

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

1. Update on the Waterfront

Fred Yaeger, ARCO Liaison: In about two weeks asbestos removal will start, followed by demolition. By mid-summer all the selected buildings will be down.

Mayor Kinnally: Is there any update on the removal by barge?

Mr. Yaeger: We are looking into removing some of the bricks and steel by barge, but it is not decided yet. Dave Kalet will be in next week and I will get more information.

2. PILOT - 422 Warburton

Mayor Kinnally: We want to have further discussion with the school board and the superintendent on this. We have had a number of discussions on the PILOT, and we are ready to act probably at a meeting in June.

3. Marsh at Kinnally Cove

Mayor Kinnally: Questions have been raised about the wisdom of putting in marshland plantings at the cove, and Trustee Apel has some information.

Trustee Apel: There had been questions about whether the marsh at Beczak was successful or not, so I called the director and she told me that they did not consider it a failure. They put in an anti-geese fence but the geese got in under the fence and ate the plants, pulling them out completely because they had not rooted. The plantings were guaranteed and will be replanted, this time with a much deeper fence. The estimate was three years for it to grow.

Some people think this a marsh is too much trouble. My feeling is that more study needs to be done, perhaps with the consultant used at Beczak. I think this is an opportunity for the Village. It is a learning experience for students. It brings life in there. It would be a draw to the community. There will be geese whether there is grass or not, and the geese can be prevented from landing in the marsh. It is a saltwater area, so there are no mosquitos. I think of it as an asset. This was discussed at the Conservation Commission.

I would like to have either the consultant or Jacques Padawer come to a meeting so we can have correct information before we make a decision.

We should be cleaning up the cove and getting it ready so that it can be used. We can do

these things over time. We do not have to have everything there, with all the bells and whistles.

Mayor Kinnally: Susan wanted to discuss the possibility, as you said, of staging things in the cove. Some people in the community have volunteered to help us get in there and clear out the weeds along the road, clear out the debris, and we can put up a fence and some of the plantings that we want so it is at least presentable. Then we will have a better idea, not from drawings but from access to an open area, what portion of this property would be devoted to marshland and what we can do to make it more accessible. I look forward to that discussion at a June meeting.

Trustee Holdstein: You have heard my comments on the marshland. But I do agree with the concept of staging over time.

I had a conversation with a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission who is also a kayaker. He made points similar to what former Mayor Chemka said and what Lee said tonight - let's get it open and get some people to use it. We are busy thinking about \$100,000 breakwalls and fancy docks. What we need to do first is get the access and see just how many people in the community are going to use this facility. We also need to recognize that in the near future we will have other access points from the ARCO property that may be more extensive and paid for by a future developer that may be on a grander scale after we "test the waters" at Kinnally Cove. This person told me that he has launched from the water. His core point was that we should walk before we run. Let us not sink a lot of money into it until we get a good feel for how many people will use it.

Mayor Kinnally: But you cannot launch from the cove - you will sink into the muck.

Trustee Holdstein: But we did not get a chance to hear a full proposal for that piece they wanted to lay in the river, whether that had viability so you would not sink.

Mayor Kinnally: But they will not put a test area down, and I am not about to spend \$50,000 for an untested thing. They were not able to come up with any testimonials. I thought we were beyond that.

Trustee Holdstein: I am not suggesting we go back to it, but we do not need to spend \$300 or \$400 thousand on a floating dock and breakwater.

Trustee Apel: Can we put this on for discussion for our June 21 meeting?

Mayor Kinnally: We will check with Susan.

4. Other

Mayor Kinnally: Last year on the eve of high school commencement scurrilous anti-Semitic

and far right material was passed around anonymously. It was confiscated by the police and the Department of Justice came in because there were issues of Mr. Meeropol speaking at the commencement that evening. The police department has advised me that on Friday similar material was distributed to about 100 homes in the Village. I commend the department for their quick action in confiscating it. This cannot be tolerated in this community. The cowardice of the people who are distributing it is indicative of the type of people who are doing this. Anyone who receives such material should contact the police department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session for Wednesday, May 18, 2005 to discuss the Village Manager search.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.