

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 24, 2006**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 8:50 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Peter Swiderski, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Michael Holdstein

**CITIZENS:** Four (4)

**Mayor Kinnally:** Trustee Holdstein is absent for business reasons.

**PRESENTATION - POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL**

**Chief O'Sullivan:** I have been working on upgrading the policy and procedure operations manual for the Hastings Police Department. The New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services has 130 standards that a department must meet in order to achieve accreditation. This manual has been written to comply with all those standards. It is the first step in a process, and I would like to present it to the Board.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I would like the Chief to talk about the New York State Police Accreditation Program and why this manual is the first step towards reaching that goal, and what that process can represent in raising the professionalism of the department, adding an increased element of pride, and affirming in the citizen's mind that our policemen have a set standard of procedures they will follow in almost any event.

**Chief O'Sullivan:** The accreditation process is designed to enhance the department's ability to serve the people. It includes procedures to enhance our own effectiveness; procedures to enhance our interaction with other departments; and policies that designate how we do a recruitment selection, background check, and training for officers. The final part is that we have a team of outside experts audit the entire department to assure that everything is done according to the way it should be done. That should enhance the public's confidence in our ability to do the job the way we do it.

**Village Manager Frobel:** How long do you envision that process will take?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** We have to have the manual adopted, do training on it, and have it in effect for three months before we can call for an inspection. I would expect we can call for an inspection within the next six months.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Is there an annual update?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** No, reaccreditation is every five years.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Is the manual finished now for our review? What about counsel's review?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** I gave a copy to counsel. Several policies were already in effect. They had been approved earlier by the Village Attorney and the Manager and the Board, and the Village's insurance company. That was a requisite, a while back, that had to be done.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Was one of the factors that this can result in lower insurance?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** I understand we already have saved some because of the policies that are in place. But it increases the amount of training that we are required to do. The very things approved by the state, that is, the way things should be done, I believe does result in lower insurance costs.

**Trustee Apel:** How can we tell which policies have already been approved and which ones still need to be approved?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** The ones that were already approved were our use of force policy, our firearms policy, our vehicle operations, our arrest procedures, our treatment of prisoners, things of that nature that would be very litigious.

**Village Manager Frobel:** The Chief has gone about this the right way. He has had complete involvement with the men and the women of the police department, who have reviewed it as well, with a lot of input from the officers, which is the proper way to get full compliance.

**Trustee Jennings:** Do you anticipate any expenses associated with external training?

**Chief O'Sullivan:** It is possible. One of the requirements from the DCJS is that we have to provide 21 hours of training yearly for each officer, and that training has to be done by a certified instructor. We have two in-house certified firearms instructors. We have two certified in-house field training officers. So quite a bit can be done internally, but there will

be times we might bring in outside experts. We just had one about a month or so ago. One of the requirements is that we have to do personnel evaluations. We brought in an outside expert to do training on that with all our supervisors.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I would like to move on to the SWAT request that you have.

**Chief O'Sullivan:** The Town of Greenburgh has been accepting members from the villages within the town to participate in their SWAT team. Currently, Dobbs Ferry has officers on the team, and Tarrytown has an officer on the team. Elmsford and Irvington are in the process of having an officer delegated to the team. We have an officer who through all the requirements, and we would like to have him participate.

Hastings is not immune to the dangers of situations that normal police training does not cover. We have had instances where we have had to call for help, and officers from other jurisdictions have come here and put themselves in harm's way to help us. I feel it is appropriate that we reciprocate, and we should have our officers trained and be able to render assistance when needed, as well.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I certainly think it is appropriate in today's day and age. There has been a lot of cooperation among and between the villages and the City of Yonkers and the town and the county on this. It is something that we should contribute to, and be part of the solution.

**Trustee Apel:** I agree wholeheartedly.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Bruce or Peter? Anyone else from the community? We will address this. Your memo covered all the areas that we need to know about: funding, most importantly, but also how it would fit in with neighboring communities and the justification for it.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2006 were approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the following Warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 44-2005-06 \$200,533.32  
Multi-Fund No. 47-2005-06 \$ 79,596.58  
Multi-Fund No. 48-2005-06 \$ 68,363.04

**8:06 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE - JAMES V. HARMON  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Village Manager Frobel:** At your last meeting I hope we convinced you that we have the financial strength to accept the alternative bid to the project, and at this time we are looking for your affirmation of that recommendation.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Do we know what the brick is going to look like?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not. I would have assumed that was talked about during the design.

**Mayor Kinnally:** No, I do not think so, but if you would check on that. Any comments or questions on this? I know it was discussed at length in our last meeting, and that is to change from half brick with stucco to full brick. Anything from the community?

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees accept Alternate GC-1 to the James V. Harmon Community Center general construction bid in the amount of \$180,000 from Phoenix Building Corporation, Tarrytown, New York.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYE**

**NAY**

Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**9:06 CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT - 445 BROADWAY REALTY**

**Village Attorney Murphy:** Having been reviewed by certiorari counsel, and based on the fact that this appears to be the best disposition possible and I believe we have done better than the town on this particular issue, it is recommended that the Board accept the reduction.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**WHEREAS**, petitions having been filed by the property owner below challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's assessment roll with respect to the following parcels:

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Address Description</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
<b>445 BROADWAY REALTY</b>	<b>445 Broadway Volume HA, Sheet 10 Block 624, Lot 5</b>	<b>1995- 2005</b>

**WHEREAS**, petitioner's court challenge is now pending in Supreme Court Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and the property owner have reached a mutually agreeable resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the Court challenges;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a settlement on behalf of the Village for assessments for no less than the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Original AV</u>	<u>Reduced AV</u>	<u>AV Reduction</u>
1995	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
1996	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
1997	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
1998	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
1999	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
2000	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
2001	302,500	DISCONTINUED	
2002	302,500	DISCONTINUED	



**WHEREAS**, the Village and the property owner have reached a mutually agreeable resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the Court challenges;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a settlement on behalf of the Village for assessments for no less than the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Original AV</u>	<u>Reduced AV</u>	<u>AV Reduction</u>
1997	153,600	78,300	75,300
1998	153,600	136,500	17,100
1999	150,000	180,000	-
2000	150,000	169,000	-
2001	150,000	166,400	-
2002	150,000	163,600	-
2003	150,000	142,200	7,800
2004	150,000	139,300	10,700
2005	150,000	126,400	23,600

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson's share of the refund is \$17,258.53±.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYE**

**NAY**

Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

**11:06 CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT - RIVER GLEN TENANTS CORP.**

**Village Attorney Murphy:** We have achieved a discontinuance of nine years' worth of certiorari, which is of considerable advantage to the Village. Again, we did better than the Town.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**WHEREAS**, petitions having been filed by the property owner, below challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's assessment roll with respect to the following parcels:

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Address Description</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
<b>RIVER GLEN TENANTS CORP.</b>	<b>645 Broadway Section 10, Sheet 14 Block 0, Lot 12/4</b>	<b>1994- 2005</b>

**WHEREAS**, petitioner's court challenge is now pending in Supreme Court Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and the property owner have reached a mutually agreeable resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the Court challenges;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a settlement on behalf of the Village for assessments for no less than the following:

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>AV</b></u>	<u><b>IAV</b></u>	<u><b>AVR</b></u>
1994	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
1995	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
1996	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
1997	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
1998	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
1999	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
2000	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
2001	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
2002	200,000	DISCONTINUED	
2003	200,000	190,000	10,000
2004	200,000	190,000	10,000
2005	200,000	190,000	10,000

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson's share of the refund is \$4,903.00±.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Village Manager Frobel:** Staff has been working with the Chamber of Commerce to hold a crafts fair Memorial Day weekend in the downtown.

Crews are working to pick up storm-related debris, as they continue to pick up Christmas trees that are left at the curb. A compliment both to the police department and the DPW. They were working around the clock during that storm that hit the Village last Wednesday. I believe power has been restored to everyone. If they have not been, they must be isolated and they should report that to us. Also, if we miss a stop and you have debris at the curb, residents are asked to contact the department and we will make sure we pick it up.

The audit was received today. We hope to distribute that to you this week. I want to arrange a meeting with the auditors and the Trustees after you have had a chance to look it over.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

#### **1. Update on the Waterfront**

**Mayor Kinnally:** George Heitzman and a representative of the Department of Health discussed the PRAP for the Tappan Terminal at a public meeting at the high school last week. It was a comprehensive presentation of the issues and the Proposed Remedial Action Plan that the state has for that site. I was disappointed in the turnout of the non-interested parties, meaning if you took the property owners, the attorneys, and the consultants out of the room there were not a lot of people from the community there. But the ones that were there came up with a number of very good insights and comments.

Our Village environmental counsel was there. The Board has not commented yet, nor have we met with counsel, but we will do that. Substantial concerns about chlorobenzene were voiced by George Heitzman, by the Department of Health, by Phil Karmel, and by a number

of other people, and Mark Chertok is reaching out to experts in that area. It is a different type of contaminant that what we have been dealing with on the ARCO site. ARCO is mainly PCBs and heavy metals, but chlorobenzene and some of the PAHs and other volatile organic compounds are more of a challenge and will significantly slow down remediation of the site. The comment period closes February 2 but our comments will not be ready at that time. I would like to throw out to the Board the possibility of approaching the DEC for a two week extension.

**Trustee Apel:** That is the least amount of time we should have.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Mr. Heitzman contacted my office today with the message that there has been a request for 60 days additional time, and he wanted to hear from the Trustees as to whether you wanted additional time, as well.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Clearly, we need more time and I think it is a function of what our environmental attorney recommends. I am not sure who is asking for the 60 days, but perhaps 30 days is more appropriate.

**Trustee Jennings:** We certainly should ask for more time. If it is Waterfront Watch maybe we should not be working at cross purposes, and try to coordinate our request with them. I am not sure what the right time period is, but if we can get more than two weeks I am sure Mark would not turn it down.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Either I or Mark will give George a call. He may want something in writing. That is what has been done in the past. Mark did indicate that he did not think he would need that much time; I do not want to undermine anybody, but let us see what the rationale is. I do not want to get time just to get time, but us see what people need and support them.

**Trustee Apel:** Some people might need a little more time to absorb everything and they want to be checking stuff. So if they want to make comments, and if we are going to absorb the information, too, it is going to come back to us.

**Fred Yaeger, ARCO liaison:** We are also pleased that the Tappan Terminal PRAP has been released and that the proposed remediation at that site appears to be compatible with the One River Street OU-1 record of decision.

During 2005 at the One River Street site, between the demolition and the first phase of pre-design investigation for the remedial design, we expended over 40,000 worker hours of effort with no accidents and no harm to the environment. We have completed a field study of the architectural review of Buildings 51 and 52 and the water tower, and are preparing our report on the findings. We expect to have that report ready at the latest in early March, to give to this Board and then the LWRP.

We are also preparing a focused feasibility study report to submit to NYSDEC on additional sediment and dredging studies in OU-2 conducted in 2005, with a submitted date of mid-February. We continue to be fully engaged with NYSDEC in regard to concluding sampling and data analysis needs. We remain confident that the remedies for both the on-land and offshore portions can be agreed upon so that the entire cleanup project can proceed in a coordinated and timely fashion. We do not foresee any obstacles or objections that would delay the project in its entirety.

We also anticipate two significant public meetings over the next six to eight months. These include the OU-2 PRAP reissue, and the OU-1 50% remedial design presentation, and invitation for public comment. The pace at which the project proceeds from that point forward would significantly depend upon the amount of time needed for the public participation of the project. We feel our challenge, ARCO, the Village, the community, and NYSDEC, is a collaborative effort to define the remedy that is protective of human health and the environment, receives broad public support, is technically achievable, and meets NYSDEC policy objectives.

**Mayor Kinnally:** You said that the PRAP for Tappan Terminal was compatible with yours. One of the criticisms was that while it may be compatible, it was not comparable. There were significant reservations about the extent to which the DEC was remediating the site and isolating the ultimate user of the site from what is on the site. So that is in part why additional time is being sought.

It sounds like a fairly aggressive year for moving it forward, and there are a number of components: DEC, ARCO, and the community. It ties in with what we've been talking about, moving forward on our organizational planning for what the site will look like, the use of the site, and also how the Village will gear up and structure itself to deal with the situation.

**Trustee Swiderski:** You say that it is compatible, but the two remedies are quite different in the amount of ground cover offered, and also in the cost for the cap. Your site pursues greater ground cover and has a cap that covers the entire site. The site directly to your south has less cover, no cap. I wonder what that boundary looks like. Does the ground drop away

by three feet because they only have two feet of cover and you have five? Does your cap have to extend downwards to contain your soil because they do not have a cap?

**Mr. Yaeger:** I am not an engineer, but I would be happy to have Dave Kalet and Ray from Parsons attempt to answer that question. What we meant in terms of compatibility was that remediation and final work of One River Street and the Tappan Terminal could be done almost at the same time.

**Trustee Jennings:** We all share a good feeling about the record of safety that you report this evening, and that is quite an excellent achievement. Could you review the next major steps in the cleanup and planning process? When will we have documents that you submit to the state that will provide more detailed information about the next steps: the excavations, the measures that you are planning to take to make sure that the environment is monitored and protected and the public is protected from any side effects of the work? Will it be in 2006 or 2007?

**Mr. Yaeger:** This first report on the predesign in mid-February will have a lot of good information in terms of the analysis of the sediments and how we proceed further. But in terms of the specific time frame, I do not have all that information for you.

**Trustee Jennings:** I just want to underscore our shared agreement and determination that as we move forward the Village will remain in the communication loop and monitoring in a vigilant and active way. We do not want to lose sight of the fact that the Village feels that we should be an active observer and participant in this kind of safety issue as we go forward and as things get to be even more interesting than they have been the last couple of years.

**Mr. Yaeger:** We welcome that. If there is anything I can do for the Village in offering additional communications or visitations on this site I will be happy to do so.

## **2. Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)**

**Jenny Murphy, Senior Advocate:** As indicated in my note, the numbers are a little different. The Greenburgh numbers are not that different than I reported. They had 27 reported participating at a total cost of about \$60,000. Now they are down to about 21, at a cost of \$50,000, just in a few months' time. But in Tarrytown, because of the Greenburgh figures I presumed she was reporting to me the monthly cost, but the \$12,000 was the annual cost. Even still, since September there was some difference in the number of people participating in Tarrytown. It seems like the variable here is the amount of time a person participates in the program. In Tarrytown, the longest any of the four people have been in it

is about three years. In the Town of Greenburgh the amount of time goes up beyond 10 years, as long as 1993. Also, Greenburgh reported the wrong number in the ETPA housing. So when I asked her to confirm that number, that was the number that did not make sense to me, \$60,000 in costs for only 800-something units. Now when she rechecked her figures, she did not recall giving me the 822 figure or where that came from. But she sent me a fax stating that the number was actually in excess of 3,000 units. So that is more in synch, I think, with the \$50,000.

**Mayor Kinnally:** So you think the cost is about \$6,500 a year.

**Ms. Murphy:** I am guessing.

**Mayor Kinnally:** There were questions about the disability provisions.

**Ms. Murphy:** The determination is anybody who qualifies for any kind of disability income. I do not know how you would determine how many people in Hastings would qualify for that.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Can we get that information?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I would like to try because I would like to keep the two together. We are dealing with the same group in the community that could use some special attention.

**Ms. Murphy:** I agree. As a citizen, I am behind it.

**Mayor Kinnally:** If the municipality makes the application, they may be more inclined to give out that information. We can explain to them that it is for budget purposes and we need it to assess the ultimate cost of a program. Perhaps they will give it to us.

**Ms. Murphy:** When I tried to get rent rolls from the housing department they sent me an application for the Freedom of Information Act. So some of this stuff is really hard.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I will work on that, try to get you something on that.

**Ms. Murphy:** The other question that was how frequently the \$24,000 ceiling changes. It seems to be infrequent. I could not get a definitive answer on what determines the \$24,000. But if the Village makes a resolution to adopt the SCRIE program, they can set the ceiling lower, as low as \$16,000. All our neighboring villages use the full \$24,000, but it has not been changed since 2003.

**Village Manager Frobel:** The process is a simple resolution to participate in the program.

**Ms. Murphy:** A resolution submitted to Elaine Warren at the Division of Housing in White Plains, with the seal, would put you on the list.

**Trustee Apel:** Once we are in it, we cannot get out of it.

**Ms. Murphy:** That is what Larry McCrudden said in Yonkers, but Elaine Warren indicated you could, but I do not know if she is sure of it.

**Trustee Apel:** My concern is that we do not have control over—or you did say that we have control over—the rate at which we do it?

**Ms. Murphy:** The income guidelines we do, but you have a cap; nobody can make more than \$24,000. But you can set the cap lower if you want.

**Trustee Apel:** I find it a worthwhile program, but I always get scared when we do not have control. We are going to say yes to something, and we do not know where the market is going and what is going on, and we do not have numbers and we do not know how many, and yet we are going to say yes to something. That is the only concern I have. You got as much information as you can possibly get, which is how many people we are dealing with and stuff like that.

**Ms. Murphy:** The other variable is that the Section 8 program is a better program, and anyone who qualified for SCRIE would also qualify for Section 8. The variables in that are that a landlord can reject it. But I do know that the person before me made several Section 8 applications, so in my capacity I would encourage applications to Section 8 also. They are opening it up again, and they do give priority to Hastings because we do not have our own program here, and they give priority to seniors as a rule. Sometimes they close it off, but that could take some of that burden off.

**Trustee Apel:** Is it the same amount of money, the same amount of relief, or you said they get more?

**Ms. Murphy:** It is usually better, I think. They give vouchers based on the income and the need of the resident. And if the landlord accepts the Section 8 vouchers, then they pay a certain portion of the rent.

**Trustee Apel:** So did I hear you correctly? That you think we get it because we do not have this other program, and once we get this program...

**Ms. Murphy:** Some municipalities have their own processing for Section 8, but since Hastings does not, it is processed from any locality. I believe seniors get some special consideration in that case.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Once we pass it, it develops a constituency which will not want to let it go. I can conceive of a dedicated core of people making sure that absolutely every single person entitled to this gets it. I have always worried that those numbers would be higher than other communities because we have, on a per capita basis, far more activists than anyone else. So my concern has been, as good a program as this is, it is an entitlement that could burden us. We have control over the cap, and the \$24,000 sounds reasonable, but my concern was that the number of people falling under the auspices of this program could grow beyond our control. If we indeed have a control over the cap and the resetting of the cap over time, then I am far more comfortable with the program. I think it is worthwhile, and will not sneak up on us in some sort of demographic way that we have not anticipated.

**Mayor Kinnally:** On the question of the manageability and what our ultimate exposure would be, I would like to speak to Larry McCrudden.

**Ms. Murphy:** There are a couple of other variables to consider. Some of the ETPA housing in Hastings has converted to cooperative housing. There is one final rent-regulated tenant in the Hastings House Gardens. When she vacates that unit, that is no longer ETPA. There is also rumor of making a co-op out of River Edge Apartments. Again, the reduction of ETPA housing would be a variable. We are not going to get more ETPA housing. All our rentals essentially are that. So there are some things that could ensure that our vulnerability would lower over the years, too. Certainly the population can grow out of control. You cannot foresee everything. But that would not be just for our municipality either, and I think the Division of Housing would have to address that to spare all municipalities.

Finally, as the advocate it would be my position to encourage people to apply for this. I hope if it is adopted that the people who are eligible will go for it. I do think that Hastings will make better use of it than other municipalities, but there are only so many seniors that make that kind of money. So you can guess a worst case scenario. I do not think it is horrible numbers if you think from that point.

**Trustee Jennings:** The situation that Peter envisions I hope does happen. I do not think it is good to have a low income entitlement program and bank on the fact that a certain number of

people who are eligible will not find out about it or apply for it. That is not the right way to keep this program under control. So I would hope that if we adopt this that 100% of those who are eligible will receive this benefit.

To question of how much we can control it, if we decide to do it we ought to do it because people need it and it is the right thing to do and it reflects the values of our community. If the total budgetary expenditure of this program goes up in future years, we have to raise taxes we in order to do it. We should not go into it thinking that we are going to spend \$50,000 a year tops and we are going to keep it at that even if we have to ratchet down the eligibility levels. Whether we should do it or not hinges on whether we think this is a program that reflects the values of our community. We will figure out how to pay for it going forward. There are many positive benefits and good values that are served by a program like this, not the least of which is the Village as a whole helping people who wish to remain in the community that they have lived their whole lives in despite their lowered income or despite their living with disabilities. I would be prepared to support it. We cannot control it totally; as a community we have to give up that kind of control and say we are going to support it, and we will find the money to support it going forward.

### **3. Other**

**Trustee Apel:** I am the liaison to the Safety Committee. I just make an observation of what I have noticed has been happening over the years. The things that people are coming to the Safety Committee with are now things that the Safety Committee is kind of locked into, because everything is based upon people wanting to close the streets that we are talking about for walkable communities and fixing the same things. They can listen, but I do not think they can do anything because we are waiting to decide what we are doing in that area. So I would hope that we could move forward this spring so that issues coming before the Safety Committee can finally be resolved.

**Trustee Jennings:** I have heard more discussion around town weeks about this traffic roundabout circle at Five Corners than any issue in the last couple of years. I understand that was a consultant's proposal and only that, but is that what you are talking about? The process moving forward? Making some decisions about what to do with Five Corners?

**Trustee Apel:** We talk about Five Corners, we talk around the school, we talk about Broadway. We are just talking and talking. I cannot say resolving it, but trying to start to work on these things and actually come up with something would be fine. In terms of that circle, the understanding I have is that if you are going to narrow Broadway you do not want to back everybody up, so keep the traffic moving, and it will be going around in circles. To circle or not?

**Mayor Kinnally:** The roundabout is exhibit A of what consultants do. And unfortunately, they do not have to live with the consequences. I do not know anything but what I saw in the paper on it. It is certainly far-reaching, and I am not so sure that the consultant has given very much thought to the implications of the whole thing. We are having trouble with four lanes of traffic on Farragut now, and channeling that down to two lanes of traffic I just do not see where that traffic is going to go or if it is going to move any more freely.

Fran gave us a memo on recycling containers. There is food for thought in there. I thought the contents were fine. He has certainly given us many options. We have to see if there is a market out there. Our perception is that it would be great to get these and the people will use them. I have asked Fran, and maybe he and Raf can come up with something to try to gauge the depth of yearning for these things. A 500-unit purchase at the prices he is talking about is not crazy. I do not want to compete with people in business here, but we could also reach out to the real estate people and tell them when new people come in this is what is available to them.

The Village Officials Committee continues to meet, and to converse and consult, and run around in circles. We are still trying to press the Town of Greenburgh to file the appeal. The issue is up in the air. There may be some resolution soon on it. But we are still skeptical as to the wisdom and viability of any mediation process here.

**Trustee Jennings:** Is there any further information about the Pace study?

**Mayor Kinnally:** No, Don Marra was going to reach out to Pace to find the status.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Swiderski, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Swiderski, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:00 p.m.