

**Attachments:**    [P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Staff Report](#)  
[P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Aerial](#)  
[P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Current Plat](#)  
[P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Final Plat](#)  
[P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Applicant Materials](#)

Ainslie noted that the applicant presented this plat as a conceptual plat rather than a final plat. Ainslie stated that the lots were located on Middle Island in the Large Island zoning district, and were under a conditional use permit for use as a lodge at the time of application. Ainslie described 3 primary considerations in the lot merger process, the first being that the 3 lots were operating as a single economic unit. Second, one lot was non-conforming, which was remedied in the proposed merger. Finally, Ainslie noted that the change of density of structures across the lots was a consideration, and that while 25% coverage was the maximum for the zoning district before and after the change, the location on the lot where the structure coverage was located could affect buffers. Ainslie noted that pedestrian access easements would not be changed by this merger, and conditional use permitting requirements would remain in place for the lodge. Staff recommended approval.

The applicant Michael Coady was present telephonically. Coady stated that he was hoping to simplify his tax bill from 3 lots to 1, and noted that one of the conditions of use for the lodge was to keep the lots together. Commissioner Windsor asked how the right of way changes with the state went, Coady responded that this had been completed.

**M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to approve a conceptual plat for a lot merger for three lots on Middle Island to result in one lot in the Large Island zoning district. The properties were also known as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Middle Island Subdivision. The applicant was Michael Coady. The owner of record was Michael Coady. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

**M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

**E**

**VAR 20-03**

Public hearing and consideration of a variance for a substandard lot at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property is also known as a portion of Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant is the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record is the State of Alaska.

**Attachments:**    [V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Staff Report](#)  
[V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Aerial](#)  
[V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Preliminary Plat](#)  
[V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Applicant Materials](#)

Ainslie noted that this variance was related to P 20-02, the following agenda item, and addressed three issues including right of way encroachment, created a new residential lot in the neighborhood, and also created a more straightforward means of access and utilities to an existing private lot. Ainslie noted that Shotgun Alley was developed as a right of way differently than it was platted, and that land set aside for the right of way was not developed. Ainslie said the State of Alaska was helping the City of Sitka by dedicating land to the right of way, and in exchange, the state requested permission to

sell the remaining portion of land previously designated for the right of way, but not used as such. Ainslie noted that the private lot ownership north of the project would benefit from owning the land allowing access to their property, but could not receive the land in a "preference sale" unless the lot was substandard, hence the design in this platting variance. Ainslie believed that this variance was in the best interest of the private lot owner, the City of Sitka, and the State of Alaska. Staff recommended approval.

Kelly O'Neill was present on behalf of the State of Alaska and North57 Surveying. Commissioners had no further questions for the applicant.

Member of the public Kim Douglas Perkins was present, and stated that he was the neighbor to the north. He stated that as long as the public access easement allowing access to the water depicted on the preliminary plat remained once the subdivision was finalized, he had no issues with the variance.

**M-Hughey/S-Windsor moved to approve a variance for a substandard lot at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property was also known as a portion of Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant was the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record was the State of Alaska.**

**M-Hughey/S-Windsor moved to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

**F**      [P 20-02](#)

Public hearing and consideration of a preliminary plat for a minor subdivision to result in two lots at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property is also known as Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant is the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record is the State of Alaska.

**Attachments:**      [P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision Staff Report](#)  
[P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision Aerial](#)  
[P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision Preliminary Plat](#)  
[P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision Applicant Materials](#)

Ainslie noted this subdivision pertained to the previous item, VAR 20-03, which the commission had covered in detail, and pertained to lot one. Ainslie noted that this subdivision would create Lot 2 which would be available for public auction. She noted this proposed Lot 2 had a scenic view, good access, and was sufficiently sized for the zoning district, and had sewer/water/power access. Ainslie stated that police and fire reviewed the subdivision, and had no issues for access of emergency response. Ainslie stated that the development of the lot via subdivision and auction fit Sitka's goals and master plan, and staff recommended approval.

Kelly O'Neill was present on behalf of the State of Alaska and North57 Surveying.

**M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to approve a preliminary plat for a minor subdivision to result in two lots at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property was also known as Lot**