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PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET
Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: July 28th, 2022

Application: CU 2310 Milton Community Food Bank, Inc.

Applicant: Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc.
12898 Union Street Ext.
Milton, DE 19968

Owner: Elmer Smith
12898 Union Street Ext.
Milton, DE 19968

Site Location: Lying on the west side of Union Street Ext. (Rt. 5), approximately 0.24 mile south of Reynolds Pond Road (S.C.R. 231)

Current Zoning: General Residential (GR) District

Proposed Use: Food Bank

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Reference: Developing Area

Councilmanic District: Ms. Cynthia Green

School District: Cape Henlopen School District

Fire District: Milton Fire Department

Sewer: On-site

Water: Private Well

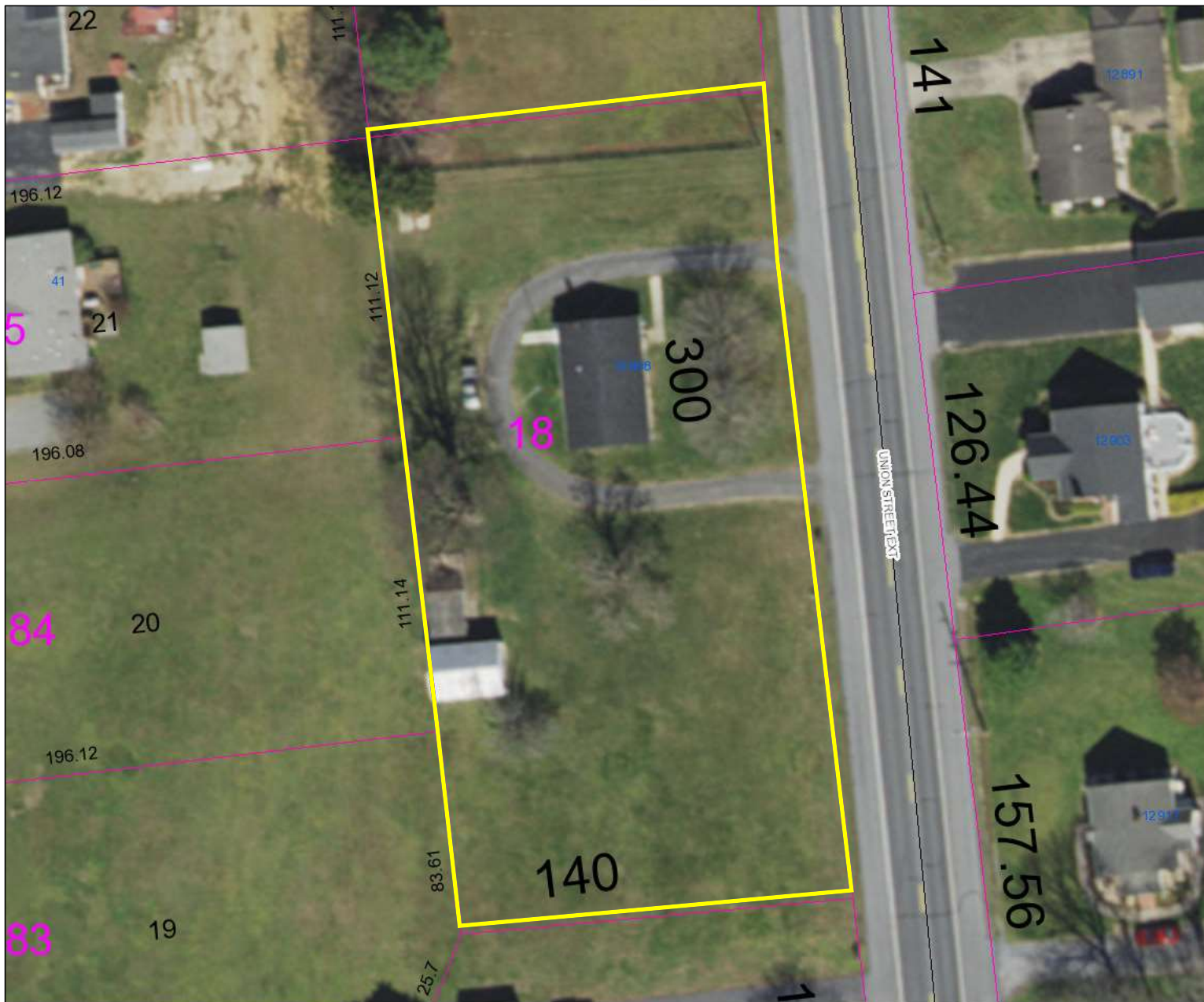
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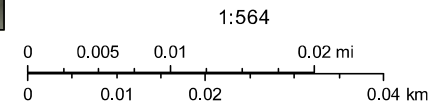


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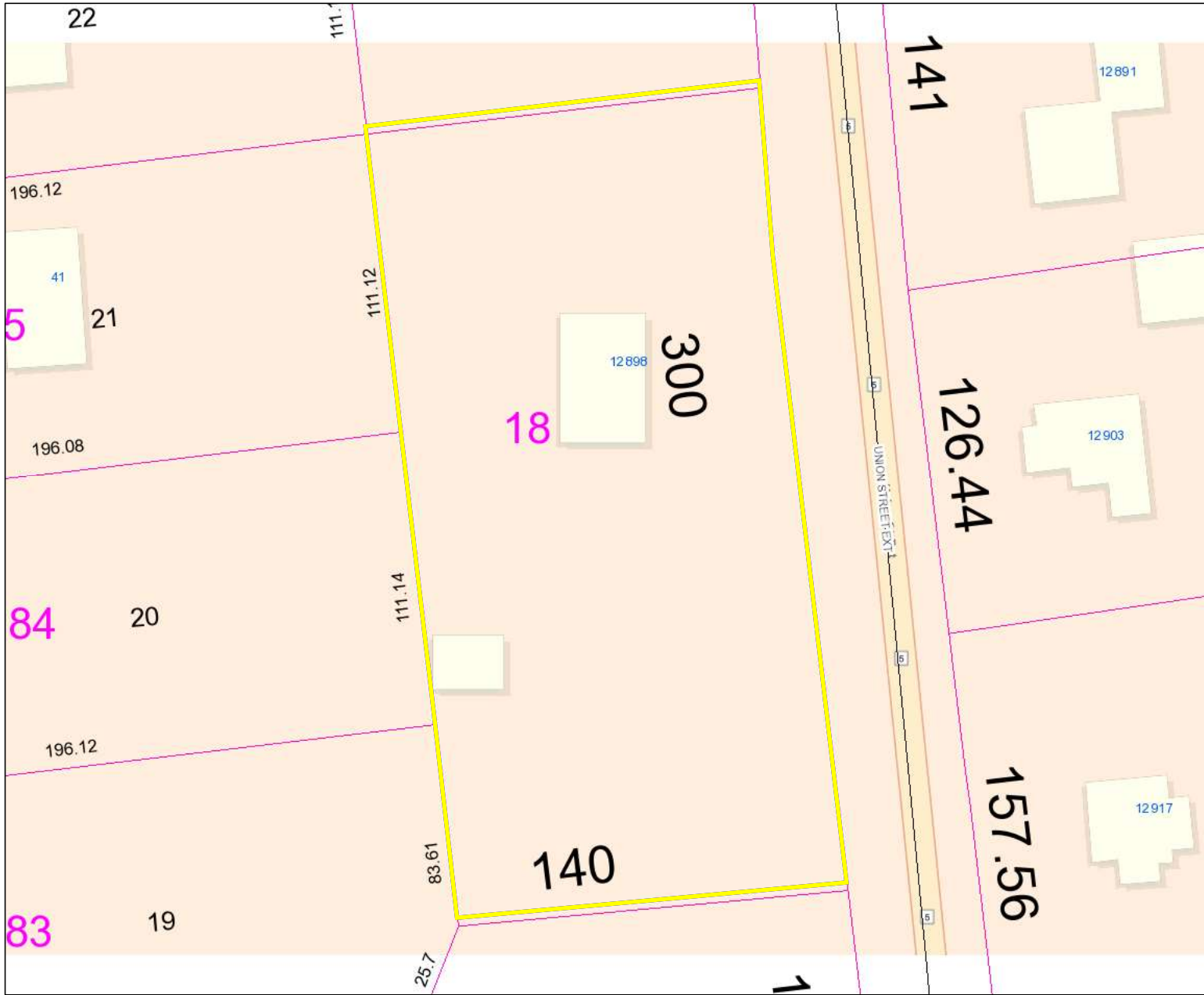
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Book	5577
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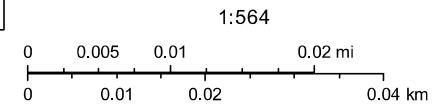


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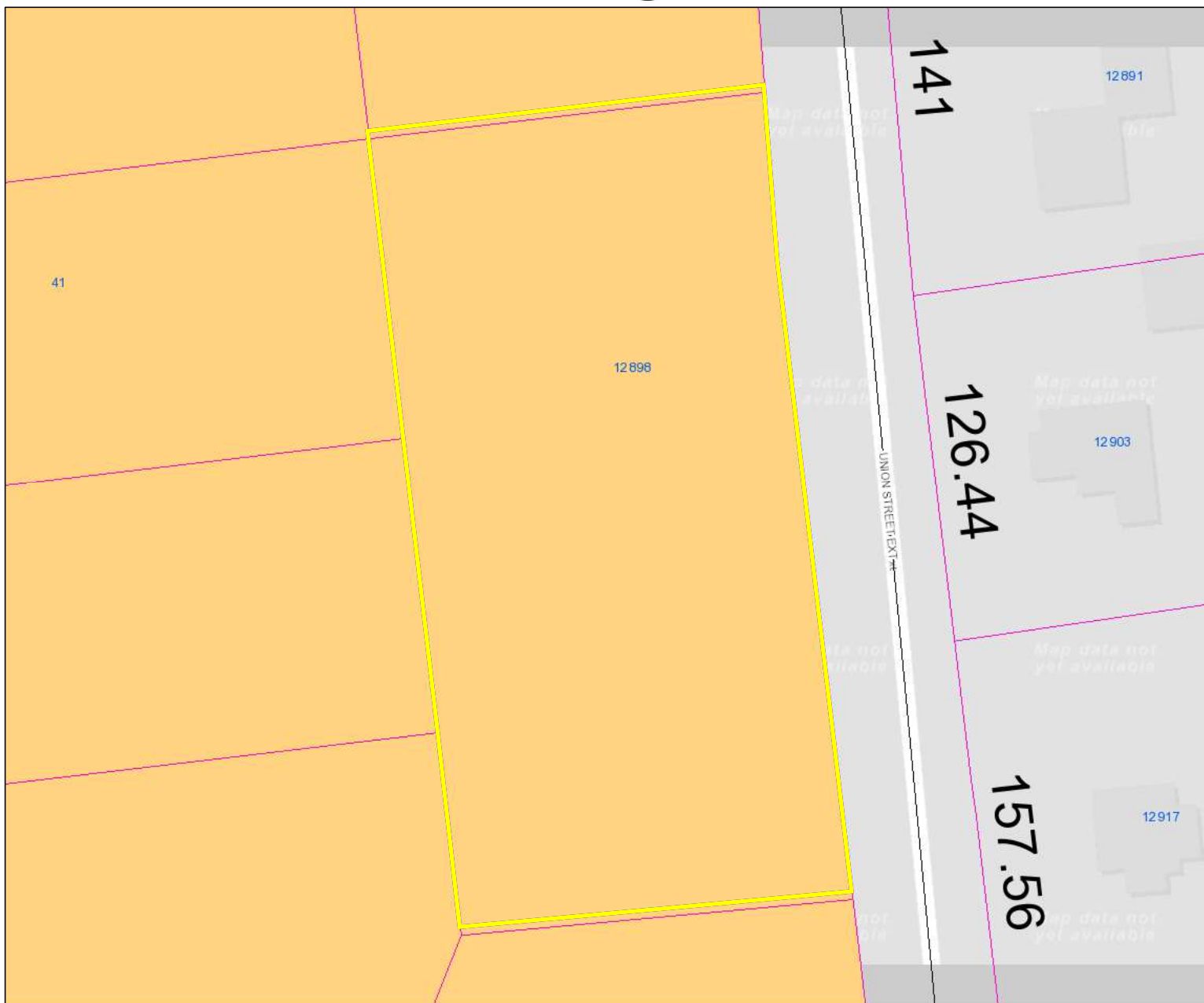
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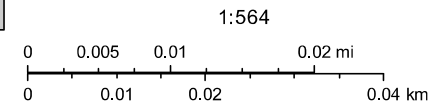


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Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission Members
From: Mx. Jesse Lindenberg, Planner I
CC: Mr. Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and Applicant
Date: July 18th, 2022
RE: Staff Analysis for CU 2310 Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc.

The purpose of this memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider as a part of Application CU 2310 Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc. to be reviewed during the July 28th, 2022, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. This analysis should be included in the record of this application and is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Conditional Use for Tax Parcel: 235-7.00-18.00, to allow for a food pantry, to be located at 12898 Union Street Ext., Milton. The property is lying on the west side of Union Street Extension (S.C.R. 22), approximately 0.21 mile south of the intersection of Union Street Extension (S.C.R. 22) and Reynolds Pond Road (Rt. 231). The parcel consists of 0.96 acres +/-.

Comprehensive Plan Analysis

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use Map in the plan indicates that the parcel has a designation of “Developing Area.” The parcels to the north, south, west, and east across Union Street Extension (S.C.R. 22) also have a Future Land Use Map designation of “Developing Area.”

As outlined within the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, The Developing Areas are newer, emerging growth areas that demonstrate the characteristics of developmental trends. Most of the proposed Developing Areas are adjacent to municipalities, within or adjacent to potential future annexation areas of a municipality, or adjacent to Town Centers. – A range of housing types are appropriate in Developing Areas, including single family homes, townhouses, and multi-family units. In selected areas and at appropriate intersections, commercial uses should be allowed. A variety of office uses would be appropriate in many areas. Portions of the Developing Areas with good road access and few nearby homes should allow for business and industrial parks. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed. In doing so, careful mixtures of homes with light commercial and institutional uses can be appropriate to provide for convenient services and to allow people to work close to home (Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-14).

Zoning Information

The subject property is zoned General Residential (GR) District. All adjacent properties to the north, south, and west of the subject property are zoned General Residential (GR) District. The



parcel east of the subject property, on the opposite side of Union Street Extension (S.C.R. 22), is zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District.

Existing Conditional Uses within the Vicinity of the Subject Property

Since 2011, there has been one (1) Conditional Use application within a one (1) mile radius of the application site. This application was Conditional Use No. 1911 for Forrest Webster to allow for mini storage locker units to be permitted within an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. This application was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, January 17th, 2011, and this change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2234.

Based on the analysis provided, the Conditional use to allow for a food pantry in this location could be considered as being consistent with the surrounding land use, zoning, and uses, subject to considerations of scale and impact.

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Planning & Zoning Commission Application

Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department
2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947
302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

SUSSEX COUNTY
PLANNING & ZONING

AUG 17 2021

Type of Application: (please check applicable)

Conditional Use

Zoning Map Amendment

Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment

12898 Union Street Ext., Milton, DE 19968

Type of Conditional Use Requested:

The Applicant proposes a food pantry to serve those in need. See Attached

Tax Map #: 235-7.00-18.00

Size of Parcel(s):

Current Zoning: GR

Proposed Zoning: C/U

Size of Building: approx. 1500 square feet

Land Use Classification: Coastal

Water Provider: Well

Sewer Provider: On Site

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc. c/o Donna Murawski

Applicant Address: P.O. Box 84

City: Milton

State: DE

Zip Code: 19968

Phone #:

E-mail: pantrymilton@gmail.com

Owner Information

Owner Name: Elmer Smith

Owner Address: 12898 Union Street Ext.

City: Milton

State: DE

Zip Code: 19968

Phone #:

E-mail:

Agent/Attorney/Engineer Information

Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name: Timothy G. Willard, Esquire

Agent/Attorney/Engineer Address: 26 The Circle

City: Georgetown

State: DE

Zip Code: 19947

Phone #: 856-7777

E-mail: tim@fwsslaw.com



Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications

The following shall be submitted with the application

Completed Application

Provide eight (8) copies of the Site Plan or Survey of the property

- Survey shall show the location of existing or proposed building(s), building setbacks, parking area, proposed entrance location, etc.
- Provide a PDF of Plans (may be e-mailed to a staff member)
- Deed or Legal description

Provide Fee \$500.00

Optional - Additional information for the Commission/Council to consider (ex. architectural elevations, photos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided submit 8 copies and they shall be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearings for the application.

DeIDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response

PLUS Response Letter (if required)

The undersigned hereby certifies that the forms, exhibits, and statements contained in any papers or plans submitted as a part of this application are true and correct.

I also certify that I or an agent on my behalf shall attend all public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sussex County Council and any other hearing necessary for this application and that I will answer any questions to the best of my ability to respond to the present and future needs, the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the inhabitants of Sussex County, Delaware.

Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney

Tin Wilkerson 8-17-21

Donna Murawski President
Milton Community Food Pantry
Signature of Owner

Date: 8/16/21

Date: _____

For office use only:

Date Submitted: 08/17/2021 Fee: \$500.00 Check #: 19237
Staff accepting application: Chase Phillips Application & Case #: 202112292 CU 2310
Location of property: 12898 Union Street Extended
Milton Tmp: 235-700-1800

Subdivision: _____
Date of PC Hearing: _____ Recommendation of PC Commission: _____
Date of CC Hearing: _____ Decision of CC: _____

08/16/2021 Donna Murawski Filing Fee for the Mil. 1 Community
 Account: 16220.048387-1 Food Pantry
 Residential to a Non Profit

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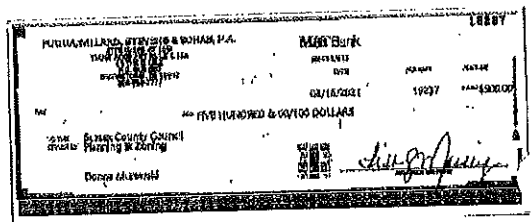
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 P.O. Box 601
 Georgetown, DE 19947
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 PERMITS / INSPECTIONS
 CONDITIONAL USE - FEE
 2021 Item: 202112292|2010 500.00

 Subtotal 500.00
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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 BAY ROAD
P.O. BOX 77B
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

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NICOLE MAJESKI
SECRETARY

May 20, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director
Sussex County Planning & Zoning
P.O. Box 417
Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc c/o Tim Willard** proposed land use application, which we received on May 12, 2021. This application is for an approximately 0.9642-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 235-7.00-18.00). The subject land is located west of Union Street Extended (Sussex Road 22). The subject land is currently zoned GR (General Residential) and the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to operate a food pantry and distribute from the site.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volume along Union Street Extended, from Delaware Route 1 to Beach Highway (Sussex Road 16), is 4,511 vehicles per day.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips in any hour and fewer than 500 vehicle trips per day. These numbers of trips are DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. Because the proposed land use would not meet these warrants, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **negligible** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as negligible with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is negligible in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse
Page 2 of 2
May 20, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,



T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.
County Coordinator
Development Coordination

TWB:afm

cc: Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc. c/o Tim Willard, Applicant
Russell Warrington, Sussex County Planning & Zoning
David Edgell, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues
Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination
Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations
Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination
Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations
Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination
Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination
Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

**SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION
C/U & C/Z COMMENTS**

TO: **Jamie Whitehouse**

REVIEWER: **Chris Calio**

DATE: **7/8/2022**

APPLICATION: **CU 2310 Milton Community Food Bank, Inc.**

APPLICANT: **Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc**

FILE NO: **NCPA-5.03**

TAX MAP &
PARCEL(S): **235-7.00-18.00**

LOCATION: **Lying on the west side of Union Street Ext. (Rt. 5),
approximately 0.24 mile south of Reynolds Pond Rd. (SCR 231)**

NO. OF UNITS: **Food Bank**

GROSS
ACREAGE: **0.966**

SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: **2**

SEWER:

- (1). Is the project in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water district?
Yes No
- a. If yes, see question (2).
b. If no, see question (7).
- (2). Which County Tier Area is project in? **Municipal Growth & annexation Area**
- (3). Is wastewater capacity available for the project? **N/A** If not, what capacity is available? **N/A**.
- (4). Is a Construction Agreement required? **No** If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.
- (5). Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? **No** If yes, how many? **N/A**. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? **N/A** If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is **Unified \$6,600.00** per EDU. Please contact **N/A** at **302-855-7719** for additional information on charges.

- (6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? **N/A**
- Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.
- (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? **No**
- (8). Comments: **The proposed Conditional Use is within the boundaries of the Town of Milton's Growth and Annexation Area. Contact the Town of Milton concerning the availability of sanitary sewer and water.**
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? **Not at this time**
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? **Not at this time**
- (11). **All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design standards.**

UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:



John J. Ashman
Sr. Manager of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.
Lisa Walls
No Permit Tech Assigned

DATA COLUMN

TAX MAP NUMBERS: 2-35-7.00-18.00
 SITE ADDRESS: 12898 UNION ST. EXT. MILTON, DE 19968

DATUM: NAVD 88
 VERTICAL: NAD 83 (DE STATE PLANE)
 HORIZONTAL:

EX. ZONING: GR
 PROP. ZONING: GR (CU)
 EX. USE: RESIDENTIAL
 PROP. USE: COMMERCIAL
 SITE AREA: 0.966 ACRES

BUILDINGS:
 EXIST. HOUSE: 1,086 SQFT
 PROPOSED POLE BARN: 1,320 SQFT

FLOOD HAZARD MAP: THIS PROPERTY IS NOT IMPACTED BY THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN AS DETERMINED BY FEMA MAP 10005CD165JK, DATED JANUARY 6, 2005

PARKING:
 REQUIRED: 5 SPACES (1 PER 200 SQFT. OF USEABLE FLOOR AREA (923 SQFT.))
 PROVIDED: 6 SPACES INCLUDING 1 HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

GR SETBACK REQUIREMENTS:
 FRONT SETBACK: 40'
 SIDE SETBACK: 10'
 REAR SETBACK: 10'

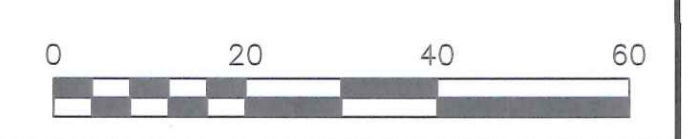
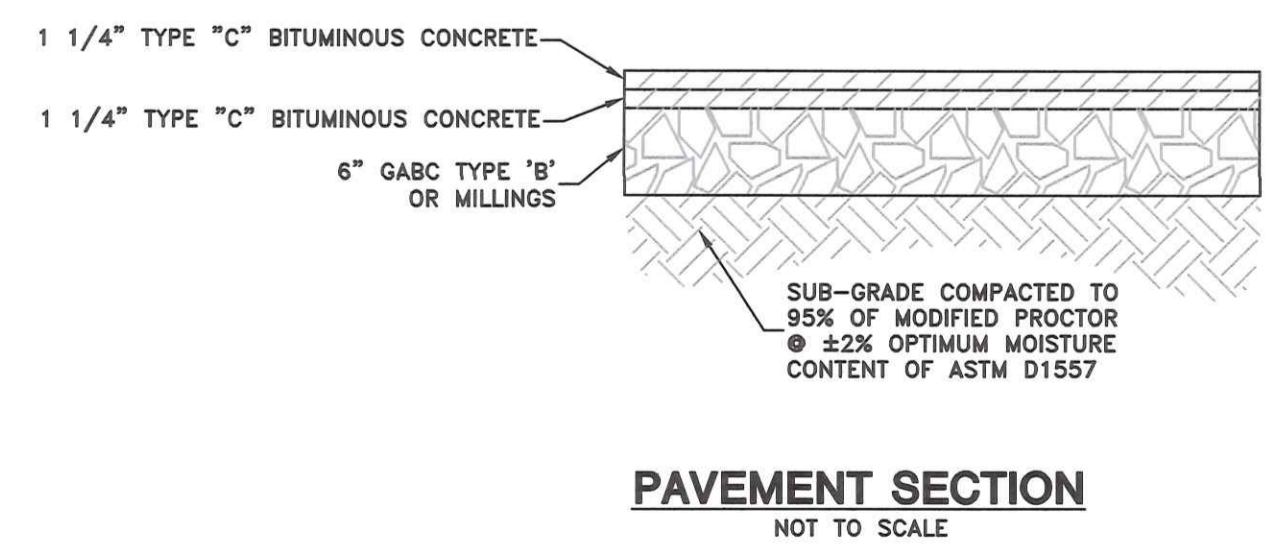
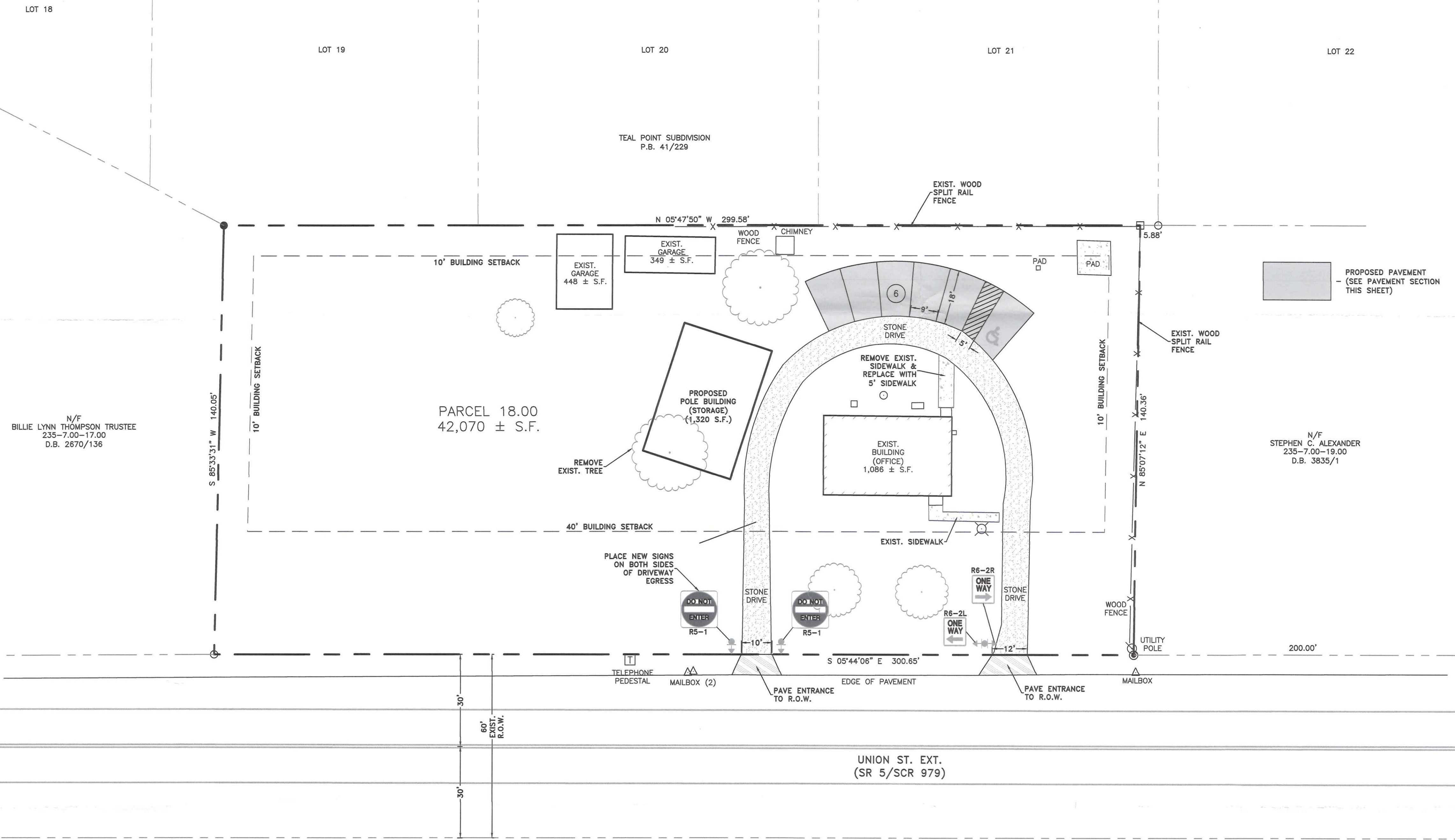
UTILITIES:
 SEWER: PRIVATE (SEPTIC)
 WATER: PRIVATE (WELL)

MAXIMUM PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHT: 42'

PROPOSED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: WOOD CONSTRUCTION

OWNER/DEVELOPER: MILTON FOOD PANTRY
 114 FEDERAL ST.
 MILTON, DE 19968

PREPARED BY: DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL, INC.
 23 NORTH WALNUT STREET
 MILFORD, DE 19963
 (302) 424-1441



ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS SURVEYORS
 DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL, INC.
 SALISBURY, MARYLAND (410) 543-8001
 MILFORD, DELAWARE (302) 424-1441
 EASTON, MARYLAND (410) 770-4744

FOOD BANK OF MILTON
SITE REVISIONS
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

Revisions:








Date:	AUGUST 2021
Scale:	1" = 20'
Dwn.By:	DJR
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Tim Willard

From: Tim Willard
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 1:55 PM
To: Jamie Whitehouse; pandz@sussexcountyde.gov
Cc: Chase Phillips
Subject: C/U 2310 Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc. schedule for 7/28

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from DelDOT...
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Comp Plan.pdf
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Jamie-

I represent the Food Pantry. Please find enclosed supplemental material in support of this application.

To review, the Food Pantry, a non-profit operated by volunteers, collects, stores and prepares food packages for those in need. Their application is for a conditional use to have a location for their operation. They plan to have only one weekly delivery date for clients, tentatively planned for Mondays from 9AM to 1PM. The Pantry is well established in the community and serves a vital need.

Kindly forward this email and attachments to members of the Commission. In addition, please have these attachments available for the Food Pantry's presentation. In addition, below are links to a short video and some photos if they could also be available as well for the presentation. Finally, if multiple sets of hard copies are necessary, let me know; otherwise, I will assume this digital correspondence is sufficient.

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https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QIiLUxlLsueezWI8hK33Aigipq32AQQ/view?usp=drive_web

As always. Thanks. -Tim

Timothy G. Willard, Esq. 302-856-7777

FUQUA, WILLARD & SCHAB, P.A.

26 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

*This correspondence may contain
attorney client privileged information.*



Milton Community Food Pantry
PO Box 84
Milton, DE 19968

(302) 278-9557
pantrymilton@gmail.com

PANTRY HISTORY / WHO WE ARE

In the winter of 2014, a woman came to the door of Reverend Diane Davis, pastor of Goshen United Methodist Church, asking not for money, but for some food for her family. Reverend Diane went to her pantry and put together whatever she could find. That night, Reverend Diane realized that there was poverty hidden in the town of Milton that most people were unaware of. She put together a small group of volunteers and the Milton Community Food Pantry (MCFP) first opened its door in June of 2014, at which time they served 5 families for a total of 9 people that day. Since then, the pantry has grown substantially. Up until the pandemic, we were serving 70-80 families per week, with 130 families at and around the holidays.

At present, we feed approximately 50 families per distribution on the first and third Monday of each month. The MCFP provides food for 3 meals a day, 3 days a week to help supplement a family's food budget. In spite of the pandemic, in 2021 we provided food for 60,000 meals. The MCFP feeds all who ask for food. We service not only the town of Milton, the 19968 zip code, but all surrounding areas including parts of Georgetown, Lewes, Lincoln, Ellendale, Broadkill Beach, Slaughter Beach, as well as many others. We have never turned anyone away. Many of our clients are senior citizens, people who have recently lost their jobs, people with disabilities, and young families struggling to put food on the table.

The MCFP is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that is run entirely by volunteers. Our mission is to combat hunger in Northeastern Sussex County. We rely totally on in-kind donations (e.g. canned/packaged goods and food rescue) as well as monetary donations from individuals and groups within the community. We also receive some foundation funding through various grants.

OUR CURRENT METHOD OF OPERATION

The Covid 19 pandemic has forced the Milton Community Food Pantry to make changes in its food delivery model. Prior to the pandemic, the MCFP had always worked out of Goshen Hall, 114 Federal Street, in Milton. Since changing to our drive-through model of distribution, we have worked out of the Milton municipal parking lot, the parking lots at Goshen Church and hall and outdoors at the Water's Edge Church on Reynolds Road. We currently distribute on the first and third Mondays of the month, from 10 AM to 12 PM. We distribute food to approximately 50 families during that time many of whom carpool. A core group of 10-12 volunteers work the parking lot, handle registration, pack fresh produce, meats, and bakery items, and carry the fresh food as well as the boxes of canned goods to the cars. Clients never leave their cars as they are registered at the car and move forward through the line where volunteers pack the food directly into their vehicles.

The Pantry is also open on Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 for donations and packing of canned goods. There are usually 3 volunteers there at that time. Volunteers (1-2 at a time) shop for canned/dry goods at stores such as Save a Lot, Walmart, and Dollar Tree, pick up pre-made boxes from the Food Bank of Delaware, and do food rescue at Food Lion. As food has been difficult to obtain since the start of the pandemic, the Pantry turned to the Food Bank of Delaware as an emergency partner to get pre-packed boxes to distribute as well. In order to receive the government-issued boxes, clients must answer a brief question regarding their income. However, even if they do not qualify for those boxes, no one leaves us without food.

WHY WE NEED OUR OWN BUILDING

Since our start, the MCFP has been reliant on the generosity of local churches and the town of Milton to provide us with a location from which to operate. We currently have food stored in refrigerators, freezers and the garages at various homes of our volunteers as well as in outdoor storage pods on the property of The Water's Edge Church. On the day of distribution, volunteers must collect the food from all these various locations, and then work packing and distributing it outside in all types of weather - a model which is unsustainable in the long run. Having a central location where we can store, pack and from which we can distribute will allow us to continue to provide this vital service to the Milton area in a safe and efficient manner. It will also provide us with the opportunity to take advantage of sales and expand our food rescue efforts.

Therefore, we are in need of our own building with ample space for storage of canned/dry goods and a central location for fresh/frozen food storage. We need a large enough lot that would provide some parking and would support our drive-through model of distribution. We also need to be fairly close to the town of Milton our core service area.

CHANGES TO / USE OF PROPERTY

We are proposing the following changes to the property at 12898 Union Street, Extended:

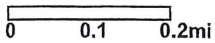
- The circular driveway is already set up for the drive-through model we currently use. We normally have no more than 11-12 cars in line at one time. We would be able to accommodate these cars on the driveway. We will have a volunteer placed at the entrance as well as the exit to direct cars safely. The cars would enter on one side of the driveway and exit the other. Volunteers will register the clients at their cars, and then fresh food and canned goods/boxes would be loaded into their cars as they proceed through the driveway. They would then exit the property.
- We would knock down the old garage and shed and build a pole barn which would blend in with the property and be similar to those in the neighborhood. This structure would be climate controlled and is where we will store the canned/dry goods.
- We would clean up the property and put in some landscaping.
- The house would remain unchanged from the outside, but just spruced up a little. On the inside, we plan on redoing the kitchen and bathroom and opening up the living room to the kitchen, creating an open floor plan for packing fresh foods.
- A cement "patio" would be poured behind the house where a walk-in refrigerator/freezer would be housed.
- Our goal is to distribute from this location one day per week. On a distribution day, volunteers are present from about 8 AM until early afternoon. Clients are served from 9:30 until noon. This goal may need to be amended based on safety considerations and the number of families in need. Our distributions typically run for 2-3 hours on a weekday, when most people are at work and children are at school.
- Other than the distributions, activity on the property (including traffic and deliveries) will be minimal. Small deliveries by car or pickup truck would take place several times a week (usually 2-3 volunteers).

Donna Murawski, Board President, Milton Community Food Pantry

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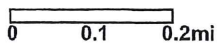


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June 30, 2022

Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission
P. O. Box 589
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

RE: Conditional Use Permit for 12898 Union Street Ext. Sussex County Tax Parcel ID 235-7.00-182.00

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to encourage the Commission to approve the conditional use request for the Milton Community Food Pantry at the above referenced location.

Until recently the Food Pantry operated within the corporate limits of the Town of Milton. While operating within Milton, they were found to be well organized, conscientious, and able to operate in harmony with the day-to-day activities within the Town.

Having had the opportunity to observe their operation firsthand, I believe the site they have chosen is ideal to support their operation without any significant inconvenience to neighboring properties. Also, it is my opinion there will be no disruption to the flow of traffic on the road that serves this property.

The Milton Community Food Pantry is a non-profit organization which provides a valuable no cost service to those in need in the surrounding area. I strongly urge the Commission to give a positive response to their request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Collier".

John R. Collier
Mayor
Town of Milton



The Water's Edge Church

Reynolds Road, Milton Delaware 19968

Rev. Tim Wilson 302/604-4147 revttww@gmail.com

March 18, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tim Wilson, and I am the pastor of The Water's Edge Church. I just wanted to write a brief recommendation letter about the Milton Community Food Pantry. I have had the privilege over the last eight years to see the amazing and selfless ministry of the food pantry. This ministry is truly a labor of love and is a benefit to our town and the surrounding area. If it were not for this food pantry, I feel that there would be many families that would go without the basic dietary needs that their bodies require. Thank you for taking time to read this letter and I pray that you would be favorable to whatever this ministry is in need of.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tim Wilson

Denise Suthard
Betty Holmes
12842 Union Street, Ext.
Milton, DE 19968

May 21, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

My partner and I live down the street (12842 Union Street, Extended) from the proposed Food Pantry. We welcome this opportunity to have the home of MCFP in our neighborhood and support its work in caring for the people of our community.

Thank you,

Denise Suthard & Betty Holmes

July 7, 2022

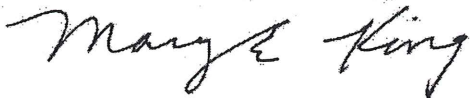
To Whom it may concern

It is my understanding that the Milton Food Pantry is requesting permission to change its location in order to improve its operational goals and objectives. On behalf of the Milton Garden Club Board of Directors and the members of the Club, I give our full support to the relocation of the Food Pantry to 12898 Union Street, Milton, Delaware.

I am also told that the current location is inadequate for the growing needs of the people served by the Food Pantry. The storage space is limited and access for the client is difficult. With the change to the new location, there will be room for expansion and the ability to increase the number of distribution days. These factors make it vitally important in this day and age, when inflation is out of control, gas prices are the highest they've ever been, and families are having to decide whether to purchase food for their tables or pay their rent. It is heart-wrenching to imagine the suffering our community would endure without the nourishment that the Food Pantry provides each year; supplying over 60,000 meals in 2021 alone.

I implore you to make the just and human decision to support the Milton Food Panty and their desire to move its location. By doing so, you become a champion of the many Food Pantry volunteers, who give so freely of their time to help those in need.

I thank you for your attention to this very important matter.



Mary Ellen King, President, Milton Garden Club

6/20/2022

I am writing to inform you of the wonderful work that the food pantry does for many families that need help. I started going there when I needed help for myself and my son who is terminally ill with 3 children. I, like many people, decided having to go there for help. The volunteers there changed all that. They were so welcoming and understanding that after a few months I looked forward to it. One of the volunteers there is a grandmother to my neighbor. She collected clothes and household items to put out for anyone who needed them. I started helping her sort through the items and helped put them out. When the virus hit they did not stop giving out food. They figured out how to do it safely. Some of my neighbors cannot get there to get the food because of their work schedules. They are nice enough to bring

it to my home so that I can keep it until they can pick it up. One family only has a small refrigerator and cannot keep alot of food in it, so I keep it in my freezer until they need it. Any clothes or leftover food is taken to the Good Shepard house. They give it to the homeless.

The volunteers at the pantry work in the rain, snow and heat to make sure anyone who needs food gets it. They are truly angels on this earth.

Gavin Mooney

To whom this may concern,

We moved to Milton over 7 years ago to 111 Federal Street. During the entire time that the Milton Food Pantry operated out of Goshen Hall across the street, we never had any issues regarding noise, congestion, or problems with the staff or their patrons. The entire operation was very well-run.

In addition, I never heard any of my neighbors complain about the presence of the Pantry. The town has always considered the operation a plus for the Milton area.

Sincerely,

Mae Lucier

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July 15, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

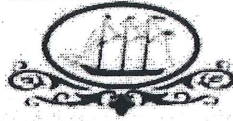
I am very pleased to share that the Matt Haley Trust has been a lead supporter of the Milton Community Food Pantry for the past several years. Over time, our financial commitment to the Food Pantry has increased, due to both our confidence in the Pantry's capable leadership as well as growing food insecurity within the community. The Matt Haley Trust very much carries forward the high standards, no BS, and full accountability spirit of our founder, Matt Haley. In the Pantry we found a partner that is very much aligned with our organizational commitment and values. Simply said, even in the most challenging of times the Pantry consistently, thoughtfully, delivered on its obligations to its beneficiaries, its donors, and its neighbors. By doing good and doing it so well in harmony with the community the Pantry has made Milton and Sussex County a better place to live and a community that walks the talk of its principles.

The Matt Haley Trust fully supports the Pantry's efforts to secure a more permanent, better functioning location and looks forward to many more years of sharing the commitment of doing good within Sussex County.

With gratitude,
Matt Haley Trust

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Steven Himmelfarb
Trustee



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"SERVING OUR TOWN"
P.O. Box 12, Milton, DE 19968
A 501c3 Non-Profit Organization
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July 14, 2022

To: The Sussex County Planning and Zoning Planning Commission

Re: Support of Conditional Use Request by the Milton Community Food Pantry

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is in support of the Milton Community Food Pantry request to grant a Conditional Use of the property at 12898 Union Street, Extended.

The MCFP is one of the most important, if not the most important, non-profits that serves the Milton community.

To demonstrate how important we, The Milton Community Foundation, think the Food Pantry is to the community, we have been a supporter of them for over 10 years. The MCF has donated a freezer, large food scale, Food Lion gift cards and monetary donations all to support their mission of helping to ensure that those in our community who are food-insecure are able to obtain a basic need.

We ask that you grant this Conditional Use request so that the MCFP has the facility needed to allow them to continue to provide a vital necessity to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steve Crawford
President - MCF

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MiltonCommunityFoundation.org

July 23, 2021

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regard to the Milton Community Food Pantry, currently located at Goshen Hall, 114 Federal Street, Milton, DE. We are direct neighbors to Goshen Hall, residing at 120 Federal St. for the past 2.5 years.

Our experience with the Milton Community Food Pantry has been a positive one. They have always been kind and respectful as they provide a vital outreach service for our community members in need.

Distribution days are very organized, with orange cones set out and lots of on-site help directing patrons for pick up. If we are in our side yard during distribution hours we may hear voices in conversation, some laughter, and vehicles pulling in/out which are at low speeds and hardly impactful.... It's actually nice to have the lively activity next door for a few short hours each week.

As far as other times when the volunteers are working in preparation we don't even notice that, no impact on us at all - other than the occasional friendly wave 'hello' if we are in the front yard area of our home.

Using Google Maps street view we looked at the property proposed for the relocation of the Milton Community Food Pantry. Given the space around the building and the circular driveway, the access and flow will be much improved compared to the Federal St. location, especially with their drive-through model of distribution which is very quick and efficient. The neighboring properties are quite a distance away so any impact should truly be negligible.

We wish the Milton Community Food Pantry organization all the best, and hope that their new neighbors will be welcoming and supportive.

Sincerely,

The Dangers

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL



St. Jude the Apostle Conference
P.O. Box 94
Lewes, De. 19958

Tel 302-249-4664

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steve Kittka, and I am the President of the St Vincent DePaul Society at St Jude Church in Lewes. Please accept this letter as our recommendation and support of the Milton Pantry's request to move their operations to the Union Street Extended location.

We have partnered with the Milton Pantry for several years and have supported their mission to help feed our neighbors in need. They have consistently met the challenge in servicing the community through their hard work and extraordinary volunteers.

I feel strongly that the Milton Pantry is a valuable asset, and without their service, the community would surely suffer. With today's inflation and high cost of food, more community members than ever benefit from their generosity and their devotion.

In closing, I ask that you please consider and approve their request for the benefit of all our Neighbors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my cell phone at 814-421-0434.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Kittka
SVDP Society

Serving in Hope



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MARCH 29, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF THE MILTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. THE "PANTRY" IS AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE DISTRIBUTING FOOD, SINCE 2014, TO THOSE MOST VULNERABLE TO FOOD INSECURITY, ESPECIALLY THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN.

THE "PANTRY'S" DISTRIBUTION OF OVER 14,000 MEALS IN A FIVE YEAR PERIOD (2014-2019) SPEAKS TO THE EFFICIENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE GROUP, BUT MOST OF ALL THE REAL NEED TO FEED PEOPLE.

MOST RECENTLY, FROM 2019 TO 2022, THE COVID PANDEMIC, HAS DRAMATICALLY CHANGED HOW THE "PANTRY" DISTRIBUTES ITS' FOOD TO THE PUBLIC FROM WALK IN SERVICE TO DRIVE THRU ONLY. THIS HAS CREATED A MORE LOGISTICALLY CHALLENGING SITUATION AND ONE THAT NOW REQUIRES A FREE STANDING BUILDING FOR THE "PANTRY" TO DO IT'S BEST WORK.

I WOULD ASK ANYONE WITH THE ABILITY TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE "MILTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY" TO DO SO.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Kanakos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "K".

TED KANAKOS

MAYOR, MILTON, DE 19968

DATE: February 21, 2022

RE: Milton Community Food Pantry, Milton, DE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

During a difficult time in our lives, while we were raising our two grandchildren, we were made aware of the Milton Community Food Pantry. While we were reluctant to try this at first, we were amazed at the efficiency with which it was run. They had a finely tuned process which allowed the cars to move in quickly and quietly. We have continued going back twice a month, and each time we moved through the line, the workers have been polite and friendly!

This is a valued part of the community and provides food distributions to many in Sussex County. The volunteers are dedicated to providing access to healthy foods to those that might not otherwise have such access.

As Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Isaiah 58:10: "And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungrythen your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

We totally support the work of the Milton Community Food Pantry!!

David & Kathy MacCord
34010 Harvard Ave.
Unit 1105
Millsboro, DE 19966

February 7, 2022

Milton Community Food Pantry does an excellent job in providing food to those in need. I first found out about the pantry from County Bank in Milton, which has a basket for food donations. Even throughout the pandemic they continue to distribute food, simply amazing.

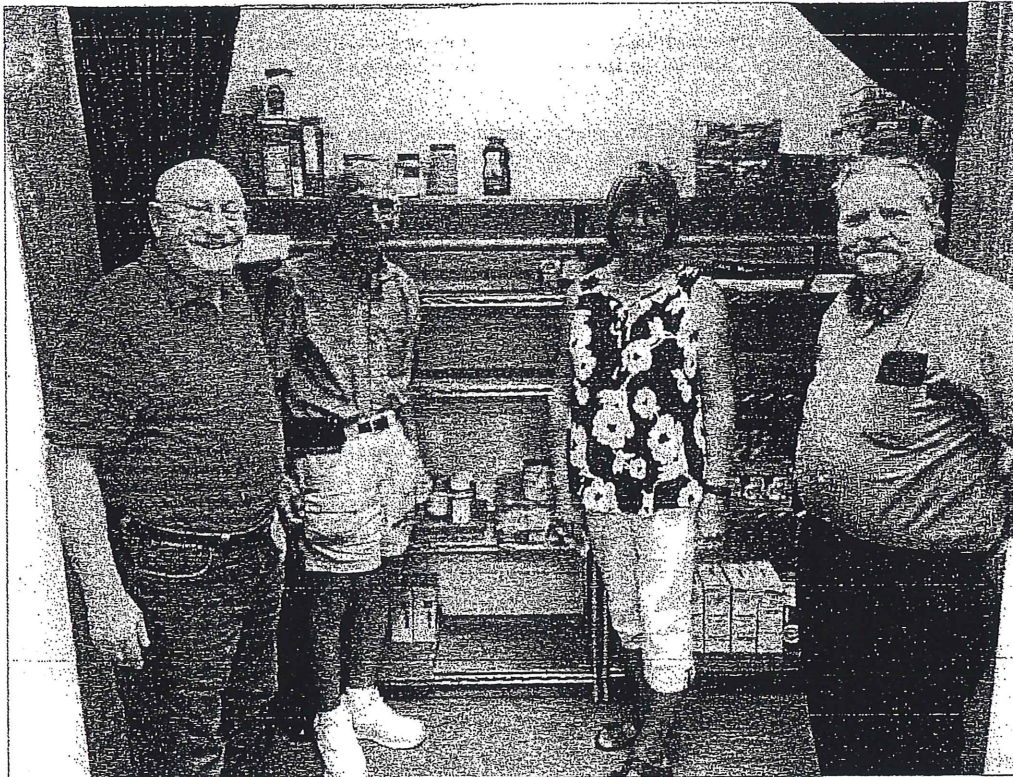
I am happy to support the food pantry knowing that many people are being helped when they need it the most.

Lois Downing

Milton

Milton food pantry prepares for future

Distributions to start at Water's Edge Oct. 4



Milton Community Food Pantry is set to move on from its former home at Goshen Hall to new, temporary quarters at Water's Edge church off Route 16. The first distribution there will be Monday, Oct. 4. The pantry is close to obtaining its own facility just outside of Milton, although that is not expected to open until next year. Pantry leadership team members shown are (l-r) Ken Sosne, Tom DiDrio, Donna Murawski and Lawrence Bivens. RYAN MAVITY PHOTO

By Ryan Mavity September 23, 2021

This fall will bring a time of change for Milton Community Food Pantry as the organization transitions out of its longtime home at Goshen Hall to new, temporary quarters at Water's Edge church and finally to its own facility.

Donna Murawski, pantry president, said after Goshen Church put its Federal Street fellowship hall up for sale, Water's Edge reached out to allow the organization to use its building at 13275 Reynolds Road for storage and distribution. She said the facility also has a large parking lot, which will be very helpful to conform with COVID-19 guidelines.

For most of the last year and a half, the pantry has been doing drive-thru food distributions at the municipal parking lot on Magnolia Street.

Murawski said those events at Goshen Hall finished Sunday, Sept. 19. The first distribution at Water's Edge will be Monday, Oct. 4, and future events will take place on the first and third Monday of every month.

Throughout the pandemic, the pantry has continued operating as an independent nonprofit with regular distributions, which leadership views as a major accomplishment.

Ken Sosne, MCFP development volunteer, said, "A lot of the pantries out there, they give, but it's not regular. Knowing that we are on every first and third Monday, plus we do some additional, that's a testament to our clients and to the pantry for operating. People are going to get fed."

Tom DiOrio, special projects coordinator, said the pantry does not just serve the Milton ZIP code; it has clients from all around Sussex County and even into Kent County.

Prior to the pandemic, Murawski said the pantry relied on what she called food rescue donations from Food Lion, and purchases from low-price stores like Save-A-Lot and Dollar General.

"Once COVID hit, we couldn't get food anymore," she said. "Food Lion didn't have anything for us. All the stores and shelves were empty. We partnered with the Food Bank of Delaware on an emergency basis. And because of COVID, we have less volunteers."

Murawski said Food Lion has begun donating again as its supplies have shored up.

While the parking lot distributions have kept the pantry going, DiOrio said they are not ideal logistically, as the pantry has to haul boxes from Goshen Hall to the parking lot using volunteers to do the trucking.

"They had to load up 2,000 pounds or more of food on distribution day and truck it down to the lot, distribute it and bring it back," he said. "We've continued to operate, but under more difficult conditions than we had been."

All involved thanked Goshen Church for letting the pantry use the fellowship hall for the last seven years.

"They've been incredibly kind to us," Sosne said.

But as one door closes, another opens. While Water's Edge will be a temporary home, the pantry is getting closer to opening its own facility, a project that has been nearly two years in the making. DiOrio said finding the right spot was a challenge, given how hypercharged the real estate market is right now.

"Every place that we looked, by the time we looked at it, it was gone. And the prices have escalated in the last eight or 10 months. We don't have benefactors with unlimited funds," he said.

Murawski said the pantry now has an agreement for a new facility outside Milton town limits, but a conditional-use approval from Sussex County will be needed before it can open, a process that would take anywhere from six to 12 months. She said the new building is nice because there is space for expansion and for parking, so if the pantry needs to continue its drive-thru model, it can.

Pantry officials did not wish to disclose the location of the new building for two reasons – they did not want to cause confusion for those seeking food from the pantry, and the sale has not officially closed. Murawski said she expects to close on the building purchase by Tuesday, Oct. 26.

"It was important to stay near Milton. We have people who walk. We have people who bike. We couldn't get anything in town. As close to town as we could get, that was favorable," she said.

For more information on food distributions or donations, visit [miltonpantry.org](https://www.miltonpantry.org) (<https://www.miltonpantry.org/>). Anyone wishing to donate money should do so by mail at P.O. Box 84, Milton, DE 19968.

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Milton Food Pantry seeks larger downtown

Nonprofit seeks more freezer, storage space

By Ryan Mavity
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Milton Community Food Pantry is heading into its sixth year, but this year is different because the pantry plans to expand to a new building.

The pantry's leadership is exploring a move from its current home in Goshen Hall on Federal Street to a new location with permanent on-site storage.

Board President Donna Murawski said, "The church has been very good to us, and we're appreciative of everything they've done. But we are outgrowing it."

Pantry board member Tom DiOrio said when the pantry started, it served nine people. Last year, it served 14,590 people.

Ken Sosne, pantry development advisor, said the need continues to grow.

"Five months ago we were serving 60 to 65 clients a week," he said. "Today we're up to a little over 70 and sometimes up to 100 clients. We don't have enough capacity to service the clients."

"We're increasing our volume by 12 to 14 percent per year," DiOrio said.

At any one time, Sosne said, the pantry has more than 100 cases of food. Since the hall is owned and operated by Goshen United Methodist Church, it holds events at the Federal Street building and to make room, the pantry has to move all of its frozen and dry goods out. Sosne said volunteers store food in their garages or in their home freezers and then bring it all over. The pantry operates on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, packaging three days of meals for needy clients, not just in Milton but also in Harbeson, Slaughter Beach and Ellendale. While there are pantries in Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, Milton's pantry is the only one in northeast Sussex County.

The pantry would like to find space in downtown Milton that is

larger than the 2,000-square-foot Goshen Hall. Many clients do not have cars, so they walk, bike or rideshare, making a centralized location key.

Sosne said traffic flow at the

hall is also a concern as the parking lot is small, and street parking is limited given the number of people who come to the pantry each Monday.

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RYAN MAVITY PHOTOS

MILTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY has begun the process of looking for a larger building. The pantry has been held every Monday at Goshen Hall on Federal Street since 2014, but pantry leaders say they have outgrown the building. Shown are (l-r) Tom DiOrio, Barbara Wright, Ken Sosne and Donna Murawski.

Pantry

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grams because it does not have a walk-in freezer.

"We're servicing our clients well, but we could do better if we had the space," he said.

DiOrto said the pantry has established a building fund, but it will take at least a year to meet

the cost of renting or building a new building.

Sosne said the pantry has looked at commercial spaces around Milton, but those spaces have been scooped up quickly.

Ideally, the pantry would want space for a kitchen, food storage capacity and enough space for a freezer.

Sosne said the pantry has received a \$25,000 grant from the Matt Haley Trust that will pro-

vide food for 2020. One of the first donors was Milton Theatre, which in November donated \$500 raised during this year's Zombie Fest.

Theater spokesman JP Lacap said, "We were very happy to have chosen them. They're doing an exceptional job here."

Sosne said the pantry has also received a \$3,000 grant from the county and \$1,000 from SoDel Cares, the charity arm of SoDel

Concepts.

He said the pantry hopes to pay operating expenses using grants so unrestricted money can then go into a capital fund for a new facility. The capital fund is already at \$10,000, he said.

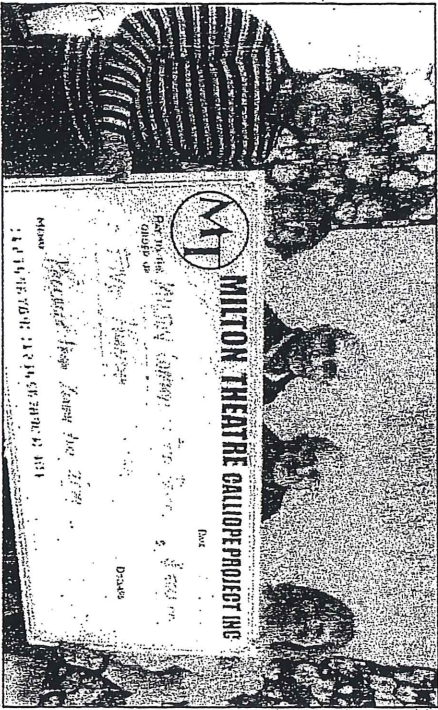
Murawski and DiOrto said they hope to find a new facility in 2021.

"We're not being naive. We know even if we have a building, we're going to have to support

that building," Murawski said.

The pantry is a member of the United Way and is now a 501(c)3 nonprofit operating weekly, year-round. It runs entirely on food and monetary donations.

Those wishing to donate can do so to Milton Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 84, Milton, DE 19968. Those seeking to donate food or volunteer can call 278-9557 or email mcpf.delaware@gmail.com.



In November, Milton Theatre donated \$500 to the pantry from last year's Zombie Fest. At the check presentation are (l-r) JP Lacap, Barbara Wright, Tom DiOrto, Ken Sosne and Donna Murawski.

Milton Community Food Pantry gets \$40,000 grant

By Ryan Mavity
ryamm@capegazette.com

Milton Community Food Pantry recently received a \$40,000 grant from ChristianaCare that will allow the pantry to do four food distributions a month and set up referral software to help those in need find the pantry.

Ken Sosne, the pantry's volunteer coordinator, said the grant is important for the organization, especially for the referral system supplied by the national company Unite Us, which can help find people who live in remote areas. In addition, Sosne said, the system will enable the pantry to be connected with other non-profits to share services.

He said similar grants were given to other organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity.

Two of the on-the-ground personnel from Unite Us, De-

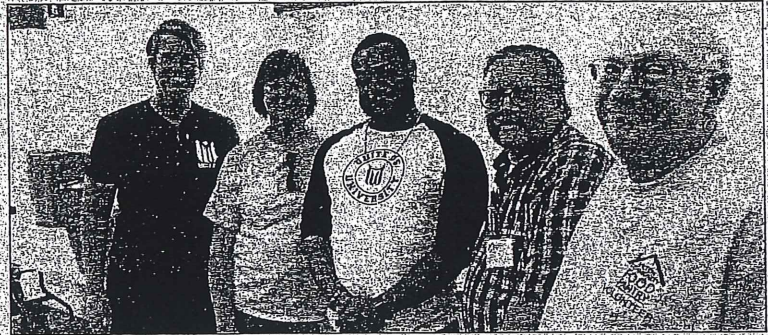
metrius Frazier and Lindsay Hebert, were at the pantry's May 16 food distribution to see the pantry in action and hand out meals.

Hebert said, "It's a nice analytic tool that will give beautiful visuals of how many food boxes they've given away and how many people they have served."

She said the way the referral system works is if people in the area need food and they are referred to the pantry, the pantry will easily be able to get information to those people on the dates of food distribution.

"It takes off some of the edge. We see people in the community that are embarrassed that they have a need. Because of that, they think it's too complicated. But it's really easy to get your need met, and that information is kept totally confidential in our system," Hebert said.

Food pantry President Don-



RYAN MAVITY PHOTO

MILTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY recently received a \$40,000 grant from ChristianaCare to increase food distribution and set up a new software system through Unite Us that will allow for a referral system to help serve clients in more remote areas. Shown are (l-r) Lindsay Hebert of Unite Us, pantry President Donna Murawski, Demetrius Frazier of Unite Us, Lawrence Bivens and Ken Sosne.

na Murawski said, "I think this will be better organized. We just like the idea that if there is someone we haven't reached, we will be able to reach them."

The new system comes at a time of transition for the food pantry, which recently uprooted its operations from Goshen Hall in downtown

Milton to Water's Edge church on Route 16. However, in June the church will be demolishing a portion of its property, which includes the storage area the pantry is using.

In addition, in July, the pantry is scheduled to be heard by Sussex County Planning & Zoning Commission on a

new facility, which requires extensive renovation to be fitted for the pantry's use. Pantry leadership has not disclosed where the new facility is to keep clients from mistakenly going there for food distributions, which will continue to take place at Water's Edge on Mondays.

DON-LEE MARGIN DONATES PACKAGING BAGS TO MILTON FOOD PANTRY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

DON-LEE MARGIN CORPORATION owner Denise Dickerson-Tull recently visited Milton Community Food Pantry and donated a year's supply of packaging bags.

This in-kind donation will save the pantry the cost of purchasing items needed to package meats and bakery products donated in bulk.

Based in Seaford, Don-Lee Margin provides janitorial and maintenance supplies to businesses of all sizes on Delmarva.

The generosity and kindness of the local community including individuals and businesses like Don-Lee Margin allows the pantry to feed 100 families per week. Pantry board and volunteers thank Dickerson-Tull and her Don-Lee Margin team for the visit and their kind donation.

For more information, go to www.don-leemargin.com and www.miltonfood-pantry.org.

Displaying donated packaging bags are (l-r) Courtney Norman, Don-Lee Margin Corporation; Ken Sosne, Milton Community Food Pantry board member; Denise Dickerson-Tull, Don-Lee Margin Corporation owner; and MCFP President Donna Murawski.

Editor's note: The pantry has temporarily closed due to inadequate supply.

To Whom it may concern

My partner and I
live down the street, 12842
from the proposed Food
Pantry and welcome this
opportunity to have something
that care for the people
of our community

Thank you

Betty Holmes and

Denise Stuber

Home Depot donates to Milton Food Pantry

Due to the pandemic, the Milton Community Food Pantry has switched to single-use recyclable paper bags for its food distributions. The pantry had not previously budgeted for this cost.

To assist the pantry, Home Depot in Rehoboth Beach has donated three cases of paper bags to be used for packing food.

Lindsey Fry, Rehoboth Beach Home Depot manager, presented the bags to the pantry as part of the retailer's commitment to help serve the communities in which they operate.

Home Depot operates on a set of core values that includes Respect for All People, Doing the Right Thing, and Giving Back.

The Milton Community Food Pantry team thanks the local Home Depot for this generous donation. Those in need of food assistance can call Delaware 211 or contact the pantry team at 302-278-9557 or pantrymilton@gmail.com.

Milton food pantry to offer emergency boxes

Emergency supply available April 13

By Ryan Mavity

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Milton Community Food Pantry will hold an emergency food box giveaway from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, April 13, in the Magnolia Street municipal parking lot.

Food pantry President Donna Murawski said the pantry, which has largely been unable to operate for lack of a food supply, has secured 144 boxes of food from Delaware Food Bank through a U.S. Department of Agriculture program intended to get emergency food to people whose income has been affected by shutdowns to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Murawski said those seeking a food box must meet certain requirements mandated by USDA. First, they must have a Delaware driver's license and must meet income standards, which go from a single person up to a family of eight.

While income requirements vary, Murawski said a single person must show they make no more than \$23,000 per year or \$1,900 per month or \$445 per

week. A couple would have to make no more than \$31,000 per year, \$2,600 per month or \$602 per week. For a family of four, the limits are no more than \$47,000 per year, \$3,900 per month or \$917 per week.

Murawski said while food pick-up will be drive-thru, someone

will have to get out to fill out the income requirements and show identification.

The box giveaway is planned for 10 a.m. to noon or until supplies run out. Murawski said the pantry is still only operating on an emergency basis, but the plan is to do box giveaways whenever supplies are available.

The pantry has scheduled a rain date for Tuesday, April 14. More information will be posted at the pantry's usual home, at Goshen Hall on Federal Street, and can also be found at the pantry's Facebook page or at www.miltonfoodpantry.org.



DENY HOWETH PHOTO
Milton Community Food Pantry volunteers hand out food at a previous giveaway. The emergency food box giveaway is from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, April 13, in the Magnolia Street municipal parking lot, across from the library.

Milton pantry forced to suspend operations

Empty supermarket shelves contribute to closure

By Deny Howeth
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An announcement on the Milton Community Food Pantry Facebook page alerted clients to the fact the pantry is closing down until further notice.

Donna Murawski said volunteers went to three to four stores to get products, and because of the rush on groceries by the public, they could no longer fill the pantry. Many donations from supermarkets have also dried up, she said.

According to the Facebook page, "The board of directors held an online meeting March 20 to discuss how to move forward in the coming weeks in order to protect the health and safety of all of our volunteers as well as the community we serve."

As a result, dry goods and meats were distributed March 23 in a cold, pouring rain, using a drive-through model at the municipal parking lot

across from the Milton library.

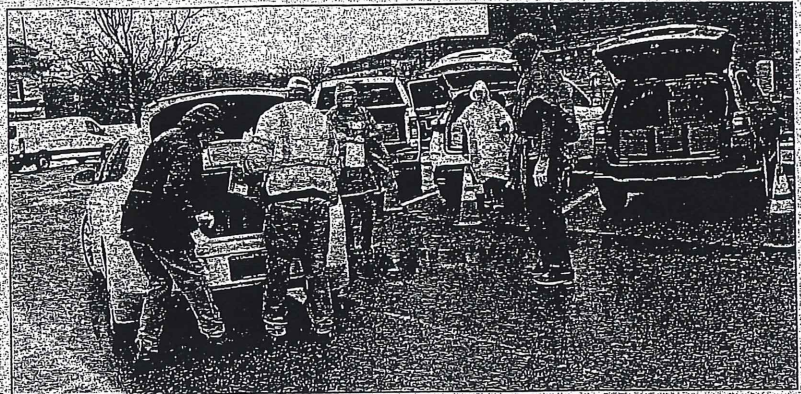
Clients remained in their cars, were checked in electronically, and received their final box of food until further notice.

Murawski said, "We will do our best to direct our clients to larger food distribution operations being conducted by the state."

"The Food Bank of Delaware, located in Milford, is still serving the hungry."

"As soon as we can, we will resume our work. Thank you all for your continued support of the Milton Community Food Pantry! We couldn't do it without your generous donations of time, food, and money!" the Facebook post reads.

The board will continue to monitor the situation and post updates on the website www.miltonpantry.org and the Facebook page to keep the community informed. The Food Bank of Delaware website is www.fbd.org.



DENY HOWETH PHOTOS

MILTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY volunteers line up in a cold, pouring rain to load client cars with the final offering until further notice. Shown are (l-r) Lucien Ingrassia, Robert Lacey, Donna Murawski, Bobbie Hemmings and Tom Murawski.



Bobbie Hemmings puts gloves on for safety. She is checking in clients on a laptop in the back of her car.



For families of four and five, this car is stocked with pantry items.



Donna Murawski still has a smile despite the difficult situation. Nancy Lacey checks the number of boxes.



In the cold and pouring rain, Tom Murawski carries a box for eight to a car.

MILTON LIONS DONATE TO PANTRY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

THE MILTON LIONS CLUB recently donated funds to the Milton Community Food Pantry.

Pantry volunteers use the funds to purchase protein items to supplement the boxes of food that are given out once a month.

The Lions collected nonperishable food items for the pantry in February and are planning another collection when the club resumes regular meetings.

Milton Lions President Daniel Harper, right, presents a check to Milton Community Food Pantry President Donna Murawski.

Milton Community Food Pantry to distribute boxes April 27

By Ryan Mavity
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Milton Community Food Pantry will be distributing emergency food boxes from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, April 27, at the municipal parking lot on Magnolia Street in Milton. The boxes are distributed through a U.S. Department of Agriculture pro-

gram intended to get emergency food to people whose income has been affected by shutdowns to slow the spread of COVID-19. Those seeking a food box must show a Delaware driver's license and meet income requirements, which vary but apply to a single person up to a family of eight. The box giveaway will run until noon or until supplies run out.



FILE PHOTO

Milton Community Food Pantry marks 5-year anniversary

Charity has served more than 450K meals

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In its five-year history, Milton Community Food Pantry has helped serve 450,000 meals to needy families and individuals.

For the 50 dedicated volunteers of the pantry, serving the community is all in a day's work. On June 17, 245 people, including 70 families, came to pick up meals, a far cry from when the pantry began in 2014 and served only nine people.

The pantry was started by Goshen United Methodist Church, which teamed with nine other area churches to provide food to people who need it. Every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon, cars pack the tiny parking lot at Goshen Hall on Federal Street to pick up bags of food.

President Barbara Wright, who has been working at the pantry since June 2014, said all items are 100 percent donated, through donated items or monetary donations, used to buy more food to stock the pantry. The pantry also provides bags.

Almost everything is available: canned goods, vegetables, breads, spaghetti, meats, soups, even diapers. When asked what

doesn't the pantry have, Wright cracked, "A bigger room."

"If you use it at your house, we can use it," she said. "Doesn't matter if it's laundry detergent, Dog food, Books. We take everything."

Wright said any excess food left over on Mondays is donated to Casa San Francisco on Broad Street.

"Nothing goes to waste," Wright said.

Wright said the pantry helps people subsidize their budget by giving out three days of meals. The pantry passes out chicken donated by Mountaire Farms of Delaware, and Food Lion in Milton gives packaged meats.

"From June 2014 to now we have packaged enough food for 450,000 people," Wright said.

One of the longest-running visitors is Brenda Moffett of Lincoln, who has been coming since the pantry opened. She said she found out about the pantry through word of mouth.

"They do a very good job. You couldn't ask for better people. I love all of them. They're like family."

Donations may be made in person at 114 Federal St. or via mail at P.O. Box 84 in Milton.



BRENDA MOFFETT holds her bags of food from Milton Community Food Pantry, with volunteers, on Monday, June 17, 2019, marking the pantry's five-year anniversary. The pantry has served 450,000 meals since 2014.



Volunteer special advisor Kerri Sosne shows off bags of food lined up for pickup.

CONDITIONAL USE #2310

Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc.

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. This is an application for a Conditional Use for a Food located on the West side of Union Street Ext. (Rt. 5) approximately .24 miles south of Reynolds Pond Road (SCR 231), 911 address 12898 Union Street Ext., Milton, Tax Mpay Parcel 235-7.00-18.00.

2. Under the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update Future Land Use Map, the parcel is located in the Coastal Area which is a Developing District. These areas are generally near municipalities and are suited for a variety of uses including business and commercial.

3. Under the Zoning Code, this parcel is located in the General Residential (GR) district which recognizes Conditional Uses when *residential, business, commercial or industrial uses when the purposes of this chapter are more fully met by issuing a conditional use permit.*

4. This application fits the purpose of Conditional Uses in that it: *provides for certain uses which cannot be well adjusted to their environment in particular locations with full protection offered to surrounding properties by rigid application of the district regulations; is a public or semipublic character; is essential and desirable for the general welfare; and because of the nature of the use, the importance of the relationship to the Comprehensive Plan and possible impact not only on neighboring properties but on a large section of the county, requires the exercise of planning judgment on location and site plan.*

5. Therefore, the proposed Conditional Use with the conditions imposed by the Sussex County Council will not have any adverse affect on the uses or

values of area properties, will contribute to the convenience and welfare of the county and its residents and is consistent with the purposes and goals of the Sussex County Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Update.

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PROPOSED CONDITIONS

1. The Site shall be the home of the Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc..
2. The property shall be improved consistent with the submitted site plan.
3. Volunteers may work on site to collect, store and distribute food to clients.
4. On site delivery to clients will only take place one day weekly between the hour of 9AM and 1PM. An additional day weekly may be added after six months of operation if merited.
5. During delivery times all vehicles must be located on the site.
6. The entrances shall will be subject to the approval of DelDot.
7. Lighting shall be inward facing.
8. Only one lighted 2 foot by 3 foot sign shall be permitted on the building.
9. The Final Site Plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.