

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 19, 2015**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:42 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Meg Walker, Trustee Daniel Lemons, Village Manager Francis A. Frobels, Village Attorney Linda Whitehead, and Deputy Village Clerk Linda Loeb.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Nicola Armacost.

**CITIZENS:** Fourteen (14).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2015 were approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the following Warrant was approved:

Multi-Fund No. 76-2014-15\$398,784.46

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**John Gonder, 153 James Street:** Several meetings I brought up about a sidewalk on the west side of Farragut Avenue north of Saunders Street. There is at least 70 feet of no sidewalk. It also has at least three solid round bars sticking up maybe a half-inch to a quarter-inch over this 70 feet. It could be a tripping hazard. I am not sure if the sidewalk is built by the county, because it is a county road, but someone should look into it. I brought it up several times, but you people are more concerned with downtown, downtown.

I asked about the television about two months, if it could be put over here. Some of my favorite trustees and also mayors, where the wall is, Chemka, a lot of our mayors you are blocking their view. Simple thing, but we cannot do it. But boy, downtown we can do. I asked a couple of times, these 1660 pews I guess you got from an old church, if you could get some cushions. You sit in beautiful ones. Or I asked to move it to the Orr Room or the Community Center. Mr. Bell agreed with me. So that was a majority of two now, and other people would like that. But you are all considering downtown, downtown.

I asked about solar power. Everybody gives you state and federal deductions, and Hastings will raise your assessment. I do not know who the conservation person is, but it took me a long time with the Village auditor to get the answer yes we will raise your taxes, we will reassess you. So that should be looked into.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** It is not supposed to.

**Mayor Swiderski:** That should not be happening

**Mr. Gonder:** Well, that is what he told me several months ago.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Was that Hastings, or was that Greenburgh?

**Mr. Gonder:** Hastings.

**Mayor Swiderski:** We will address that. That should not be happening.

**Mr. Gonder:** I am glad you gave the reduction for disability and old people in apartments. But I am still looking for a tax reduction for the veterans. A lot of old veterans here that are hurting. You talked about it for five or ten minutes one meeting several months ago, and you put it off for a couple of years. But you will talk about downtown, downtown, downtown all the time, every meeting. I asked you to speed up the process of cleaning up Anaconda property and maybe negotiate. Hear nothing about it. Mr. Jeremiah Quinlan), when he left the Board, which must be four or five years ago, said it would be cleaned up by now. And we did not even start, and we are talking still another five years or so. But we will talk about downtown. We should be negotiating with those people. The suicide fencing, I understand that is \$100,000 and still may be the stainless steel. But some gentleman wanted it underneath, and I do not know where that stands right now. But we will hear about downtown, downtown, downtown again tonight.

**Tanya Rynders, 39 Fraser Place:** We spoke two weeks ago about Zinsser Park and some of the things that are happening there. We went to the Parks and Rec meeting last week and they informed us that 13 trees would be taken down due to concerns from the arborist that was hired. That was obviously a very big concern for us because that is going to change the feel of that park terribly. So we had a meeting with Tim Downey this past weekend and came up with a free park plan that we want to present to the Parks and Rec Commission to help revitalize and bring this park to what it once was. The first part of the plan is, we want to plant fast-growing trees just to get the shape back, get it back to that feel of it being natural and overgrown. Secondary, we want to have some forms of maintenance on the park. The

stream needs a little updating, add some benches so we can have someplace to sit. We were talking about maybe a little fence or a shrub against the parking lot so the kids are not running into the cars. Minor things like that. And then as a third part of the plan, investing in the Village by doing some larger, more long-term trees that could be here 50,100 years from now. They are slower-growing and would not have as much of an effect on our children's lifetimes, but for future children's.

We wanted to let you know that was in the works. We are working on it with Tim Downey. We are going to be reaching out to Kendra to help with budget and timelines. We understand they have a lot on their plate, and because this is so important to us we wanted to jump in and do as much as we could of that legwork to expedite this so we can continue to enjoy this park. I'm not sure how often you all go to the stream, but there is a drain pipe and two bars, and there is a third bar that is missing and a child could very easily – my child has tried – to fit down there. So if that is something that could be remedied that would be appreciated.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Regarding the plans, if you have something electronic we would love to see them. And the bar is a safety concern. Thank you for bringing it up.

**Tim Downey, 520 Farragut Parkway:** Back in January I said this topic was going to come back up. And it is here tonight because a couple of weeks ago I received that annual letter regarding the backblower laws. This year, the wording seemed to be a little stricter on it. I would like to point out some conversation and some thoughts regarding the law. A number of meetings ago, you mentioned how the Village of Hastings uses the same model as Ardsley for the Village cleaning; we hire an outside contractor. That actually is not correct. Because if you go into the Village of Ardsley, and I have not observed it this year but have observed it for the prior four, five or six years, the company works in concert with a contractor who goes through the village downtown every Saturday morning at an hour around 7:30 or thereabouts with a team of gentlemen, using backblowers. They get every little piece of litter and dust out of the curbsways, sidewalks and so forth. So they use the blowers in concert with the sweeping service they have there.

The blower ban, we have heard through the election period there were two concerns that came up in large part: the messiness of the Village and financial concerns. I would suggest there is a direct correlation that can be drawn between when the blower ban went into effect in 2008 and what we have felt in terms of a decline in the Village appearance since that time. Setting aside the sweeper and the absence of a sweeper, certainly that is part of the conversation in the immediate town and the Village. But in the spring and autumn, despite sometimes their improper use and their careless use, they are a very important part of what helps keep this village clean. Because without those contractors and homeowners using those pieces of equipment our streets, many times, would look a lot less tidy than they are

otherwise.

The law has been a value in teaching and retraining people how they conduct themselves out there, and I think it has been good from that standpoint. I think the intent of the Conservation Commission, who brought this forward, their intentions were well and good. However, in doing the law they had to draw upon, I am sure, their own personal experiences, their knowledge of what they know. I would suggest, and this is not meant to be a slight in any shape or form, I know where those different parties live. Their homes are not reflective of many of the properties that would need a piece of equipment like this in order to maintain some level of tidiness. As I mentioned, last spring, and it occurred this spring with a later onset of spring, we just saw all the oak fuzzy tumbleweeds come down. This came up two years ago with the Board. Now we have the maple seed dropping, we have the black locust about to come. There is this nonstop flow of debris. And when you cut off the line on May 15 it does not align with nature's calendar. So it is an artificially imposed restriction.

Again, it has its value, it has done a retraining. But I would like to see, as I press for two years ago, where we allow the partial use or the use of a smaller device. The Village of Irvington was going to consider a similar law last spring and they quickly axed it down because of the public response. I put on the table before you all this evening a cut copy from Mark Gilliland, one of the Trustees from Irvington, in which he proposed changes. They just used the boilerplate, which is why they floated it out there. He proposed a different approach because they listened to the contractors who spoke at the meeting, or had input. I think it is a much more fair law. Just as we would not take away automobiles from everyone because a few individuals speed, why are we taking away the piece of equipment from those individuals who use it in a responsible fashion?

Finally, I would like to mention that today, as per my request last meeting, the Village employees were on the Ravensdale Bridge. They did an excellent job of tidying it up and, of course, making it safer. It will be a busy holiday weekend this weekend with cyclists no doubt going over the bridge. But here is a case in point how it ties in with the Village election. We heard we are going to keep a tidier village. We sent three employees out there to do the job that two could do in less time. So in terms of money, that is a one-third savings in terms of labor costs, in how we use our labor. You have heard me talk time and again about efficient with our labor. We have to balance that with quality of life and the other concerns the whole community has. I think it is time we have a new conversation. Because I saw, on the response the last time I brought this up, it was about a 50-50 split. People are starting to see there are consequences, unintended consequences, that came with this law and this change.

Lastly, I was affected by this law last year in Dobbs for the very first time. I pleaded not

guilty, had a court hearing in November. I went to the Village Attorney beforehand. He wanted to ask why I was pleading not guilty, and I brought these manuals. These are legal documents, and in these documents it does not say anything about leaf blower.

**Mayor Swiderski:** We are heading toward 5 minutes.

**Mr. Downey:** This is a backblower or a handheld blower. A leaf blower is a euphemism or slang. I do not think you can construct a law based upon a slang and an inaccurate statement of what the equipment is. Just as if someone is in court, you would not call them man or woman, you would call them by their accurate, legal name. So I think you have a problem on the foundation of your law based upon the way it was written because it was not addressing what the equipment really is. One of its actions is leaf blowing, as street cleaning, tennis court cleaning, roof cleaning and so forth. But there is no such thing as a leaf blower. Thank you.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Thank you. Other public comments?

**Patrick Randolph Bell, Hastings-on-Hudson:** You passed the elderly law. It is awesome and I commend you for doing something like for the Village. I know sometimes a lot of people out there and up there think Mr. Gonder's a kook. He is not. This man has been watching these things and coming to these meetings for years. What he says, do what he says. It is so simple. He will stop coming to the meetings once you do some of these things. I spoke to the Downtown Advocate about Uniontown. You are always talking about it is always downtown, downtown.

**Mayor Swiderski:** The rules of engagement here is that you are addressing us, not people in the audience.

**Mr. Bell:** I am addressing you with the corner of my eye, do not worry.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Patrick.

**Mr. Bell:** Yes, sir. I like your new hair, by the way.

**Mayor Swiderski:** That is great.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Gonder, I spoke to the Downtown Advocate about Uniontown, where I live also. I am going to try to work with her for you, Mr. Gonder. The pedestrian fencing on the Warburton Avenue Bridge. I am sure Mr. Frobel has been watching 10706 this week, and there is a whole new page called the Warburton Bridge called Save the View on Facebook.

It has 250 likes so far. We are very concerned about this new fence. We would like the 42-inch minimum, the 3 ½ foot minimum, rather than this eight or ten foot tall fence. I found New York State bridge guidelines for pedestrian fencing. For pedestrian fencing, all it is is that if it is over a railroad or over a highway it is supposed to be ... those are the two key terms that start off that clause for definitions of having a pedestrian fence. I hope you figure out a way to not make this happen because the Village is going to start going nuts.

The back fire exit I know is out of code. I talked to the Building Department about it. They said if you just take down that little emergency exit sign up there, then it is all in code. It was supposed to have been done a long time ago. It is because that last bench is only a foot to a foot and a half away from the door so it should not be designated as an emergency exit. You can move it over there. That was about the ADA compliance thing. I asked Mr. Frobel, to continue on that one, Westchester On The Move, I asked for that report from them about two weeks. You have not gotten back to me. You said you had to look for it, given you some time, but I would love a copy of it.

Chunks all over the sidewalk. Next door to the Purple Crayon there is a three foot triangle chunk out of that sidewalk which every pedestrian passes every day. There is also one next to Amjo's, around the corner. That is a safety hazard.

Back in the day, my great-grandfather bought the five lots that my family lives on from the high school student government. They come in here, you bring the student government in. They are the Board of Trustees and the Mayor for a day. I would love to see that tradition brought back again one day a year to encourage people to get involved in the government from a young age.

I went to the Conservation Commission meeting. Mr. Lemons is our new Trustee liaison to the Conservation Commission. For the first time ever, I broadcast the live meeting. A live broadcast which is encouraged and 100 percent allowed under the law of New York State under the open meeting laws. Multiple opinions of the New York State open meeting laws, the Department of State's open meeting laws, the executive director said you can broadcast, you can tape, you can do whatever you want. Mr. Lemons was not bad at it. I wish he would have stood up for me a little more and shut down the people who were bullying me, getting mad at me. Not the whole board, but a particular few. It was so disrespectful to a member of the public trying to ... Mr. Gonder last week, or two weeks ago, asked what goes on in the Conservation Commission meeting, what goes in the Arts Commission meeting. I tried to give him what he wanted and was attacked for it. I was attacked for six minutes and more. You can find the link on my 10706 page.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Five minutes are up.

**Mr. Bell:** This is the last one. It is a positive one. I went to the Arts Commission meeting, did the same thing. They were joyous. They encouraged it. They said they might start doing it themselves so people know what goes on in the Arts Commission meeting. I want you to educate your boards about the law, and I do not want this to happen again to anybody in this village where they are made to feel like a lesser citizen because they do not feel comfortable being in front of a camera even though they are a public body.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is 6 minutes, but thank you.

**Bryan Allan, 101 Southside Avenue:** I want to back up Mr. Bell on his comments about the Conservation Commission footage. You should all look at that. It is shocking. He comes in and says I am going to film this, and they go crazy. Mr. Lemons says it is inappropriate. He is attacked for being adversarial, he is abused, it is shocking. Counsel needs to tell every committee and every commission that the public can videotape and broadcast them as any other report. One of the things the latest election was about was transparency. The Conservation Commission just did a bag law that is very controversial, not enforced, and he goes to try to livestream it, which he is entitled to do under the law without any question. And he is told to leave, he is told it is inappropriate by a Village Trustee. It is shocking. A citizen can come and livestream a meeting.

I am one of the people who will go nuts about the bridge fence. There have been improprieties there. They will be aired, and I urge the Board to look into alternatives to putting up this ten foot wire fence. We will get into that at other meetings and in the public otherwise.

**Matt Turk, 633 North Broadway:** The issue at the bridge. I'd like to have an open conversation about suicide and the motivation behind building the fence. Someone who is going to commit suicide will commit suicide and there are, unfortunately, many options for it. Diminishing the quality of life and causing conflict among people who live here would be better served if we could bring mental health professionals who could help us deal with a policy within education and social work, family planning, other contexts for dealing with suicide, not through the government.

The siren for the ambulatory needs is antiquated. I go to Israel twice a year, and they beeper into the satellite system and there is no siren that causes a lot of noise. I know people are very attached to it, the workers here, the volunteers, and I respect their work. But I would like to see if we could have a dialogue to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with technology to better serve the public, who is living here for the tranquility of the community, and also allow the folks who volunteer to do a great job.

**Elizabeth Velez:** I am coming to speak to someone regarding 422 Warburton. My father lives in the building, and my husband and I are the new owners of the Village Balloon and Flower Shop. My dad is a stroke patient. He tends to have seizures from this stroke. This winter, during the coldest two weeks of the year, three weeks of the year they had no heat because of something wrong with the geothermal system. Finally, they got that fixed. Within a week after that, they lost water. Now they have no hot water. They eventually figured out that they needed a bigger water tank, or two water tanks, put in. They put it in, and now there is no water pressure.

Last week it got to be 80, 90 degrees and no air, and casement windows where you cannot put an air conditioning unit in the apartment. That becomes a real health hazard for my father. With the heat and the humidity, it can very easily cause him to have a second stroke or a seizure that will cause a stroke. I have a problem with that. I went through my father's lease and it says any alteration made to the apartment illegally, without the landlord or the super's knowledge, will be considered defacing the property and we will have to pay to fix it. And it has to be installed by a super, which we have not had in six months because he quit or was fired.

I have been trying to get in touch with the management company. The number is disconnected, there is nobody to call; not the emergency number, not the super number, not the office number. I called another number I was given, I think it might have for Eric Anderson. I left a message for him to call me back. That was two days ago, no one has called. Stan is in there trying to do what he can, but I do not think he is equipped to deal with that building and its problems and its system. My father told me that Stan advised him that the people who are hired to fix the air conditioning unit do not know how to fix it. .

I am here to see if someone can do something for these people. I called the office of the disabled today and spoke to someone. He gave me a phone number to speak to someone else who is a tenant advocate. I am trying to go through all these processes. Just before I came here my father called and he said please come turn on the fan. I said, But, Dad, the fan is only going to run hot air in your apartment, it is not going to help you at all tonight or in any way. Is there anything I can do other than what I have done already?

**Village Manager Frobel:** You have done everything appropriately. We, too, have been frustrated. The building has a host of problems. Part of it is the aging geothermal well. Both wells are off-line right now, neither are working. Mr. Anderson told us today he is getting those repaired. He would not give us a date as to when they will be fixed. He did point out, however, he is not obligated under the law to provide air conditioning.



**Ms. Velez:** Correct. But he is misinformed about his own lease. His own air system in his building is AC/heat. It is a central air unit, and if you do not have windows you can put a window unit in, you cannot even help these people. There are children and sick people there.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not know. What I was going to point out was, he knows under the law he does not have to provide air conditioning. But we have reason to believe your lease may require him to provide air conditioning. Is that true, do you think?

**Ms. Velez:** It says it does not require air conditioning, but it says it does require air ventilation and heating and hot water.

**Village Manager Frobel:** If you have not already you should have contacted our Building Inspector. Have you spoke with Buddy?

**Ms. Velez:** I spoke to the girls in the office. They said that he already had checked, and nothing to do with the AC unit.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I would suggest you contact Buddy tomorrow. He will give you the latest. But we are keeping the pressure on Mr. Anderson to have the building up to standards.

**Ms. Velez:** There is nothing else that could be done based on the fact that he got grants to build this place.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Not that we are aware of

**Ms. Velez:** Housing, f he got the money to do this with the knowledge that you would build something that worked for people who could not afford it. And now they are telling each tenant to buy a 400-and-something dollar window air conditioning unit that fits in a sliver or is a portable unit. I believe one of the tenants got threatened that she needed to pay her rent.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Part of the problem is, even though the technology is new to us it is aging and they have a hard time finding technicians that can fix what is existing. But contact Buddy tomorrow and stay close. There is another family I have been talking to so we have had some communication.

**Amy Huelsman, 765 North Broadway:** I get my bagels on Sunday and I usually park in Steinschneider parking lot behind the New China. I keep noticing what a mess it is back there, and I am wondering what is going to happen with that. It is continually a mess. The food and the papers and the cardboard are on the road. While I was standing there taking

pictures, one of the gentlemen within the restaurant saw me, laughed at me, and then threw garbage on top of that. So that was a little upsetting. Once I had my camera out, I started to walk around the town to look at other things, and I went to the bridge. I took some pictures and I posted them on Facebook. My observation is that everyone starting posting that they do not know anything about the fence going on the bridge and they are upset about it. I am not sure what the answer is here, but I just want you to know that not too many people know that is going on and a lot of people are unhappy about it. I am hoping we can come to a better decision on this. I do not think it is a good plan and I think you are going to get a lot of opposition once everyone finds out what is going on.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I would like to comment on Steinschneider because we are taking some action there and it is worth mentioning.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We have been working with the landlords for quite some time. The design of the plaza does not lend itself to being aesthetically pleasing. The entrance to some of those buildings are what should be the back of the building, if you follow me. That is where their trash cans are kept. So we are trying to work with the landlords and the owners to come up with some screening. We are looking at some containers for their trash cans. We have increased the number of pickups. Our crews are coming in more frequently to pick up the waste, the tins, the recyclables and the cardboard. So we are trying to address that, but we have some problems in coming to terms with it quickly. It is taking a little longer than we would have liked. But we are working with some different parties. Part of it is a private landlord obligation to keep it neat and orderly, and that is what we are trying to work with. I would have hoped you would have seen some improvement over the last few months, but in the next few months you will see some additional improvements, as well.

### **39:15 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – SANITATION TRUCK**

**Village Manager Frobel:** This is our recommendation. You have heard our need to replace some heavy equipment. In this case, we are looking to replace the aging 1996 Mack garbage truck. That will be junked. It has very little value except for scrap. We are hoping to have delivery, if we award it this evening, by end of year or early January. This is a critical piece of apparatus to the operation and one that we would like to have the Board approve.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the purchase under state contract of one (1) 2016 Mack GU813 sanitation/recycling

packer truck from Beam Mack Sales & Service, Syracuse, New York, for the price of \$207,040, to be paid from bond proceeds.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

**40:15 AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM**

**Village Manager Frobel:** At the last meeting we heard from the Trustees of this grant opportunity. Since that time, I have met with a grant writer who has helped me in the past, and we see this as an opportunity. A tight deadline before it is due June 15. They hope to make the award over the summer. There is about \$800,000 available state-wide so competition will be keen. But we are convinced that we could have a good program. As indicated in the resolution, we are looking to hire an engineering firm with some marine expertise to help us with shoreline design stabilization as part of the remediation for the site or the ultimate disposition of the property. We are looking to protect the property, come up with some environmentally smart ways to address river-rising, and having it be a nice area for the community to enjoy. We are suggesting a \$50,000 grant, which is the maximum allowed, although we have not yet heard from the engineering firm that we have asked for some rough estimates. So it could be less, but for now we have got the resolution not to exceed the amount, which is the maximum amount that is allowed to be applied for. It does require a match. I assume some of it can be in kind. If so, with the expertise you had on your Infrastructure Committee, some of their time can be devoted towards working with this. It is an exciting opportunity. We will pull it together and get it to you in short order.

**Trustee Walker:** I offered to add some detail, and I have not had an opportunity to. I had hoped to talk to the DEC estuary program director and tell her about our intention of applying, but also asking for technical assistance within their program. I have not been able to reach her. I continue to work on that. They are very interested in our shoreline and the issues we are addressing. We could be a model for other communities in looking at particularly the soft shoreline and vegetating with natural vegetation as opposed to bulkhead. There are a variety of ways to do it. I think BP is going to be interested in hearing from us soon about how we want to do it and where we want to do it, but we probably can also come back later and refine some of the details.

We also need to look in more detail exactly where we want bulkhead and exactly where we want soft shoreline. It would be helpful to have a marine engineer. We also may need to have some public meetings to address that in terms of launching kayaks, looking at opportunities for larger boats, perhaps a ferry dock. All of this needs to be looked at pretty quickly. We should start as soon as possible even before we hear about the grant, first by thinking about it as an overall plan of where we want soft shoreline. Then this grant could help us get into the details of the soft shoreline and the bulkhead. It is a two-step process, where we think about first the locations of all these things, and then we use this grant to get into the detail of the construction vegetation of it. Does that make sense?

**Village Manager Frobels:** I thought the grant was going to help you identify the areas that would be appropriate.

**Trustee Walker:** I think we cannot wait. I think we have to identify those sooner. What do you think, Mayor?

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is on the very tail end of a process that is determining that right now. Mr. Gonder speaks of negotiations; they have been underway for nine months, and we are at the tail end of that.

**Trustee Walker:** Right. And that is something we can do perhaps with the engineers from Berger. They have a marine engineer, they have an environmental ... I do not know if she is a landscape architect, but at any rate she is very experienced in shoreline design. So in terms of the location of these types of shorelines, they can help us with that. But then the next phase is going to be how you do it, how you build it, how you vegetate it. That is where this grant can be useful.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I agree, that is where the grant is likely to be most utilized. Essentially, all the shorefront except for the northwest corner and a small bit for kayak launching is going to be soft. In an age of storms and sea level rise, bulkheads are no longer favored. There will be some small portions keeping kayaks and canoes in it, but the soft configuration is super-important.

**Trustee Walker:** It is not all black and white, either. We can put some floating docks or piers, as our engineer, Lynn Warner, showed us you could even do that in the soft shoreline. But it has to be designed in such a way that you could do that. You can also launch kayaks from beaches, which is a form of soft shoreline. Those are the details we need to look at, but we need to give BP the big picture soon and I do not think we can wait for the grant to do that. We can describe this in the grant, that we are going through this process right now of

determining where this soft shoreline is going to be. We can come up with the right terminology for it. And then say we need this grant to help us do the detailed work for the shoreline stabilization and vegetation. Some of it is also going to be where we want to locate the trail.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I was going to ask, because I want to leverage the grant for the pieces that are of less interest to BP because, arguably, they have got an equal interest in vegetation. But on the trail work, and figuring out how to structure that relation to the slope, it would be great if we had professional help on that.

**Trustee Walker:** It is a combination of a marine engineer and a landscape architect, I think. But it is a great opportunity to get funding for it. And I think we are prime to receive it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Yes, I agree.

**Trustee Apel:** I agree.

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

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Hastings Waterfront Infrastructure Committee's April, 2015 report has identified resilient shoreline stabilization as a priority, to control erosion and provide public access to the river for recreation and inspiration purposes, and

**WHEREAS,** the Village requires the expertise of a marine engineering firm for shoreline stabilization planning. To support the Village's stewardship of its greatest natural asset, Hastings seeks viable stabilization recommendations that will enhance the natural scenery, ensure public access, and support the estuary's ecosystem. Climate change and flooding is to be a particular focus of the shoreline stabilization planning; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed stabilization measures are to take into account recommended upland park redevelopment including the installation of the RiverWalk; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village Manager has identified the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's 2015 Hudson River

Estuary Grant for Local Stewardship Planning as a funding source appropriate to this project; and

**WHEREAS,** applications are due June 15, 2015, and successful applicants will be required to provide 15% of the total project cost in match funds, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that Peter Swiderski, Mayor of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, is hereby authorized to file an application for funds from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with the provisions of the Hudson River Estuary Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the DEC for such financial assistance to provide shoreline stabilization planning, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor is herein authorized to take any and all such steps as are necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

**41:15 APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ASSESSOR**

**Village Manager Frobel:** We are losing our long-term assessor, Fred Gross. Fred has served the Village very well for a number of years. I will check with him on the solar panels. But we are losing Fred. And we are in a situation where we are going to need someone to administer our tax roll. Edye McCarthy is the assessor for the Town of Greenburgh. She has a business relationship in Elmsford similar to what we are proposing. She also manages the Dobbs Ferry roll. She is very familiar with the Village, she knows our operation, she has worked closely with Fred over the years. She is prepared to help us during this period of time, and I say that because we do not know what the future holds. Once the revaluation is complete, you are going to have other options you can choose from. Whether you choose to continue to maintain our role or whether you adopt the Town role or some in-between fashion, but at least for the next year we are recommending we enter into this relationship

with Edye. Staff has met with her on several occasions. I am convinced it will be a seamless transition. Obviously, a different personality so that is going to take a little getting used to. Fred, again, I will miss him. He has done a wonderful job for us. But we are going to be able to work this through and work with Edye over the next year. It is a savings. Fred was earning a little more than what is being proposed here. But the amount that is being asked to be considered is what is in the budget.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I do not know if I would call it a conflict, but is the fact that she does this for both the school and us in any way an issue?

**Village Manager Frobel:** She says no. She has done this for Elmsford, a very similar relationship. This is her side job, a job she does outside of her workplace. She will be dealing with us evenings, weekends. She has her full-time job with the Town. Our role is an entirely separate instrument although, obviously, when she puts a value on Town property often times our assessor will look at it and see whether it is an appropriate value to place on property here.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But that is why I asked. For historical reasons, and I am sorry I did not raise this earlier, the two rolls are out of synch. Not in all cases, but enough. So let us say there is a house that is assessed, for school purposes, at \$25,000 and for Village purposes at \$26,000 and somebody comes and challenges it. What happens to her impartiality, given that the roll she sits atop shows it to be less?

**Village Manager Frobel:** She claims she has a very limited role when there is a grievance. Because a grievance is challenging her work, and the board of assessment review is the one that has to hear from the homeowner and the experts to determine whether her work is ...

**Mayor Swiderski:** Very good points, silly question.

**Village Manager Frobel:** No, we had the same question because I really did not understand the role of the assessor in that capacity. But it is her work they are challenging, so they are going to test it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Let us go through another hypothetical. A house is assessed at \$23,000 in one, \$20,000 in the other. They have major work done on it and the building permit is submitted to both the Town and the Village. Is she going to be assessing each one against the value on that role, or unitarily?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not know. Are you saying will she start with the base of the Town or the Village, and then build from there?

**Mayor Swiderski:** Right.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not know.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Will she try to reconcile the two dynamically?

**Village Manager Frobel:** Knowing the nature of that industry, she may.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** Or she may just look at the value of the improvement and add that. Because Greenburgh is going through their revaluation now the differences between the two rolls are short-term. The difference is going to become even greater because they're going full value.

**Trustee Lemons:** So there is no standard for governing that sort of a situation?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I can ask her the question. I do not know.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** If someone challenges an assessment, and one roll is significantly different from the other, they are going to use that. So it is easier to defend if both rolls are in the same place.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It a reasonably likely assumption that we are going to adopt the Town roll when they are done, in two years' time. So this is a situation that will apply to those properties that are reevaluated in that interim period.

**Trustee Apel:** Does this cause a problem for us in the Village by hiring her if people perceive there is going to be a conflict?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not see why.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Is there any other village in Greenburgh that hires her, as well?

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** Elmsford.

**Village Manager Frobel:** And Dobbs. Dobbs is a little different. Dobbs pays the Town of Greenburgh for Edye's services. Elmsford is the same as us. She would be a contractor for us, separate from the Town.



**Trustee Walker:** But Dobbs has adopted the Town tax roll.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** No, they have their own roll.

**Trustee Walker:** And yet they have paid Greenburgh to administer it.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Yes, it is very complicated.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** Rather than have their own assessor, they do it by contract with the Town.

**Mayor Swiderski:** So it is not something they would recommend as an approach.

**Village Manager Frobel:** No.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** And Irvington is no longer an assessing unit.

**Trustee Apel:** So what is the downside?.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I am trying to understand if somebody has an assessment of \$21,000 on the Village rolls and \$25,000 on the Town roll, and they do a renovation and it adds \$2,000 to the Town's assessment, is it going to add \$7,000 to the Village assessment or is it going to add \$2,000 to the Village assessment.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Let me ask her what her approach to that would be.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** You can ask her, but I think it should only add the value of the improvement.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Yes, me too.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Could you verify that before we vote on this? Is that all right with the Board to put this off?

**Trustee Apel:** Yes, that is fine.

**Trustee Walker:** I think it is good to clarify it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I am a little leery, given the perceived complication. I think you are right. Instinctively it would seem to be the marginal addition should go to the base.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** I think if she did not do that they could challenge the increase.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I would rather have that just verified.

**Village Manager Frobel:** While you are on another topic that does not concern me, I will try to reach her by cell phone and pose that question to her.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Fair enough, then we are going to pause this.

#### **42:15 APPROVAL OF NON-UNION PERSONNEL SALARIES**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees establish the following salaries for non-union personnel effective June 1, 2015:

Deputy Manager/Village Clerk	\$102,421
Superintendent of Public Works	\$116,164
Building Inspector	\$ 85,000
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation	\$ 76,414
Director of Youth Services	\$ 69,655
Youth Advocate	\$ 53,060
Technology Director/Deputy Treasurer	\$ 66,480
Cable TV Director	\$ 39,021
Deputy Village Clerk	\$ 46,818
Senior Office Assistant	\$ 54,100
Payroll/Personnel Clerk	\$ 53,060
Court Clerk	\$ 53,474
Assistant Court Clerk	\$ 32,784
Recreation Assistant	\$ 42,948
Recreation Assistant	\$ 37,787
Chief of Police	\$144,000

**Part-Time Personnel**

Deputy Building Inspector	\$ 25.00/hr.
Fire Inspector	\$ 23,000
Senior Outreach	\$ 19,862
Parking Enforcement Officer	\$ 15.00/hr
Clerk	\$ 17.70/hr.
Bookkeeper (Finance Office)	\$ 17.70/hr.
Recreation Bus Driver	\$ 15.92/hr

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
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Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Meg Walker	X
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X

**43:15 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B OF 2015 WITH RESPECT TO REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET OPENINGS**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. B of 2015 amending Article VII Excavations of Chapter 252 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson with respect to requirements for street openings.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
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Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Meg Walker	X
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X

### **44:15 CHANGE OF MEETING DATES**

[ Discussion of Dates ]

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby schedule the following Regular Meeting dates:

1. July 7, 2015
2. August 4, 2015

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	Absent	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

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

**Village Manager Frobel:** I reported to the Board about ten days or so ago that we lost our senior van. It had an electrical fire. No one was on the van except for the driver. We had had some indication that we had some electrical problems with it. We thought we had gotten them sorted out, but we did not. Given the age of the van and the extent of the damage, it may be a total loss. In the interim, we have been using our small Ford Focus to bring seniors to different locations.

This opens an opportunity for us. Today Kendra and I met with representatives from Dobbs Ferry. Dobbs Ferry has a new senior van. As of today, but ending on June 1, they had a relationship with Ardsley. Ardsley was a partner with Dobbs and they would pay for the senior van. Ardsley is discontinuing that relationship. Their senior transportation program is so small that it does not make sense for them to partner with Dobbs. So Dobbs needs a partner and they are very interested in having us be that partner. We are working out details. Right now, we are meshing our schedules to see how we can overlap. The goal is to minimize any inconvenience to the seniors for transportation needs. Both of us have a relatively small group. There are probably six to eight that are what they consider regular users of the service. The van holds 18 passengers with the lift that is state of the art.

This could be a good opportunity for us. We will schedule out the logistics. We have talked to Anne Russak, Kendra is providing me with some supporting data. This meeting was the manager from Dobbs, myself, their senior advocate, a woman who is involved with county senior programs, a member of the board of trustees from Dobbs. So the spirit is very willing.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Is their driver full-time or part-time?

**Village Manager Frobel:** There lies the rub somewhat. They have two part-time drivers. They cannot exceed the 29-hour rule. So one of the drivers works for their school department part-time and drives part-time. The drivers were technically Ardsley's employees to avoid that concern that the part-timer would have been two halves make a whole. I argued it is your vehicle, I would think you would want your employees directly responsible for its operation. We are going to work those details out. I do not see that as a major obstacle. It may give us a greater stake in it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** What about our driver?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I will work with Steve. He could be a spare. He could supplement when the men are on vacation and not available, or when we have a special event on the weekend or in the evening hours, we would use Steve's services at that time.

**Trustee Walker:** Does Dobbs not use their senior van as a transportation shuttle, driving people at the end of the day up from the train station and making some loops around?

**Village Manager Frobel:** That is also a concern. The van is not available in the early evening hours. We use our van, at times, with our PAL program bringing youngsters to different facilities, ball games for example. But again, we could sort that out.

**Trustee Walker:** It was one thing we wanted to look at with our transportation committee, the possibility for a transportation shuttle for commuters. I think it is great to partner with Dobbs and I definitely think that is the way to go. But I was wondering that if we were looking for a new van at some point if there were programs that would allow us, perhaps within transportation funding for example, to fund something that shuttles passengers, commuters as well as seniors. Because it would help reduce vehicular use in the Village and provide a new form of transportation, there might be transportation funds out there for that type of vehicle.

**Trustee Apel:** Have we cost out what a ride is? Is it worth \$20, \$30 a shot? That being the case, why could we not contract with the taxi company?

**Village Manager Frobel:** Interesting you should say that. We argued that a number of years ago, and that is what Ardsley is doing. The ridership is so small, and these vans are very expensive. The van that we lost was a hybrid which never worked properly. It cost twice what a diesel-powered van would be, which is Dobbs' point. They are very costly and costly to run.

**Trustee Walker:** We received a grant for it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Partial grant.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We got the CDBG, NYSEDA and partially our money. So three partners in that. But the fact is, hybrid never worked. Set that aside, but they are expensive and it probably it is less expensive to have a car service for people because it is on demand. A senior can call at 9 o'clock today, say pick me up at 10 o'clock and I want to go the Stop and Shop in Dobbs shopping today, and there will be the ride.

**Trustee Walker:** I thought they had a regular time every week when they would all go shopping.

**Village Manager Frobel:** That can happen at times, but it is on demand. You can call and schedule a pickup. And it is not just doctors' appointments and things, it is shopping. They do have a ride that goes to their nutrition site which runs every day. But there are times when there are no passengers and they do not run it.

**Trustee Apel:** There were some communities, much larger than we are, that give chits or vouchers to seniors. They get X amount a month, and they can use that for transportation. The arrangement is made with the taxi company or whatever, and they are only allowed to drive within a certain amount of time or miles, 10 or 15. That could be an alternative.

**Village Manager Frobel:** The initial reaction was negative on the notion, but it was talked about. It was not a popular concept. They like the van.

**Trustee Apel:** But it is a cab. You call the cab company up. You have your voucher, instead of paying your own money you give them a voucher.

**Mayor Swiderski:** That is not the issue.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** They like the van better.

**Mayor Swiderski:** The seats are not lower, there is the getting in and out.

**Trustee Apel:** That part I understand. That is a matter of whether maybe it is in the best interest of the cab company to buy a van.

**Village Manager Frobel:** No, we are going to work on the financials. It will probably be an IMA with Dobbs. We will probably pay on a monthly basis. We did not budget for this.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It should be cheaper anyway because we do not have an hourly worker.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We are going to have to still pay a worker, and there is going to be depreciation on a van.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But it has to be compared against what a new one would cost.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Right. We will see the cash value we get. That could be used to help pay down or pay for this service. My goal was going to be to take that residual from the insurance, perhaps, and put it towards a new van if that is what we decided. Or at least put it in our capital reserve so if you did come to a decision someday to buy one, at least that money would not be lost to the general fund and would be available for another capital investment. But short term, we will need the cash to pay for the service. That is all ahead of us, we do not know what that number is.

**Trustee Apel:** Are there grants for a public-private relationship with a taxi company for them to buy the van and us use it?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I do not know. Dobbs paid cash for their van. They financed it, they bought it flat out, no grant. They said they looked for grants.

**Trustee Walker:** How much was it?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I did not ask.

**Trustee Walker:** You have not looked at replacement for our van, how much that would cost?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I found out hours ago ours might be totaled. He was out there late yesterday or early today. I would say it probably cost at least \$85,000. We bought the hybrid seven, eight years ago and it cost \$120,000-plus. The most expensive item is the lift. You have got that full hydraulic lift.

**Trustee Walker:** If we sign an IMA with Dobbs is it on a year-to-year basis?

**Village Manager Frobels:** It could be, if that is what you want.

**Trustee Walker:** We want to try it out. It is important to find out whether this works.

**Trustee Apel:** Right.

**Mayor Swiderski:** If we cannot partner on this, if we cannot manage a van...

**Trustee Lemons:** It would be good to go see a little financial analysis on it.

**Village Manager Frobels:** Right, we will do some.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It should be a savings, otherwise why do it? Bottom line is, it should be.

**Trustee Apel:** Maybe we can get some subsidy. Did we not get some money in the past from Tom Abinanti for the Youth Center? We get money every once in awhile.

**Village Manager Frobels:** There are a number of grants, yes.

**Trustee Apel:** So maybe there is something for that or for a senior van or some transportation. Let us see if he is willing.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But we still have to deal with this. We do not have a senior van at this point.

**Trustee Apel:** It could take a year go get the money.

**Trustee Walker:** Partner for the next year while we look into other options.

**Village Manager Frobels:** Dobbs is going to loan us, in the interim, their old van. So we will be using that soon,

**Trustee Walker:** Is their old van handicapped-accessible?

**Village Manager Frobels:** Yes.

**Mayor Swiderski:** That may also be an answer to the PAL problem. Anything else?



**Village Manager Frobel:** The Warburton Bridge should be open to one-way traffic Thursday around noon. I believe the concrete pour is complete. I am not aware of any upsets during the pour. Once they are comfortable that it is cured, they will switch the lanes.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Is the overall project on target?

**Village Manager Frobel:** I posed that question, and the contact has not written back to me. But I do not have any indication it is not.

**Mayor Swiderski:** When is the target?

**Village Manager Frobel:** They said it was going to be between 18 and 24 months.

**Mayor Swiderski:** So 18 would put us at the end of this year.

**Village Manager Frobel:** And 24 probably next spring.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

### **1. Update on the Downtown**

**Mayor Swiderski:** You have a report from our Downtown Advocate?

**Trustee Walker:** By all indications the Village Crawl was quite a success. The restaurants were really happy with the turnout. I think 220 or 240. passports were sold at \$20 each. A quarter of that goes to support Friday Night Live.

Barb wrote, "I have included the numbers from the December crawl for comparison. Overall sales were quite similar, with packet sales of 230 which means 300 or more people were activated, as many people share their passes, although the spread to the restaurants differed slightly due to factors such as their offerings this time around and perhaps the weather as well. Many more people took Harvest up on its offer. It was generous, and included a choice of two appetizers, tap beer or dessert. The weather was terrific so it was a nice evening to be out by the river. The owner of Forty North described it as tremendous for us. The Mill was pleased with the way they set it up and ran it this time, using their outside and front space. French Press had a much easier time serving pre-made empanadas rather than making crepes to order. Tony's had an easier time, as they prepared for the crowd in advance and dedicated their entire front area to the crawl with dedicated wait staff. The Prime was thrilled with the turnout they got. Adding sliders to their offering seemed to make a big difference. They were also the top sales spot of passes, selling 88 sets. So all of the

restaurants, along with the Village and Allstate, were featured in a half-page ad. Our next crawl will be Friday, December 4 in conjunction with Friday Night Live Lights up the Night. I think these events will remain exciting if spaced apart in this way. So 230 packets sold, total income \$4,600, with \$1,150 going to Friday Night Live."

We did not close the street, it did not cost very much to run. I like that you get both the families out and adults. Sometimes adults are not happy on the Friday Night Live close the streets nights because it is just a lot of kids. These nights you find people of all ages going. That is a nice turn of events for our Friday Night Live, spices it up and makes it much more diverse in terms of the audience.

WE are planning for a June 12 Outdoor Adventure Friday Night Live. We will close down Warburton Avenue. It is featuring a rock climbing tower, courtesy of the Boy Scouts, and they will operate it. Parents will have to sign waivers for the kids to climb. There is going to be a bike derby courtesy of Stan at Velo Bikes. This is for little kids. Live music, and we are having a number of high school bands perform. There will be other activities for kids, as well. The focus is outdoor activities. We were interested in getting the Boy Scouts to sponsor some other activities that might go along with camping and hiking and being outdoors. We are inviting some of the local trail groups like the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to come and sell maps. Maybe the Appalachian Mountain Club, Westchester Trail Association so they can promote these outdoor activities.

This is on June 12. On June 6, Barb, our Downtown Advocate, is moonlighting for RiverArts but this is benefiting us. She is producing the first-ever RiverArts Music Tour for RiverArts. It is like the Artists Studio Tour in concept, but it features live music performances throughout the Rivertowns, from 12 noon until 8 p.m., followed by a closing party at Purpl. All events are free to the public. There are 150 musicians in 80 performances in 24 locations in the four villages, and many interesting spaces will be activated both indoors and out. I was pushing for outdoor public spaces, but we also have a number of indoor spots in Hastings, including private homes as well as the VFW plaza, Kinnally Cove, the Station Café, The Prime, Trinity Rivertowns Church, First Reform Church, Temple Beth Shalom, Purpl and Andrus on Hudson.

**Trustee Apel:** Do we also know that the library is having an important event on that date, 5:30 to 8:45?

**Trustee Walker:** That is another good reason to stick around on that day.

On other things, we met with Susan Maggiotto, some members of the Downtown Collaborative, and Barb to talk about tree pits in Juniper Plaza. We are calling it Juniper

Plaza. We decided we are going to do some short-term improvements and not do any major re-paving until we are ready to do some major re-paving elsewhere in the downtown. The idea is to put in a new tree in the middle, then put a couple of shrubs or junipers on either side of the benches. We are also working on the tree pits, taking out the concrete that is blocking the opportunity to plant anything or put any gravel in. Where we can, we are going to look at different types of gravel and perhaps deepen them a little and put gravel in where we can, where there are not roots sticking up. We were also going to look into some hardy ground covers that might be able to survive being trampled on.

Finally, regarding the Steinschneider lot, we have this additional pickup, as Fran was saying. The DPW is picking up commingled on Mondays, which has been very appreciated by the business owners. It is getting it cleaner, although not still clean. Barb is researching Rubbermaid style containers for use behind their businesses to put the garbage cans in. This would be a temporary fix. We are going to look into bigger fixes which would require some construction, but we need to get the landlord involved in that. This is with the business owners' involvement, buying these Rubbermaid containers, so at least the trash will not be spilling down those hills and into the parking lot.

## **2. Sustainability Agenda**

**Trustee Lemons:** The Conservation Commission met this last week. The discussion was around agenda-setting for the year. There have been three priorities for the commission and for the Village's sustainability agenda: Complete Streets, which is a walkability part of the Comprehensive Plan; waste and recycling; and solar PV, photovoltaics.

Complete Streets is a priority. Improving walkability in the Village is important if we are going to take sustainability seriously. Anything we can do to minimize vehicle traffic has safety and health implications. One idea is to start with demonstration projects, identify particular streets to work on and try some approaches and see how they work. It is going to take a number of years to get the Village streets and sidewalks and lighting, if it is part of that, to a point where we are happy with it. It is important to have that time frame in mind, but it is also going to be significant if we get this underway and begin to do what we can in the first year with a few sites. There is a regional transportation campaign and there are resources available. There is even training for Village staff in terms of issues around walkability and projects that get done. It is important simply to have that in the background when street issues come up, how does this fit into the walkability plan, and making progress on that. That has got to be part of the frame for that discussion.

**Mayor Swiderski:** What are a couple of the ideas around demonstration projects? What does that mean? Was anything discussed explicitly?

**Trustee Lemons:** In the commission meeting it was not discussed, but there are a number of ideas, obviously sidewalks is one idea, but there are other options. One place, for instance, where sidewalks have been actively considered is Farlane Drive. That might be a very difficult place to put a sidewalk, with issues like slope and so on, but there might be other approaches to make that a walkable place which have to do with traffic slowing. That was not discussed but my own mind, that is a place to look. Maybe there are other ways to make that street a lot more compatible for both the vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Even though the chains go up during the school year, it is more of an issue, in a way, in the summer time because people are going to the pool and there is a lot of walking along there, people just strolling. I think we should look at that right away.

**Trustee Walker:** There are three places to look for projects, and I think the committee knows. One is the walkability study that was done around 2000. Two is the walkability study that was done around 2004 that we hired an outside consultant to do. And three is the Comp Plan itself, and there are a lot of projects listed in the Comprehensive Plan. Two things I have talked to the committee about are getting the single lane northbound on North Broadway re-stripped, and that means working with the state, and enforcing a 25 mile an hour speed limit throughout the Village. That does not cost anything, and in fact we make money doing it.

**Trustee Lemons:** The committee wants to have a point person, one ball carrier for each of these. They would like to assemble an advisory committee which is not just them, but community people who want to be involved and get that organized and rolling within the next few weeks.

The second one, waste and recycling. We won an award as one of the top five communities with a little under 30 percent recycling, but there is a lot of interest in doing better than that, ultimately reducing overall waste. The first thing that is going to happen is to determine the metrics we need and what is collectible on a sustainable basis; you would love to have tons and tons of data, but if you can only get somebody to collect it for the first month then it is not useful. We have to settle on what metrics are going to be most helpful s to give us a read on it, what is happening now in different parts of the Village, so we can have a little granularity to it. Then we can look at trends. Elisa Zazzara is very interested in all of that and she is going to be the point person within the committee to work on that. She cares a lot about that so I think she will be the point person to get this first thing going, which is the metrics part. Out of that will fall other concrete steps.

The third one is solarize. Solarizing the Village has not gone very far. It has actually been happening since 2007. The New York State database, the first registered solar installations

happened in 2007, and today there are 16 in the Village. The average cost of the 16 projects was \$35,000 and the average incentive was about \$11,000 per project. There are significant state incentives, there is also a federal tax credit that will expire December 31, 2016, a 30 percent tax credit of the cost of the project. So that is a big incentive, but it is going to go away and nobody thinks that is going to come back. That puts a time frame within which we need to get things done because it is going to be very hard after that.

**Trustee Apel:** There were pilot programs in some of the communities in Westchester, and they are looking to do another group of them.

**Trustee Lemons:** Yes. Solarized Westchester has designated four communities that are on the road with their projects. There is another round and they are going to designate another four. I think we need to vie for that. By June 1, we have to indicate that we are going to apply. You can partner with other communities, and I think all of the four in Westchester now are partnered.

**Trustee Apel:** The public needs a little more education and maybe the committee could help with that. I am being bombarded all the time from solar companies. I do not know if it is true or not, they said they were going to do it for nothing, it is not going to cost you anything to put the solar panels on your house. They will give you what you need, or you may have to pay them a certain amount, but they are going to take whatever energy is left over that you are not using for their own use. It sounds too good to be true, and when they tell you it sounds too good to be true, it is. We need education of the public. Then if we want to do something in the community, we can get people in the community to agree to put their solar up with as much financial incentive we can give them, and the Village can draw on the extra energy and use it. Maybe that is another way. Or get your taxes reduced because you give the Village something. I do not know how that works, but just a thought.

**Trustee Lemons:** The education is really important. One thing we need to do is identify the eligible areas, because there are a lot of places that are ineligible: too many trees and the economics are not going to work. But that could be done fairly quickly. All those solar companies are doing that, using satellite imagery and the analysis, and you can get that figured out fairly quickly. Then we need to find out the best way to target those areas.

So that is the outreach and publicity part. Now if you become a solarized community there are a lot of benefits that come with that. They will help you publicize. You get a web site set up by them. There are a lot of benefits to doing that. Plus in the end, you pick a sole vendor, and that simplifies it for residents because it is a bid process.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is cheaper.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** And it goes down the more people you get.

**Trustee Lemons:** As you said, you get bombarded with these proposals and after a while you cannot deal with it. Even if we do not go with a solarized program, one thing we talked about is organizing an open meeting and we bring in vendors and also get some residents who have done it already to come and talk about it. The residents who have done it have done it by a variety of ways. Some people outright purchased their own panels and paid for the installation. Some people are leasing it. There is only one that is a PPA, which is a power purchase agreement. That is what you are talking about. The companies will do this for a 20-year PPA, so they are amortizing their investment over that 20-year period of time. Their financial model says they are going to do OK, but this also guarantees you a lower rate in your electricity so it is a win-win, where you do not have to lay out capital. You still get it and, yes, you probably will save more if you want to be your own contractor or you manage that process yourself. But for a lot of people that is a daunting thing to do.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There is a lot of information on Solarized Westchester's Web site. Their public outreach and education is part of what Solarized Westchester is trying to do in addition to these pilot programs.

**Mayor Swiderski:** t I would love to see that extended to municipal buildings: the pool building, the Community Center, this building, and all facilities that have good exposure.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There is a NYSEERDA program for municipalities

**Trustee Lemons:** Yes, there are NYSEERDA grant programs. One of the things we were considering was the New York prize. The application deadline for that was last Friday. But in looking over that carefully, and I went to several meetings and talked to the folks that were running that, it was not appropriate for us. There are three phases. The first phase is an outright \$100,000 grant, which is just a planning grant. They are going to give 25 of those, 25 communities. Out of those, they are going to pick 10 communities to go on to the next phase, which is an audit-grade planning document that is done. That is a million dollars, but it requires a quarter of a million dollar cost-share. So as a community, you have got to be very convinced that this is a road you want to go down. The program does not make sense for us financially. There is not enough gain. What we have done in terms of resiliency, although it is pretty minimal, is what a lot of communities have done from what I have found out. Put in a couple of generators, there is backup power. And to go beyond that, you are getting into really large expenses with very marginal payback with any kind of estimate of how often you are going to need that system. So that program did not make sense for us, but NYSEERDA has got other programs. Even if we came up with something really interesting or

innovative, we can go to NYSERDA. They entertain proposals that come to them. For the municipal buildings and a larger project like that, that is the direction we want to go.

**Mayor Swiderski:** So those are the three initiatives for the year. It is a lot.

**Trustee Walker:** I saw a presentation by the sustainability director of Portland, Oregon a couple years ago, how they ran their solarizing program, Solarized Portland. They divided the city into neighborhoods and had competitions. Each neighborhood had a representative who would work with people in the neighborhood. There was some incentive, I do not remember what it was, perhaps a subsidy, maybe helping them with the cost of solarizing. But it was about getting people to sign up. The city had selected the vendors and educated and done all the things we still need to do. They found that the competition inspired people and motivated people to sign up.

**Trustee Apel:** The problem you have is, as you said, there are some houses that are overshadowed by trees. They cannot have solar. Maybe there is a way a community does it so those that have can help those that do not have.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But solar energy does not unfortunately work that way yet.

**Trustee Apel:** I am fortunate. I have a west view and I could put up a lot of solar panels.

**Trustee Lemons:** Maybe you microgrid it, you have an option to do that kind of thing.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But we are not, not now at least.

**Trustee Lemons:** The neighborhood thing might be an idea also around recycling and waste management. That could be a great way to approach that

**Trustee Walker:** I was thinking about that, too, if we can measure it. That has worked in other communities, too.

**Trustee Lemons:** I am an Oregonian, and I am surprised they have enough sun to do solar.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Germany has gone to 20 percent of its energy is renewable Germany is at the level of Canada. It has far less light than we get. So if they can do it.

**Trustee Lemons:** Other than our trees, we are in a very reasonable zone for solar.

**Trustee Walker:** It is really exciting, Dan.

**Trustee Lemons:** It is, but the sustainability agenda that we want for the Village is a long-term thing. But if we can begin to make progress on these three things that will be very good. We are on the road; it will move us down the road.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Full endorsement clearly.

### **3. Greenburgh Planning Board**

**Mayor Swiderski:** Marge, you brought up a note from Paul Feiner?

**Trustee Apel:** Yes. The Board got a letter about the property on Lawrence Street near the Saw Mill River Road where a developer is seeking to build up to 300 apartments. Paul is suggesting that the communities of Ardsley, Dobbs, Hastings and Greenburgh would want to form a joint planning board to deal with this. He is bringing it up to see if we are interested in any such thing, and I think we should discuss it. I do not know whether we feel we want to have a joint one, or we feel we could do it all by ourselves. I do not know what he wants us to do.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Right. It is not explicit, is it? For starters, is it a planning board that applies to the unincorporated are? And if so, why would we not be interested because it means we get a voice on projects that adjoin us.

**Trustee Walker:** Yes, and that is what it says: "Would have voting representation on the Greenburgh planning board when land use decisions in unincorporated Greenburgh impact your village."

**Mayor Swiderski:** So why would we not want to do this?

**Trustee Walker:** It looks like a great idea.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Right. So this is as good a time as any, in terms of timing. The Planning Board chief, Jamie Cameron, and I sat down with the developers of this particular spot today for about an hour. It is not 300. They have cranked it down all the way to 270, which is equal to what is planned across the Saw Mill and on our plot combined.

**Trustee Walker:** Is this the site that is across the street from The Life? Is that a contaminated site?

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is a contaminated site.



**Trustee Lemons:** Is it not also a wetlands?

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is 11 acres, it is contaminated. They would be renovating the wetlands so they would be functional. But the usable portion of the site that is not wetlands is roughly equal to what we are seeing developed by Ginsburg. Here in those 7 acres there are 66 units, and they want to put 270 in. Part of their argument is that since there is at least \$5 million worth of remediation they need a certain scale. I told them that every community around them is going to be deeply concerned about traffic, period, full stop. They have remediation ideas for both Lawrence Street and Jackson and 9-A. But I told them you have a lot of selling to do because there is no mass transportation there so you are dropping 270 units times 1.5 cars, so another 500 cars, 500 people in that area on top of what is being dropped across the Saw Mill. So suddenly, in that area that area you are going to have another 1,100 people and that is literally 20 percent of Hastings moving into town. I think you can tell me it is not going to, but we all instinctively know it has to. We have no say over the property, but this would give us some say if we can move quickly enough to consider this. I do not see the downside.

**Trustee Walker:** I do not see a downside. I think this is the kind of opportunity that people are often looking for.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Paul complains here that the last time this came up nobody responded. That may be so, I do not doubt it. Paul spits out lots of ideas. This one is timely and it is only when there is a project. We are not committing somebody to life on a Greenburgh board. It is when there is something relevant. I am inclined to react strongly favorably. Then we have to figure out who and the terms of the IMA. If there is interest in moving ahead I will reach out to him and say definitely.

**Trustee Apel:** I think we should do it.

**Trustee Walker:** Are there state laws about doing this?

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** Yes. When Paul tried to do this before he looked into it. The enabling statutes obviously provide for a planning board in the municipality. What is interesting here is that residents of Hastings can serve on the Greenburgh planning board because you are also Greenburgh residents. That is maybe one way he is thinking of getting around that.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Maybe. Good. Then I will reach out and give him a positive thumbs up.

**Trustee Apel:** That would be great, yes.

**Trustee Walker:** I think it is a great idea.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** And Ardsley is hugely impacted because it is Ardsley schools, and they have horrible traffic problems already.

#### **4. Board Working Plan**

**Mayor Swiderski:** We have a sustainability agenda, we have the large tracts greenway work that Marge and Linda have started on, we have the waterfront-downtown work that Meg is working on, and we have the issues on the waterfront percolating away that I am working on that will also take up time. I want to think through how to pipeline this stuff for the next nine months so it gets done, most importantly working with Fran to make sure the infrastructure issues we worry about get done. If there was anything clear out of the last election it was people worry about crumbling infrastructure, and we set aside extra money for that. Let us monitor it and make sure it happens. Those are eight projects. There are willing bodies up here to help shepherd the individual projects. We need to make sure there is time on the agenda for them, and that we do not lose sight of any one of them.

**Trustee Walker:** Can we do a critical path and see which things have to be put at the front because they are so timely, like giving information to BP.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I would like to try. That is what I want to do over the next couple of weeks and get back to the public. This solarize has a deadline driven by expiring tax credits. The waterfront, for BP, is hypercritical. I do not want to lose track of gateway stuff.

**Trustee Walker:** And we know we have got issues with the large tracts, as well, as we are seeing the developers coming forward now. We need to put those up front.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Right. So it is all stuff that we need to be worried about. We cannot lose sight of it. I want to lay out something bare bones, but at least let us make sure it lands up formally on the agenda and that we do it.

**Trustee Apel:** Let us get a spread sheet with all these projects, and a timeline.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But anything much more than what I mentioned and we will crash and burn in a mess of too much to do. We have to be realistic. And there is always going to be new stuff. The bridge will come up, the latest event or concern. And you mentioned the budget cycle.

**Trustee Lemons:** And the DPW merger study is still hanging out there.

**Mr. Downey:** Will there be an opportunity to touch a few things that were spoken here tonight?

**Mayor Swiderski:** Sure. I am done. I just wanted to say that I am going to do that. It is as much for us as for the public to understand how we are prioritizing things and what we are working on. It is all about bandwidth and management oversight.

**Trustee Walker:** We need to think about getting some volunteer help on some of these. The Infrastructure Committee has finished their work, but perhaps we need to reappoint a small committee, some of them or others, who could help us.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Or hiring help, in some cases. I do not rule out throwing \$5,000 at a consultant if it means getting a grant done or something.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There is also the planning issue. We talked about that with the large tracts. That is something you might want a planner for.

**Trustee Apel:** I hesitate to bring this up, but it will be five years since the Comprehensive Plan has been ...

**Mayor Swiderski:** Do not bring it up.

**Trustee Apel:** Well, we are working on it because all these things are related to it.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** You are still working on the implementation.

**Trustee Apel:** We keep putting the progress up. So as long as we keep putting the progress up we have answered that question of what we are doing.

## **5. Other**

**Mr. Downey:** Relative to tree pits, at Tony's Pizza in White Plains they used a new technology around the tree pits. It may not be the most aesthetically desirable based upon their choice of colors, but it is porous pavement. The problem with pebbles, stones, mulch it is mobile, it has got to be maintained and cared for, and never looks right. This was sharp and clean, allows water to go through, can be enlarged as the tree gets larger, makes for safe walking which is a key thing. It was a very nice clean finish.

**Trustee Walker:** Another option is the heavy-duty granite pavers.

**Mr. Downey:** Nothing is heavy-duty enough unless it is set because there is always leverage in it. They walk.

**Trustee Walker:** You see that a lot that are far enough away that it creates a porous paving.

**Mr. Downey:** That has to be constructed from the onset. In order to get something heavy you have to go down deep, which means you will come in contact with the roots and injure the tree and set it into decline.

**Trustee Walker:** Well, it is something maybe we can talk about.

**Mr. Downey:** Memorial Day is this weekend. I put forth a challenge about a month ago for the Community Center. I will only ask so many times and then I will withdraw. If we can get the tree, I will do the labor for free with my guys in concert with the Parks Department and get that project done so we get the growth and benefit sooner than later.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Is there a spot identified? I have looked at that spot and cannot see a large tree there.

**Trustee Walker:** Part of the problem is, there is a huge culvert.

**Mr. Downey:** I have already reconned it. I explained that.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Did you identify the underground utilities? There is a vault there. We have a lot of utilities going in there.

**Mr. Downey:** We call an 811 first before we do anything. But do we have the spirit of going forward with it before I take the time to call an 811 in and have a mark-out.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We need to have it marked out. I know there are utilities in the ground there, they all come to that one central vault and we are very limited as to what we can plant there.

**Mr. Downey:** I do not have the authority. Could the Village call an 811?

**Mayor Swiderski:** You could do that. We are interested in pursuing it.

**Mr. Downey:** It might not be feasible. But this is the first time I have heard that.

**Trustee Walker:** We have a couple of other thoughts, too, if that one does not work out.

**Mr. Downey:** In the spirit of transparency, the thing that bothers me about government sometimes is things get rushed through. When we hear about salaries, it would be nice to hear was there an increase, what was the percent of increase? If we have a new person coming in, maybe the prior salary was 55 and now all of a sudden it is 80.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Two percent across the board, with a few exceptions.

**Mr. Downey:** That would be helpful in the beginning to say we are just doing two percent.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We assume a lot of it builds from the discussions during the work sessions, during the budget session, and the correspondence the Manager provides to the Board.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is a fair enough point. And two percent, with three or four exceptions.

**Mr. Downey:** Speaking with a solar company this winter, a very interesting piece came up regarding solar power. They are having a problem with it, the cause and effect rule, action-reaction. If enough people all of a sudden bail out on the grid system, then the remaining people on the grid system, similar to taxes, I reduce my taxes then the load gets shifted to you. There are two parts: the power and the delivery. The problem is in the maintenance of the delivery system. If enough people pull out you will have a tipping point. This was said from somebody from within a solar organization. It would be worth investigating. If you get enough trend where people pull away for it, well then who pays for the maintenance of the overall system going forward.

**Mayor Swiderski:** That still remains, at least in the current structure, if you are installing battery packs you are really not powering your own house. You are putting power back into the system. Ultimately, you still require the distribution grid to draw in off-hours. Most people are not installing batteries so most of your energy is being drawn at night when you are home. It still coming down through the grid. So you will end up paying for the distribution charge anyway.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** And the delivery part of the bill does not go away.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Yes, it does not change.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Your concern is more applicable in communities where they go battery and they go completely off the grid. You are right, it is putting the load onto others.

**Mr. Downey:** Maybe it was the way this individual framed the conversation, in places with a mass withdrawal.

**Mayor Swiderski:** I would love that to happen, love that to be a problem. It is not going to be a problem anytime soon.

**Trustee Lemons:** What is happening right now is, people who are connected into the grid with solar are essentially using the larger grid as a big battery. The major utilities are talking about levying monthly fees to be selling back. That will be pretty hefty, and that is addressing what you are talking about, maintaining that infrastructure, which is the transmission-distribution network. That is going to become an issue, and another reason to get stuff in now, because probably current installations will be grandfathered when that comes around. But those fees are going to happen. The utilities are going to start charging to be connected and to be selling power back into the grid.

**Mr. Downey:** Thank you.

**Mayor Swiderski:** It is not our custom, but you came and you sat.

**Vanessa Merton, 111 Pinecrest Drive:** I came to ask a question. But whenever I come I always learn all kinds of interesting things that are going on in the Village. Dan, about the sustainability report, did you say there are criteria that you have arrived at for deciding where, if anywhere, sidewalks might be placed?

**Trustee Lemons:** No.

**Ms. Merton:** I will throw out an idea which is extremely self-interested, but I think it is subjective as well. The main arterial routes that connect Broadway with Warburton ought to be considered, of which there are three. Two of them have sidewalks, one of them does not. That would be Pinecrest Drive. Did I hear you say there is a solar map of the Village that indicates where in the Village it is feasible to have solar?

**Trustee Lemons:** There may well be. The private companies that are putting in solar obviously have not been real active in Hastings. But they do it.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But they do not map an area. They map a property based on the tree cover on that property.

**Trustee Lemons:** But we are going to request, and we think we can get, a map of the whole Village that will give us the feasibility.

**Ms. Merton:** That would be a big incentive for people.

**Trustee Lemons:** It is critical. Then we know what areas to focus on and we can put our energies there in terms of contacting residents and saying you are a candidate or you are not.

**Ms. Merton:** I will never do it. But if you came to me and said you could do it, I might listen. My question is what is going on with the large land tracts?

**Mayor Swiderski:** We did just talk about it. We were saying there are seven or eight initiatives we all want to see accomplished and that is one of them. Each of us is carrying probably one or two apiece. This is Marge's. I want to make sure that we plan so they all can get individually pushed forward without being superseded by the crisis of the moment. I said I would come back to the Board with a basic timeline of how the different pieces on the different projects need to happen over the next year so no project lands up getting ignored.

**Ms. Merton:** That sounds good.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Right. But here is Dan dropping three, Meg has a couple, I have one, Marge has one and we want them all to happen. They all have various time constraints. In terms of large tracts, with what is going on on the Akzo Nobel property it is always a reminder that the developers are circulating and we cannot forget this simply because it does not have an immediate hard deadline. We need to keep it moving forward. I want to lay it out so it does not fall through the cracks.

**Trustee Walker:** We talked about the possibility of hiring a planner to move it forward. It is difficult for us Trustees and volunteers to do it, and we do not want to put the whole burden on our Village Attorney because she is an attorney not a planner.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** I could be a planner, but it would cost you more than a planner.

**Trustee Walker:** Exactly. She has got the expertise, but we do not want to pay her to do it.

**Ms. Merton:** How about the Village Attorney serving as an attorney and, as you know, my concern is that we have no protection for these tracts right now.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** That is why we are looking at the alternatives.

**Ms. Merton:** It seems basic to drop some zoning that will protect those properties. That does not seem that complicated to do.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** You would have to do it in a defensible fashion.

**Ms. Merton:** You do it in a defensible fashion ...

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** You have to do ...

**Ms. Merton:** Although we have no reason to anticipate an attack.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** ... analysis.

**Ms. Merton:** But the SEQRA analysis is going to indicate that this is good for the environment.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There is still a process.

**Ms. Merton:** I know, and I would like to see that process moving. You cannot do something with nothing. You can do something and you can change it and you can change it again and you can refine it. If you get attacked you can change it in response to that attack. Nothing says you have to litigate to protect something if, in fact, it is not defensible. But this has been going on for years.

**Trustee Walker:** If you do the mandatory clustering, which would be the most protective, you have got to do the layout, do you not?

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** You have got to analyze ...

**Ms. Merton:** Not on the properties that already have it.

**Trustee Walker:** No, you have to do an actual layout of the subdivision and exclude the properties that are on whatever.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** It is on the list and it is ...

**Trustee Walker:** But then there is a second way of doing it, which is to give the Planning Board some authority to decide.



**Village Attorney Whitehead:** Require clustering.

**Trustee Walker:** But that is not imposed, that is not like a zone. That is their discretion.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There are a lot of ways to do it.

**Trustee Walker:** I only mentioned two.

**Ms. Merton:** But that gives them a basis for exercising their discretion. You have an a priori setup instead of an ad hoc setup, which is always by definition more defensible. You have something. You are sending a message to developers so the developer before proceeding says this village is paying attention. We are not sending any message at all.

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** We have a comprehensive plan, and any project that comes in is supposed to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. That is something the Planning Board is supposed to look at in that process.

**Ms. Merton:** That is correct, but the Comprehensive Plan does not ...

**Village Attorney Whitehead:** There is work that needs to be done on this.

**Ms. Merton:** I am fulfilling my role here as gadfly.

**Trustee Walker:** We could do a stop-gap measure, for example giving the Planning Board discretion.

**Mayor Swiderski:** But not at 9:45. I want to do this not like this, but set aside time at each meeting. This is one of these things where I do not mind scheduling once a month until we resolve all these issues and push it forward.

**Trustee Walker:** Could just ask Linda to give us the legal framework?

**Ms. Merton:** The options. Not that difficult. Thank you.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:48 p.m.