

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Nicola Armacost, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto

ABSENT: Trustee Meg Walker, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich.

CITIZENS: Fifty (50).

DISCUSSION - Board of Trustees/Board of Education regarding Reynolds Field

Mayor Swiderski: The first item on the agenda is a discussion with the Board of Education regarding Reynolds Field. Typically, the domain of the two elected bodies is quite separate. But on certain projects there are elements which overlap. In this instance, both drainage and parking are items of mutual interest. So we extended an invitation to the Board of Education to join us to speak about the project. We sent over some questions yesterday, not quite the week promised. I do not know if that was sufficient to yield useful responses, but sorry for the lateness. We have agreed on an opening discussion statement from the Board of Ed describing the project and any comments they may have on impacts on drainage and parking; an exchange of questions and potentially answers; and, if time permits, questions from the public on those two issues.

Eileen Baecher, President, Hastings School Board: The Board has, over the course of the last several months, narrowed a few of the items that were out as possibilities. We are looking at recommending a regulation track, which requires a shift in the hillside between upper Reynolds and lower Reynolds. That does impact the tennis court placement which may or may not impact the playground. We have had conversations with the Parks and Rec Commission that we can get into later. We have also talked about putting in a synthetic turf field. We have narrowed it down to one company. We have received a lot of feedback from both sides of the question, whether it is sensible or non-sensible to have synthetic turf. At this point it probably makes most sense to put that up for a vote from the public.

We eliminated the possibility of tall field lights that would have allowed for games after daylight hours. We are still considering putting in pedestrian lights. They are not as high as street lights; they are similar to what you see at The Masters School or in Ardsley and would allow the track to be used by school and community between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.. It is a relatively low level of lighting.

We have talked with the police department. They currently have cameras on Reynolds and some lights. They are usually on, although they have not been on recently. We are checking to why that is the case. But some of these lights would stay on overnight for that reason. If you remember the flagpole light, that would one would come down.

We are still working on the SEQRA. We hope to have it be finished by July 10, which is our next board meeting. I am not sure that is going to happen. With respect to drainage, we do not anticipate any drainage issues. We currently do not have any on Reynolds Field. About 10 years ago, there was a problem at the southeastern end of the field, up just under Farlane. Work was done there after Hurricane Floyd, and they put in a berm and drainage, a retention basin. That drains down into existing drain lines that run under the field on an east-west basis. The synthetic, if we use it, we have our architect with us this evening so he will answer questions about that particularly. But in a nutshell, the fields are designed to New York State DEC standards and require us to manage all the stormwater runoff up to a 100-year storm level.

Parking-wise, we have had a conversation with the Village's Safety Council. We went over some of the early ideas. They have changed. We are down to the point where we would just ask to have a curbcut so we could install five handicapped parking spaces along the base of South Calumet Avenue. They would be on school property. The bleachers are being moved into the field. When we tipped the track, that allowed us to bring the bleachers into the field so there will be some more space there. Any trees that would have to come down along that line where the parking would be installed would be replaced on that level area between the street and the new bleachers, which are going to be installed into a hillside so there will not be any large-scale structure there.

The tennis courts, we had a lot of different ideas. We had people say add a court. After a lot of discussion, we decided that it would be beneficial to have four courts for our program. Five is a nice number, but there is not a lot of space. We talked to the Parks and Rec Commission. As a result of that conversation, there is a suggestion that we relocate the playground over to what is now the grassy area, and we would take the court that is closest to the track at Reynolds now, and pull it down to where the existing playground is. So that is the current proposal, and I have pictures of that if you want to see them.

Mayor Swiderski: Meg, who is not with us, left us with a number of questions. She asked a question you partially answered, which is would the stormwater runoff in the field and track increase in any of the proposals, whether synthetic or natural grass, and if so, how it will be dealt with on the site. It looks like you have addressed that, but I will read the rest of the question. "For example, will it be necessary to create stormwater retention basins, swales

or green infrastructure to handle the additional runoff so it does not feed into the channel ice stream that runs below the field? Will the berm and stormwater retention area east of the field be affected by the new construction? There has been flooding in this area in the past, so we need to ensure the situation is not exacerbated.”

Ms. Baecher: There is a system underneath the field where the first 1.3 inches of rainwater are treated through filters. Beyond that, the system holds seven inches, which is the 100-year storm level, and releases it at the typical stormwater runoff rate that would not exceed what is currently there. If it is a natural grass field we do not have any existing drainage problems and we do not anticipate any. We would be continuing to be mindful of the kind of drainage that would have to go under that.

We are not, at this point, talking about a sand cap field, which has a different kind of drainage underneath it. We initially talked about a natural soil grass field versus a synthetic field. The synthetic field has this other level of drainage underneath it, so it would not require basin swales or green infrastructure in order to do that. The system is underneath the field. The berm and that retention area are not affected. The shape of the track in that area stays in its location so there is no impact on that.

Village Manager Frobel: Even though it may be a jurisdictional question, it is not uncommon for an applicant to cover the cost of our engineers to review your calculations. Would the Board be inclined to consider such a request?

Ms. Baecher: Sure.

Mayor Swiderski: On Chauncey Lane, Meg asks would the creation of parking spaces and a sidewalk along Chauncey Lane require the removal of the existing trees along the street? I think you answered that, in part, already. If so, will there be space to replace them in order to screen the field from the street and the neighborhood? And is this landscape buffer included in the proposal?

Ms. Baecher: The creation of the parking spaces will affect some trees. The sidewalk does not affect a lot of trees except when you get towards the tennis courts. A lot of weed trees have grown up next to the curb there, so I am not sure exactly how much of that would have to be impacted. We have put in an allowance for replanting of trees, and some of them would be along that way and also behind the new bleachers, as well. We also talked about putting, I am not sure if they are trees or vegetation, between the end of the track as it would be and the existing tennis courts. That is the area that has the most trees that are impacted right now.

Mayor Swiderski: Does the proposal include any improvements to Farlane Drive? Would the proposed sidewalk end at the intersection of Chauncey and Farlane?

Ms. Baecher: It does not include any changes to Farlane Drive, and yes the sidewalk ends at the intersection of Chauncey and Farlane. Access? Will the new field and the track, whether synthetic or natural turf, be open to the public to use when it is not being used by the schools? Yes, it will. If we decided to hold our natural grass fields to a higher level of care or rest, then we might restrict some of the programs on the weekends.

Mayor Swiderski: You mentioned that tall lights are not in the proposal. But would the proposed lighting be screened or focused to avoid glare on the adjacent streets and houses?

Ms. Baecher: Yes, the lights that we were looking at are on poles. They are 15 feet and below, so the light is not even as high as a street light. We are looking at fixtures that would either be the box fixtures that send the lights down or the dark-sky compliant that focus light downward.

Trustee Apel: There are lights that are built in, almost like running lights.

Ms. Baecher: That is not the kind of light we had looked at. I think you have to have a lot more of those fixtures all along and they may not serve the security purpose.

Trustee Jennings: Have you made any estimate about the increased number of people, the increased amount of traffic and parking, that might be generated by these improvements?

Ms. Baecher: We do not get a lot of people to events that are not football games. The traffic that would be added because of a scheduled meet, what we are looking at are maybe three home track meets a year and they are in the afternoons. We do not have any evening proposals because we are not going to have lights. So there are not a lot of additional events on that field. When we spoke with the traffic commission one of the big problems that people in that area voiced at that meeting was that the buses from teams park along Chauncey and some of them stay on, they are noisy, and they take up a lot of space. We had decided to implement this regardless of what happens with the field project, is that team buses will be parked behind the school now and students from the other schools can walk down the path from that side rather than exiting from Chauncey and crossing the field. They are usually over at the base of the hill closer to school anyway, so this is sort of six of one, half-dozen of the other in terms of the distance for them to get there.

Mayor Swiderski: The Conservation Commission has requested to weigh in on both drainage and traffic issues. One question was around the excavation and placement of the

large amounts of fill associated with rerouting the shared drainage line. They expressed a concern that a specific erosion control plan be created for the different phases of construction, that, at a minimum, should include the typical New York State erosion control measures for perimeter erosion control fencing; temporarily stockpiling of materials; details and calculations for proposed temporary drainage improvements and diversions to mitigate stormwater events throughout construction; and side bank stabilization. That is more a concern than a question that you can comment on.

Ms. Baecher: I am going to leave that to the expert.

Ron Tetelman, Consultant, Eberlin & Eberlin: We are civil engineers and landscape architects. We are required by New York State to produce a stormwater pollution prevention plan, which incorporates stormwater management and sediment and erosion control, during the construction period. Our plans will include an erosion control plan complying and having most of those BMPs [best management practices], to help stop sediment and erosion during construction. In addition, we are required, once a week and after rainfalls of a half-inch or more, to inspect the site. I will be doing that for the district as part of my consulting work, to ensure that the BMPs that we have designed are actually working. If they are not, we make adjustments in the field to make them as effective as possible.

So, yes, we will be in full compliance with a very strong erosion control plan as well as monitoring during the construction period.

Mayor Swiderski: The next one is quite technical, on soil suitability. Given the decrease in elevation being proposed to maximize the on-site cut and fill, will the drainage system be installed within unsuitable soil? And based on the soil survey, on-site soils are identified as having a restrictive wet layer depth ranging from two to four feet. Additional construction measures required to address this are costly and should be accounted for in the overall estimate. If not properly constructed, unevenness or depressions with the turf field may occur due to poor subsoil quality and shifting of sub-base gravel. Has the suitability of the soils beneath the field been assessed, and what is the overall depth of the proposed drainage system?

Mr. Tetelman: The stormwater management system will occur beneath the field at a depth of approximately seven feet. On the southeasterly end, we are cutting, putting a little fill down towards the tennis court side, so we will be encountering some of that soil. But we are not percolating any of this water into the ground. It is being collected in this underground detention system, which is a stone-based system with arched plastic culverts, to give us the storage volume that we need.

In terms of stability of this ground, we are putting in at least eight inches of crushed stone on a compacted subgrade that is four to five, with a filter fabric between the subbase, or the existing ground, and our new gravel. We will be able to proof-roll that to a 98 percent compaction to stabilize it. If we encounter groundwater it will be dewatered around the site and permanently removed from underneath the field so that construction can occur. We have not taken soil analyses of that site, but these soils are very typical of the types of sites that we have previously worked on in Westchester. We are able to get the proper compaction necessary to keep the field at the elevations, and level and stable, throughout all these jobs.

Trustee Apel: But you will do soil testing.

Mr. Tetelman: Yes. We have looked for rock because rock was our main concern, because removal of rock is costly, and that is included in the estimate. In our test bits, we did not encounter groundwater, which is also another issue for us. The types of soils that we have there, we are able to deal with them with the use of proper compaction and the lattice stone that we normally put under a synthetic field.

Trustee Apel: You said that if you find water you can only divert it. Where is it going?

Mr. Tetelman: Groundwater could be prevalent and present underneath any of these fields. If we pick it up we put an under-drain around the upper end of the field and connect it into our storm drainage system.

Trustee Armacost: I think her question was has the suitability of the soils beneath the field been assessed. And your answer was no, but it doesn't matter that much because we have a way to address it. Is that a summary?

Mr. Tetelman: My answer was to the district in response to that question was the soils have not been evaluated, but the soils we expect to encounter here are not uncommon and can be dealt with with proper and careful design and construction methods.

Village Manager Frobel: In your design, do you envision having to discharge any stormwater or groundwater into the Village's existing system, as limited as it is in the neighborhood?

Mr. Tetelman: Yes. The ultimate connection of our stormwater system will be to the existing pipe that runs through the field. As Eileen mentioned before, at no time will that flow exceed the current flows during all the designed storms that we are analyzing. That is why we have the detention chamber, which will hold, contain and meter out that excess flow over a matter of 48 hours.

Village Manager Frobel: So you have done an analysis of the capacity of our system?

Mr. Tetelman: We will be doing that analysis, yes.

Trustee Apel: The rain we had the other day - how would you cope with that?

Mr. Tetelman: It is not even a 100-year storm.

Mayor Swiderski: The next question is on temperature and runoff. A synthetic turf field has a higher ambient temperature and, therefore, stormwater runoff temperatures will be higher. The infiltration rate of the turf surface will be significantly higher. What are the effects of increased temperatures from stormwater runoff entering the system on aquatic life?

Mr. Tetelman: I do not want to sound negative on this question, but stormwater runoff generally occurs on a cloudy day. A field reaches its highest temperatures on a bright, sunny day. So therefore, we would expect all runoff to be normal in temperature and not to be a cause of environmental concern from elevated temperature levels.

Mayor Swiderski: A natural field provides filtration of fine particulates from polluted rainwater and natural breakdown of any chemicals that may be used on the field. A synthetic field will not. Therefore, chemicals used for antistatic, disinfectant, paint application or removal, weed control and spills from maintenance vehicles will be immediately released into the drainage system, and their use will require special consideration.

Mr. Tetelman: Most synthetic fields do not require static cling applications, or fabric softener. Occasionally, depending on the time of year that it is installed, one application of Downy softener is put on the field. As crazy as it sounds, sometimes you will see water cling to the synthetic turf fibers. A little application of that softener makes that go away. But on the 35 fields that we have done, we have only had to use one application on two fields. Painting of lines or use of chemicals or fertilizers are not required on fields, because all the painted lines are permanent, they are put in at the beginning with the turf construction. It is made of the same carpet material as the turf, it is just different colors. However, we will be using an organic filter to treat that first 1.3 inches of rainfall. The DEC has determined that 1.3 inches of rainfall contains the most containments. After you get higher than that, the water is pretty clean that is running off if it is running over a dirt road or something. So we will treat all rainfalls up to 1.3 inches with these organic filters to filter out the particulate matter, some phosphorus and whatever else might be in the system. The system itself is two inches of an our infill system, which passes through eight inches of stone through a filter fabric before it even reaches the storm drainage system and the stormwater filter.

Trustee Apel: Because you are going along this path to the synthetic grass, what are the pros and cons? If you had regular grass would you need to have all those chemicals and filters? What would you have to do for the environment? What is the difference?

Ms. Baecher: With a natural grass field, New York State has a tight set of laws in terms of what you can put on them. We cannot use anything except certain organic fertilizers. With the synthetic field, from the manufacturer that we talked to, they do not recommend regular application of anything. So neither one of them has much that goes on the field.

Caryn Campbell, Hastings BOE: That is not how we are weighing the decision. The decision is if we use a natural grass field then we cannot play as many sports or have as many activities on the field versus the synthetic turf. Right now we only have Reynolds Field and the Burke field, which is one-and-a-half fields, so we cannot ever rest the fields.

Trustee Apel: I was just thinking about the environment and the difference of having the natural grass versus synthetic.

Mr. Tetelman: You have more chemicals possible, more fertilizers or other chemicals that allowed by the state, on a natural grass field. There is nothing that is used on a synthetic turf field. And there is no water use, because you are not irrigating.

Trustee Apel: The synthetic field is porous, so water goes through it just like grass, and that is why this filter is underneath it because this has to be manmade as opposed to roots?

Mr. Tetelman: Yes, there is a significant under-drain system that conveys the rainfall away from the field so it can be used during a rainstorm and, certainly, right after a rainstorm.

Trustee Apel: You would have that whether you have grass or synthetic, would you not?

Mr. Tetelman: No. You can put an under-drain system in a natural grass field. But these are designed to take 10, 12 inches an hour of rainfall. There is no way a natural grass system is ever going to manage that kind of heavy rainfall.

Trustee Apel: I am learning something. Thank you.

Trustee Armacost: Can you think of a scenario in which the Village would end up incurring costs as a result of either one of those two systems in relation to drainage? If it is no, then fantastic. If it is yes, how do we mutually resolve that?

Mr. Tetelman: I am saying no. We are good designers and we will design a system that will not cause any expenses to the city due to a failure.

Trustee Armacost: The Village drainage system, certainly in other parts of the Village, is very old. Their capacity to manage additional flows, I do not know that we even know the answer to that. I am hearing there is a possibility there would be additional water coming in. You are saying you think the system can cope, but you have not done an assessment. How are we going to know whether this system really can cope, or not?

Mr. Tetelman: That is a good question. The system we are designing is not putting any more water into the system than it is doing now through any kind of storm up to a seven inch rainfall. So if the system is working now, and it was improved 10 years ago, the system should function as it is doing now with the new synthetic field and the extensive drainage and filtering systems we are putting in because of the conversion to synthetic fields.

Village Manager Frobel: That is why the engineers we would retain, for which the School Board said it would cover the cost, will test those assumptions impartially, and representing the Village at large's interest.

Trustee Jennings: The key to that is the water retention. You do expect more water to accumulate at the time of the storm, but it will not all be released into the piping system; it will be retained over 48 hours. So that is why you expect the flow would be the same as the current flow with the current field. Is that right?

Mr. Tetelman: What we considered the peak flow will remain the same. The peak flow will be extended over a longer period of time because there is more volume of water being produced. because we are going from a grass field with about a 65 percent runoff rate to a synthetic field which is about a 98 percent runoff rate. So the peak flow always remains the same up to that seven inch rainfall, but it lasts longer. There is a bell curve where that peak hits. That peak lasts longer for a synthetic field, and that is why you incur more total runoff after a storm but not during the storm. The peak flow never goes more than it is now.

Mayor Swiderski: Do you have questions for us?

Ms. Baecher: The question for us is the tennis court placement and the playground placement. We did speak with the commission, and the question is what kind of sharing were you going to do in the cost. That is a very back and forth kind of way we have been handling the field, but it does fall in your bailiwick.

Mayor Swiderski: Yes and, historically the land on which the playground sits is school district land and the playground itself has been Village responsibility. The facilities there are ours to manage. That playground has been the source of a number of complaints over the years. It is the same playground my kids started on 17 years ago and it was old then. It has certainly been on our list of an eventual capital project. If this comes to term, your construction period would start in 2014?

Ms. Baecher: Yes.

Mayor Swiderski: At which point we would have to plan, in the upcoming cycle, for some effort, probably somewhat accelerated but not significantly. Kendra can speak to that if she would like to, but that has been a playground in need of an overall for awhile now. What would happen, like it does on any project like that, whether it is a park or a playground, a citizens committee is put together and it works hand-in-hand with the parks commission and with Kendra to come up with a plan. They are given a budget. Probably \$70,000 to \$110,000 is the range you are thinking of in terms of a playground of that size. Kendra would manage the concerned citizens group and the parks and rec commission to come up with a concept that meets the group's stated desire.

Village Manager Frobel: The hope would be the specifications would be folded into your construction documents. Your general contractor would be responsible for the installation.

Ms. Baecher: Right.

Village Manager Frobel: We thought there would be some economies of savings, perhaps, that way, rather than us do it entirely separate.

Ms. Baecher: We would have to look more closely into it. We wanted to make sure that you are comfortable with the idea of moving the playground and that you would be looking at replacing that equipment. It sounds like that would be on your agenda anyway.

Trustee Armacost: Eventually, but accelerated now.

Ms. Baecher: This was accelerated for us, too. We had a track fall apart.

Mayor Swiderski: It is a public amenity we would like to maintain roughly in the same size and with roughly the same amount of equipment and facilities. So in what is ultimately your planning, in conjunction with Kendra, if you could maintain consideration of that size in your planning. There has been concern about the location of the existing playground adjacent to the street. A shift away from the street is not something that is met with any anxiety and it is

probably preferred. It addresses one of the persistent themes we have heard over the years that people fear their kids running out onto Chauncey.

Trustee Apel: Yes, when you are considering grading, you are going to redo the tennis courts, you are grading the land, then you will be considering this.

Ms. Baecher: Right. This hill will be a little closer to the playground area than it is now. It is being moved down.

Trustee Apel: The land is still flat over there, is it not?

Ms. Baecher: Yes, there is a big chunk right now in lower Reynolds, that grassy spot. That will be smaller. Once we move the court, the track extends a little into that existing hill. It is moved 25, 30 feet in. But the remaining grass would still be flat, and that is where we would think about putting the new playground adjacent to that grassy area.

Trustee Apel: I think the children would like the hill.

Ms. Baecher: In some ways. Anecdotally, you do not end up with two pockets with one caretaker trying to watch kids in two pockets.

Trustee Armacost: Exactly.

Trustee Apel: So I think it is great.

Mayor Swiderski: If there are individuals with questions on drainage and parking, please approach the mic. You have two to three minutes to ask your question. We are not interested in opinions on the overall project. We are interested in questions on these subject areas that will be addressed by either this board or the School Board.

Ellen Hendrickx, 63 Clarewood Drive: My concern is that the 100-year storms are more frequent. They are every four or five years lately. My concern is that the underground cisterns would fill up more quickly and that would put pressure on the Village resources. I wonder if we could think in terms of rather than matching what we have now but plan for the future, where there would be more rain events and more water to be concerned with.

Jim Metzger, 427 Warburton Avenue: It was my understanding with synthetic turf and the elevated temperatures, typically a misting system is employed, so we would be using additional water to keep the field cool. Has that been thought of as part of the project? Does that raise the humidity on the field and create additional problems when you have got 90

degree temperatures and now you have this high-humidity situation? I want to make sure we do not exacerbate a local problem by doing that. I understand the synthetic field would need to be replaced about every 10 years, and turf might need to be replaced more frequently than that, depending upon the use. But this is the first I am hearing about the filtration system, compaction. When the synthetic turf gets replaced, does the filtration system and the gravel need to be replaced at that same time? Has that cost been factored into the long-term cost? .

Ms. Baecher: The replacement at the end of a warranty period is the carpet, which is the topmost layer and the fill. The underlay, in terms of the drainage system, remains. With respect to the heat, one of the problems with the misting idea is that it does not keep the heat down for very long, which is one of the reasons we were looking at alternative fills. We are likely to propose using a system that uses this organic, natural fill of cork and coconut husk that does not require misting to keep the heat down. Well, I should not say that. What it requires is that on a regular basis you maintain a moisture level in the cork and coconut of about four or five percent. Having that infill slightly moist helps mitigate the heat issue. It is done through sort of sprinkling of water. So if we are using the natural fill we do have to allocate it. We think it will be about one-third the amount of irrigation water we use now on the natural grass field.

Andy Zimmerman, 7 Ridge Street: I am one of those who is concerned about the playground and I am happy from both boards that it is on the radar and that people want to do something about it quickly. The equipment is falling apart to the point where perhaps it is almost dangerous. Moving it sounds OK to me. My question would be the space. When the basketball courts were built, there used to be this big grassy space. There are a couple of little bouncy animals that were taken away, plus a whole area of grass that was an unstructured area to run around in or pay catch or kick a soccer ball. That is pretty much gone away now, and now you just have the area with the equipment. Is it possible that some of that grassy area could be restored? If we put in new equipment even more people will show up and it will be even more crowded than it is now. Therefore, it would be nice to have that space back that used to be there. I am hoping that whatever happens with the track and the artificial turf or the natural grass that this playground thing can still remain expedited. I would like to get it happening within the next year or two. .

Shannon Rooney, 15 Jordan Road: I do not know if there is any research on the cork and coconut husks. Will it create a maintenance problem for weed growth within the turf field? What is the organic filter for the 1.3 inches of rainfall?

Mr. Tetelman: The organic filters will be the ones that are approved by the New York State DEC produced by two manufacturers. I do not exactly know what the media consists of inside the filters. I would have to contact the manufacturer. About the organic fill, there is

some evidence that there will be some growth, and it might be another item to keep your eyes on with the field.

Ms. Baecher: There is a field like this in one of the schools in the Bronx, at Riverdale. We spoke with that maintenance department and asked them how much time they spend. They have to pull weeds a little, but on the whole they are very pleased with the field and feel that it has been a terrific addition to their school. It is not a big task, but yes things will grow near the edges.

Ellen Siegel, 82 Rosedale Avenue: I am going to try to ask my question without being insulting to either the Board or the Board of Trustees. I am a U.S. history teacher in New York City, and I was a lawyer by training. One of the things I have experienced in New York City is mayoral control of the schools. I am concerned as to why this meeting is taking place in front of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees, when it is a School Board issue. I am concerned about the fact that we have a democratic process where we elect a board of trustees and a separate process where we elect our school board. I am not trying to insult any quality that you have all brought to the table, but it seems to me inappropriate to not keep these items separate. If we want to have mayoral control of the schools I would like to know if you are going to be starting to rule on curriculum matters, whether or not there are going to be 16-ounce containers of soda or other things served in the cafeteria.

Mayor Swiderski: I a hundred percent agree. There was some passionate discussion on the Board on exactly that division between the two elected bodies. The Board, in the end, has no vote or say here. We invited the School Board here. They could have declined the invitation. The invitation was specifically on one issue which is embedded in the agreement for the turnover of the Reynolds Field property to the school, which is drainage. So we do have a stated vested interest we have a reason to be concerned about. The second, traffic and parking, we also have an interest in as a regulatory body. We felt we were within our bounds to ask for comment on that. But in neither of those cases do we have veto or any sort of legislation oversight.

Ms. Siegel: It seems the conversation has gone outside of the bounds of those things that you have addressed, which seems a problem considering that every group has their bailiwick.

Mayor Swiderski: Totally appreciated. I would rather not be talking about weed control. I would rather stay on drainage and traffic. I am trying. This is a contentious topic, and I am trying to t be reasonable in what we allow here.

Rick Belsky, 21 South Drive: I take the opposite position. I think the Board very much ought to be paying attention to this, especially because it is Reynolds Field. Reynolds is a

special place for a number of reasons. One, because it is a small place with almost no buffer that is immediately surrounded by a dense residential area.

Mayor Swiderski: I am going to stop you. If this is an attempt to lobby us into taking a greater role, this is not the forum for that to happen and I am not interested in that discussion.

Mr. Belsky: I would like to express, with all due respect, as the other citizen just did, why I believe that there ought to be greater Village concern about this. For example, you just mentioned the deed. Why you are involved with drainage is because of the deed turning over that property to the school. However, that deed also talks about in other areas a collaboration between village and school, and you have rejected that part of the deed although you recognize only the drainage part. In addition, Reynolds Field is both school property but, in practice and de facto, it is a Village greenspace that is the only school property listed by Parks and Recreation on their Web site. It is the site of things like the Easter egg hunt the *New York Times* mentions.

Mayor Swiderski: I understand your point but I am waiting for a question on drainage and on parking. If there is not a question, our attorney already addressed our responsibilities under the compact that turned that property over. We are not relitigating that today, and we are not discussing what our responsibilities on that are. That was clearly set out in the beginning of this meeting and that is where this stops. Is there a question on drainage and is there a question on parking?

Mr. Belsky: No.

Mayor Swiderski: Then please step aside.

Mr. Belsky: OK. My treatment was very different from the person who had the opposite point.

Mayor Swiderski: It was, but one question reinforced the division which this board believes in. Thank you.

Dave Skolnik, 47 Hillside Avenue: A timelines has been mapped out and I do not see any opportunity for further input from the community with either the Board of Trustees or the School Board. But that is an observation. I want to make a statement, not to...

Mayor Swiderski: Is it in drainage and is it on traffic?

Mr. Skolnik: You are forcing me to put it in terms that, on the whole, I do not accept.

Mayor Swiderski: I am forcing within the terms of the debate in this particular room.

Mr. Skolnik: It is not a debate.

Mayor Swiderski: Is it on drainage and is it on parking? We are not litigating this.

Mr. Skolnik: Traffic.

Mayor Swiderski: Traffic is fine.

Mr. Skolnik: My question goes to Burke and the tests and dealing with the drainage issues on Reynolds. I am wondering why that effort appears not to have been directed at Burke or whether any of the techniques could be deployed at Burke to make it more. Resting those fields is not going to be the answer. Parking of buses in the playground behind the school: I am concerned, and I wonder, given that there were serious issues about parking there because the kids play in that area. It came up when the Middle School Committee did the work in creating that new area. How does the move to put vehicles back in that area reconcile with the motivation to get them out of there prior? I would be concerned about going in and out on a regular basis off of Hillside, if that is where it would exit.

Mayor Swiderski: I would argue that the Burke question is relitigating the past, and you do not have to answer that.

Ms. Baecher: I am a little stuck. Where are you concerned about the traffic? Coming in?

Mr. Skolnik: There are two concerns. The one was the vehicles on that surface area. The other is where they enter, unless I have the wrong idea of where you are talking about.

Ms. Baecher: They have to enter in the driveway by the gym.

Mr. Skolnik: Right. I do not know what size vehicles you are talking about, but for full-size buses that is a difficult entry and exit, especially with traffic during the day.

Ms. Baecher: This is a policy that we talked about after the end of the current spring athletic season, so it is something that we have not had a lot of experience with doing. If, in fact, the buses cannot go in there we can also use the front driveway, the pull-in that runs in front of the school along Farragut Avenue. Students can come in there, be dropped off there, and we can use that as an alternative.

Mr. Skolnik: The other is the question of the vehicles on the surface, those hills.

Ms. Baecher: I do not have a good answer for you t now; we will have to look into that.

Mayor Swiderski: Please?

Sandra Minskoff, 10 South Drive: I have a concern about the parking. The comment was made that parking is not an issue now. On the weekends, if there is soccer or lacrosse, there are always cars parked on Chauncey. I live on South Drive. Cars come up on South Drive, South Calumet. It is definitely an issue now, and I can only imagine that it will become a greater issue where there is more activity going on on Reynolds Field.

Ms. Baecher: I do think that we are planning to increase the amount of events that are held on the field, with the exception of track meets. There will not be a significant change in usage of the field. The existing situation, we understand, is a problem. But that is not something that falls in as part of this project.

Elisa Zazzera, 68 Southside Avenue: You said all compliance with the DEC. Does that also include the MS4s regulations? Is that all under the DEC? And MS4s, just for everyone, are Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.

Mr. Tetelman: The Village of Hastings is its own MS4, I assume. The school district is a special MS4 and, theoretically, does not have to coordinate its MS4 work with the Village. The Board has volunteered to present our SWIP and storm drainage plans to the Village.

Ms. Zazzera: So even though drainage would then work into Village drainage. And is all of this drainage directly into the Hudson River?

Mr. Tetelman: Yes.

Ms. Zazzera: It does not go into our sewer system.

Mr. Tetelman: No, it is separate.

Ms. Zazzera: Eileen, did you say that synthetic versus natural will be put to a public vote, or the Board will decide and then it will go to bond?

Ms. Baecher: The Board will decide what proposal to put up, and that proposal will be voted on by the community.

Ms. Zazzera: I know this is not on parking or drainage, but will there be other opportunities for the public to comment to the Board?

Ms. Baecher: Our e-mails, our phone numbers are public, so people can continue to get to us. We have one more Board meeting, on July 10. At the moment, we are still hoping to be able to put up what will be in the bond resolution on that date. So if you have a comment that you would like to make please make it soon.

Ellen Gold, 32 South Drive: I am wondering why security, which is provided by the Village, is not included as one of the items we can discuss.

Ms. Baecher: I think because they did not have it in 1946.

Mayor Swiderski: Right.

Ms. Baecher: It is clearly a place where we cooperate with the Village.

Mayor Swiderski: Yes, it is a steady state. We would continue to provide crowd control at football games. But beyond that, it has not come up. We should see if there are additional security issues that will be raised by the proposed project. It has not occurred.

Ms. Gold: You are saying that the lights are going to be on from 6 to 9 p.m. But I had heard that the police would require the lights to be on, or at least some of them, all night. Could you address that concern?

Ms. Baecher: There is existing lighting on the field, although it is not always on. We have reached out to the Chief of Police about this. We are talking to him about what his needs are, because there is vandalism and problems on that field. We will continue to look at it, but it is not unprecedented that lights remain on all night there.

Sharon Deep, 12 Villard Avenue: If the flooding turns out to be toxic is that the Village or is that the School Board? Is that not what happened with Anaconda? Everybody can make their own decisions, and the Village has to draw their line, but then we could also possibly be left with a mess.

Mayor Swiderski: That is the genesis of Village Manager Frobel's request for an independent review of the proposal for the stormwater drainage being put into the ground, to make sure that it does not pose a problem for the Village down the road.

Edward Clough, 10 South Drive: I have heard issues about the flammability of synthetic turf, because that would implicate the Fire Department and Village resources.

Mr. Tetelman: Unless volatile or flammable materials are dumped on the field, the field will not burn. We would not expect a fire issue or fire hazard to occur on that field.

Lin Osborn, 17 Villard Avenue: We were talking about chemicals leeching into the system from pesticide use or whatever ways that we control the field now; all that drainage water goes into the Hudson. Is there data on the breakdown of this turf material? My father was a plastics chemist, and the absence of data does not mean that it is OK. If the data is not gathered, if nobody studied it, we do not know. The example that my dad gave was that you have Tupperware that you can put in the microwave because it is microwave safe for the Tupperware. It does not mean that if you then eat that stuff that there is no plasticizer going into you. I am interested if there is any data, and where that data came from and who did it.

Mayor Swiderski: The question, framed in terms of drainage, is, is there any evidence for a long-term release of chemicals from artificial turf into the rainwater drained through the site?

Mr. Tetelman: The district has been given, and the Board has researched extensively, a lot of studies that were done by the EPA, New York City Health Department, California. There are a number of states that these same questions came up. There is no evidence of contaminated runoff from the current infill systems. No data.

Ms. Gold: I want to talk about flammability and safety again. This coconut/cork fill sounds like tinder. Is there any data on that fill's flammability because of the fire vandalism and fireworks that are often used on the field.

Ms. Baecher: I will check with the company to see whether they have done anything on flammability of their infill, but I cannot answer that question right now.

Andy Ettinger, 10 Maple Avenue: There is an aerial drawing of the plan, and it is unclear about a path that runs from the east end of the park up to Farlane Drive. There was talk about wood chips. I am wondering how far you were planning on going. There is a broken fence where you cut through to the park, to Reynolds, to go up to Farlane Drive. Since that is Village property, as I have always understood it, the fence demarks school property, Reynolds Field, and then wetland. Are there any plans where we could see how far it plans to go up that path?

Ms. Baecher: Until we decide what we are going to install, we do not have construction plans. So, unfortunately, I cannot give you a construction plan that includes that.

Mr. Ettinger: How far are you planning to prettify that area where that broken fence is. That would be Village property, and that is why I d hope I could bring this up here. The school property does end there, does it not?

Ms. Baecher: I will have to take a look. We walked the property and that was clearly a way you could come down to the pool. Rather than being on the road, you could come down through Reynolds Field and down to the Village that way without being on the street. So There is an existing pathway that has a crumbled asphalt surface. We had said it would be much nicer if we could clean this up and put some wood chips on it.

Mr. Ettinger: But you do know that path runs right next to people's houses, the stream, and backyards. Particularly, my parents back porch is two feet from there. I wondered how far. I am hoping you do not touch that area. I wondered if the Village has anything to say on that since it is Village property.

Mayor Swiderski: Understood, but without seeing the map and without understanding what is proposed, if it is a new path or excavation to support that is one thing, if it an existing path that is re-groomed to make it more pleasant it would be a different discussion.

Mr. Ettinger: But who knows where they are going to start cutting trees and brush back.

Mayor Swiderski: No, understood. I thank everybody for coming, and we are going to move on with the agenda. You are welcome to stay

Trustee Armacost: Before you do that, can we t thank the Board of Education for participating and sharing information. It was very helpful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 17, 2013 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2013 were approved 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. 4-2013-14	\$ 29,019.25
Multi-Fund No. 5-2013-14	\$ 13,088.06
Multi-Fund No. 6-2013-14	\$ 2,250.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Kanor, 200 Warburton Avenue: I have been in town a long time, probably longer than anybody in the room. The Board is wonderful. The Board has improved enormously. There are a few things in the Village which are spectacular. The Farmers' Market is outrageously good. It is spectacular. There is a crossing guard there put in place by the market. That is spectacular. The library is terrific. The Fire Department pays for itself and does a wonderful job. The other departments, the Police Department is OK. The ambulance is outrageously good. I would like, however, to talk about buildings and grounds. This town stinks. Whoever is in charge of buildings and grounds has made a mess of this town for as long as they have been there. These pictures will show what is wrong with whoever is taking care of the town. It is terrible. Buildings and grounds has to be removed from this town. The man is making over \$130,000 a year and not doing very much. Meters are all over the place meters which you cannot read. There are a number of things which are outrageously bad, and this man should be removed. I have to ask the board how that happens because he has made a mess of the town. Those pictures show what a mess he has made of the town in his 20 or 30 years of being in charge. I would like to propose the removal of the Village whoever is in charge of those things. There are signs all over the place which you cannot read. There are signs upside down, there are meters upside down, there are meters you cannot read, there are meters that have fallen down. I believe the person who was in charge of the Village should be eliminated, and I will take whatever methods are required by the Board to so state that. He has really done a rotten job. The he garbage collection is terrific. Ask the garbagemen about the man who they work for. Ask what he thinks of them, and you will hear not a very nice opinion. I therefore ask the Board, what does it take for him to be removed from office?

Mayor Swiderski: We appreciate the input. The photos you have indicate conditions that do need to be addressed and they should be addressed.

Mr. Kanor: It is really a slop house. You walk down the street you can see signs falling off, you can see signs you cannot read. Everyplace you look in town is a slothouse, and that man should be removed from office. I would be willing to take whatever the Village requires to have that happen.

Mr. Downey: The Board of Trustees approved a contract for the parks and grassy rights of way throughout the Village. A problem started to arise about June of last year, about the time Ray Gomes left. Perhaps it was a function of taking advantage of a little bit of chaos; perhaps it was a function of the contractor realizing they had underbid the job and they started to think about shortcuts. They have been seen using herbicide or some material that kills the grass throughout the Village. You can see t evidence of it at Draper Park, on Farragut Island and at the bottom of Villard. The contract clearly states that there are to be no chemicals used. I brought this to the attention of a Village official. I saw some stopgap repair work done outside of the Municipal Building. But last week he was seen once again at the bottom of Villard spraying. It is not a bad technique when applied in the right area, where you do not want to hit a statue or a chain link fence, for example. But he is doing it to cut down and cheat on his contract. Applying this material without a contract to do so, without proper notification and posting is in direct violation of DEC laws. This gentleman should be gone tomorrow morning, and I would like to see the Village re-bid this with the local contractors who have done it in the past who have not cheated.

Village Manager Frobel: Tim brought that to my attention, and I explained to him what my investigation yielded. It is not a herbicide, it is not a chemical. It is water and vinegar. When I brought it to contractor's attention, he has discontinued the use. As you said, stopgap. He removed all the sections that he did around Village Hall, library, replaced it with topsoil and reseeded. Ryan & Ryan, another bidder, brought it to my attention again this week. I told him I would re-contact the company and make certain they are no longer using that practice. They have used it around some fences in the ball fields, but it is not a chemical, it is not an herbicide. I thought I had explained that to you in our conversation.

Mr. Downey: No, I had not heard that. He can say he makes this solution up. I doubt he was using vinegar. I heard it was water ammonia. DEC law states that whenever you are applying anything, as a commercial contractor, that is not labeled for that use, like you could be putting down orange juice, if it is not labeled for that use you are in violation of DEC law.

Village Manager Frobel: I will verify that with the DEC. I was unaware of that provision. Thank you for bringing that to my attention. I will re-contact the lead contractor.

John Gonder, 153 James Street: The crosswalks again, no one has painted them, especially on Warburton. They are terrible. If anybody got a ticket they would win their case by a photograph. You should do it when the kids are out of school, walking more in the Village, especially on Warburton, terrible. The other thing is the gateway to Hastings. We had this woman from Bosnia. Did a terrific job, it was almost two years ago, and you are still waiting for some priority list. I think that girl should be written a letter and told you did her a disservice. You could have had that thing done already.

I know you want to merge with Dobbs Ferry the sanitation department. I would say, as Mr. Downey has, get some alternates. Maybe Irvington or Yonkers or Greenburgh or Ardsley, but Dobbs Ferry, when they went with their program over on Saw Mill right where their sanitation department is, it is going to be a madhouse getting in and out of there. So you should consider a different type of operation. I am not against merging. I am just saying we may want to get a different neighbor. I do not think Dobbs Ferry has the same things that Hastings residents want.

Village Manager Frobel: All the crosswalks will be brightened up. We have had a longer winter and a wetter spring. We also coordinate them with the county, which paints a lot of the crosswalks for us, and the Town of Greenburgh. We try to do schools as we get closer to school opening so they get the freshest. But we will be doing them shortly.

Ms. Zazzera: Are there plans to put in more crosswalks? For instance, right in front of the Municipal Building, there is only one crosswalk. To legally cross over to come to here, we would have to go to Warburton, cross the street and come back down. So we could use a couple more crosswalks there, a crosswalk at the A&P.

Village Manager Frobel: The Safety Council looks at these issues when they come up. We often call on the New York State Department of Transportation engineer, who advises us. The two areas you have cited have been discounted and not encouraged by the New York DOT. They view them as unsafe places to put crosswalks. But we consider all those citizen concerns and observations raised by both the police and the DPW, and weigh their merits. But we do not rely on our own judgment. We call on the experts, that come in at no charge to the Village, to provide that kind of expertise to the Safety Council.

Mr. Skolnik: I wanted to bring to your attention the work being done by the contractor for the to repair the lighting on the parkways. They have already got most of the lighting on the Farragut Parkway from the Saw Mill into the Village and also at the exit of Cliff Street on the southbound side. I did want to mention my discomfort with the LEDs, the color of the LEDs and the brightness of the LED street lights that you have been experimenting with. When I first complained about it, I was told that you had not gotten much in the way of complaints about them, or you had some complaints and some compliments. I find them to be problematic, both in terms of driving because they are so bright, and they are definitely not shaded as you are driving. I have a few on my street. I find them offensive so I continue to urge you to look into them. I know there are cost savings that you are gaining by it, but I think it would be good if you see if there is anything that is more aesthetically pleasing.

Last Board meeting a citizen had an issue with regard to placement of basketball hoops. The attorney mentioned something about the way we do things in the Village, which was enforcement by complaint. That was the term she used. I was curious about it, and have not been able to find anything in particular. But to the extent that you or she might be forthcoming, whether there is a method that is recognized in municipal government that allows for this, because it has always been my sense that one of the things that defines the certain quality, *je ne sais quoi*, of Hastings is the lack of enforcement, or the way the enforcement is done. If there is any way that she, or you, could give me information as to how that works here or whether it is, in fact, an official policy.

Mayor Swiderski: I do not think it is official. If a dog barks is it a noise complaint automatically? Do the police cruise around with their windows open, and if they hear a barking dog do they automatically lodge a noise complaint? No. And it is not on all violations. If you run a stop light and a police officer is watching, precious good luck arguing why do not overlook this one. So there are categories where there are no exceptions. But there are other categories where we are not looking for the violations. If they are brought to our attention, they will be enforced. Is that wrong or right? I think it is accepted practice pretty much everywhere. It is a discretion of the police officer on the scene whether a particular violation hits a threshold. If nobody has called it in, we are not necessarily looking for it. The attorney can go into greater detail, but that is as far as I am going to go.

Vanessa Merton, 111 Pinecrest Parkway: I have concerns about this law that you are about to pass on the view preservation amendment. I am very troubled. It seems it means it is possible for the Building Inspector plus one person on the Zoning Board plus one person on the Planning Board, and the chairs, to eliminate what would otherwise be view preservation review. I understand there have been problematic occasions, where it seemed like excessive time and energy has been devoted to a non-necessary review. What I did not understand is why some simple procedural methods could not accomplish the same goal of facilitation. It has been a long time since I served on the Zoning Board, but at that time if virtually all the members of the Board agreed on something there did not have to be a great deal of discussion, there did not have to be a massive presentation of evidence. In fact, often people would come before the Zoning Board, try something out, see how people were responding, and then we either would say there has to be more, or it would be sufficient, and that would be the end of it.

Having experienced some of the rigors of the view preservation law's application first-hand, I am concerned about such a small number of people being able to make a final decision. View preservation can affect the height of the building or the massiveness of a structure in a way that has permanent and direct consequences for the value of someone's property.

I would ask the Board to reconsider going to this process without s first experimenting with a process. Maybe what you are looking for is a burden of proof issue, a burden of coming forward issue, some procedural tinkering with the Board's process if it is that problematic, although I am not so sure I understand why it is so problematic. I urge you not to give up the important interaction of a group of people. When any one person is asked to approve something or turn it down, in most cases it is very difficult to turn it down. Most of us like to be accommodating, most of us like to appear to be receptive, and most of us are going to be inclined, if we can see a way, to avoid something, especially if I fear the rest of the Board is going to say to me, why are you making us go through this, why didn't you approve this?

I am also a little concerned about the ambiguity. If the chairperson designates someone, and that person does not approve of the view preservation waiver, can the chairperson then designate another person and then another person until there is a person who does approve of it? At a minimum, I think that issue ought to be addressed in the language of the statute. I am surprised that counsel did not consider that possibility.

Mr. Metzger: I was at the Planning Board and the Zoning Board when they were discussing this issue. There is a little too much of this is how we think it's going to work, and that is not the way code is supposed to be written. Code is supposed to be written so that a person totally unfamiliar with the process could look at a chapter of the code, and make a determination about what that code is going to do for them, what restrictions it is going to set, how the process should work.

Mayor Swiderski: Are you referring to the proposal?

Mr. Metzger: The proposed resolution for site plan review. In theory, it was kind of nice. You are going to have three people. If one person says, You know what, this has to go for site plan review, then it goes for site plan review. It is not a majority vote. So you get, theoretically, three experienced people in the room and they will determine: there is no exterior construction here, nothing is going to happen on the outside of the building, it should not affect anything, so let's just not have this go through. And, theoretically, they will have enough knowledge of the code that if any interior construction is going on, but they are converting it from one use to another, there may be parking issues that would require site plan review, the code is nowhere specific enough about what these three people should be looking at to trigger either the requirement or non-requirement for site plan review.

So I believe, as Vanessa does, that should not be passed tonight. It should be sent back to a larger committee to review that process so that it becomes a more definitive process. It cannot be someone having a loose discussion. Too much is at stake for the Village and too much is at stake for the clients who may be subjected to excessive site plan review when it is

not necessary. And I know the Board has heard many of those cases. It is extraordinarily expensive in terms of time and cost.

A number of months ago the county planner came before this board to talk about the Warburton Avenue bridge. Quite a number of issues were raised. Mr. Mayor, you had agreed that perhaps the noticing of that meeting was not specific enough because there were only a small handful of people to discuss the issue. I was under the impression that we were going to be entitled to a larger presentation by the county. I sent the Board a letter recently on that, and I had an occasion to speak to Legislator Shimsky. She was not quite as clear as I was about whether the county planner was supposed to come back. I would like to ask this board to make a formal request of the county to have a presentation on something that is as critically important as diverting traffic and shutting down half of the Warburton Avenue bridge for a period of up to two years and possibly longer.

Mayor Swiderski: I do not think the presentation is as much on that as it would be on the bridge design, which is what they were being invited back for. And absolutely I think so. We have not heard from them?

Village Manager Frobel: We have not heard back. They are planning to come back, as I understand it, on the lighting and the fencing issues.

Trustee Armacost: Jim is making the point that we may want to invite them, because it will get too close to the time when they start to work, and then it will be difficult to have a conversation if people are looking for an opportunity to give input.

Mr. Metzger: That is right. We tend to get presented a finished project and then we argue over the details, as opposed to whether those details are appropriate or not. I would rather not get to that position. It is way too contentious.

Mayor Swiderski: I totally agree.

It is not usual for us to answer issues raised in earlier questions, especially by people who have already left. But I did get an e-mail a minute ago from Kendra, who is watching the questions being asked here, indicating that a certified letter had been sent to our gardening firm indicating that they must cease and desist moving forward using any sprayed substance, and not to do so will result in immediate termination of contract.

Planning Board Member Michael Ambrozek, 16 Sheldon Place: I am going to speak as one member of the Planning Board on the issues that Vanessa raised and that Jim discussed. That is the proposed amendment that is before you this evening. What has happened is, the

Planning Board has experienced a couple of situations. The proposed amendment can only be requested to be applied by the Village Building Inspector. This is not an arbitrary decision by the Zoning Board or the Planning Board. It is the Building Inspector, in his experience of what is required for view preservation, to expedite a view preservation situation that would otherwise take time and expense, and delay construction within the Village that could impact commercial development, residential development. It is not meant to be ambiguous. So if the Building Inspector feels that the changes are purely interior, for example, one situation was all the modifications were interior...

Female Voice: [off-mic].

Mr. Ambrozek: , I guess there is a disagreement. I can only speak for myself; I certainly cannot speak for all members of the Planning Board. So I will leave it up to you.

Mayor Swiderski: Both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board reviewed the amendment and approved it. Was the approval unanimous?

Mr. Ambrozek: From the Planning Board, yes.

Mayor Swiderski: Were the implications of lesser control raised in the Planning Board discussion?

Mr. Ambrozek: At the Planning Board, no. But it was clearly described that it would be the Building Inspector who would initiate the decision to allow three people, as a group, to make the decision that this was not a view preservation impact issue.

I would like to take a minute to provide the Village with a matter of information. In the last few weeks, Con Edison has gone around the Village and installed fuses that are designed, in the case of a short-circuit somewhere in a branch feed, to disconnect a couple of houses so fewer people will experience blackouts. The wires can carry electricity in both directions, and when there is a wire down, these fuses will break and allow the electricity still to come to people's homes so fewer people will be affected. We need to observe whether that will improve situations in the Village when we do have blackouts.

Ms. Merton: I want to make it crystal clear that I was not attempting to disparage the operation or functioning of the Planning Board or the Zoning Board. Quite the contrary, in fact. Certainly, I would have no objection if the Board wished to pass the same type of ordinance applying to interior renovation only. That makes perfect sense to me. It is conceivable to me that interior renovation could have some type of view preservation impact, but it is extremely unlikely and the balance there seems about right.

However, once you move to exterior changes I am mindful of the Building Inspector's great attention to every tiny repair or move on any direction on an exterior matter. I do not think the idea of having a board of several people from different parts of the Village, all of whom have different contacts, connections, backgrounds, loyalties, relationships, experiences, all the things that make a jury better than a judge for making a lot of difficult, long-lasting, serious decisions. That the beauty of that process should be sacrificed for the rare instance, and the instances would be problematic ones, when the proposal for the proposed change could be viewed or not be viewed as having an impact on the view, which we know to begin with is already a matter of opinion. We cannot find a way to absolutely encapsulate that in rigid criteria that can be applied without judgment and an exercise of discretion. Under those circumstances, I have to ask you to not fix what is not broken, what has served us very well. One could also pass this law with a sunset period that would permit a reevaluation at another time. But you simply inserted the phrase "interior structural change"...

Trustee Armacost: But we discussed that. I understand the point you are trying to make, that you do not want a small group of people making policy decisions and potentially being influenced by factors that should not be clouding their judgment. That is a well-taken point. What prompted this was that it was not just interiors; it was a small statue of tiny children that was not going to impact anything.

Ms. Merton: That was not going to have any impact. But then why would the boards not be able to say that in 20 seconds?

Trustee Armacost: Because it involved the applicant bringing together a lot of material and paying a cost in order to have a determination.

Ms. Merton: I would be happy with this law if it said that that group, the chairpeople and the Building Inspector, could agree to waive a fee because it is such a de minimis consideration. That would make a lot of sense to me if there is a cost. A lot of material: if we have a photograph of a two foot tall statue, how problematic is it if it is so easy for someone to make the determination?

Trustee Armacost: The point you are making is important. It is possible that the way it is drafted does not address yet the problem. What I am hearing is, we have some people who do have a problem where they have to make a decision and they do not want to be having to go through a procedure here, when logically they should not be having to make that...

Ms. Merton: I could give you a long list of things I do not want to have to go through in this village.

Trustee Armacost: Absolutely. And you do not want to have that seep into a situation which is actually more significant or have considerations.

Mayor Swiderski: The fact that both the Planning and Zoning approved this is interesting and compelling, because neither board are cream-puffs who are easily bulldozed. I would say pack of tigers is more like it. So the fact that they did not find this particularly threatening to their powers is compelling. However, I can also paint scenarios 10 or 20 from now where it is a different board and then you are relying on the board heads to be...

Ms. Merton: I am particularly concerned about the issue of expertise. I have been on boards where people who are good people become a little cowed and intimidated when a lawyer or an engineer says something.

Mayor Swiderski: There was something I would like to bring back to here. This is a good candidate for a sunset provision.

Trustee Armacost: Yes, I thought that was very sensible.

Mayor Swiderski: We could table this for today, and ask Marianne to put in a mandatory two year review. Apparently this will generate maybe three or four incidents a year. That will be enough to determine if those were considered, by anyone on either one of the boards, errors. If so, then we will review the law at that point.

Ms. Merton: Could you also request addressing the ambiguity of whether the chair can designate more than one individual?

Trustee Armacost: Yes, that is an important point.

Trustee Apel: If Vanessa would be willing, if we postpone voting on this, which we should, if you would look through this again at some other suggestions you were making and changes you would make, I think the Planning Board and the Zoning Board did not have this discussion and probably did not think along these lines that they are giving up something or that, in the end, there may be a problem because of it. So if you would look that over, also make some clear-cut suggestions of what should be in this law, or not, that would go back to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board for more of their opinions.

Mayor Swiderski: Right. I agree, though, we have never had that sort of authority elsewhere. Are you suggesting a memo?

Trustee Apel: Yes, a memo. Suggestions that you have.

Ms. Merton: Obviously, I am not going to draft it for you. But I could make suggestions. I would just ask, did the Board receive, from the Planning Board or the Zoning Board or both, any kind of memoranda about the cases that sparked this concern in the first instance?

Trustee Armacost: The were presented to us, the cases were presented to us.

Ms. Merton: It was just that oral presentation?

Mayor Swiderski: We heard of a couple of instances. We have, over the last year or two, had a number of growing complaints about both commercial establishments and private individuals who have had projects drag on for many months, a number of which should not have required a half year or a year-long review cycles.

Ms. Merton: Something is definitely wrong then.

Mayor Swiderski: Agreed. And this was one of a number of initiatives to simplify a process that appears to be an onerous burden on retailers barely hanging on, or newcomers who do not want a four month delay to have something approved.

Ms. Merton: But view preservation strikes me, and I do not know so you are going to have to speak to the site plan, as the least problematic. Either you are located in the zoning or not. Either you have a structure that changes the dimensions or you do not.

Mayor Swiderski: I agree. This is not the only change we are looking to be making.

Ms. Merton: I am thinking of what you were thinking about, Mayor. I am not so worried about the current administration, but I have to think about other administrations under which I have lived in this town. So thank you for you attention.

Mayor Swiderski: Let us move on and table this particular resolution. Our next meeting is focused on the green building code so this can wait until the following meeting.

**32:13 APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2013 AMENDING VIEW
PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING CODE**

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Resolution 32:13 was tabled.

33:13 APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2013 AMENDING SITE PLAN PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING CODE

Mayor Swiderski: There is a memo from the Village Attorney: "The Planning Board recommended the amendments to the site plan law, but recommended that the Board of Trustees consider amending Section 295-104(A)(3) further, as follows: 'A site plan approved by the Planning Board shall be required for the alteration of a building in such a way as to create an additional dwelling unit, except for accessory apartments created pursuant to Section 295-(C)(7)(d), and requiring an accessory apartment permit.'

The Planning Board went on to describe the thinking was that one of the purposes of accessory apartment law is to provide economic support for resident families, particularly the elderly and those of moderate income. Thus, in addition to the accessory apartment permit granted by the Planning Board, site plan review would also be required and a recreation fee might be assessed which would not further that stated purpose."

I have no problem with that modification. I agree, the purpose here is not to inflict a recreation fee on the addition of an accessory apartment.

Trustee Apel: I understand, if you are doing it because you want to support the families and the elderly people in there. But what if they build this accessory apartment and they charge money, and they make a lot of money? So it not just making the accessory apartment and having some elderly relative live in it, it is for commercial purpose.

Trustee Jennings: My recollection of the accessory apartment law was that it was not meant to be an adjunct to affordable housing. It was addressing the inadequate supply of rental housing for the needs of people who needed to be in the Village or wanted to be in the Village. We might need to remind ourselves of what the accessory apartment law is supposed to be. The point made in this memo is compelling, but do not want this amendment to be in conflict with another law and public policy of the Village.

Trustee Apel: We need to see the other policy.

Mayor Swiderski: A motion to table?

Trustee Armacost: Can we please table this?

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Resolution 33:13 was tabled.

34:13 UNIFORM NOTICE OF CLAIM ACT

Village Manager Frobel: The governor signed into legislation an alternative, where bringing action against a municipality may originate with the secretary of state's office. They, in turn, notify the municipality so affected. In this case, it would be the Village Clerk. There is a fee associated with this of \$250 and we share one-half if the claimant decides to go this route. The same protocol would follow. Once we are notified, we would let our Village Attorney know, and our insurance carrier.

Mayor Swiderski: Is it typical for a resolution to specifically name a Village employee, or can it be abstracted to just the Village Clerk?

Village Manager Frobel: I do not know. It could be generic.

Trustee Jennings: I think it would better. Then we would not have to redo this.

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

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law was recently amended by adding a new § 53, effective June 15, 2013, which permits, as an alternative, service of a notice of claim on a village to be accomplished by service on the secretary of state; and

WHEREAS, GML § 53 requires the Village to file a certificate with the secretary of state designating the secretary of state as the agent for service and providing the secretary of state with information about whom in the village should receive the notice from the secretary of state; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Trustees hereby: (1) certifies that the secretary of state is the Village's agent for service of notices of claim; (2) designates the Village Clerk as the Village's agent for transmittal of any such notices of claim; and (3) advises the secretary of state that the time limit for filing a notice of claim in Hastings-on-Hudson is 90 days, as provided in General Municipal Law § 50-e.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	Absent	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

35:13 NEW YORK STATE SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Village Manager Frobel: Every fall we enter into an agreement with the state and with the county. In that resolution they provide us with an estimate of what they will pay us during that winter season. Now that winter is over, we have some actual numbers, as reflected in the resolution. It ended up being more than what they had anticipated.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to sign Amendment B to change the estimated expenditure for the New York State Snow and Ice Agreement 2012/13 snow season from \$9,544.80 to \$14,814.41.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	Absent	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: At our meeting next week you are going to hear from our quarry study committee. The committee is thinking of preparing an application under the New York State Consolidated Funding Application for continuation of efforts to convert the quarry site into a Quarry Park. I know, for certain, the magnitude of the program. I am providing them with previous grants that we submitted and some cost estimates. It may not be for the park proper, but we may focus our attention on simply completing the Quarry Trail phase two.

That was part of an application recently submitted. It did not fare too well under this now consolidated funding application. The priority is economic development and job creation. But if that is the focus, then that is what you are going to hear next week. If it is the Quarry Park, that is a much larger program. We have completed the concept, some preliminary design. We are looking now for final design and construction documents, taking us right through to construction. If it is the Quarry Trail you may have noted that it does appear that the applicant for the property on Warburton is looking to participate in the construction of a stair tower to the Quarry Trail. That was part of our grant application. It had a price tag on it. So if that does come to pass, perhaps that contribution could be used as our match to complete the trail proper. But a lot of uncertainty. Just a preliminary observation from me that you may hear as early as next week that application is being considered.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

Mayor Swiderski: The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee was asked to take a look at the prioritized components of the plan, and set out a schedule as well as implementing bodies.

Mr. Metzger: In our initial go-round we broke the Comprehensive Plan up into six groups. There was an overlay priority, and then groups one through five. But the Board felt they would like more direction on the importance of the individual objectives and strategies within each of those groups. So we have gone through the process again. We have done it through the overlay priority, priority group one and priority group two, with the feeling that priority groups three, four and five would probably be far enough down the line that we have some time to look at and deal with those. So we wanted to get the big ones up front.

The other thing that we were asked to do was to figure out who might be responsible for doing the implementation that we are calling for. That became a little more of a complicated issue, in that we found that we put together a list of all the boards and committees that were available. We came up with a few that do not exist at this moment, but we thought maybe should be formed. We realized that a lot of these issues, specifically because they are part of a comprehensive plan, do not form neatly into the purview of one board or one committee. So what we attempted to do is designate what we consider to be the lead committee, the committee that would be most responsible for doing the implementation. But we indicated the other committees that we felt they should be involved with in working through these issues and figuring out how to implement these strategies and objectives.

We have modified the priority group list. In priority group number one, which we presented to the Board prior to their budget discussions, six items were identified. When we went back through it this time, we had determined that the way we had presented those six items, which are available on pages one and two of the document that you have, that is the order in which we felt they rose to a level of importance in discussions. And that is how we presented them to you. So on page one, where we have one, two and three at the bottom of the page, and then going to page two we have four, five and six. Those are the orders in which those issues should be addressed by the Board. In order to find out who is responsible for starting to do the implementation of those issues, we go to priority group one, which is the chart that we laid out. That starts on page five. I am going to go through it very quickly. I am happy to entertain questions about why we selected a certain agency that we felt should be involved.

On the downtown, we felt there should be a downtown advocate. In the Comprehensive Plan, it was called the downtown management structure. In not heated discussion, but very intense discussion, the term "management" is an inappropriate term for what we believe the Comprehensive Plan was looking for. We are looking for somebody who will champion the downtown. They will get all of the people who have stakes in the downtown like the landlords, the shop owners, the Village itself and certainly the citizens, look at all of the information that has been generated over the years and figure out a way to utilize that to advocate and improve our downtown. Whether that is one person or a group of people is yet to be determined. But we believe a downtown advocate should be working with the Department of Public Works. We heard discussions earlier about the state of the Village. Some people have issues with that. The ad hoc Downtown Committee, which was formed under the direction of Meg Walker; the Economic Development Committee; the Beautification Committee; and the Arts Committee. We believe that those groups all have an interest in, and are currently on, improving the downtown, but their work may be better organized under an individual.

Mayor Swiderski: The smallest clarification. We did dissolve the Economic Development Committee. So you can strike that from this.

Mr. Metzger: We will strike that. Their name comes up in quite a number of these things. We will need to figure out an ad hoc committee that could replace the Economic Development Committee.

Trustee Armacost: There are a few other boards which may be important to coordinate with, for example, the Youth Council, when you are talking about the downtown, and also the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Many issues affect seniors and youth that relate to the downtown.

Mr. Metzger: I could not agree more. And that is why we are presenting to you to get another set of eyes on this. There is this sense that we have to organize and to put things in a hierarchical order. The concept of the Comprehensive Plan is the antithesis of that. It is that everything is important. Some things are more important than others, but to look at this as a specific issue, or that a specific board would take control of something, defeats the purpose of the comprehensive part of the plan. I ask the Trustees, as this becomes disseminated to various boards, that we keep that mind, and let us not close down the number of people that are involved in looking at this, but let us increase the number of people. That is really the primary objective of this document.

Trustee Jennings: Do you have a view as to the search process and the mechanisms which follow to find such a person? Would you recommend that this be undertaken by the Village Manager and the Board of Trustees? Would you recommend an ad hoc search committee? And if so, what should the composition of that group be?

Mr. Metzger: We spent quite a bit of time talking about that within our committee. We started to formulate some of the. I believe a search committee should be formed to determine what would be the important qualities of this person or group of people. And then how do we go about finding them. I do not believe this person should just be hired as an employee of the Village. We need to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the person the same way we looked at the consultant that we used for the Comprehensive Plan. We got probably about seven or eight firms that were looking to be our consultant. Ellen was part of the group that put together the RFP for that. And then we evaluated the strengths and weaknesses. The six or seven of us that were reviewing that all came to a unanimous conclusion on the first vote on who our consultant would be. So due to a good RFP we were able to make that determination.

Trustee Jennings: I begged the question of consultant versus employee, and I should not have done that. That should be an open question yet to be determined. The question of picking an ad hoc group to talk about that approach, the strategy to write a job description or an advertisement for the position, all that kind of stuff is obviously very important.

Mr. Metzger: We have volunteered as a group to carry on as a reconstituted committee. That might be one of the things you ask us to do. I am not familiar with the ad hoc Downtown Committee. I do not know who is on that or what their charge is. But they may be the committee to start putting this process in place.

Trustee Armacost: We want to think about who those people are, in the same way we selected you guys on the basis of your résumés. As a policymaking body or a decision-making body, we should review what we want in terms of that entity.

Mayor Swiderski: I agree. And I think unless we are all eager for a 2 a.m. adjournment tonight...

Trustee Armacost: Let us not do it now.

Mayor Swiderski: Right. What we do is do a pass through this, and then each one of these I will turn to Marge to run, ensuring they land up in our agendas and we gin them up. We begin to do the deep dive on each one of them separately. Every meeting we start to do at least one, and we work through this.

Mr. Metzger: Large tracts, enhance the gateways into the Village. The Trustees, unsurprisingly, were the largest single group in our list. But a lot of the items that we identified are strictly policy within the Village that the Trustees should keep in the forefront when they are discussing issues that come before them. So try not to get too frustrated with the additional work that we have put on you.

The gateways into the Village. The Trustees have looked at this in the past, and this may be something where you assign either an ad hoc committee or the Planning Board. But you would have overview of what is going on with that. Then diversifying the tax base, rezoning large tracts. These are obviously extraordinarily large issues that we have identified here. That is why it has come to the top. Trustees, again, need to be the lead agency on this, even if they do not do the actual work but just do oversight. Planning Board, we feel a legal consultant would be required. The reconstituted whatever the Economic Development Committee might be. And an ad hoc committee to start looking at some of these, the way committees have typically been put together, to look at rezoning in the Village.

Preserving community character, protecting open space. That is a slam dunk for Parks and Rec. They already are doing that, but they should be familiar with the issues that were raised in the Comprehensive Plan as they go about their day-to-day business.

Specific objectives for the waterfront. An ad hoc committee and there is a Waterfront Infrastructure Committee. We do not know what their future charge might be, so we put in for an ad hoc committee which may ultimately be what the Waterfront Infrastructure Committee becomes. They have done so much of the legwork for this, but this has to do with the form-based plan that we have talked about in the past. The Planning Board would be involved in a consultant.

A digression. I was asked to talk to the Zoning Board last week about what their part in this process might be. Because they are strictly an enforcement body they declined to be

involved with formulating policy for the Village. They said we will enforce any policy the Village comes up with. I said you may want to be involved in discussing issues on the waterfront because you are familiar with dealing with large tracts. They said as private citizens we probably would like to do that. But as a board they declined this discussion. And they did that for the Comprehensive Plan, as well.

Trustee Armacost: Totally appropriate. It is admirable that they understand their charge.

Mr. Metzger: Maximize public enjoyment of the waterfront, and environmentally smart development. The Waterfront Infrastructure Committee or whoever they may become since they are now the de facto experts. I use that term in quotations. I do not know if any of us could be an expert on that. They would be the lead agency with that. They would also integrate with the item below that, which is investigating improvements to circulation to and through the waterfront, which has to do with the two car bridges, one of which is working and one which is not. And then potential future pedestrian access to the waterfront. If we do a form-based plan we are going to need to know how we are getting on and off the waterfront. That is going to have a big impact. We may end up with an ad hoc committee to look at this one issue. There will probably be a legal consultant because so many different legislative bodies are involved in who has access to it, and that will determine what happens with access to the waterfront.

Maintenance of sidewalks. We think the Safety Council should be the lead on that. They should start identifying what needs to be done in the Village, and this may be going beyond what their charge is currently. We did not have access to what their day-to-day dealings are. But the Safety Council would be a good committee to start doing an investigation of what is going on in the Village with the stairways, and start making recommendations and getting other groups involved in it. As you go down through circulation, you see we have Trustees and the DPW. Certainly they would be involved in repairing these things.

The Safe Routes to School issue is Village policy. We are just asking that the Trustees make sure that is part of the discussion. Reynolds Field. That might have been an issue to discuss: how does Reynolds Field fit into that. I do not believe that issue was raised this evening. Condition of the stairs throughout the Village, not only the stairs going down to the train station but there are other stairs that connect streets through hillsides. They are shortcuts, and there has always been some question about who is responsible for the maintenance and the upkeep. That should probably be better identified and then dealt with so people in the Village could have an easier way to walk into the downtown. It would really enhance the usability of the downtown. That could be an ad hoc committee, as well as downtown advocate, the DPW who would do the maintenance.

Environmental sustainability. We had talked about this earlier. And I know this near and dear to Trustee Jennings' heart, a sustainability fund. You have already started to do that somewhat, in terms of putting money aside for the Comprehensive Plan. The Trustees, in concert with the Conservation Commission. The Stormwater Committee, which as far as I know Sue Maggiotto is our stormwater committee. There may be other people involved with that. But given what has been going on in the Village, discussions we had tonight about drainage on the field, we may want to have a committee, whether it is a subset of the Conservation Commission, to start looking at stormwater issues within the Village. We feel that was something that could be looked at as looking for money for a sustainability fund.

Quality of life. The Village Arts Commission could be critically important to promoting opportunities for public art and using that to enhance our village.

Priority group two, these are slightly less important but still equally important. It was hard for us to make the split at this point because some issues really should rise above other issues. Comprehensive Plan, none of this is cast in stone. Issues are going to rise and fall according to what is happening in the Village at any given moment.

This goes to what we were talking about this evening: provide residents in the development community with transparent, simplified procedures for project review and approval. Trustees, but then under them all of the people that are involved: Building Department, Planning Board, Village officials within Village Hall who are responsible for this; Architectural Review Board. We believe that local architects and their clients who have been affected, who can give real-world information about how the current code is working or not working, would be invaluable to the process.

Specific objectives for the waterfront. Again, in priority group number two. Fiscally responsible development. Planning Board probably would have the greatest oversight on what ultimately happens there, as they go through the SEQRA process and look at site plan review, etc. But we believe that the Building Department could have a very large say in how projects get reviewed, how they get developed. They have the first line of communication with architects, planners and designers. We believe that the ARB should have their scope of work expanded to discuss some of the fiscal implications of the projects they are reviewing.

Circulation, priority group number two. This has to do with the maintenance of sidewalks and street intersections. The Conservation Commission is putting together a safe streets initiative. We believe they should be a lead agency to look at this, since they are already doing the work. They may come to you and say we would like the Safety Council or anybody else involved in getting involved with that discussion.

Mayor Swiderski: That should be added to that list, the Safety Council.

Trustee Jennings: This is a good example of the point you made earlier about the synergy and symbiosis of things from a comprehensive planning point of view. The activity and the desired improvement and benefit here is certainly a safety issue. You cannot separate it from questions of safety because safety is intrinsically important and also because safety is a powerful motivation that determines whether or not people walk and use these things, or not. On the other hand, it is not just safety. It is walkability for public health benefits. It is no polluting with fossil fuel by driving. So there are a number of aspects here, some of which are front and center with the Conservation Commission. It is a lifestyle change. It is a general world view thing. If we opted to walk more than we do now we would eventually lead different kinds of lives. So it is all bundled together here, it is great.

It is interesting and important to name the committees and their interests and jurisdictions. Even more interesting, down the road, will be the adjudication of the different points of view of some of these committees. Some of the people on committee A have got a certain interest and focus, and people on committee B have a slightly different focus. It will be interesting to see how the synergy works out in practice.

Mr. Metzger: It is that, and the charge that the Board puts before the committee. When the Comprehensive Plan was put together we did not look for 11 people that all had planning experience or all architects or all lawyers. We looked for people that would work well together, people that were interested in making the Village a better place to live, and that had open minds and were willing to have discussions. For three years our board did not have a serious problem with anything we discussed. There were issues we disagreed on. We hashed them out, we changed opinions. I was against this form-based planning thing. It was the antithesis of what I have been doing for 40 years as an architect. Richard Bass and I discussed it over a period of four meetings, and I came to realize that he was right. It is the Board's charge to find the right people to put in these positions to make sure that they are working for the Village, and not for some agenda. Or to arbitrate the issues that come up.

Trustee Armacost: Some of this is not about committees. It is about tasked tasks. It is not about creating a new set of debating scenarios. It is about allocating activities. So your clustering of potential candidates for implementation is partly what I am seeing here. It is not necessarily that these are going to be members of a committee. It is tasking for implementation. So I am hoping I am not viewing that in the wrong way.

Mayor Swiderski: No, and I agree. We will tackle each one of these, and say that belongs with planning, and they may want to consult with ARB and the Downtown Committee, whatever. But ultimately much of these are tasks that just have to be done, pushed.

Mr. Metzger: Whoever gets tasked with these, and I cannot state this strongly enough because do you really want to start rewriting the Comprehensive Plan, the idea is to implement what is in the Comprehensive Plan. If you want to change that, we have an opportunity to do that at some point when the Board decides.

Mayor Swiderski: Agreed. The charge has to be pretty specific.

Mr. Metzger: Connections: this has to do with improving bridge connections throughout the Village: Ravensdale, et cetera.

Trustee Armacost: Sorry, could we just go back to 4(A). There is a body that I did not see on the list, which is the Rivertowns Tourism Board, which is relevant there.

Mr. Metzger: Is that a Village committee? That is kind of outside consulting.

Mayor Swiderski: No, that is an across-village group.

Mr. Metzger: I am happy to put it in.

Mayor Swiderski: And among the things they are looking at is signage, for example, up and down the South County Trailway, with connection into the various villages.

Mr. Metzger: What is the name of that group?

Trustee Armacost: The Rivertowns Tourism Board. In the way that the Farmers' Market is not a village board, it is an entity, or the Historical Society is not a village board but an independent entity.

Trustee Jennings: This is made up of representatives of the villages.

Mayor Swiderski: We did appoint Meg to this, and there is a village rep as well as non-village reps on it.

Trustee Apel: Do we want people outside our village?

Mayor Swiderski: In this particular case, it may be please speak to the Rivertowns Tourism Board for input on signage.

Trustee Apel: But there is going to be an overall committee.

Ms. Hendrickx: But that is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan's dictates to work with neighboring communities.

Trustee Jennings: And there may be a number of implementation tasks that will require inter-village cooperation.

Mr. Metzger: Those tend to come up farther down. We felt that some of those issues were so incredibly huge that to put them in first priority we would short circuit the entire process. We would just spend out time wondering how to deal with issues that big. But you are right. A lot of these issues are going to involve talking to other communities. And, in fact, we have a couple of issues in here where we say the Trustees and the School Board should be discussing issues. Then you will obviously make the decision whether that is appropriate or not, but we feel there is a vested interest in certain things we are looking at, where the School Board should have a say, at least a seat at the table. Just as we believe that tonight we needed a seat at the table to discuss our issues with a School Board matter.

Improve bridge connections for both motorists and people. It says see circulation and priority group 1 because ultimately the circulation overrides this whole thing and the same people will probably be dealing with that in the bigger picture.

Sustainable infrastructure: preserve and protect floodplains. Certainly, a current issue. The Trustees would be the lead agency. But then we are looking at Conservation Commission: stormwater management. Possibly the Tree Board. And they may require expanded responsibilities to discuss, for example, the issues about moving trees on Reynolds Field. Minimize stormwater runoff. Again, stormwater management. The Tree Board, again, because certainly the role of trees, and then Parks and Rec in terms of dealing with our large issues.

Trustee Armacost: Could we add on to that coordination with the county? That is very important on that issue. I am surprised you did not put that in. You must have thought it was obvious.

Mayor Swiderski: Or a conflict.

Mr. Metzger: Right. You know, every time we go through this I am sure we will find something else to add. And then preserve, protect and restore wetlands, the Trustees again. Conservation Commission stormwater management, Tree Board. This has to do with making sure we have places for our runoff to run off to.

Specific objectives for the waterfront, again in priority group 2, preserving public views of the Palisades and the New York City skyline. There were a lot of people that reviewed that, but we need to identify those views and figure out what we should do to protect them. We are thinking the ARB may be a good group. There may be other groups we would want to add. But the ARB is a group of architects and planners that understand this concept of view preservation, that it is not just standing in one spot and looking at the river, but it is how you move through the Village and experience the river. Somebody needs to start identifying that so when we have issues like the Warburton Avenue bridge the Village has a response that would protect their interests.

Large tracts. Trustees and Planning Board protect and enhance environmental quality of the Village. There may be many other boards that would get involved, but if you trust the Planning Board with that they will then probably figure out who else they need to talk to. And then, again, overall, the Conservation Commission, Tree Board, stormwater management: you are probably seeing a pattern here in terms of looking at the Village overall. Preserve and improve the quality of existing parkland: Parks and Rec, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, the Quarry Committee and the Draper Park Committee. Again, I remind anybody who is looking at this, you need to look at the Comprehensive Plan. These are merely the bullet points that describe paragraphs and paragraphs of very nuanced information. So it is not a matter of read this and do that; you have to understand what that is referring to. There is more information in the Comp Plan.

Trustee Armacost: We think of Parks and Rec as more about rec. But it is about parks, as well. In that group, maybe, should be included. I know it is included in nine, but it should maybe be included in eight. "Protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Village through preservation of environmentally sensitive areas," when you read page 41, "as the Village continues to develop and expand the environment, we feel open space and parkland within the Village," Parks and Rec needs to be another entity that is included there.

Mr. Metzger: I agree. We are smart enough to see it in the item after that, but not in that item.

Specific objectives for the waterfront, and this one may be a little contentious, having to do with preserving the historical architectural features in the area, having to do with reuse of Building 52 and preserving the water tower. There is an existing ad hoc committee that have been doing work on this as an independent group not under Village purview, which is why I say this may be a little contentious. But we do call for this issue to be discussed in the Comprehensive Plan. Perhaps, and this is me speaking, not for my committee, you should look at the people on that committee and discuss with them the idea of making that a Village committee if they would be so amenable. Ant the Historical Society, which is a private

committee. They should have some input on what these buildings might mean. To go back through the archives and see how these buildings were used in the past to see whether there is a relevance for their use in the future.

Quality of life: ensure that the Village remains affordable to a wide variety of people. I do not have to tell you we probably had more discussion about that than any other issue in the Comp Plan and in our implementation committee. The Affordable Housing Committee is very important in this, as are the Trustees. We have the Senior Council listed here because that is a large section of that chapter. I thank Walter Stugis, who was the head of the Senior Committee at that time, for getting us an incredible amount of information, which I am going to digress to. People who are watching this on TV need to become involved in all of the issues that happen in this village. I am making a public plea. Not to make these meetings go longer, but the wealth and depth of information that people have that never sees the light of day is terrible.

For the Village remaining affordable: Planning Board, Economic Development Committee whoever they may be, the downtown advocate. These are zoning issues, and they require an increased commercial tax base to deal with this overarching issue, as well as building businesses. And making the place affordable for middle class people, not just the working poor. Everybody should be able to afford to live here.

The last page, very easy. The potential for reducing costs, fostering inter-village cooperation: the Trustees, the School Board and neighboring communities are the big issues here in terms of trying to figure out how to reduce the big costs that we deal with. And then looking outside the Village: Trustees and the Economic Development Committee, in collaboration with neighboring communities, the Town of Greenburgh and Westchester County.

Trustee Apel asked me to provide a committee-by-committee list, which I did today, so you can look up any committee and see what, in this large document we just discussed, is attributed to each of those lead agencies.

Trustee Armacost: You may have a few that have been disbanded on your list, for example, the Public Health Board and the Economic Development Committee. There are a few others maybe.

Mr. Metzger: The Web site should be updated, because that is where all of this came from. So I throw this back in your court, Trustee Armacost.

Mayor Swiderski: We will do that.

Trustee Jennings: I also note that on this second handout it makes it very clear to see who is doing what. And the longest list, as you mentioned before, is the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Metzger: You are the only ones who get paid in this village.

Trustee Jennings: It makes me think you might miss the whole point of this assignment.

Mr. Metzger: As I was putting these down I was hoping this list would stop getting longer. And it did not. A lot of these are going to be issues where your board will require the primary oversight. But you are going to say let us see who that second name is on the list. Hey, guess what? The Planning Board gets to do this, or the Conservation Commission. So you are not necessarily going to be spending evenings at home researching this material. You will be doing your job and making sure other people do that.

Trustee Armacost: You made the point earlier that quite a few of these things are here because they are policy decisions. What you are saying to us is these are decisions you guys have to decide how it is going to be resolved and how it is going to be allocated. Or, for example, that it requires a budget amount in order for it to happen, as opposed to, Peter, you are going to do safe routes to school, and Marge something else.

Trustee Apel: That was quite commendable, everything, and you did it in a fairly short amount of time.

Mayor Swiderski: Both what Jim did, and also the work itself. Did exactly what we were looking for by structuring it so your job is nice and easy.

Mr. Metzger: These things do not happen with any single person. They happen with a committee that is committed, dedicated. This came together because we had great discussions twice a week for an hour-and-a-half to two hours. We had great direction from Trustee Apel in helping to keep us on track and give us information that we needed. It was a fairly linear process. There was no real backtracking on this. And it was a fun thing to go through, after having spent so much time putting the Comprehensive Plan together.

Trustee Apel: Now that we have this list we have to look at how we are going to tackle what is there. The reason I had this list typed up on who has what suggestions is if you were to hand it to a committee and say here are the five things we want you to do, they are still going to have to prioritize. They are never going to be able to do all these at once, and we are going to have to decide. We have to explain to them this is what we would like you to do.

Trustee Armacost: This is pretty high-level. I do not think this is a list of activities. I think it is a list of topics, and then the activities still have not been developed.

Trustee Apel: Right, they have to go within it. We have to look this all over and absorb what it has. And then again, you have different ways of looking at the same topics. You have what you want done right away, and you have who is going to do it. But then we are going to have to figure out which ones when.

Trustee Armacost: It may be that when we look at the suggestions there is some logic. Like for example, one of the categories is DPW and another category is Village Manager. So I think of some of our other departments, our Parks and Rec department, I think about fire, I think about police. You know, are there activities that are related to those departments where we can get a tick on the Comprehensive Plan. What are the things which are activities that our paid staff do, or our fire which is not paid but is a body that we fund, versus our volunteer teams. That is quite separate. And Bruce had separated that stuff out in the work that you had done on the sustainable plan, yes?

Trustee Jennings: I see some parallels between what was done in the Sustainable Action Plan and what was emerging here. Obviously, the format of the Comprehensive Plan document itself was different, but I am eager to see, Jim, the Excel version that grows out of this work that takes it down to several more specific levels. I am looking at, for example, under circulation "improve pedestrian circulation in the downtown." So from there, you go down several more action steps you have to figure out. Often many of these things will get us down to the point of having to ask who is going to pay for this. So funding is a column on the spreadsheet. We do have a tremendous amount of expertise in the Village, and we also have a tremendous amount of goodwill and civic spirit, willingness to volunteer time and energy to bring that expertise to bear on Village needs. There are a lot of untapped resources there. On the other hand, you reach the point where you have to pay professionals to do some of this work for you. We should not underestimate the quality of our Village staff, but neither should we underestimate the fact that they are a small group and they are stretched very thin. We do not have, at this time, the fiscal wherewithal to expand the size of our Village staff very much. So we are operating in realistic constraints. All of that becomes more clear as you go down the levels of specificity on a spread sheet in different columns.

Ms. Hendrickx: One of the things we talked about, the downtown strategist job description might include grant writing, which would, by virtue of that, take it outside of the downtown specifically. But in finding funding resources, having that person or a consultant who has that ability to assist in finding funding sources for some of these things.

Trustee Apel: There are different ways to look at how we can do this. One way of handling this, is you give it to the Conservation Commission, you say take a look at these areas that the Comprehensive Implementation Committee has brought out here, look at them in detail and get back to us, and give us suggestions of what you can do sooner than later.

Trustee Armacost: Or what you can do for free, what costs what.

Trustee Apel: There are things here for the Public Works department, which we already know a lot of them we would have thought about. We have talked about, for a million years, existing sidewalks, but that does not mean that the Public Works department could not be discussing this, too, and saying this is where we see that we can do this with all the things we are doing, and when we could do it, and how this could be done. So there are some ways to break some of this down a little.

Trustee Armacost: The "maintaining existing sidewalks," partly that is a decision over whether it is a Village responsibility or an individual owner's responsibility. It is an enforcement issue at a certain point. If people are not maintaining the sidewalk outside their house, then it becomes an enforcement question at a certain point if people care enough. And then back to that point earlier, how we enforce things. Who is complaining in that situation? It is the Village complaining.

Trustee Apel: Again, I am saying in terms of how we are going to manage this. They can look at it and, again, the Department of Public Works says we cannot do this right now, or it is not possible, or based upon what you have we can enforce it or we cannot enforce it. So we are taking these things with another way of looking at this list.

Mayor Swiderski: Many of these are individual projects. For each one, we have to determine which of the groups is necessarily the dominant organization, or, without going back to the Comprehensive Plan, the specific implementation details around each one of these items. The only way to do that is to start at the top and go to the bottom. You have done what we have asked you to do. You have organized that. We need to read this, and make sure we are in general accord with the sequencing.

On my first take, I do not have any major issues with your sequencing. So we start with the first one. In my ideal world, Marge would have a standard template. She comes to us with item number one on this list: this is what you prioritized it as, this is who it should go to, this is what the Comprehensive Plan said in greater detail on that item, and we address it. We figure out whether it needs further clarification, and then we remand it down to whatever group will then either implement it or further flesh it out. Move to item number two, and work our way down this list in the sequence you presented. That is what we asked for. If we

encounter one that we think has more of a cost associated with it than we are willing to bear, Marge will say it has more of a cost than we are willing to pay right now, let us set that aside and go to item number four instead of three. And we will work our way through the list. And we t start with one or two a meeting.

Mr. Metzger: I would volunteer and suggest that as you go through process, and I think that idea is great, take the item, set it up. Reprint the section from the Comprehensive Plan that deals with that. There are two things. One, know that I am available to consult with any of the groups that are getting involved with this to try and give them some overview.

Mayor Swiderski: We can talk about that right now, that this big group continues in a supportive function to Marge to structure those memos a couple per meeting. Again, let us queue it up, you manage the process in terms of ensuring it. We have a Board discussion item here, update on downtown and waterfront. Comprehensive Plan implementation becomes a new item, and every meeting we spend 20 minutes on the next item.

Mr. Metzger: Every person on any of these boards or committees who are going to be doing any of this work needs to be at least rudimentarily familiar with the entire Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Swiderski: That is a big charge, to say that every member of every board charged here has to read the whole Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Metzger: I did say rudimentary. There should be some trigger. We are talking about sidewalks. But there is also a thing in here where they were discussing sidewalks going on to the waterfront. Does that involve us, do we need to deal with that? Or else we are going to get back to the noncomprehensive plan, which is individual items addressed individually with no relationship.

Mayor Swiderski: Understood, but we also want to get this done.

Trustee Armacost: Before we decide in this meeting I am wondering logistically what the right thing is. We are quite far up from action items here. I have a bit of a reaction to 74 new committees being created.

Mayor Swiderski: I am not proposing that.

Trustee Armacost: So one of the things we should discuss, as a board, first of all is, is this about creation of new committees in some situations.

Mayor Swiderski: No.

Trustee Apel: No.

Trustee Armacost: Every single one of these virtually has an ad hoc committee attached to it. I am not clear what those are. Where it is very clearly Conservation Commission, I think that is easy. But it is not easy when it is five different entities named, including an ad hoc committee.

Mr. Metzger: There are only four items in here that have an ad hoc committee associated with them.

Mayor Swiderski: But the only way we will deal with that is by stepping through the list and getting to those, and then determining do we need ad hoc, or not.

Mr. Metzger: If you determine an existing committee is the appropriate committee, this is a recommendation. It says proposed Comprehensive Plan recommendations. You will take this, and say we can't find another eight people to do this, but this committee could do it.

Mayor Swiderski: And if we can apportion a half-dozen of these over the next six months to other committees to get to work on, that would be a start.

Trustee Armacost: Part of it is that quite a few of these things are already being done by different groups. So it is almost like we need a work plan. The activities need to be clear, they need to fold up into a work plan where you can tick them.

Mayor Swiderski: Are you proposing a work plan for this whole document?

Trustee Armacost: No, I am proposing that they add up to a work plan. Otherwise, it feels very random.

Trustee Apel: That is why, if we do the sequencing, they gave us this priority recommendation of six areas. Those are the six broad areas. We start with those six broad areas because we know those are the top of the pile as the overall things we want to accomplish. We look at number one, and find everything that has to do with the downtown part. We give you the pieces, we will tell you who is supposed to be in charge, and then we move on to the next one.

Trustee Armacost: But the activities are completely unclear. That is what I mean by a work plan.

Trustee Apel: We are going to give you the activities. In other words, the committee has already culled and been through that. They have been through the activities going backwards.

Mayor Swiderski: This is very high-level, but there is stuff behind it.

Trustee Apel: And trying to give you just the summary. You could read it yourself if you wanted to, but you are doing what the committee did for you. The committee is now just giving you the summary. You have to go back to know how we got there.

Trustee Armacost: I know. But I have read the Comprehensive Plan so many times. That is not an action plan. It is not a set of activities.

Trustee Apel: Under each thing, it gives a strategy and gives you information.

Mr. Metzger: It was specifically designed that way.

Trustee Armacost: It is not a critique of it. It is just that it is a very different thing than an implementation plan.

Mayor Swiderski: What we do is, we start with the first one and we determine what it is. Is it a new law we are asking for or is it a review, and what those are going to be for each one of these items, one by one. I am not going to kick this document to be reprioritized yet again with action items. We have been handed what we need to start doing exactly that, which is remanding down to the appropriate bodies what we determine they need to do on this particular item.

Trustee Armacost: But let us take the first one. The first activity is hiring the person. Which is the body that is going to do that? It is hiring the advocate, identifying the advocate and hiring the advocate. Is that not the main activity? Because the advocate is going to do the stuff.

Mayor Swiderski: What will happen is, Marge, in conjunction with the Downtown Committee will put together a memo summarizing the issues. We have to agree, as a board, whether that is what we want to do and how we want that to be done, at a high level. And then kick it down to who we want to implement that. But we have got to determine it. We have got to determine whether that is something we want. We may determine, after a discussion here, that, in fact, we disagree that this is necessary right now, we are going to shelve this and go on to the next one. Or we may determine this is great, let us figure out

how to pay for it, let us see if the Planning Board or whoever can work through it. Then we step through it. But there is no way we can avoid that work. The only body here that can assess the next steps is us. We have been handed our charter. We now have to step through it and disburse it.

Trustee Apel: Why do we not just try it that way and see.

Trustee Jennings: I do think it will become clearer and easier to conceptualize if we use some tools like an Excel spread sheet, a Gantt chart and so forth. We are going to be having tollgate sessions here on the Board, and we are going to decide what goes through and to whom and with what objectives. It is not rocket science. I think it systematic and step by step. Next Tuesday we are going to be dealing with the latter stages of precisely something like this process. The first example of something coming out of the Comprehensive Plan, essentially, driven largely by volunteer experts in the Village, taking a form of amendment to existing Village law, a building code, and now coming close to public hearing and disposition by the legislative body. That is a good model of what we are imagining will be done 25 different times. The only thing that gives me pause is that it took us two and a half years and I do not know how many thousands of hours to get to next Tuesday. But I am proud of what we did, and I hope that for these other groups it is an easier process.

But the elements were all pretty good. It was a very open process. We turned to experts who had stakeholders, the whole nine yards. We did a research, we interacted with Village staff, and now the process interacts back again to the Village Board of Trustees. It has come full circle. The Board of Trustees gave it birth three years ago, and now it is coming back to us.

Mayor Swiderski: Exactly. We just have to begin. One example very much in line with what we just went through is what we are going to do around the scenic corridor overlay. We will agree that is something we need to do, we will agree on the body that needs to take that and run with it, and if it requires legal assistance or whatever, whether we are going to dedicate resources to that, and then remand it to the Planning Board or whoever we determine should run with that. It will take us a couple years to get through this list.

Mr. Metzger: Niki, I know your background and I know you know how to do big projects. I think you are seeing this huge thing in front of you, and it is a huge thing. But are certain items in here that you literally tell somebody you need to go do this and it gets done. We can start crossing small things off very quickly. Things like the first item, the downtown advocate. You just went through what we spent many sessions going through in our committee. How do we recommend this if we do not know how they are going to do it? We would try and figure out how to do it, and 40 minutes later we would say that's their job. But we spent quite a bit time discussing it. I am not looking to create new committees. I know

how hard it is to find volunteer. But it may be to do this first item we need to get seven people who are going to put an RFP together. They are going to start to understand what a downtown advocate does. I talked about a community in Texas, where the mayor decided they were going to become the center of art in Texas. They are in the middle of nowhere, and the place is booming because somebody had a vision. You find people to find that person to work for Hastings. Or that ad hoc committee may say this is bigger than Hastings, we need to find someone who can do this for Hastings and Dobbs Ferry. The project may get bigger, but the results may be better. We do not need to figure that out. You are going to find a committee that is going to start to investigate that, and come back to you with suggestions.

Trustee Armacost: One name which is not listed on here is our lawyer. It is, Marianne, can you just draft the law for X, Y, Z.

Trustee Apel: It might be that.

Mayor Swiderski: But again, it does not necessarily have to be that.

Trustee Apel: They just took committees that they knew existed, and then the other things you fill in the rest. And you can move them around any way you want. But they are starting someplace because the committee had to start with something. So they started with what they had, and they could not make them up so sometimes they said "ad hoc." Like everything else, we start slowly and we will try it out and we will see how it works.

Trustee Armacost: Can we give you, Marge, feedback on this: this is about this committee, this is not about six different committees, because that will speed things up.

Mayor Swiderski: Absolutely. And you can do that ahead of time.

Trustee Apel: Or if you do not want to give it to me you could give it to Jim because Jim is going to put it on that spread sheet.

Trustee Armacost: I thought Marge was right in the memos.

Mayor Swiderski: But again, you can do that ahead of time, or Marge can come to us with the discussion item for the week and we all agree very quickly that should be with this committee, not these four. You can make suggestions ahead of time but, ultimately, it is all going to be a group decision here on where it gets remanded to.

Trustee Armacost: To it is very useful to flag the entities one should consider. But it is a very different thing when you have got six listed to have them all be responsible for the task. What you need to do, in order to make it workable, is you choose one and then they get input from the others.

Mayor Swiderski: Well, I agree. But earlier today you were adding names to that list, as well.

Trustee Armacost: Adding names to be consulted, not to be joint decisions.

Mr. Metzger: Niki, we thought about that. On the handout I gave you tonight the first line is: "The boards and committees listed in this document should be considered as the lead committee for implementation." We are making suggestions that they talk to these other committees. Or you may decide what we think is the lead committee should not be.

Mayor Swiderski: We agree. There has got to be a lead, whether it is an individual or a committee, in consultation with others. And we have to determine that. But we asked for this, the prioritization and the likely candidates, so we can begin thinking about all this.

Trustee Armacost: Definitely. And that part, I think, is fantastic.

Mayor Swiderski: Right. Now we get to the implementation work.

Mr. Metzger: Jason Jobe, who is on our committee, knows his way around a spread sheet. He assures me he can take this information and put it in a way that it becomes much more malleable to figure out whatever piece of information you want to figure out.

Mayor Swiderski: Which is all very nice but, in the end, it is item by item somebody has got to be pulling stuff out of the Comprehensive Plan, presenting it to us, and we have got to be doing the work.

Mr. Metzger: There is going to be some serious legwork involved here.

Mayor Swiderski: Right, and the work is, up here, each one of these having to be dissected. And some of them are multi-sessions, they may be dedicated sessions. And others will be, we all agree within 15 minutes of what needs to be done.

Mr. Metzger: There are any number of us available for consultation, not only with Marge to figure out how to present this to the Board, but when a board starts discussing they are going to be looking at this, because they have never seen it before. So what were the intentions?

The institutional memory. My goal, in that situation, is not to give them a direction to go in, but to give them information to work on. Should I be the person that does that?

I would tell you there is a private group in the Village that has to do with sustainability and living close to the ground. I spoke to them one afternoon. They were meeting in the library, and I gave them an overview of the Comprehensive Plan because they wanted to know what was in it to satisfy their interest in what the Village might be doing to create a more sustainable future. So we could set up a meeting. You pick five items, we get five groups together, we can come in and present.

Mayor Swiderski: But for our sake, let us digest and then agree on how Marge queues up the first couple, and get to work on it.

2. Update on the Downtown

Mayor Swiderski: July 4 through Sunday evening we have got the Moving Wall, the 50 percent reproduction scale model of the Vietnam Memorial, at Zinsser Park. At noon on July 4 is the opening ceremony. It is being constructed tomorrow.

The second event is on July 13, the Festival of Lights, sponsored by a couple of groups. This is the laser show on the cliffs, combined with other family-oriented activities, at MacEachron Park. A number of the restaurants will have tie-ins.

3. Update on the Waterfront

Village Manager Frobel: Chevron/Uhlich is still waiting word back from the DEC for their permit, and nothing reportable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, 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 Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:05 p.m.