

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 2008**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin, Trustee Danielle Goodman, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Peter Swiderski.

CITIZENS: Thirteen (13).

Mayor Kinnally: Trustees Quinlan and Swiderski are not here this evening because they are on vacation.

The first order of business on our agenda was a presentation by Congresswoman Nita Lowy. She was unable to attend this evening, so we will move on then to the next presentation.

PRESENTATION – Ridge Hill Task Force Report

Mike McElroy, Fenwick Road: Mary Jane Shimsky and I are the Village's representatives on the Ridge Hill Task Force, the functions of which are multiple. It is principally to study the feasibility of, and to seek funding for, what is called the Sprain Ramps project, which is intended to alleviate traffic problems that may emanate from the Ridge Hill project now under construction. The task force is comprised of a member and an alternate from Yonkers, Greenburgh, Hastings, Ardsley, and a representative of the developer, Forest City Ratner. We have been meeting for a year and a quarter or so, generally on a monthly basis although not religiously so. As time has gone on, the spacing between meetings has broadened.

One of the first functions of the task force was to appoint a task force manager; with the unanimous agreement of all members of the task force, we appointed Mary Ann Crotty. As the task force manager, she carries the laboring oar for this examination of the feasibility of traffic alternatives growing out of the Ridge Hill project.

We do not have a formal report to give to you. Today I expected to receive a status report from Ms. Crotty, which I never did receive. I have had difficulty reaching her for the last two weeks, but I succeeded in getting her to respond to me this afternoon. She said she would send me the status report on getting back to her office. I received a second email with no status report attached. I responded, and said where is the report? I did not get a reply.

Obviously, Greenburgh, Hastings, and Ardsley, as well as Yonkers, are very concerned about the traffic impact of the Ridge Hill development. We are very eager, particularly the villages, to find alternatives to what we fear may be the dumping of traffic on our local communities which will clog the roads unpleasantly. Ms. Crotty has been examining all the technical reports that had been done before the task force was even formed. She has reported to us on those, and it is her view that the proposals that had been considered are good proposals and probably will constitute the best and maybe the most feasible alternative to what we fear will be an inordinate amount of traffic.

However, in order to adopt any of those alternatives it will be necessary to obtain the consent of the county. The county owns the parkland through which and over which the ramps project will have to be constructed. The county is unwilling to alienate that parkland for this project unless a broad public purpose can be identified and supported. Mary Ann is working to convince the county of the existence of that broad public purpose. The county is concerned that it will not and cannot approve the alienation of parkland that would benefit a single developer. Mary Ann is attempting to persuade the county that, in fact, it will benefit all of the municipalities involved. But the county is reluctant to agree to that unless a further demonstration can be made. Mary Ann is putting together an argument with technical support. She advises us that she has. That was the status report I expected to receive two weeks ago and again today.

There are other issues that are being considered including the widening of Tuckahoe Road, which has fostered community opposition in Yonkers, and improvements to traffic signals. I do not think anybody is opposed to that, but we are all skeptical as to whether that is going to have as dramatic and beneficial an impact as we believe will be necessary. In any event, Mary Ann is continuing her examination and presentations to county officials, and we are awaiting a report to her as to the status of that.

Mayor Kinnally: Mike, when you get that report, please let us know. If it is something that can be forwarded on to us, that would be great.

Mary Jane Shimsky, 35 Ashley Road: It is important that we keep making progress because there is a time limit to the money. The settlement to the lawsuit that Hastings, Ardsley, and Greenburgh brought against the developer requires that the money for that Sprain Ramps project be used within seven years. Seven years sounds like a long time, and it was not an unreasonably short amount of time, to do this kind of project. However, it was not a luxurious amount of time. Mike and I share a concern that this end of the project should not be taking as long as it is because subsequent steps will be even further from our control in terms of time frame.

The Ridge Hill settlement created two pots of money, one of which was the \$10 million for the Sprain Ramps project. The second pot of money was \$5 million to go toward road improvements, largely along Route 9-A and Jackson Avenue. There was a wish list of approximately a dozen items attached as a schedule to the settlement, and that money was supposed to go toward those improvements. The time started tolling in August, 2007 and this is a five-year toll. Any monies not spent by August, 2012 are forfeited and revert back to the developer. Lord knows we need the traffic improvements on 9-A and Jackson Avenue, not to mention the corner of Jackson Avenue and 9-A, which is going to become a real hotspot for us once work begins on the Ravensdale Bridge project.

I am extremely concerned that the store is not being minded on this \$5 million pot of money. Unlike the Sprain Ramps project, there was no formal task force appointed. It is a pickup game with the police chief and the planning commissioner from the Town of Greenburgh, and the mayor and one of the trustees from Ardsley. I sat in on most of the meetings to keep an eye on things for Hastings. It has been 13 months since the traffic consultant submitted a proposal for doing the traffic counts, getting the engineering information together, and prioritizing the projects in terms of cost, engineering feasibility, and benefit to traffic.

The contract with the traffic engineer, who was the only one who answered the RFP was submitted by the Town of Greenburgh and who has been working with the Town of Greenburgh ever since Ridge Hill became a project three or four years ago, has not been signed with the Town yet. It has been 13 months since he submitted the RFP. We are nearing the one-year point, which is the 20% point, on the time we have to spend this money and we do not even have the contracts signed with the traffic consultant who must lay the initial groundwork to get any work done. Knowing how long approvals can take on the other end, again this is a source of extreme concern to me.

I left a message with the planning commissioner in Greenburgh today to try to find out, since I had last spoken to him three weeks ago, if the contract had been executed. I did not get a call back which, this week, is not so surprising. I just want you, the Village Trustees, to know that there is \$5 million out there that may be at risk because things are not proceeding as fast as they should. I urge you to take a look at it, talk to me about it afterward if you would like, and let us see what we could do about getting that ball moving.

Mayor Kinnally: It is important that we be vigilant here, and make sure there is not this delay which will jeopardize the remediation and, consequently, the pot of money. Or if there is a problem, to approach all the parties to the lawsuit and get a voluntary extension of that time period.

Trustee McLaughlin: Michael, I am concerned with the alienation of parkland for the ramp and the idea that the county does not like the idea because it would benefit primarily Forest City Ratner. Your argument is that no, it would benefit the two villages and the town. But the fact is that Westchester County will be out the parkland, and have only pavement to show for it. I suppose we have no hold over the developer for an exchange of land.

Mayor Kinnally: We have nothing to do with it. It is part of the negotiation.

Ms. Shimsky: Actually, Forest City Ratner has indicated a willingness to do a swap of land in the area. The county is very concerned about the principle involved. We do need more trees and less pavement. But at the same time, if something could be worked out it is going to avoid a lot of air pollution and other problems which come from the increased traffic that we are going to get through no fault of our own; we did everything we could as a village to either block the project or reduce its size and were unsuccessful except to the point of getting the money for this project.

Trustee McLaughlin: My second question goes to the five years and the \$5 million, and the fact that 20% of the time is gone but 20% of the work has not been done. Telling us to keep an eye on it is not enough.

Ms. Shimsky: I would recommend that Hastings and Ardsley get together and talk to the Greenburgh planning office as well as the Greenburgh town board. Three weeks ago there was a sudden burst of activity and I received calls from a couple of the town council members and from the planning commissioner as well, and it seemed as if things were moving. But it has been three weeks, and the next step was something that should take all of ten minutes.

Mayor Kinnally: Yes, Susan has been in contact with the planner. That is the important factor here: to get the process jump started with the planner.

Ms. Shimsky: Much to his credit, the traffic engineer, who has been with us from the beginning, has been working without a contract in May and June to do traffic counts because he wanted to get the accurate numbers before school let out. We are dealing with people who are very motivated to do the right thing by us and, at the very least, should get paid. But more than that, his work should continue and we should get to the point where we can get traffic improvements out there for people to benefit from.

Trustee Goodman: I want to make sure that we were not supposed to do something personnel-wise. Are you in a position to stay with the \$5 million task force, or do you need us to get reinforcements to help you?

Ms. Shimsky: At this point my relationship with the new planning commissioner is satisfactory, and I do not think my presence will necessarily cause an issue. But reinforcements would be a good idea because they need to start hearing things in stereo.

Mayor Kinnally: It is a shot across the bow for us to make sure that everybody keeps on schedule, and if they need information or backup or support from us, you, or anybody, can give us a heads up on what is needed.

Ms. Shimsky: At the beginning of next week I would recommend that Fran call the planning commissioner, find out whether or not the contract was signed, and perhaps reach out to his opposite number in Ardsley. If both of you hammer at the same time as opposed to someone hammering one month and someone else hammering the other month, the odds of your being effective go up.

Village Manager Frobel: That is good advice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee McLaughlin, SECONDED by Trustee Goodman with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 7-2008-09 \$700,165.32
Multi-Fund No. 8-2008-09 \$ 88,070.67

John Ciborowski, 443 Warburton Avenue: I am here regarding the affordable housing project at 422 Warburton. We are into our not one, not two, but third summer of agony on the other side of the bridge. It has been a terrible disgrace that this village has allowed these people to take this long on this project. Today just got my pressure up to 180 points when I heard another gas line was ruptured on Warburton Avenue. So now we have had two gas lines ruptured. We have had them rupture a water line at one point. When is this going to end? The filth is unbelievable. I have heard people say, well, you have to put up with a little inconvenience. Fine, we put up with a little inconvenience for one year, for two years. Now we are into our third year of inconvenience.

They have dumped discolored water, I do not know what it was: chemicals, white, red going down our catchbasins. I had to call the police on them for that. The crew that did this job is terrible, I would never recommend them to anybody, and I hope the Village has learned a good lesson about this. They have redlined all the affordable housing from that project over to the south side of the bridge, and I think that was a terrible idea. I understand people are living in 45 Main Street. They are not close to living in Warburton. They can tell you what they want to tell you, but there is no parking lot. It is not ready to go. We are going to go through another summer of this agony. Parking has been terrible. They have taken up all the spaces. We have senior citizens that have to go out and do their shopping. They cannot park on one side of the street for weeks on end sometimes. It has been terrible, and something should be done with these people. I hope the Village has learned a good lesson because I will fight to the end next time anything like this happens.

Mayor Kinnally: Fran, any report on this? What happened with the gas line?

Village Manager Frobel: There was a gas line break today during construction. That will happen; that inconvenience is part of construction.

Mr. Ciborowski: It may happen, Manager, but we have been very lucky there have been no catastrophes as of yet.

Village Manager Frobel: You are dealing with old utilities in unsettled ground. It will happen, it does happen. Precautions are taken, but it is unavoidable.

Mayor Kinnally: Do we have to rip up Warburton again?

Village Manager Frobel: I think it was part of trench work they were doing, and they bumped into the line and broke it.

Mayor Kinnally: And has it been fixed?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Mayor Kinnally: We are all anxious to get it finished. How close are they?

Village Manager Frobel: They are looking for completion in August.

Trustee Goodman: Mr. Ciborowski, I apologize to you, your mother, your aunt, and all of your neighbors. I agree with you that this has been an extraordinary sacrifice on the part of your neighborhood, and I am sorry that it is three years out. I would ask for the developer to

come to our next meeting, to send a representative, and give us a full accounting of what the progress is. I have been by there, and it does not look like it is going to be done in August. I have a hard time believing that. The developer should come here, the citizens in that neighborhood should be asked to come, and there should be a full accounting. If it is going to go beyond August I would like to know what the status of the permits are. Have we extended building permits? How many extensions have they had? Are they due more? Can we start to charge them for the parking they are taking up, etc.? It is not fair, and for us to sit here mute would be an abomination. So again, apologies.

Mayor Kinnally: We should get Eric in and get a timeline of what needs to be done and where they are in the project. I keep hearing these things, and it is frustrating. I cannot match John's frustration, but it is frustrating.

Trustee McLaughlin: As somebody who lives in the neighborhood, we heard the same kind of complaints about parking at the Farmers' Market. The comment that came from up here was, we thank you for the sacrifice that your neighborhood is making. I think that is a pretty weak thing. Mr. Ciborowski, I understand. I have put up with the same nonsense that you have. There is one neighbor that you and I both have who has had the blasting on one side of her house, and her office is next door to 45 Main Street. She has expressed the idea that Urban Green is making her go mad. It seems that they have not covered themselves with glory in either transaction and I do not feel very comfortable hearing things like we are sorry for what happened to your neighborhood. That is a pallid sort of excuse to give.

Trustee Goodman: It is the only thing I could think of.

Trustee McLaughlin: No, Danielle. I was not picking on you.

Trustee Goodman: I felt we should acknowledge the upset. It is legitimate.

Mayor Kinnally: Oh, absolutely. And the object of everyone's scorn should be here to absorb some of it.

Village Manager Frobel: I will contact Mr. Anderson and have him attend the next meeting. I will check with the Building Inspector as to whether or not those building permits are due to expire. I met with the fire chiefs last night on a host of matters. I asked where they thought the project was in terms of completion. They agreed it could be ready as early as August if things continue to move forward.

Jackie Lhoumeau, 157 Southside Avenue: I have seen we have done a lot of mulching around trees and around the Village, and I think it is a really good idea. I am a little worried

about how it is being done. The mulch has been put in mounds against the trees. The more you put right up against the trunk the more likely you may give the tree a disease through lack of oxygen to its roots. I did not know whether this was being supervised. There are two other places where I am concerned about this. In front of Galapagos Books, again, very good idea; they want to plant some flowers. But they put round surrounds around where the trees were, raised the dirt level six to eight inches around the trees, and then planted flowers. I am concerned about those street trees and how they are going to survive that.

At the base of the library part, going down toward the train station, the southern slope was cut back. Next to that there is a bunch of trees. Some of the trees were cut back and the railing was removed. Indeed, the trees were overgrowing the railings, it needed to be done, but a lot of the chips were left behind and they are sitting against the bases of big pine trees that are part of what hold up that steep slope. I was concerned about that situation vis-à-vis the health of those trees.

Village Manager Frobel: Let me take a look.

John Spiciarich, Hastings House, Broadway: I came to listen to, and address, Congresswoman Lowy. She canceled for whatever reason and I am very disappointed. But I would take the opportunity to ask about the status of Broadway being reduced from two lanes to one. This Board voted to go ahead with that plan.

Mayor Kinnally: This Board voted to bring it to the state's attention, and Fran has done that. Fran, you have had some discussion with them?

Village Manager Frobel: I have spoken with the engineers as recently as about three weeks ago. They are still continuing their report, and we anticipate receiving their recommendation very soon.

Mr. Spiciarich: The Mayor said that you voted yes on . . .

Mayor Kinnally: . . . approaching the state.

Mr. Spiciarich: I thought you gave the okay that we are going to reduce it.

Mayor Kinnally: No, it is the state's call. It is a state road so we had to petition the state to look at it.

Mr. Spiciarich: But if they are okay with it, we are okay with it?

Mayor Kinnally: We do not know what the “it” is. They are looking at the whole thing so we do not know what area, what the configuration would be. There are certain areas that will not be touched; there are certain areas that they may not want to deal with. We do not know.

Mr. Spiciarich: Thank you all for your service. Thank you for listening.

**78:08 APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR QUARRY PARK DESIGN
PHASE 1 TO NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Village Manager Frobel: This is part of our continuing effort to seek out grant opportunities for development of Quarry Park. We are calling this Quarry Park Design Phase I. We received approval from the Board to seek proposals from landscape architectural firms. The committee has done that. We are working with a very good budget estimate as to how much it might take to enter into the planning, design, and development of construction documents.

We are now seeking this opportunity for some grant funding. It does require a 50% match. This would be a budget of about \$170,000, and we are hopeful that if we are successful we will then be back here with a recommendation for awarding a contract for the design work at the park. There are members here from that committee. They have been working very closely with staff as we pursue grant opportunities, and this is certainly a key point in the design of this park. If we were to receive this money it would go quite a ways towards moving the project forward.

Mayor Kinnally: I agree. I think we are probably at the point of doing that. I have one concern with all of these resolutions. The resolution approves the grant application, and then says that you can go ahead and enter into an agreement that the work would be done. What we do not have, and have not had a discussion on this, is the source of funds for the work. I would rather back out from the resolution talking about your entering into, and executing, an agreement because we have to take a look at the budget implications of this. We are looking at over \$100,000 in matches that we have not budgeted and I do not know what the source of those funds is going to be. I would rather have us approve the application, and then if the application is granted, come back and take a look at the funding of it. I do not see it in this year's budget.

Village Manager Frobel: I agree it is probably not. We had hoped that in last year's budget we were going to do some environmental testing, and that did not happen. But I agree. The financial share of this is a concern of mine. One of the committee's recommendations is that they become a 501(c)(3) corporation so they can receive donations from other organizations. That would go a long way. But that is the missing part of this

equation: where we would find our matching money for this project, and whether in fact it is a priority for the Village. But we could do it in two pieces. We could submit this grant, , and if we do receive approval then come back to you with a financial plan.

Trustee Goodman: There is money for this in the trust fund. I read the consent decree again. The quarry is within the CEA, the Critical Environmental Area, of the Hudson so there is no question that it would be a project that we could ask for funding through the trust fund. That is a fallback. We would prefer to find other sources. This committee produced one of the finest reports that has ever come out of this Village, and these were not the professionals we usually hire. These were citizens working to produce a beautiful document.

Regretfully the Department of State did not give us the grant we thought we were going to get, and we are now back to square one with the funding. But I have no doubt, if they form a 501(c)(3), that they would not professionally manage this. They have been to the congresspeople, they came before the Board with a funding expert, and I think this is a priority. If you listened to the Ridge Hill discussion earlier this evening, and I love to connect the dots, you look all around us and there is nothing but overdevelopment. The trail system and our park system are not only a local treasure, but a regional asset. As a Board we will be viewed, if not wise at this point, then visionaries to future generations for preserving this. I also look at this as a legacy on the work that Fred Hubbard started.

We should make this a priority. I know we are not a full complement, but I would suggest the trust fund would be something that could be tapped into, not for the majority of these monies, but at least some. They at least need us to commit to the design phase. How are they going to raise funds if they have no drawings and nothing to show? The grant application for the design phase is crucial because, if not, we are going to be hamstringing them and are not going to see this project done. If you look at the joy on people's faces to see Kinnally Cove done, and then you wonder why it took us so many years, I do not think the quarry should be something that lags as far behind. People could start to use it now.

Trustee McLaughlin: How can people start to use it now without the remediation?

Trustee Goodman: I meant if we start to move on it, it will be a completed project and not take years and years and years. It is an asset. Because it is connected to the Aqueduct, this is an amenity for people from throughout the region. The design is key.

Chris Lomolino, 24 Aqueduct Lane: I am the chairperson of the Quarry Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Parks and Rec Commission. The project has been going on for many years, and we have known about the remaining environmental testing that needs to be done at this site for more than a year. I am glad that the Board is considering this resolution.

The question of how we can pay for this park has been a topic of many discussions in our committee and in the Parks and Rec Commission. The project should be paid for with as much grant money as we can bring into the Village. This project fits the criteria for many different grants. Some of them we have applied for already, and others we will be applying for in the future. There is DEC funding available to do this. There are low-interest loans that are extended over a very long period of time, even zero percent loans through the Environmental Facilities organization that often helps villages bridge the gap, and those funds can be used as a match. There is also the ARCO environmental fund, which I believe is more than \$1.6 million and accruing interest on an annual basis. Even if the project were to simply use the interest that has accrued on that fund it would be a great help.

Our committee is committed to doing as much fund-raising as we can for the project. However, it is a great help to fundraising if the design can be presented to potential donors and private foundations. We have a wealth of experience in the region, in the Hudson Valley, that it at our disposal. Scenic Hudson has been a major advocate of this project from the beginning, as has our own Board. The political will is there to do it. This project can only be, as Danielle pointed out, a wonderful legacy for all the people of the Village and all the users of the Aqueduct. We have been fortunate in the firms that have responded to the Village's RFP looking for a landscape architect. Very prestigious firms responded, and they did very detailed responses to the RFP. They really got it. They understood the relationship between the Old Croton Aqueduct, the quarry, the quarry trail, and the Hastings waterfront.

I urge you to vote to approve the applications. I do not mind if we wait a bit to hire the landscape architect, but I wanted the Board to be aware that the design and the remediation work should go on at the same time so that any movement of earth is part of the design phase. The design phase will be here very shortly, and firms are eager to work on this. Our committee has been hard at work comparing these firms, and will shortly be making a recommendation to the Board as to which firm we think the Village should go forward with.

On MOTION of Mayor Kinnally, SECONDED by Trustee McLaughlin with a voice vote of all in favor, Resolution 78:08 was amended to remove language after "...with a fifty percent match."

Trustee McLaughlin: Trustee Quinlan cannot be here tonight because he is on vacation. But when he and I ran together for office two and a half years ago, one of the key things that we ran to do was to support ongoing development of the quarry park. So I know that if Trustee Quinlan were here tonight he would be voting for this.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the application of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to the New York State Department of State (DOS) for the 2008 Environment Protection (EPF) Grant Program for Quarry Park Design Phase 1 in the amount of \$85,000 with a fifty percent (50%) match.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Peter Swiderski	Absent	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	Absent	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Trustee Danielle Goodman	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**79:08 APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR QUARRY TRAIL
COMPLETION TO NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Village Manager Frobel: This is one that goes back to 2002, a grant that we received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. That \$75,000 does not go as far today as it did in 2002, but we have prepared our specifications. We attracted 12 firms to bid on it, and ended up with not enough money to complete the project. What we are looking for in this resolution, and the next one, is to apply to two different state agencies in hopes of getting sufficient funds to make this project work.

Trustee Goodman: I think we should move forward with this.

Trustee McLaughlin: I agree.

Mayor Kinnally: I would make a similar motion to delete the language after the phrase fifty percent match, to the end.

On MOTION of Mayor Kinnally, SECONDED by Trustee McLaughlin with a voice vote of all in favor, Resolution 79:08 was amended to remove language after "...with a fifty percent match."

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the application of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to the New York State Department of State (DOS) for the 2008 Environment Protection (EPF) Grant Program for Quarry Legacy Trail Completion in the amount of \$42,000 with a fifty percent (50%) match.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Peter Swiderski	Absent	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	Absent	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Trustee Danielle Goodman	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**80:08 APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR QUARRY TRAIL
COMPLETION TO NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM**

Village Manager Frobel: This is for completion of the trail. We are applying under this program because with the last resolution we are in competition with ourselves to the same agency for money for the Quarry Park design or the Quarry Trail completion. We thought perhaps we should apply under this program, which is a little different blend. It is a 75/25, which should be to our advantage if we were funded under this program, but it is identical. It is the same scope of work, and the shortfall is the same.

On MOTION of Mayor Kinnally, **SECONDED** by Trustee McLaughlin with a voice vote of all in favor, Resolution 80:08 was amended to remove language after "...with a fifty percent match."

On MOTION of Trustee McLaughlin, **SECONDED** by Trustee Goodman the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the application of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to the New York State Hudson River Estuary Program in accordance with the provisions of the Hudson River Estuary Management Act (ECL 11-0306) of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Quarry Legacy Trail Completion in the amount of \$63,000 with a twenty-five percent (25%) match.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Peter Swiderski	Absent	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	Absent	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Trustee Danielle Goodman	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

81:08 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 24 OF 2008
ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

Mayor Kinnally: This was the subject of some discussion with the Board. Marianne has prepared a detailed analysis and recommendation. We talk about living with these codes and having things evolve over time, and this is a good example of it. We have learned that there are some shortfalls, and we want to address them. I thank you, Marianne, for doing it, and I think it is appropriate that we have a scheduled public hearing for our next regular Board meeting.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 15, at 8:00 p.m. or soon thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 24 Amending the Zoning Code to Impose Limits on Development Coverage and Curbcuts, to Clarify Provisions Relating to Driveways and Paving, to Prohibit Portable Carports, and to Clarify Definitions of “Structure” and “Half-Story.”

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Peter Swiderski	Absent	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	Absent	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Trustee Danielle Goodman	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

82:08 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 25 OF 2008
VILLAGE CODE AMENDMENTS VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Mayor Kinnally: Again, this is the subject of a memo Fran had given to us.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 15, at 8:00 p.m. or soon thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 25 of 2008 Amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Chapter 282 Vehicles and Traffic to Designate Certain New Parking Meter Locations.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Peter Swiderski	Absent	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	Absent	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Trustee Danielle Goodman	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: Our Parks and Recreation day camp started yesterday. We have nearly 400 youngsters enrolled in three different programs, and I am sure they are going to have an enjoyable summer under the guidance of Ray, Lisa, and Kendra.

We have scheduled the public information meeting for the Ravensdale Bridge improvements for July 10 at 7:30 at the Community Center. The evening will include the engineers and the state DOT making presentations and seeking public comment.

We were able to work out an agreement with a rental company, so we are renting a van now that Mr. Finkeldey is using. It will be about a five or six week period. They took delivery, I think, Monday of last week. We are out to bid for a new truck. We have our funding in place, and hopefully we will attract bidders to either offer a new one or a good used one.

Trustee McLaughlin: The rental vehicle has the safety improvements they were concerned about?

Village Manager Frobel: I think so. It is a Chrysler 2008 mini-van, a brand-new vehicle.

Trustee McLaughlin: But it got us through the Safe Rides program for prom night and everything like that?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes. I heard no complaints.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Fred Yaeger, ARCO liaison: I want to congratulate this body, and the Mayor, for all the hard work in making Kinnally Cove a reality for residents of the Village.

I want to thank the Mayor for informing me about the passing of Fred Hubbard. It was a real privilege for me to work closely with him. He was just a delight to work with. The Atlantic Richfield company supported a number of his events over the past couple of years: we helped underwrite the Rowley Trail, we attended a number of those activities. More recently we helped underwrite the latest addition of the trailways map, which I know Fred was very happy that we were able to do, and I was thrilled as well. We are really sorry, we miss him, and it was a real privilege and an honor to work with him.

I have been attending the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings over the past couple of weeks. One of the outgrowths of the meetings is, there is a need to reach out to some of the senior citizens in the Village, those that might not belong to the centers and activities. The Atlantic Richfield company puts out a newsletter that goes to about 4,000 to 5,000 residents in the Village. I volunteered that for our newsletter that will be going out in the next couple of weeks I would look into doing a senior citizen insert to get a message out to some of the unattached seniors. Jenny Murphy sent me something today, and I will be working for the next edition to have that as an insert, as another way of reaching members of the Village's senior citizens, and, of course, saving the Village some money.

Mayor Kinnally: Thank you, Fred. The more outreach we have to the seniors the better off we are.

Mr. Yaeger: On the waterfront update, some drilling has been going on this week, and there will be additional drilling next week, from an engineering standpoint. We are finishing a final comprehensive investigation regarding the DNAPL, and will be submitting that final investigation and report to NYSDEC at the end of the summer. We are pleased with that.

Joe Sontchi, the environmental business manager for Atlantic Richfield, will be in Hastings next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If anybody in this body would like to speak to him directly, or take a tour of the site and get an update on what has been happening for the last couple of weeks and months, we will be happy to set something up.

Trustee McLaughlin: Can you tell us more about where the drilling is? I cannot remember the exact language you used about the DNAPL, but can you elaborate on that a bit? Not everybody is acquainted with all the acronyms we use.

Mr. Yaeger: I am not the best person to be able to define that, and it is why I am saying we would be happy to have representatives of the Village come and get an update from an expert like Joe Sontchi. I would be happy to set that up. Also, we do have some of the latest information on our Web site, which is www.oneriverstreet.com. This could answer some of those questions. But the definition of DNAPL is “dense non-aqueous phase liquid.” It is a very molasses-type liquid that stays way underground, about 30 feet.

Trustee McLaughlin: One of the pleasures of becoming a Trustee is that I finally had an opportunity to visit the waterfront. Those opportunities have not generally been available to the public. Are you offering that at this point? Could we set up a time that if people contacted us we could set up a tour?

Mr. Yaeger: Absolutely. It has always been available to the public as well as the elected Village officials. We have had members of the community organize community groups, environmental groups and send their members to me, and we have had different tours of the site. So individuals or groups, we would be happy to do so.

Trustee McLaughlin: Why do we not perhaps, after tonight or tomorrow, set up a time, and we can publicize it on WHOH, just so people know in advance there are issues about what you wear on the site.

Mr. Yaeger: Correct. People have to wear heavy, thick boots. Women should wear pants and not dresses. Both men and women should wear long-sleeved shirts. Atlantic Richfield provides hardhats. If you wear glasses, we provide safety glasses. Our main focus is to educate people. But a key value of the company is safety for our workers and the public.

2. Update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee

Trustee Goodman: I attended the community visioning forum sponsored by the committee and run by Greenway. Probably in excess of 60 people showed up, and a lot of good

discussion was generated, the information was recorded, and the Comprehensive Plan Committee is going to be tabulating that and putting it together in a report form. It was a productive conversation for the community, and well done by the committee and Greenway.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee McLaughlin, SECONDED by Trustee Goodman with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m.