Historic Village of Chester.

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