

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at 8:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Twenty (20)

PRESENTATION – Landscaping Alternatives Fulton Park

Christina Griffin, architect: This is a very special place in Hastings, and we have looked at ways to enhance the views from the park, and of the park, and also from the library looking into the park and looking at the Palisades. We have two schemes which show ways to enhance views by creating lookouts, creating framed views, and, in general, improving the park by putting new plantings along the edge and new trees in certain locations. We are aware of trees that we would like to preserve, like the large maple and the dogwood.

Donna Gutkin, Landscape Architect: We have two plans, labeled A and B. In both plans we tried to maintain the existing feeling of the park, which is a very rolling slope.

We have softened the grades as you enter the park. It is about a 6-inch grade change, from the top of the highest points underneath this maple as it exists now. So the grade for this half of the park is fairly the same. You just soften the route getting up to the top here. At the end we have created an overlook by a series of two low retaining walls. We have cut this area of the park down about 2-1/2 feet. This was the high point of the park, and we felt the grade was very high, considering the finished floor elevation of the new addition. The high point varies throughout as you continue across the property, but it is between 2 and 3 feet, as you get close to the building. At this end we added a little bit of lost land that was taken out by the addition, to create the sense of being high and looking out and over into the view.

Along the west side we created a soft overlook, an edge with a low wall that changes grade with the slope, so you have a grade change of 4 feet to this lower area. So you experience different types of overlook, one high and one low.

Trustee Holdstein: You imply that there was not very much of a grade walking up the center, but it is a pretty severe grade, is it not?

Ms. Gutkin: It is almost 3-1/2 feet to the highest point that exists. Over here, it is actually 7 feet. As you go more toward the west it is higher.

Trustee Holdstein: On the basement floor, as I look south, I am going to have a clear view till the ground rises up midway through. Is that it?

Ms. Gutkin: Exactly, right.

Trustee Holdstein: In that upper drawing, is the area on the end going to be higher or lower than existing?

Ms. Gutkin: Two-and-a-half feet lower. That is the area where we have cut the most because the existing grade was so high. We are taking the high point and keeping it within 6 inches, matching it on this side.

Village Manager Hess: It will give you improved views not only from the new library addition but throughout the park. It is much softer than option A.

Ms. Griffin: There may be a memorial to the Trade Center designed in a very subtle way, at the lookout on the Manhattan skyline.

Trustee Holdstein: Perhaps you incorporate the design of the facade of the World Trade Center into the wall.

Ms. Griffin: We are thinking of maybe a plaque.

Ms. Gutkin: The difference in Option A was to provide a harder surface, a paved overlook that was more easily accessible than climbing up the slope. We came up with providing a small planting buffer around the perimeter of the new addition, and then having a flat walkway pass by that would end up in a smaller paved and handicapped-accessible overlook. It is a little more formal than the others, but it is also easier to get to.

Trustee Jennings: Is there any difference in what you would see from the library addition?

Ms. Gutkin: This paved area would be quite visible from the library addition. It would be the foreground of the view to the Palisades.

Trustee Apel: With that grade, is there any provision for people who are handicapped to go around this park area?

Ms. Gutkin: In Plan A this is a handicapped-accessible walkway.

Village Manager Hess: The grades have been changed so much "B," which is the softer work in the park, that it is still handicapped-accessible.

Mayor Kinnally: Both designs take advantage of the site, but it is parkland. I would like to see more greenspace than paving. The extension of the pathway into the overlook is more jarring and intrusive than the pastoral setting we have now. Because the grades are being softened, it is accessible. I am not sure that we need to have a paved portion through the heart of the area directly in front of you when you are looking at either the south or the west portion of the addition.

Trustee Holdstein: One of the things that does not appear in either one of your designs was something that the Lothrop people drew up: a patio seating area outside the addition.

Ms. Gutkin: Our intention was to have a sitting area where you could take advantage of the views. Around the building is too low. The more we make something contiguous to the building, the more we dig into the slope and the higher any wall that would retain it.

Trustee Walrath: In Plan B, how close are those pavers that go around the addition to the outer wall of the addition?

Ms. Gutkin: They are abutting it. It is only 2 feet wide. It is more so that the grass does not grow on it. It is not a walkway, but a transition from the building to the lawn.

Trustee Walrath: Is it necessary that B have the stone edge rather than a planted edge?

Ms. Gutkin: You could have a planted edge. Again, it is near that fairly tall building and the planting would be narrow in proportion to the height of the building.

Trustee Walrath: Do both plans maintain the ability to walk around the building to the municipal parking lot?

Ms. Gutkin: Yes.

Trustee Walrath: You said the two existing trees could be replaced at very close to their size without it being a gigantic cost.

Ms. Gutkin: Right. We have proposed between five and six new trees on both plans.

Mayor Kinnally: Let me ask the Board for its preference as far as the paved walkway and the paved vantage point on Plan A versus Plan B.

Trustee Holdstein: I do not necessarily share your concern that there is too much paving within the park. I like the idea of one paved area to put seating. I think Donna raises a very good point: to put it there rather than close to the building. Not that I am favoring one or the other, but I do like the westbound paved seating area.

Trustee Jennings: I like the idea of a small plaza area for the lookout on the western side. I do not have a strong feeling one way or the other. I wonder how easy it would be for an individual alone in a wheelchair to go across the grass and the dirt if it was a little wet. The paved pathway up to a lookout is friendlier to persons with disabilities.

Trustee Apel: When we saw the original plans of the architect I liked the patio. I could envision having an event where you want to stand outside, and you will not want to stand, necessarily, on the grass. I would like to think that if we did not build a patio now that we had designed it in such a way that we could do it later. I like the idea of a lookout on the Hudson with a paved area and a path.

Trustee Walrath: We know we have lost a bit of the park to the addition. I think we gained some in the sense that there are more accessible areas that extend further out than at present. I would love to have something so our public could see that. I like that there seems to be a wider outlook. The wall in B has more openings toward the river on the west side. I would prefer not to pave, with the possibility of doing it in the future, and to plant rather than to put pavers around the building.

Ms. Griffin: Our thinking was that the park is an open space, and it is not a large piece of property. We thought that if you put in a terrace it would break up the park.

Village Manager Hess: You had a meeting last week with representatives of the neighborhood, the Conservation Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the library. Which scheme did they prefer?

Ms. Griffin: A lot of the ideas that came out of that meeting led to scheme B. There was some consensus of trying to preserve the park, and to take the opportunity to make this a better park. There was enthusiasm for doing that, and to stay away from paving.

Village Manager Hess: If you go with scheme B, but get rid of the existing asphalt and extend the new stone pavement all the way down to the front of the park, then you will have a complete match between the Municipal Building and the library. Replace the stone that is going out west to that sitting area, and use it along the walkway to match up everything.

Mayor Kinnally: Aesthetically, it will look great. But part of that area is a driveway. Will the bluestone support vehicles?

Village Manager Hess: They will have to make provision in the concrete base and the stone to do that.

Trustee Holdstein: On Plan A, the space between the walkway that you show as grass next to the building could be seasonal plantings. I think that would be nice. How many people could comfortably stand on the terrace on Plan A?

Ms. Gutkin: It is 30 by 8. I would say six to eight people.

Trustee Holdstein: Is the space wide enough for a table and chairs?

Ms. Gutkin: This is really meant to be small, because it is a small park and we want it to be discreet. If you wanted to use this as a place to entertain you would want to look at enlarging it a bit. It is only 8 feet, part of that being eaten up by a bench. There is no grading issue that would hold you back from doing that.

Trustee Holdstein: I receive some literature on occasional nights on my car, as I get off the train. Were any of the people producing that literature at this meeting last week?

Speaker: Yes.

Barbara Merling, 9 Hudson: When you are talking access for the handicapped you might also think that this is access for people with strollers.

Village Manager Hess: If you look at the grades on Plan B, at 64 it is relatively flat.

Ms. Merling: It is just easier to run the stroller on a paved walkway than the grass.

Trustee Walrath: In B, your 64 contour creates a depression, which is meant to take the rainwater. We have avoided it running off to the south, and we are bringing it back closer to the library, then away toward the street. Would that need to have so much of a depression to

make sure the water had enough channel capacity so that it would be hard to get over with strollers, or with anything else? In other words, have we taken into account the drainage problem there? Has anyone done a look at the runoff that we might get? With the existing library we have had to deepen the ditch because it was flowing in the Orr Room door, and I hope we check that thoroughly. We need to consider how easy it will be for people to walk through if we have to have enough of a depression to carry the water off.

Ms. Gutkin: I think it looks worse on the contour than the reality. The 64 is actually 63.9 on the contour. It is really imperceptible. It is meant to be a swell, and there is a high point that hits to either side. The library floor is 64.28, so there would be 2 or 3 inches when you step out.

Trustee Walrath: But let us make sure that is enough so that it carries the water away. I would be very happy if it could be a gentle swale, but you do not have a lot of width to it.

Ms. Gutkin: I appreciate that. When we develop a construction drawing we may put in a catch basin somewhere so that we create a low point to take care of it.

Thom Forbes, Library Board: I want to thank Christina and Donna for two great plans, both of which are viable and in the spirit of what we were looking for. It will improve this park tremendously, and it will draw people to the park. At that meeting other voices were heard. I sent e-mails to two people who are producing the literature. The community has been heard from, and these plans reflect the thoughts and input of a number of people at that meeting last week.

Village Manager Hess: We are looking at two phases. A and B are phase 1, so we can move forward to get final design for the contractors. The project is starting next Monday. Phase 2 will deal with the planted slopes on Southside and by the train station; we can work on it over the next several months. The contractor's reaction on looking at this was that we will be within the budget for the park based on what was bid, and we might even get a credit back. It gives us more flexibility in the phase 2 portion in terms of the planting. The only add-on portion is if we do the bluestone down to the front of the park. That can be designed as part of this, but it is not part of the demolition and the excavation. Now the question is whether the Board prefers A or B, or a slight variation.

Trustee Holdstein: I still like Plan A.

Trustee Apel: I like having the walkway going around and having something at the top. I am not necessarily saying that is what we have to do immediately. But I think I would like to

see something that people could walk on and would be usable, for handicapped access, and for outside events.

Trustee Walrath: I prefer B, with plantings around the building.

Trustee Jennings: I still prefer A. Do we know the cost difference between A and B?

Ms. Gutkin: They are about the same. The length of the wall in B makes up for the pavement difference in A.

Mayor Kinnally: I like B. So it is 3-2.

Trustee Holdstein: Has the Library Board chosen one or the other?

Mr. Forbes: We like the unpaved one. The point is well-taken that you could always do it later if we saw a need for it. But once you have done it, it is done. So it might be prudent to go with the unpaved version for now.

Trustee Walrath: Plan B has the advantage of having a longer retaining wall for better views.

Becca Mudge: If you use the longer retaining wall in B, then if you do the add-on later you would end up with a larger plaza.

Trustee Apel: This is a suggestion to put the walkway, for now, up around here, and build the retaining wall so you could at least get up to this point. Take the walkway around the front of the building, it is more decorative here, and stop at that point for now. You could build the path later. You can then get a feel if you are taking too much park away.

Village Manager Hess: I am not sure it makes sense to have a walkway that just ends someplace. If you make provision to have the tree next to the building entrance move to the south so it leaves open space to add a walkway in the future, that makes more sense than bringing the walkway around now and having it end no place.

Ms. Griffin: This long retaining wall creates a sweeping lookout area; we thought it would be wonderful to come up to an edge and feel like you are on a lookout. We have created more of a plateau, so we have given back some of the useable area that we have taken away. On the other scheme, the lookout is smaller, so this will feel more like an object. It is a matter of what kind of park you want. You should think about the scale because there is not

a lot of area here, 26 to 30 feet. You create a long retaining wall which feels like a bigger lookout than this piece, which is a smaller paved lookout.

I prefer this scheme because the long wall completes the edge of the park. After the addition is built, you can see if you feel there is enough room to have a paved area. You do not necessarily have to make that decision now.

Trustee Walrath: Does that mean that the grading is not really that much different between the two?

Ms. Griffin: We have a fairly level grade here.

Village Manager Hess: The tree placement next to the building is the only difference.

Mayor Kinnally: You will not appreciate the sense of the openness of the park if you put in either part of the walkway or the plaza. We can always do that later, but once you start impinging upon that now you cannot go backwards. I would like to see what the vista is like, and how the park works from the new structure before we start making additions to it. I am not saying that the path is a bad idea. I just do not know if we are short-changing ourselves by putting the path in and working around it later.

Trustee Walrath: It would be a shame not to like it after we put it in.

Trustee Jennings: I am becoming persuaded about the merits of B. I had not considered the advantage of the longer retaining wall and the effect that that would have on the sense of an overlook and a view. I am not so much concerned with the feel of the park, but the feel of the overlook is a unique thing about this spot. My main reason for liking A was the accessibility issue. If we discover that is a problem we can take steps to rectify that later. I now favor B, with the proviso that we put the trees and other things in a location that would not make it difficult to add more walkway later if that was necessary.

Trustee Holdstein: I agree.

Steve Underberg, Library Board: People wander anywhere now. I wonder if a path will force people to stay on it, and the rest of the park won't get use.

Jeff Bogart, 5 Jordan Road: I think B is better. It gives you more of a wider area and you get a better view, and you are not hemmed in. How does this affect the view of the slope from the train station?

Ms. Griffin: We would like to put greenery just below the top edge of the retaining wall so that on the retaining walls you would see 18 inches of stone wall, and then there would be greenspace. The rest of the area on the slope we are going to look at in phase 2 because we would like to consider cutting down some of the weed trees or cutting back trees.

Trustee Apel: Going with B to start is a good idea, but we should have a definite time in which we are going to review, and ask users for their input, or ask people who are handicapped what they think about it.

Village Manager Hess: Towards the end of next summer, next September, we will take a look at it again.

Ms. Gutkin: There is a possibility for a walkway if we are going with Plan B of doing something around the perimeter, which is where, especially given this plan, you want to be. There may be opportunities for handicapped accessibility given the new grade. That could be quite nice, wrapping around the perimeter and ending up a wider paved area at the end.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kinnally: . We announce the appointment of Stan Pycior to a full 5-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Stan was an alternate, and is now a full member. David Brennan, reappointment to a full 3-year term on the Board of Police Commissioners. Draper Park Review Board, reappointment for 2-year terms of Sue Smith, Michael Ankuda, and David McCullough. The Advisory Committee for the Disabled, reappointment for 3-year terms of Jackie DiLorenzo, Richard Barrett, Helen O'Reilly, Joan Walsh, and Maureen Bassman.

With these appointees, and all the people who volunteer their time and services and expertise to the community, thank you very much for volunteering and for serving all of us. We could not do what we do here without all of the volunteer boards and commissions.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 40-2001-02 \$ 20,893.12
Multi-Fund No. 41-2001-02 \$235,268.77
Multi-Fund No. 42-2001-02 \$173,406.70

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2001 were approved as presented.

Trustee Apel: Page 14, "Democratic 'part' should be "party."

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2001 were approved as amended.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the special meeting October 9, 2001 were approved as presented.

Trustee Walrath: Page 8, I am speaking, last line: the "neighborhood" should be "neighbor," at the end of the sentence.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the regular meeting October 16, 2001 were approved as amended.

73:01 SALARY - VILLAGE MANAGER

Mayor Kinnally: Each year the Board of Trustees conducts salary reviews of non-union personnel. This year our discussions went a lot later because of the press of other business. We leave the Manager for last, and this is the result of those deliberations.

Michael Ambrozek, 16 Sheldon Place: The Village Manager and the Treasurer are handled by one person. Does the Board breaks out the salary for the Village Manager? I understand that the Village Manager reports to the Treasurer, but who does the Treasurer report to?

Village Manager Hess: The Manager is the chief executive and reports to the Board of Trustees. For budget purposes the salary is broken down two-thirds/one-third.

Mayor Kinnally: We combine the jobs because it saves us money. The Manager can do both, and there is no conflict. He has delegated some of the responsibility of the Treasurer to the Assistant Treasurer.

Trustee Holdstein: We have documents with comparatives from throughout the county, and sources elsewhere. This year Trustee Apel looked at what the different positions pay in comparable communities and so forth. If you add benefits to having two people versus one, clearly the net-net is to our advantage.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees establish the annual salary of the Village Manager/Treasurer at \$138,200 effective June 1, 2001.

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

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: At the quarry we removed 60 loads of wooden stumps. We are going to continue the removal of those items. In addition, we are going to have a general cleanup of the quarry. Over the next several months we will put together a proposal for the Board's consideration on future uses of the quarry and what the alternatives are. The fence has been locked. We are double-checking it, both Mike and myself, and it has only been left open once since we had that meeting several weeks ago.

The on the library addition will begin on November 12. We have a joint meeting with the Board of Education November 14 at the school. I would like to have a work session on November 13 to discuss the Hudson River Estuaries Program and maintenance and improvements of sidewalks.

I want to comment on the great job the fire, ambulance, and police departments did with the fire across the street on Maple Avenue last Friday. The Mahers lost their home, and the quick action of both the police and fire departments saved the houses on both sides of that house.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: We will have before us, either on November 20 or December 4, an application from BP/Amoco for demolition of a number of buildings on the waterfront. I

understand they have also been in contact with the Department of Health and the DEC to move it along as far as remediation of asbestos, etc. They may be able to start demolition in December and they will be working through the winter.

I met last week with George Heitzman of the DEC, and he told me that they were in receipt of a number of engineering studies and drawings, etc. on the feasibility of the cleanup. The DEC is not taking BP/Amoco at its word but is taking a look at the engineering data to see if there is any validity to their arguments. I have asked the DEC to provide us with some of that information which we will hand over to our engineering consultants. He expects to get a draft feasibility study in mid-January and a completed final feasibility study by mid-March. We would anticipate having a public hearing on the PRAP in the second or third week of June. He said that the DEC would prepare a draft fact sheet. We would have our input on it, and they would have a Village-wide mailing as in the past. I would expect we will have it within the next two to three weeks.

I told him we want to know if the area around Marinello Cove has any PCB's. He said that the testing done in connection with OU-2 in the river came up with samples that did not indicate the presence of PCB's. I asked him if testing had been done inside the imaginary line that would be drawn from the edge of the riprap bulkhead, north to Marinello Cove. He was not sure if that had been done, but because there were not concentrations of PCB's in the channel, or the area that would be parallel to the bulkhead, he doubted that there would be concentrations of PCB's toward the shore. I asked him if the DEC would do the testing. He indicated to me that they would. We expect to have the results in a few weeks. I have gotten permission from the owners of Marinello Cove to allow the DEC on their property for purposes of testing.

Regarding the removal of PCB's on the site, and offshore, and OU-2, he said the removal would be by barge or by rail, not by truck.

The Village has reached an agreement in principle with the three owners of Marinello Cove. Brian Murphy, our Village Attorney, has drafted a letter of intent that will go out tomorrow. One of the elements in the draft letter of intent was that the sale would be conditioned upon a clean bill of health on the PCB testing that the DEC will be doing. We are looking at a closing soon after the New Year for Marinello Cove.

We have two other items tonight under board discussion and comments tonight that we will not address, waterfront bridge replacement and the Greenway Compact. We hope to take them up at our next regular Board meeting.

2. Traffic Calming on Broadway

Trustee Walrath: I went to a meeting on walkable downtowns and there were DOT people there, including their man for trails and bike paths, who is from Hastings originally, James Rapoli. He seemed to be the chief spokesman for the group, and he was not encouraging on our being able to get things done, but it is not his area.

They plan to restripe all of Route 9 in Westchester County, except Tarrytown, which they just repaved and is being re-stripped now as part of the repaving. We are still trying to check on their schedule, but they are not returning Meg's phone calls. I would hope that we could consider at our next meeting if it is feasible for us to put a study together fast enough so that we could meet their schedule. Ossining is going to get their traffic calming plan pretty much implemented by the state doing the re-stripping. There are places where they plan to build out bump-outs, but the striping part they will get done by the state right away. We could make a big dent on Broadway if we can get our act together.

Village Manager Hess: I will call Paul Shew, the manager in Ossining, to get a copy of the report they provided to the DOT. I will circulate the report to everybody, and see if we can come up with a local plan. Maybe we can run it by the Safety Council and meet with the Safety Council one night.

Trustee Walrath: Mr. Rapoli is going to be in touch with us to talk about trailways and bikeways and so forth. Meg is looking into applying for federal grants, a T-21 program, in connection with the rebuilding of the Ravensdale Bridge to see if we can get a bike ramp off the bridge.

Trustee Jennings: I would like to move forward with this. I think it is a very promising idea on the Broadway issue.

Trustee Walrath: The general idea on Broadway would be to restrict the traffic to one lane in each direction, and to use the other lane for parking and other things. I believe that the traffic volume is low enough so that it is feasible to handle it nicely as long as you have turning lanes at the intersections with a single traffic lane. It tends to keep people more close to the speed limit than when they have lots of lane to go zipping by somebody else.

Trustee Holdstein: I am in favor of trying to calm the traffic, but it sounds like we are going to have our drivers confused, going in and out of roads that widen and narrow.

Mayor Kinnally: They do it; it is not a problem elsewhere. But I would ask that we not get into a discussion about this tonight, because we ought to get the professionals here. We have to think about more than calming traffic. We have to think about cleaning streets and

plowing streets and whatever. What works in Ossining does not necessarily work in Hastings, but it is good that we take a look at what other communities have had.

Trustee Walrath: The Fenwick drainage: I worked on the scope further from the version everyone is seeing here, and I have discussed it with one engineer. The major comment I got back, is that dealing with the individual property owners is probably the most difficult thing for him to give a proposal on how much time it would take. I would ask people to think about whether we should be able to do that in our meetings, to try to get it settled with the people what they want, and not give the engineer the business of settling it property by property. There are about eight property owners.

Village Manager Hess: If he makes an allowance for 10 hours, let us say, for that type of interaction, we could set up something like we did when Bill Bruder was Village engineer for some road reconstruction projects. We had a general meeting of the neighborhood, but Bill met with several individually for specific drainage concerns. There are a couple of different ways to do the individual meetings. You can do it right after a mass meeting, going property by property and meeting with those people here. Or he has the option of going on-site and meeting with people. But he probably had a lot of the hours for both, maybe 8 or 10 hours for the individual meetings and 4 hours for a Village meeting. Maybe a total of 10, 12 hours.

Trustee Holdstein: Are you going to produce one more document that we are going to show the community as to what is going to be going out to bid for the project?

Trustee Walrath: I am ready to tweak it with your input. We will have the document by our next meeting.

We have a group that got together and set up a volunteer organization, the Hastings Trailways Volunteers, and with their help and the Village's, we have another cleanup day for the trails scheduled for November 17, as we did last year for Rowley's Bridge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ambrozek: I would like to suggest that when new development is done within the Village, whether it be residential or commercial, we should have a sidewalk policy that sidewalks will be put in and what the width of the sidewalk should be. If there is no public land available for the sidewalk, that the property owner should provide the sidewalk. We have a very inconsistent arrangement of sidewalks in the Village, especially people who need to walk children to school. Many of them have to walk on the edges of roads, and when the

weather is bad the edges of the roads are not the best places for walkers. So they have to walk in the roads. I would like to see the Village adopt a policy on the sidewalks.

Trustee Walrath: Michael, we have a whole work session that we plan to devote to that, and we would love to have you.

Mr. Ambrozek: I am glad to see that we are making progress on the waterfront. We have not heard much about the proposal for a development to follow what happens once we get it cleaned up. And, of course, there is the issue of the removal of PCB's. You clearly state that at this stage BP/Amoco is only talking about cleaning up to a certain level. The community is really looking at a greater degree of cleanup of PCB's than has been proposed so far.

Jim Keaney, 27 Villard: Paul Perreton and I are planning a community project that we think will be good for the Village and a learning tool to teach worthwhile values. We think it will be a lot of fun, it will bring ages together, and it will be a success. We do, however, need Village support and some minimal funding. September, 2003 is the 225th anniversary of Hastings' own Revolutionary War battle, the Battle of Edgar's Lane. Our proposal is that we celebrate this in similar fashion to the celebration of the 220th anniversary of the battle, where we had volunteer reenactors of the battle and exhibits about colonial life and camp life. Paul has spoken to the coordinator and cavalryman who was such a vital part of our staging last time, Mr. Hugh Francis.

Paul Perreton: Hugh Francis devotes most of his life to reenacting Revolutionary War events in the northeast and the mid-Atlantic states. Hugh said that 2003 is a wonderful time for himself and his reenactors because they do not have anything scheduled at this point. He was very pleased with how Hastings hosted the 75 people who participated in the Battle of Edgar's Lane, so he would be delighted to do it again, and organize the event. I hope you will support it. I think it is a wonderful educational event for adults and kids alike, and it is particularly appropriate in these sad times, with the war we are in. It will, and does, show how our forbears dealt with the terror of the times.

Trustee Holdstein: This has major educational benefits, and we ought to see that it is incorporated into the school curriculum.

Mr. Keaney: The last time we did this the School Board and Superintendent Russell were very cooperative. I will call him and let him know that we are hoping to put this on again. I am asking for a consensus from the Board that you think it is a good idea. The costs involved, as I recall, were police time, food for the reenactors, a sound system. It was pretty minimal. Governor Pataki has a new program of matching grants. It is called the Heritage

New York program, where they are seeking to match grants to municipalities to preserve and interpret Revolutionary War sites. So that might be an opportunity.

Village Manager Hess: We did get cooperation from the school, and they had specific course work on the Revolutionary War. We had a number of kids sign up for commissions.

Mayor Kinnally: It was fabulous last time. If we could generate that same kind of energy and enthusiasm, I think it would be great.

Trustee Walrath: The Historic Rivertowns are very interested in promoting heritage-based tourism. Every fall they have a special event series. I am wondering if we could get other people interested through that.

Village Manager Hess: I am sure you are going to be developing a committee to work on this. I would be glad to volunteer, and I am sure one or two of the Trustees want to get on the committee also. We will go through all sorts of ideas like this.

Mr. Keaney: To follow up on David's point about making this a broader tourist approach, which is a good one, I saw in the paper that the Cropsey Foundation, in 2003, will have a major exhibit on the Hudson River School. This could be a natural tie-in. Thank you very much for your support. We will be back.

Nicholas Reitter, 465 Broadway: I just saw the that Board was considering the park alternatives across from the library. I recommend that the Board consider the values of open space and privacy, because that park is used quite a bit by a diverse group.

Mayor Kinnally: That is one of the things we talked about tonight. We built a consensus on ensuring that the access would be there and that we would have people use the park in a similar fashion to what they are doing today. The vistas are going to be improved. The tone of the discussion was make it as inviting, if not more inviting, than it is now.

Mayor Kinnally: Last weekend there was a fund-raiser for the family of Patrick Danahy, a former resident of the Village who was killed in the World Trade Center bombings. The owners of the Riverview opened their doors. The food, the service, the raffle prizes, etc. were donated by people in the community. All money raised went directly to the family. It truly was a moving experience to see so many people, from in town and out of town, young and old, who knew the family come together to celebrate his life and to celebrate that family. It was great, and it showed Hastings at its best. A memorial fund has been set up in care of Mary Danahy, his widow, in trust for Allison and Katie.

Trustee Jennings: On November 10 the school district and a citizens group is sponsoring a public lecture by Professor Jeffrey Horn, an expert on international affairs. I hope that this will be the first of a series of lectures and speaker in Hastings over the next several months concerning world affairs and the current situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Walrath with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:25 p.m.