

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2000**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at 8:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Deputy Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Eleven (11)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jennings: P. 2, Claudia Classon's name is misspelled.

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Walrath with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of October 17, 2000, Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2000, were approved as amended.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of October 17, 2000, Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2000, were approved as presented.

Trustee Holdstein: Page 6, in the middle where I am speaking, it should read "...would it create?"

Trustee Walrath: Page 4: The Mayor says: "We are not interested in *acquiring* the site, so we would not need, necessarily, help..."

Mayor Kinnally: We are not interested in "purchasing" the site.

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2000 were approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 40-2000-01 \$ 53,535.37

Multi-Fund No. 41-2000-01 \$ 43,848.67
Multi-Fund No. 42-2000-01 \$ 93,793.24
Multi-Fund No. 43-2000-01 \$ 25,881.94
Multi-Fund No. 44-2000-01 \$ 17,735.34
Multi-Fund No. 45-2000-01 \$183,250.68
Multi-Fund No. 47-2000-01 \$131,768.27

88:00 GRANT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION - MARINELLO COVE

Village Manager Hess: This would provide for a small grant to develop a feasibility study on Marinello Cove for restoring a tidal wetland habitat in part of the cove.

Mayor Kinnally: This is a positive step to our acquisition of the property. It ties in with a number of studies the Village has done as far as utilization of the waterfront for activities such as kayaking, canoeing and fishing. This is another recreational use that fits in very well at the north end of the property.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize Neil P. Hess as Village Manager of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to file an application for funds from the Hudson River Estuary Program in accordance with the provisions of the Hudson River Estuary Management Act (11-0306 Environmental Conservation Law) in an amount not to exceed \$2,300 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Hudson River Estuary program for such financial assistance to this municipality to undertake a study of the feasibility of restoring a tidal wetland habitat in Marinello Cove.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

89:00 GRANT ACCEPTANCE - TRAILWAYS MAPPING

Village Manager Hess: Previously I had announced we were granted funds of \$10,000 from the Hudson Valley Greenway for the creation of a Hastings trailways map. We found out we did not write a formal resolution to accept the grant, so this is a formality.

Eileen McMahon, 175 Warburton Avenue: Will acceptance of this money have anything to do whether a thing is called a "trailway" or a "foot path" or "park," and what are the legal ramifications of such nomenclature?

Mayor Kinnally: I cannot answer the last question. This is funding for a map; it has nothing to do with any future designations.

Teresa Nieves, 165 Warburton Avenue: Did the creation of the map prompt you to create the trail that will be leading under Rowley's Bridge. What came first?

Mayor Kinnally: They are independent of each other. Dr. Hubbard came with the idea for the Rowley's Bridge trailway a while ago, and people on the Trailway Commission had been looking at that area. But the map has nothing to do with the Rowley Bridge trail.

Trustee Walrath: There is a map which shows existing trails and proposed trails, of which Rowley's Brook is one. We are trying to more accurately locate the existing ones in park land, and to use this as a tool for future planning. We will probably use the geographical information system which we hope to get in the data base from the town. We have the software to set this up so we can publish a map and as we add trails, publish further maps. The mapping itself is a planning device; the Board needs to make a determination to accept each trail. We have six that exist now.

Ms. Nieves: Will the Rowley's Bridge trailway be included in this new map you are making?

Trustee Walrath: It would be included if we show proposed trails. And the part we construct, which is another topic we are going to talk about briefly tonight, would be shown as an existing trail down from the end of Southside to Rowley's Bridge.

Trustee Jennings: Will this grant cover the full cost, or will there be an additional cost to the Village?

Trustee Walrath: It will largely cover our costs if we can get sufficient volunteer work. Almost the entire \$10,000 would go to the production of the map.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize Neil P. Hess as Village Manager of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to accept an award of \$10,000 from the Hudson River Greenway Conservancy and to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Hudson River Greenway Conservancy for such financial assistance to this municipality for the creation and production of a map of Hastings Trailways.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

90:00 SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT COUNTY ROADS - 2000-2005

Village Manager Hess: This is a snow and ice agreement for county roads for the years 2000 through 2005. The agreement provides for an annual escalation clause subject to a 2.75% cap. Our reimbursement rate is with the approved salt shed, since we have one, which would be \$2,340 per mile for two-lane roads. County roads in the Village include Warburton Avenue and Farragut Avenue.

Trustee Holdstein: Does this cost us more in time and salt than we are getting back?

Village Manager Hess: Definitely. We recover probably about 50% of our actual costs. There are several major thoroughfares in the Village, and it is hard, when they are providing this to every municipality, to challenge the amounts allowed.

Trustee Holdstein: The alternative is let them do it, and then they will never get plowed.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to execute the Snow and Ice Agreement with Westchester County for the period Oct. 1, 2000 through Sept. 30, 2005.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	

Trustee Michael Holdstein	X
Trustee David Walrath	X
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

91:00 UNITED WATER OF NEW ROCHELLE - CONSORTIUM TO OPPOSE RATE INCREASE

Mayor Kinnally: We had been solicited a couple of years ago by a number of other municipalities to join with them in fighting a rate increase application filed by United Water. The consortium has retained an attorney from New Jersey, David Wise. Our share of the cost is based on the percent of gallons that our municipality uses in proportion to the other municipalities. Those municipalities are New Rochelle, Eastchester, Dobbs Ferry, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Pelham Manor, Ardsley, and the Town of Greenburgh.

Village Manager Hess: The consultant cost of the independent study would be up to \$25,000. They are proposing a budget of \$12,000 for Phase IV to do a feasibility study on developing this into a municipal system. Phase V, the one thing we have been pushing for seriously, is to remove the hydrant cost from municipal budgets. We spend close to \$100,000 a year for hydrants. We plan to go to the PSC with the results of the study to get those costs removed.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve participation in Phases IV and V and Independent Study of the consortium effort to oppose the rate increase proposed by United Water of New Rochelle at a cost not to exceed \$4,340.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

92:00 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2000 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Mayor Kinnally: I would like *not* to consider tonight anything having to do with one-way streets at Hillside and School Street and opening Fairlane. After the public hearing on those topics, I have heard the wish that there be more input from the community and additional coordination with the schools.

Village Manager Hess: The Board could amend this proposed local law by removing Section 1, which would amend the one-way roadways, and Section 3, which would be a consideration of Fairlane Drive, and leaving Section 2, which would provide the parking restriction on the east side of Farragut Avenue.

Trustee Holdstein: I would agree that making the amended changes that the Village Manager just suggested would be in good order. The turnout two weeks ago told me that there are a lot of people that came to the issue somewhat late and do not know the genesis of the original traffic study and the reasons for the stop signs on Farragut. We need to try to get consensus on some things, and continue to have dialogue among ourselves and the community before we vote on these issues. There is an effort being made to put together informal meetings to bring everybody up to speed and then work together to come up with a solution that is going to work for everybody.

Trustee Jennings: I agree. I am not satisfied with the process thus far. I was prepared to vote against it so as to send it back to more deliberation and study, but I am happy to table those aspects of the resolution instead and have more of a process undertaken.

Village Manager Hess: We would not table but amend the local law to remove those sections.

Trustee Jennings: In other words, create a resolution that only has Section 2 in it.

Mayor Kinnally: That is right, if that is the pleasure of the Board.

Trustee DeVita: That is my pleasure.

Gary Dellaverson, 90 Hillside Drive: Would the other portions be dead?

Mayor Kinnally: No, they are not being acted on tonight; they are not dead.

Mr. Dellaverson: Are they tabled?

Mayor Kinnally: No, they are not tabled. They are not being considered tonight.

Village Manager Hess: Local Law No. 4 is being amended to remove those Sections. For those items to be considered in the future they would have to be created as a new local law, re-noticed and re-heard.

Karen Keller, 66 Villard Avenue: This is the right thing to do, given the public hearing and the events since then. Robin Stern and I have been working to put together a meeting of people from the neighborhood and other interested parties to come up with solutions that will be acceptable to the neighborhood and make things better for the school children. We would like to have a member of the Safety Council assigned to us on this issue, and to have ongoing communication from a member of this board, so that the next time a proposal comes around we can have more of a consensus and get something done that is better for everyone.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings, Local Law No. 4 was duly amended upon roll call vote to remove Section 1 and Section 3.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

Village Manager Hess: Local Law No 4, as amended, deals only with the parking on the east side of Farragut Avenue from Mount Hope to a point 185 feet north of Hillside Avenue during all times school is in session.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2000 amending Chapter 282 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

Be it enacted by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

1. Amend Article IX, Parking, Standing and Stopping, Section 282-25, A as follows:

- (43) Farragut Avenue, on the east side between Mt. Hope Boulevard to a point 185 feet north of Hillside Avenue, during all times school is in session.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

93:00 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2000 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Mayor Kinnally: I would also like *not* to consider this resolution tonight. I would like to get input from the merchants in the area south of Spring Street toward Main Street and see how that is going to affect them and the whole downtown area. I am concerned about the traffic from Spring Street making a right onto Warburton Avenue when a bus stop is there.

Village Manager Hess: You can table it, but then you have to act on it at the next meeting.

Trustee Jennings: If we wanted to have another public hearing and a more elaborate process before deciding, would we have to vote it down tonight or withdraw it?

Mayor Kinnally: Just withdraw it. I can ask if there is any motion. If there is no motion, it is not acted on.

Trustee DeVita: I would like to withdraw it.

Mayor Kinnally: There being no motion, we will move on.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Rowley's Bridge Trailway

Ms. Nieves: Mr. Walrath, is this already a *fait accompli*? Your letter came to my home after they started cutting down trees at the trailway.

Trustee Walrath: You are correct. My intention was for that not to happen. It is cleared. Its final designation as a trailway is not a *fait accompli*. The clearing, obviously, is.

Ms. Nieves: As owners of adjoining properties we would have been happy to have been invited to a planning session. I feel left out, and I am concerned about the things itemized in your letter. We have a \$10,000 grant to create a map. Where is the grant for the creation of the trailway, and where is the grant for the monies to maintain the trailway?

Trustee Walrath: We are hoping to do most of it with Village forces and volunteers. For our entire trailway system, we are working on getting a volunteer organization that will take care of them so they are not a cost to the taxpayers.

Ms. Nieves: There are vagrants already coming up under the bridge, probably camping out. Local children come and play there, and it is not a safe place to play. The tracks are very accessible. I live overlooking them and often have to call in my concerns to the police. I am worried about bicycles and motorbikes and mopeds.

Mayor Kinnally: We have other trails throughout the Village and have not had problems. The proposal for the Rowley's Trailway has been considered by the Board in the past. This is not the first time it has come up. We are trying to create a network of trails so that various portions of the Village are accessible to the people in the community. The county is also very interested in this. Your concerns about safety are well founded. But we find that where you get more people on trails the safety increases because the less desirous people and activities go elsewhere. This has been evident on the Putnam right-of-way. The volume of people on that trailway is remarkable, and it is probably one of the safer areas.

Ms. Nieves: Is the intent to keep the trailway south, down Southside, and to stop it, or will it continue under the bridge, up through the ravine and onto the Aqueduct?

Trustee Walrath: The Trailways Committee planning map shows the trail going up along the north side of Rowley's Brook and continuing through Graham property, if we can get a right-of-way, through the Andrus School property, and down the south side of Tompkins to connect with the aqueduct. There is a plan for a major east-west footpath in the Village along with one that the county wants to build through Hillside Woods, Hillside Park and Reynolds Field to connect the south county trailway with the aqueduct. We plan to put up a barricade, and we need to talk with Metro North and the county. The county sewer runs down there. Both of them have needed access to it, and we have not had it closed off properly to keep illicit dumping out.

Leonard Nieves, 165 Warburton Avenue: Are there any existing trails adjacent to railroad tracks?

Mayor Kinnally: No.

Mr. Nieves: It is an extremely dangerous situation. We have seen all types of ridiculous, stupid, illegal activity going on in that area. It is extremely secluded. I have seen children cross the third rail to go fishing. Unless a fence is put up adjacent to the tracks you are going to have a major disaster on your hands.

Mayor Kinnally: That probably has to be done in conjunction with Metro North.

Trustee Holdstein: That would be a very important thing to do.

Mr. Nieves: That is one factor for the public in general. But as a homeowner, I have other concerns because it is extremely secluded. There is a lot of police activity, but it is just up and down Warburton at 25 miles an hour. Nobody knows what goes on down there. And that is with no traffic, without any pedestrian availability.

Cecile Vickery, 162 Warburton Avenue: I have lived at 162 since 1953, and our home has been broken into four times. Now that the aqueduct is state property, does that change any of the laws that affect us in any way?

Mayor Kinnally: I do not know the answer to that. I live adjacent to it and it has not changed anything in our area.

Ms. Vickery: I would also be interested in knowing how much property the Village owns that takes in the aqueduct, and where our private property starts.

Village Manager Hess: You have to look at your own survey to see where your property line ends and where the aqueduct begins.

Ms. Vickery: I am very concerned about people trooping through. If we can use the Graham School property, where would our access trail be to the aqueduct?

Trustee Walrath: The Graham property, Rowley's Brook from the bridge up to the aqueduct, is the dividing line between Village owned property and the Graham property. There are four 25-foot Village owned lots just south of your property. If we had a chance to acquire the Graham property we might route the trail on the south side. We want to talk with the concerned property owners about the trail going up, but tonight the subject is the trail going down to Rowley's Brook. We have heard some important points, with the danger of the railroad track and so forth.

Ms. McMahon: When the thousands of us from the Village come to walk, where should we park our cars?

Trustee Walrath: We are planning to provide a small number of parking spaces inside the barrier at the end of Southside. That barrier would be closed at night.

Ms. Vickery: There is a problem with fire. The fishermen do not only fish. They make fire in big kettle drums and have fish cookouts on the river.

Does this have anything to do with gentrification? I have visions of Southside being sold in some way to the gentrifiers of the world. And somebody has to figure out what is a track; what is a phantom trail; what is a trail; what is a trailway; what are the legal ramifications of those nomenclatures? Does any of those words make it easier for the county to take away a piece of our property or use it?

Mayor Kinnally: The county is not looking to acquire anything in the Village to exercise greater control over open space. If anything, the county is encouraging us to extend certain of the trailways that we have in place now. It would be our trailway.

Ms. Vickery: And you do not think that the name of the thing matters? Is it more ours if we call it a "wooded pathway?"

Mayor Kinnally: I do not know the answer to that.

Ms. Vickery: I do not want the answer tonight. I understood this to be a place where our concerns might be laid out so that ten years from now we are not sorry that we did not think of something.

Trustee Walrath: Rhoda Barr, the Planning Board Chair, has asked the Trailways Committee to formulate a policy statement for the trailways. This will address many of these things. All of our existing trails are on Village park land. This is the first trail that is on Village land that is not yet a dedicated park.

Ms. Vickery: What department will take care of things?

Trustee Walrath: This is a Parks Department responsibility. Even if it is not in a park, it is recreation, and we are working with the Parks and Recreation commission. We are trying to get this volunteer organization so that their budget will not be affected. The volunteers will take care of the trails.

Ms. Vickery: I hope all our elected officials recognize that we are concerned about having places open to the public that could impinge upon our security.

Mayor Kinnally: That concern is clear. I would urge you to work with the Trailways Committee. We will be monitoring that also. I do not want to have any Village-sponsored project that is going to compromise people's safety or enjoyment of their property.

Phyllis Vine, 168 Warburton Avenue: There is a palpable amount of angst in this room, as much from what is known as from what is not known. I would suggest that somebody from our area be made an *ad hoc* member of the committee, who not only works with you but also brings back progress reports. I am recommending this procedural option so that people feel that they are participating rather than being left out of the loop.

Trustee Walrath: I would like to recruit every one of you to take part in this committee. I am looking for somebody to chair it. We divided up into subcommittees, and anyone who is interested in taking that role you talk about, please give me a call and you will have it immediately.

2. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: We have information from our Village Attorney on the Marinello Cove condemnation, and we hope to have more information to share with the community in the next few weeks on timing and the procedures that will have to be followed.

We have moved forward to the wrap-up and implementation stage of the planning workshops with RPA. We are going to have a public presentation after the first of the year.

Sandy Stash of ARCO told me that the Risk Inventory on the cleanup of the site has been sent out. I am going to contact the New York State DEC to find out their timetable of the PRAP and their cleanup plan. We are anticipating that it will be made available in the spring of 2001.

We are rapidly coming to a point where all of the information necessary to make a decision, both on the development of a site plan and the cleanup of the site, is coming together. In the next six to 18 months we are going to see quite a bit of movement on the waterfront, and a prelude to what we are going to see in the way of development in the next five to 10 years.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: The net interest rate on the bond issue that we bid out on October 26 for \$2.7 million was 4.9 percent. It was the lowest rate of any municipality or school district in Westchester County in October and the fourth lowest interest rate in the state, the lowest being 4.8%, and that was on a triple-A-rated school district, or county, upstate. I want to thank Susan and Raf, who did tremendous work in putting this together.

Skate Park construction starts Monday, and should be completed in approximately a week and a half. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting the same day as the Rowley's Trail cleanup. All the new playground equipment at Reynolds Field has been installed.

Holiday parking for the downtown will be from Monday, December 11 through Monday, December 25. This would include free two-hour parking on Main Street, Whitman Street, Warburton Avenue from North down to Washington Avenue, Spring Street, Maple Avenue from Spring to the Municipal Building driveway, Southside Avenue, the Steinschneider parking lot, Boulanger parking lot, and the Post Office parking lot. We are encouraging downtown merchants and businesses not to park at the meters.

The holiday tree lighting ceremony is December 8 at VFW Park at 7:30 p.m. Breakfast with Santa is at 9:30 a.m. on December 9 at the Community Center. We are going to have a number of boxes around the Village for letters to Santa. We will offer holiday child-sitting for anybody who wants to shop in the downtown on Saturdays, December 9 and 16, and from December 18 through December 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. The service is free if you provide proof that you shopped in Hastings; otherwise it is \$5 an hour.

The contractor was required to replace approximately 30 percent of the downtown pavers which were considered unacceptable. I relieved him of his duties in finishing the project in VFW Park. We have hired Bomanite and they will be doing a slate block pattern similar to the front of the Municipal Building in front of VFW Park.

The electrical contractor wanted a \$15,000 change order to put in four electric eyes for the Southside street lights. I rejected the change order; we have gotten the spec from the county, and we are doing it in house probably for a couple thousand dollars in material.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS (cont.)

3. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

Mayor Kinnally: We have received information from the Village Manager on the expansion of the senior citizen exemption.

Village Manager Hess: As you know, the state has increased the maximum income limits. We may also grant exemptions to eligible senior citizens in residential cooperatives, and include deductions for drug expenses not paid for by insurance and veteran's disability compensation. The Board can consider whether to do it all or do the income limits now, and consider the other items later on.

Village Clerk Maggiotto: There is an additional suggestion to change the way we have been handling this. We have raised the income limits to conform to the state maximums by local law. But we could amend the law to allow conformity to the state maximums simply by resolution to avoid having to change the Code each time. It has been changed six times since enactment. I would recommend that we do that.

The assessor Bob Balog has provided a memo to estimate the fiscal impact of adding the residential cooperative shareholders. He cautioned that it is an estimate, but it does give a ballpark number. Assuming there were 40 additional applicants, then the impact would be about \$15,000 off the tax role. Including deductions for unreimbursed drug expenses and veterans' disability compensation can be done by resolution directing the assessor to consider those two additional deductions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss litigation, personnel, and land acquisition.

4. Other

Trustee Jennings: Some constituents have called to my attention a problem in parking at the long-term meters at the train station lot. If you do not arrive by an early hour of the morning you find that those meters are all taken up. The topic of whether the number of meters we have is adequate, and the relationship between the permit spaces and the metered spaces, is something we have to revisit.

Village Manager Hess: We have discussed it many times before. There is no place to put additional meters.

Trustee Jennings: We could discuss it again in the hope that we might be able to come up with some creative new ideas.

Ms. Keller: Claudia Classon could not be here tonight and I promised her that I would say something on her behalf. It is her opinion, and mine, as well as others, that a three-pronged approach is needed to explore with the neighborhood things that will be acceptable to them and also improve the situation for the kids. To educate people about such things as using crosswalks, using the buses, having their kids walk, putting together car pools, and how we can educate and facilitate those activities, and also enforcement. If the laws and signs in place were adequately and rigorously enforced the situation would improve immediately.

Katherine Jagow, 15 Farragut: I am a member of Hastings Waterfront Watch, and we have a letter from the DEC that they found some resinous material present along the riprap bulkhead of the ARCO site; it contained 168 parts per million of total PCBs and the DEC has decided that they are going to have to clean it up right away. Do you have any comment?

Mayor Kinnally: I have no comment on it. I do not know where that came from, but this is all part and parcel of what they are coming up with: a full and total remediation package for the cleanup of the site. But it is disturbing to find concentrations that high.

Ms. Jagow: What I find especially disturbing is that they said it was in direct contact with the Hudson. The tide would have been washing back and forth over this resinous material and going directly into the river. ARCO sent the DEC a plan as to how they were going to clean it up, and the DEC has approved that plan. I do not know if they are implementing that now, but the letter gives the impression that it would happen soon.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Walrath with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m.