

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2005**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Peter Swiderski, Village Manager Francis A. Fobel, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Fifteen (15).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel items, including negotiations with unions and discussion of personnel compensation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 27, 2005 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2005 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 27-2005-06 \$ 3,036.35
Multi-Fund No. 28-2005-06 \$ 26,598.60

99:05 SALE OF VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY

Mayor Kinnally: We had a public hearing on this. If anyone wishes to come forward and be heard, you can do this now before the Village Board starts discussion.

Kathy Ryan, 83 Cochrane Avenue: It is number 9 in the conditions of sale, the restrictive covenant in the deed precluding any building. Because I own both sides, it makes the sale, if I ever chose to sell, very restrictive. If someone wanted to put on an addition, I do not have room on the other side of my property to do anything. It is a small piece, and there is a driveway there. But even if anybody wanted to put an attached garage on they would not be able to do it, although I own 75 feet across. So it seems like it makes life difficult for me.

Mayor Kinnally: Let us ask Brian what the genesis of this is.

Village Attorney Murphy: Generally, when the Village has sold this type of property it has included a covenant on the deed precluding the erection of any type of structure on the property conveyed. This has largely been, as I understand it, because of the fact that they are to keep the area open and uncluttered and to preserve the greenspace, or open space.

Trustee Holdstein: I understand the drafting of it, but Kathy makes a good point. The site in question is really their side walk. I guess this would preclude a simple overhang over a side door, which does not make a lot of sense.

Ms. Ryan: Has the Village ever sold a three foot piece before? I could see if you were selling me a piece that attached to the side of my property, which made it much bigger. But I already own the 75 by 100.

Mayor Kinnally: We have, and I can recall instances where we have put in restrictions. One of the concerns also is where you have that other lot. Somebody could buy your property, tear down your house, and build a very large house on both pieces of property so any semblance of open space there is going to be destroyed. Usually, people just want it because it is open space.

Ms. Ryan: If it did not go right down the middle I would not have so many issues with it. But since it divides the two lots, that is where it makes it so restrictive for us. My husband and I bought the house, and my parents bought the property. At that time it still fell within the zoning laws and my parents were going to build there. Eventually they thought that was not a great idea living next door to us, so we bought the property from them and they stayed in the home they always had. The property is in my name alone; the house is in both of our names. We have always kept it separate.

Trustee Apel: Is that strip going to be assigned to the lot your house is on?

Mayor Kinnally: Yes, the improved property.

Trustee Apel: How wide is that piece of property?

Ms. Ryan: Three feet.

Trustee Apel: So if you have a house, can you build within 3 feet anyway?

Mayor Kinnally: Not unless you get a variance.

Ms. Ryan: And you do not feel that the planning and zoning could control it if someone wanted to put a McMansion up, that the deed has to do it?

Village Attorney Murphy: It is not a subdivision, so the Planning Board would not become involved. The Building Department might.

Trustee Swiderski: With no intention of sounding punitive, my issue here is more concern for the neighbors. If they were not excited about a three foot wide times 100 foot walkway with a restriction on building, they may be more excited if they understood that down the road there was potential for something to land up there they did not expect. The only way I would feel comfortable with voting away that restriction would be if the neighbors were re-noticed with notification of what they were potentially facing so they could comment. I think it would be willfully ignoring that process by voting on something that was originally one way and then changing it at the last minute without noticing the neighbors.

Village Attorney Murphy: If this is going to be a condition or an issue of the sale, then I would recommend that you reopen the public hearing so there can be comment elicited on that particular aspect.

Mayor Kinnally: Because the terms are materially different?

Village Attorney Murphy: Materially different than the sale of land which was not envisioned to be anything other than remaining in an undeveloped state.

Mayor Kinnally: Even if you wanted to build on that strip, let us assume there was not a restrictive covenant on that strip, you probably would need to go before the Zoning Board to get a variance anyway. Demolishing the one house and building on both lots, I do not know what you would need in that regard.

Village Attorney Murphy: You would probably need to change the assessment for that group of lots. That is often more a mechanical process than it is one that involves zoning and planning. The Village could conceivably find itself not in a position to influence that.

Trustee Jennings: An addition on the existing house, as well as demolishing, would be a possible scenario.

Ms. Ryan: But an addition is what I would like not to have restricted. Not that we are planning on doing it. But if it is on the deed, it would go on forever.

Trustee Holdstein: But any addition on that side, because it is right next to the property line, is going to require a variance.

Ms. Ryan: And I could not go out the other side.

Mayor Kinnally: You could go out the back.

Ms. Ryan: No, there is an addition on the back we put on years ago. There is no room for another addition.

Trustee Apel: You have got five lots here. If one was to sell the whole kit and caboodle, someone could come in and build a huge house. That is what would be prevented.

Ms. Ryan: But as the owner, it is not what I want, because it means my house is what it is and it will never change, even though I have always owned that large piece of property; if somebody wanted to put an attached garage or whatever they chose, they will not have a right to do it.

Trustee Jennings: Do you know the history of how the Village came to own this strip?

Ms. Ryan: Yes, there was an estate up on Hudson Heights; Hudson P. Rose owned it and bought three feet all the way down to the train station so he could walk down.

Trustee Jennings: And gave it to the Village?

Ms. Ryan: Yes. My neighbor across the street bought it from the estate, but we had just moved in at that time. By the time I contacted the estate they had deeded it all to the Village. For the last 15 or so years we have been trying to get it.

Mayor Kinnally: Is the sense of the Board that they would like to consider something along the lines of what Kathy is suggesting?

Trustee Swiderski: I would not care to speak for the neighbors. The neighbors need to be re-noticed and solicited for their opinion.

Trustee Jennings: I am willing to reopen it for further discussion. Since this is a common provision when we sell Village property, if we were to decide to make an exception, would that limit our future ability to put such restrictions on? Would somebody claim that they were being treated unfairly?

Village Attorney Murphy: If the Board made a particular finding of fact, and if circumstances warranted it, I do not believe it would limit the Board's ability in the future to place such restrictions.

Trustee Holdstein: Another public hearing is fine with me.

Trustee Apel: We could have the public hearing.

Trustee Swiderski: If this turns into a buildable piece of property, this three by 100, and potentially if the two lots could be merged, probably the assessor should be asked if it is not worth more than \$1,500.

Mayor Kinnally: It would be an enhancement to the property, and enhance not only your house and the opportunity to get a larger return on your house, not necessarily by you but by somebody else. There would be a recalculation of the upset price, but we would not do that until we had the public hearing and got a sense of the Board.

Trustee Holdstein: It had been my intention this evening to solicit my fellow Boardmembers about knocking down the upset price. I felt that \$1,500 was somewhat high. It is the sidewalk next to their house, and I was going to suggest that we knock that down to \$1,000. Given where we are going with this other possibility, however, I will refrain.

Mayor Kinnally: It comes out to \$5 a square foot, which is not very much in today's world. I would not say that the \$1,500 is too high, but that is for another time.

Trustee Jennings: With this restrictive covenant, the value of that land is very low and we can look at it in isolation. If we were to take that covenant away, however, looking at it as \$5 a square foot would not be the right way to consider this. You would have to look at what

buying this little strip of property would do to the value of the entire two lots, which could be conjoined. That would be a significant increment of additional value, and the Village should be compensated accordingly.

Mayor Kinnally: You can get that information from the assessor.

Trustee Holdstein: But if someone builds a house encompassing these two lots, the tax assessment is going to be where the Village is going to make its money on the person who is reaping the benefit of this much larger house they choose to build. That, to me, is where the Village, in a fair government, gets the money.

Mayor Kinnally: I am taking the people who are involved in this out of the equation. When the Village conveys Village property, it has to get the highest value of that property. Looking at it today, the value of the property would be enhanced by the addition of that strip whether there is a restrictive covenant on it or not. The value would be enhanced today, and part of it is the potential of doing something today on that property, be it with the existing structure or a structure that could be built tomorrow. It is not necessarily getting something for the Village. It is also what we are giving up. You have to be careful that whatever you do does not constitute a gift of Village property.

Trustee Holdstein: I do not know that this Village is necessarily giving up anything.

Mayor Kinnally: Open space.

Trustee Swiderski: A hiking trail that will not be.

Trustee Holdstein: Peter, have you seen it? It is not part of a hiking trail.

Trustee Swiderski: It certainly is not now, but it is, in perpetuity, until we sell it, the possibility of one.

Trustee Holdstein: Really, that is not a good characterization. But for another night we can discuss the dollars and cents of it.

Mayor Kinnally: So we would have to re-notice this and have another public hearing. When do we want to do it?

Deputy Village Manager Maggiotto: I would like to allow enough time to make sure that all the neighbors get notified. I think we ought to do a mailing.

Mayor Kinnally: We will call for a public hearing at our next meeting and set it for the first meeting of December.

**102:05 BOND RESOLUTION AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY CENTER
DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION**

Village Manager Frobel: The borrowing issue will still remain at \$5 million, but bond counsel is requiring that we have the resolution reflect a total project of about \$5.6 million. The \$600,000, as you know, comes from a variety of other sources: a CDBG grant, a special grant from the state, and a grant from the Office of Housing and Urban Development.

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 adopt the resolution as attached amending a bond resolution dated November 9, 2004 to increase the maximum estimated cost of the construction of a new Community Center Building to \$5,600,000.

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

103:05 SALARY - BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mayor Kinnally: This is the result of various discussions we have had in executive session.

Michelle Noe, 30 Marble Terrace: I think it is a fabulous idea. How long will the construction take?

Village Manager Frobel: It could take upwards to a year, perhaps 14 months.

Ms. Noe: I think you should consider, if it takes over a year, making sure that the services are maintained until the bitter end. It will make all the difference in the end product.

Mayor Kinnally: It reads this way because we are setting the salary for our budget year.

Ms. Noe: So it will be discussed again. Congratulations for this wise decision.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees establish the following salary for the Building Inspector, effective June 1, 2005: \$80,000.00, and an additional amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid during the year in connection with the construction of the Community Center, with the Building Inspector serving as the Village's Clerk of the Works.

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

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: The Community Center project is moving along very nicely. The oil tanks have all been removed. We will have a job meeting next week in which a schedule will be offered as to what activities will occur over the next several weeks. We are also looking to erect a sign on the premises indicating the funding sources, and to have a rendering of the building for people who walk by.

I am pleased to report that the fall-winter newsletter is complete. I have asked Raf to distribute a copy to the Trustees tonight. Every homeowner in the Village will receive a copy over the next several days. We have cut down on the number of pages, but I do not think we compromised any of the quality. A special thanks to all the staff who worked so hard in putting it together, and a special thanks to Raf for his work.

Trustee Holdstein: I noticed this past Saturday that at the Community Center there was a crew working with a bulldozer removing rock. Is our schedule going to require a lot of Saturdays, is that going to affect the budgeting, and how may that affect the traffic?

Village Manager Frobel: It shouldn't affect the budget because we have a price to build that building. I am pleased to see that the contractor understands the urgency to get it completed as quickly as possible. Working on Saturday, as long as it does not disturb too many folks downtown, I hope will continue. The urgency is to get it formed and poured before the onset of winter. He is feeling the pressure to get the project done on time.

Trustee Holdstein: We ought to let the community know that from time to time the traffic may be held a bit to get the concrete poured before it gets cold, and to roll with us on that.

Village Manager Frobel: Sure, be happy to. We could put a note on the web site

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: Fred Yaeger is here. Dave Kalet is going to try to appear and answer questions the Board has in connection with the slabs. In my conversations with him, that does not appear to be any impediment in complying fully with the DEC's requirements. The slabs may remain in place for awhile, but ultimately they will be chopped up.

Fred Yaeger, ARCO Liaison: There has been a lot of progress. Buildings 15, 18, 19, 22-A, 52-A, 52-B, 53, 54, and 79-A have been taken down. The remaining buildings will remain at this time. Those are Buildings 22, 22-C, 51, 51-A, 52, 72, 72-A, 57, and the water tower. Over 500 truckloads of debris and steel have been removed. The site is very clean with very little dust.

Mayor Kinnally: What is your estimate of the number of truckloads remaining?

Mr. Yaeger: Very few. We are in the predesign investigation stage doing drilling as part of the remediation and design to evaluate the soil content. Dave Kalet at the next meeting can give you an update on that. I also invite the Trustees, either individually or in a group, to tour site. I think the community is happy with what we are doing. There has been very little negative impact in terms of any kind of dust. Paramount with the Atlantic Richfield Company is the health and safety not only of the community but of the workers.

Trustee Apel: Where are we with the water?

Mr. Yaeger: We are taking a look to see if we can combine some of the work with OU-2 in terms of the bulkhead and any future dredging.

Mayor Kinnally: Dave mentioned that dealings with the DEC are speeding up and that they are in the final stages of discussions with the DEC and with some of the other parties as far as OU-2 is concerned.

Trustee Apel: What is the hope to get this started by?

Mr. Yaeger: It will probably be sometime within a year from now to begin that work. We are looking to expedite the whole situation so we can move on to reuse in the year 2011.

Trustee Jennings: Am I correct in remembering that you have a web site?

Mr. Yaeger: Yes. We constantly update the Website with new information. It is www.oneriverstreet.com.

We are also working towards, as a company, being a good neighbor. We want to assist in whatever community efforts the Village might have. Let me know if there are things that we can do to support the activities of the community, whether it is with the high school or other environmental groups, or with the Village; we will be very happy to entertain any thoughts that you might have in terms of cooperating and providing support.

Trustee Jennings: Is it your understanding that the cleanup of both the land and the water portions will have to be completed before we move into development of the waterfront because you are going to need to use the land as a basis for doing the work underwater?

Mr. Yaeger: That is still to be decided, but both Dave Kalet and I sit in on the LWRP meetings. Whatever cleanup work that we are doing, we want to do it in concert with the thinking for future development. So if there are certain roads that the LWRP might decide on, we are going to do work in terms of cleanup where we will not interfere. We will be able to actually enhance the road building. If people want to have a greenery and forest and trees on the southern portion we are going to try to do whatever with can to support that effort.

Trustee Jennings: When we were talking about this a couple of years ago, my understanding was that when we get close to the end things are going to get very interesting and complex in terms of what has to happen before something else can happen, and so forth. For example, you have to have some idea of what you want to have above ground before you can know what kind of infrastructure you want to put under: conduit, sewers, all that kind of stuff. On the other hand, that has to be done before you put the cap on it, does it not?

Mr. Yaeger: Correct.

Trustee Jennings: When would you suggest we start the discussion in earnest in the Village about the type of vision we have for that site?

Mr. Yaeger: The discussion has already been started with the LWRP. Once there is definitive information and people decide on where they want certain roads, and certain areas to be developed and other areas not to be, we will try to work together with those decisions.

Trustee Jennings: With all due respect to the LWRP committee, which has done a great job and does a lot of work, I foresee and hope that the discussion in the community is going to be a lot broader than just that group of people. This does not happen overnight so we need to start thinking about how to organize that. Undoubtedly, it will be done under the auspices of the LWRP, but I would hope that there are many very broadly attended community meetings between now and the time when we have the plan laid out.

Mr. Yaeger: I would agree with you in that we would like to participate 100% in those meetings and activities, and see how we can support the decisions of the Village and of the community.

Trustee Holdstein: Question for you, Mayor. Am I assuming in these negotiations that George Heitzman is involved?

Mayor Kinnally: Yes.

Trustee Holdstein: George has been a pretty good friend of this Village in our negotiations with the DEC. I wonder if it would not be helpful to hear from him now.

Mayor Kinnally: I think he would be somewhat reluctant at this point, because the discussions are internal in the state between the DEC and other departments. I am not sure that he would be at liberty to say what the various positions internally are in the state. My understanding is that various departments have staked out their positions, and they have to try to come to an ultimate decision on the scope of the cleanup.

Trustee Holdstein: Given that we are on the same side and the state works for all of us, I still question whether we are not entitled to know what some of those positions are that are staked. These are people that all of our tax money pays.

Mayor Kinnally: I am not so sure that the DEC has a position yet because of the competing interests and the debates that are ongoing in the state. I will reach out to him through Mark, if you want to. It may be premature, but I will reach out.

Trustee Holdstein: If there are different positions being staked by different people, to a certain degree we are entitled to get at least a temperature on that, because we may want to use our relationships with our elected officials in Albany to intervene if there is a position that is being staked out that we are not real happy with.

Mayor Kinnally: Point well taken. I will talk to Mark on that.

2. Cluster Development 270 Farragut Parkway

Mayor Kinnally: Ed Weinstein, on behalf of the proposed developer of 270 Farragut Parkway, has requested that this item not be discussed this evening.

3. Old Marble Quarry - Next Steps

Chris Lomolino: We want to thank all of you for the great reception when we made our presentation, and for your words of encouragement and support. Many of the committee members are here today, and some additional neighbors are here also. We hope to focus the discussion tonight by detailing the next steps that the Board may want to consider toward moving the project forward.

In our letter dated October 14, the next steps that we suggest are for the Board to endorse the findings of the committee, pass legislation designating the site as parkland, and appoint members of the committee who wish to continue working on the project to form the core of a Quarry Conservancy. This group will work with Village staff to apply for grants and other sources of public and private funding; to develop and maintain organizational ties with the existing boards that are relevant to the project, community associations, and other local and regional groups; and to research and develop an appropriate organizational structure for the conservancy. This may be a mini version of the Central Park Conservancy, or like the Draper review board. It would engage residents in the process of figuring out how to continually move the process forward, in particular, in seeking out funding sources.

Funding is very much on everyone's mind. Our view on the committee is that this project can be as big or small as funds allow, and that it can be done in stages; design elements can be added as funding permits. We are fortunate to have here today Jeff Anzevino from Scenic Hudson who has a perspective on what kind of funds this project can attract. We do not wish

this to become something that is funded primarily from tax monies. We would be looking for grant monies to do this.

Finally, the core group that we hope will be appointed will report back to the Board periodically with our progress and, of course, seek the Board's permission at appropriate points to proceed with the project.

Jeffrey Anzevino, Senior Regional Planner, Scenic Hudson: I would like to thank Mayor Kinnally and the Board of Trustees for letting us say a few words tonight on behalf of the park, and I want to commend the quarry study committee, Susan Maggiotto as chair, and Chris Lomolino for apprising me of this great opportunity that the Village has. Scenic Hudson is a 42-year-old environmental organization. We work for sound planning, particularly on waterfronts. We have created about 28 parks and preserves throughout the Hudson Valley. We partnered with the Village of Irvington. We purchased the park, and then the Village, the state, and the county came up with money for implementation and also cleanup, as it was a contaminated site. The bad news for us at this site is that the Village already owns it. But we can give you some ideas about funding. We support the project wholeheartedly. We would be happy to write letters of support and use our contacts to try to speed things up.

This report is outstanding. I want to reiterate that if it was not just the history of the quarry and the potential for the quarry, that would be well enough. But its proximity to Draper Park and the Old Croton Aqueduct, nearby residential areas, and the potential connection to the Hudson River via the historic quarry road combine to create this synergistic effect that would enhance the value not only of the quarry but residential areas, nearby businesses, and Draper Park. When the waterfront becomes developed in the future, this connection to the park would greatly enhance the value of that waterfront, as well.

You want to know where you might turn for some money. Charlie Murphy is an assistant Secretary of State with the quality communities program and she says all municipalities received a copy about two weeks ago of a new funding opportunity. The Department of State has money for coastal programs. You are participating in the LWRP. This is in your coastal zone. The Greenway has planning money. The Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, their 18 month cycle ended in June, so in another year and a half they have money directly for the creation of parks. As Chris said, this is a perfect project to be done in stages. Make quick and fast successes and build on those. The Hudson River Estuary Program may have some funds, although this is not on the riverfront. The quarry trail is a great opportunity to get river funds from the Estuary Program or perhaps the Hudson River Improvement Fund. Rails to Trails Conservancy may help you as a rail-trail. And, of

course, there are member items from New York State Assembly members and senators. And federal transportation money, I am not sure the timing is right, but they like to tie historic preservation of old transportation facilities into funding. The fact this was an inclined railway that took the marble from the quarry down to the riverfront should make this a very attractive project.

Mayor Kinnally: I would suggest that counsel report to us on steps to be taken to dedicate parkland. We will take up the request for the appointment of a committee in executive session. That is the starting point because the other things will grow out of the appointment of the committee. The application for funding would probably come under the Village's umbrella, but that will depend in large part on what we identify as the sources. Staging is something that the Village and the committee will take a look at, depending upon the site and how amenable it is to staging. We also have to work through our environmental counsel with the DEC to get the final sign-off and a better blueprint of what the state wants done as far as regrading or removal of the debris. But in our off the record discussions with the DEC we did not see that the environmental aspect of this was going to pose an insurmountable obstacle and slow us down.

Trustee Holdstein: This letter, like the report, is outstanding, clear and concise. But in the vision of the people that have been working on this, once the project is complete, is there a reason that the Conservancy stays in existence?

Mayor Kinnally: She analogized it to the Central Park Conservancy, and that continues, the little I know about it, as an advocate, a fund-raising branch, an entity that lobbies with the city council and keeps the interest of Central Park in the news.

Ms. Lomolino: You're exactly right that the role of the Conservancy would switch to continually supporting some activities there, maintenance of the park, and continued involvement of the residents in further developments. It can also be likened to the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct. It is basically the guardian angel of the project. There are residents who are very eager to play a role in that adoption process.

Trustee Holdstein: Should this new committee be put under the umbrella of the Conservation Commission or Parks and Rec, or should it be a stand-alone committee and added as a new committee like we have added recently the public health board?

Mayor Kinnally: How we want it structured is one of the things we will talk about in executive session.

Trustee Apel: I want to thank you for all your hard work and this is wonderful.

Trustee Jennings: I am glad that we are moving forward on this.

Trustee Swiderski: One of the specific items requested in the letter was an endorsement of the quarry document. Is that something we are going to do tonight?

Mayor Kinnally: Why do we not add it next time.

Ms. Lomolino: I think there are quite a few people who would like to speak to that issue.

Mavis Cain, President. Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct It is amazing what a friends group can do. Our Friends group started the original agitation against the dumping of garden waste in the quarry. I invited Alex Schnee, the general manager of both the Rockefeller State Preserve Park and the Old Croton Aqueduct, to go through the quarry area with me because I wanted to get her endorsement and the state enthusiastic about it. She was extremely enthusiastic, partly because it obviates any possibility of danger to the Aqueduct. She was concerned about the parking lot because it was looking particularly messy that day, but she said that another good thing about doing the park is that the lot will be properly looked after. She would be happy to write to you or do anything she can to help move this along.

Mayor Kinnally: Anyone else wishing to speak to the issue of the report? I dare say there would be few people who could not endorse the options. Endorsing without saying we are going to adopt any of them but, certainly, it is a wide range of options to consider.

Betty Ryberg, 11 Riverview Place: I am not sure that it makes sense for the committee to be part of the Parks & Recreation organization, because there are a number of programs and activities that the Parks and Rec Department administers that would be slightly different than this project. I would ask the Board to take that into consideration.

Mayor Kinnally: Certainly, it is something to consider. A lot of times when we establish boards and commissions and committees we may have liaisons. So maybe that is one of the things we will take into consideration, but it is a good point. We will put this over until our next meeting. At the very least we will have the endorsement on the agenda. We will also give some thought to how we would like to have this structured, and we can find out from Susan who from the committee wishes to continue and get her thoughts and Fran's thoughts on the structure of the Conservancy and a committee.

Trustee Jennings: John Kretzman from Northwestern University gave a presentation at Andrus on Hudson last night. It was well attended by about 30 people. I appreciate those who came to the meeting. We had a very good discussion. He gave a lot of fresh perspectives and insights about how to identify and tap into the many assets that exist in every community, including Hastings. It will be broadcast on WhoH. I think this will lead to something, I am not quite sure what exactly. But it is possible that we will find a way to work with him and his organization, which is called ABCD, Asset Based Community Development. It is apropos that the Village directory should be passed out this evening because one of the outcomes of process is to have a resource where people can more readily identify organizations and people with special talents, people with special interests, people with special needs.

Mayor Kinnally: During our executive session tonight we will get advice of counsel and have counsel bring us up-to-date on existing or threatened litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.