

Additional Public Testimony on Historic Preservation Issues Received by the Planning Board

Commenter (Testimony Type)	Plan Section Reference	Plan Page #	Comment Summary	Comment/Issue	Staff Response/Recommendation
Prescilla Wachter (Written)	Historic Preservation (3.G.11)	84	Designate COMSAT Laboratories in the <i>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</i> .	Save the Comsat building which is part of Clarksburg's history. This building has qualified for the National Register of Historic Places. Historic preservation is important.	The Public Hearing Draft acknowledges the historic and architectural significance of COMSAT Laboratories. Montgomery Planning undertook both design and economic feasibility studies to explore potential adaptive reuse scenarios for the building. However, the findings of the economic analysis indicated that there is no viable path forward for the adaptive reuse of COMSAT Laboratories in the short or medium term while achieving other plan objectives. The Plan includes mitigation to honor the site's significance including the establishment of a grant program, documentation, interpretative elements, and opportunities for public art.
Roger Cochetti (Written)	Historic Preservation (3.G.11)	84	Designate COMSAT Laboratories in the <i>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</i> .	Endorse the testimony of Mr. Serenyi and Mr. Mechanick to preserve the COMSAT Laboratories building through designation in the <i>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</i> .	The Public Hearing Draft acknowledges the historic and architectural significance of COMSAT Laboratories. Montgomery Planning undertook both design and economic feasibility studies to explore potential adaptive reuse scenarios for the building. However, the findings of the economic analysis indicated that there is no viable path forward for the adaptive reuse of COMSAT Laboratories in the short or medium term while achieving other plan objectives. The Plan includes mitigation to honor the site's significance including the establishment of a grant program, documentation, interpretative elements, and opportunities for public art.
Stephen Day (Written)	Historic Preservation (3.G.11)	84	Do not designate COMSAT Laboratories in the <i>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</i> .	"The labs were set up to assist with satellite technology, which included the original ability to build satellites (never utilized). Some useful technologies were developed however, including echo cancellation, nickel hydrogen batteries, technical support, etc. ... My personal opinion is that the Labs don't warrant historical preservation."	The Public Hearing Draft recommends against designation of COMSAT Laboratories in the <i>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</i> .