

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 8:09 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee James B. Keaney, Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee Anthony Gagliardi, Deputy Village Attorney Brian Murphy (8:15 p.m.), Village Manager Neil Hess, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

Mayor Kinnally: We should also put Kinder Bear on the roll call. For the second year in a row we have a visit from Kinder Bear from the kindergarten classes at Hillside School. Kinder Bear travels around the Village. Pictures are taken at various stops. There's a journal that's kept by Kinder Bear, and postcards are sent to the kindergarten classes. We told the children that Kinder Bear would be featured at our meeting this week and promised them they would be able to tune in and see Kinder Bear at our meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Kinnally: The LWRP: Roger Panetta and Jeff Bernstein. Committee on the Disabled: Maureen Bassman. Library: Tom Forbes. Parks and Recreation Commission: Ellen Bush. Police Commission: Bruce Jennings. ZBA: David Deitz.

I thank everyone for volunteering their time, and I would ask that they come down and be sworn in. Good luck in serving the Village. To all who have served on our Boards and Commissions whose terms are expiring, I wish to thank you for your time, your energy, and your patience in dealing with the many problems that come before this Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Holdstein had the following change to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 1998:

Page 4: "...how will this be able to improve our recycling program..." and the follow-up question should be attributed to Trustee Keaney.

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 1998 were approved as corrected.

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes for the Special Meeting April 28, 1998 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote by all in favor, the following warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 144-1997-98	\$ 42,440.00
Multi-Fund No. 146-1997-98	\$ 44,123.45
Multi-Fund No. 147-1997-98	\$ 50.00
Multi-Fund No. 149-1997-98	\$ 10,531.10
Multi-Fund No. 151-1997-98	\$ 9,508.00
Multi-Fund No. 152-1997-98	\$163,641.62

32:98 MUNICIPAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Mayor Kinnally: This has been the subject of much discussion, planning and review, not only among the people in the Municipal Building but also with various members of the public meeting with the staff. We have had quite a bit of public discussion on this, both at our Board meetings, at work sessions, and also at the two League forums.

Mr. Crane is here tonight from Gisolfi Associates. The project has been identified as something that is of great necessity because we've really outgrown this building, and technology has rendered a good part of it obsolete. It's time for us to come to a decision on this, and to authorize going forward. I open it up to the public for any comments.

David Shapiro, 5 Travis Place: It is clear that the Board intends to approve the commencement of the Municipal Building renovation project this evening. The decision to do this comes as the final stage of a year-long process that has been marked by cynicism and manipulation. They have not dealt honestly and openly with Village residents, such as myself, who have raised serious questions about this project, and have sought to have meaningful input into this decision. They have done everything possible to prevent an open dialogue with Village taxpayers who may have troubling questions.

In June, 1997 I spoke on behalf of group of Village residents who had collected over three hundred names on a petition in support of a referendum on this issue. From that point on, the Board and Village administration have responded to our legitimate request for meaningful participation in the expenditure of major tax revenues by a variety of tactics designed to merely allow them to conduct business as usual without interference by "troublesome Village residents," who might want to question their actions.

I ask the Village residents to please bear in mind that the project that the Board intends to approve will cost far in excess of one-and-a-half million dollars, and will probably cost twice

that. The Board and Village administration dealt with our request for a referendum by attempting to give the impression that they were allowing citizen participation in this decision-making process, but in fact did all within their power to prevent any open discussion and debate.

In June, 1997 Trustee Holdstein acknowledged that there should be some sort of community education about this project. He promised to take the responsibility for this. He personally assured me that he would do so. He never did.

In October, 1997, under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters, myself and Vanessa Merton were invited to participate in a community forum on this project, along with Mr. Hess, Mr. Crane, and Mayor Kinnally. We were each granted only five minutes, while other panel members were granted ten. But at least we had the chance to state our position publicly. I continued to support the idea of a referendum, and Vanessa questioned the Board's decision-making process. That was the last time that forum was presented. That was the first, and last, time I had the opportunity to contribute to a meaningful dialogue on this issue, and the last time that I feel I was treated in a non-disrespectful fashion.

An ad hoc citizens committee was formed, which included myself, Vanessa, and Mary Jane Shimsky. This group met once, we stated our views, and that committee never met again.

Finally, again with the cooperation of the League, there was an informational session conducted in January, 1997, where Mr. Crane's revised plans were presented to the community. This time there was no panel, only Mr. Crane. I was allowed one question.

It had become readily apparent that the Board and Village administration had no intention of allowing a truly open dialogue on this issue. Of course, there was no comment of this issue during the recent Village elections. I believe that the Board and Village administration hope that the Village residents forget about what happened. I don't think so. Perhaps they think that they've taught a lesson to Village residents who have had the temerity to attempt to hold them accountable. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Betty Wagner, 2 Sunset Street: I did not intend to speak on this subject, but I will. I'm for the renovations. I think they're about 20 years too late and that's why the cost is so high. There's no question that if you come to the Village offices that you have problems. I can only speak for myself, but I know there are other people who are just as interested in having this whole building renovated. I had a parking ticket to pay and I went to the police station door. As I approached the door a policeman was coming out with three handcuffed criminals. It was very uncomfortable. I don't think anybody should have to go through that.

I come and I pay my taxes directly to Shirley, and I know if you open a door and it goes a little too far her desk and herself would be out the window. I had an appointment to speak with Mark

Gennarelli and it was rather important to me. I came with all my papers. We walked around the whole building to look for a place to sit down with a desk. I could have offered him the back seat of my car, but I thought not. We did go to the Police Chief's office, and that's where we had our little meeting.

I do think we are way behind in getting this project started. We have fifty-four full-time employees of the Village, and I don't know how many part-time. So, please consider my opinion as great as three hundred other people, because I'm sure we do have three hundred other people just as interested.

Ellen Theg, 645 Broadway: I'd like to have a breakdown of the costs of the renovation. In reading *The Enterprise* over the months I've seen that this matter has been ongoing, but I've never seen any figures. So I thought there would be some sort of handout here tonight, which I don't see.

Mayor Kinnally: Maybe Mr. Crane can give some breakdown. These are just estimates, because the final plans haven't been drawn and haven't gone out to bid, so these are estimates at this point. But we have, in the past, handed out estimates.

Village Manager Hess: They were handed out at the forum in February, and they were also handed out to the Board last December. If you'd like a copy I'd be glad to mail it to you.

Mayor Kinnally: We're estimating that it will come in at the figure that we have put in the Resolution, but obviously if it's appreciably different from that we're going to have to go back and look at the whole thing. When it goes back before the Board it will go back to consideration with the community. We do everything in public, so there will be further discussion on this.

Mary Jane Shimsky, 35 Ashley Road: I've spoken to a number of senior citizens about this issue, and many of them are very concerned about this proposed outlay of money. I would urge the Board that, as this process goes forward, there be a real serious, brutal, competitive bidding process going on, and that every step is taken to ensure that the cost of this is kept to a minimum.

Mayor Kinnally: I can assure you that it will be a competitive bidding process. Every aspect of the job goes out to bid.

Trustee Keaney: Will Frank be making a presentation? Do you think it will cost twice the estimate?

Frank Crane: Based on the scope of work that we've outlined in the schematic design phase, we've put together budgets which will cover that work. Keep in mind that they're based on very early-stage plans. As we're going through design development and construction documents

we're gauging to make sure we're not going above that budget. During the bidding phase we will provide alternates within the bid proposal so that when a number comes in as a base bid we will have options to look at different categories and say, Yes, I'd like to choose this, or, This would be value-engineered out, to make sure we stay within the budgets we've set from the very beginning.

As far as bidding, this project would be bid to prime contractors: four minimum with a GC, mechanical contractor, plumbing, and electrical. If we decide to also bid it to an elevator contractor we have the option of doing that. We would invite and try to solicit bids from a list of bidders that we work with in public work to make sure that we get competitive bids.

Trustee Holdstein: Although Mr. Shapiro has left the room and has not stayed, and while I understand WHOH-TV, as part of its bylaws, is to be nonpolitical, I felt that a great deal of his statement was very political. I resent that he alluded to my promising things that I did not promise to him or to the public. I commented at one time about the potential of doing a newsletter. In lieu of that we did two community forums, invited public comment, and delayed the process extensively to take public comment. But at no time did I promise anything that I didn't deliver. I do not promise things if I can't deliver them, and I resent him saying that tonight.

I also resent his unfactual statement of saying that this project is going to cost twice as much. It's erroneous, it's unfactual, it's a lie, and it's not right. The facts are, we're going to maintain the bid. As the Mayor alluded to, if it goes over we pull back and rethink the whole project. There are contingencies in the plan by Mr. Crane to allow that we are going to come under the one-point-five. We don't know exactly until we go out to bid.

The last thing is, to bring up the most recent election and say this was not a discussion, I would again say to Mr. Shapiro: Review the tape of the candidates' night. It was brought up, it was discussed. I, as one candidate, said in public that I was in favor of the project. So, for him to again make a political statement that it wasn't even discussed during the campaign is a third lie in his statement, and I further resent his statement. It should never have been aired. This is nonpolitical forum. It's a broadcast of Board meetings. He was wrong to say what he said, it was filled with lies, and he left this room and is not here to hear any response.

Trustee DeVita: It's my understanding that we have a list of things that we want done, and that we authorized a bond for one-and-a-half million, so that, in fact, if we should be exceeding that amount everything will stop; we have to come back and make other decisions. Am I right? If the bids don't come in under one-point-five we're more or less starting over again.

Village Manager Hess: You have the right not to award the bids.

Trustee DeVita: My other question is on the bid timetable. I'm concerned about the summer, the good months for construction; do we have a sense of when these bids would first go out; how long they would they be out; how long until they come back; and so forth.

Mr. Crane: If this were approved tonight we would proceed. Since we've started schematic designs and have moved somewhat into design development, we need to complete the design development with the committee that was set up, and with the participants that we've been working with on this building from design development. Once that is over, which could be anywhere between four to five weeks, we would proceed to begin the construction documents, that we would bid out to the contractors. We are looking right now to be bidding that in the third week of August, which is a good time to bid because contractors are very busy during the summer months. They're looking for work for the fall. We are thinking of a three- to four-week bid period starting in the third week of August, and then starting the renovations mid-fall once we have bids and have analyzed them. We would make a recommendation to the Board on a contractor, or several contractors, for you to award to.

I would think that would be in October. That also depends on how the bids come in. If they come in on budget, and we have good contractors and good references it's very easy. If they do come in over budget we do not start all over again. What we can do is award several of the contracts that may be within budget. We look at the contracts that have gone over budget and figure out how to get them in the budget.

Trustee DeVita: It needs to be clear to the public, too, that we have authorized a bond resolution for one-and-a-half- million dollars, period.

Mr. Crane: That's what we have and that's it. We're not going above that.

Trustee Gagliardi: These are very hard decisions on this building. It's definitely needed and it's a lot of money. We're going to keep it to one-point-five or less, hopefully. I, too, have talked to many seniors. I'm the senior liaison. I've been to many socials at which I listened to, and addressed some of, their concerns. Although they're concerned with increases in taxes, not one in the last year has stated to me that this is a bad idea. Most of those people need some of these improvements just to get in and around this building. I'm in favor of the project.

Ken Tucillo, 14 Edgewood: I want to again voice my objection to proceeding without a referendum. I think the people of Hastings have a right to vote on whether this amount of money is spent. They're going to be paying for it for the next ten years. It's one-point-five, but it's one-point-five with interest. It's a lot of money, and I think people have a right to vote on that.

Marjorie Apel, Rosedale Avenue: Does this one-point-five million cost include what it's going to cost to house the people while the renovations are going on?

Village Manager Hess: Yes.

Ms. Shimsky: How much interest will the Village be paying on a bond of this size and this duration?

Village Manager Hess: I covered that at the forum. I estimated a six-percent interest rate, which was on the high side. I gave a breakdown for each year through the entire renovation project. The payback is over fifteen years. I don't have that with me right now but I can provide you that information.

Ms. Shimsky: The magnitude of it, then, would be several hundred thousand dollars over the ten years.

Village Manager Hess: I'm not going to characterize it without looking at those notes. It would be well under a couple of hundred thousand dollars that you're referring to. If you do it at simple interest that's six percent, times a-million-and-a-half that's 90 thousand the first year. I'm not going to commit to any figures at this point. I'd be glad to provide you with the information.

Trustee Holdstein: When windfalls of money come to the Village we can retire that debt sooner than the fifteen years.

Ms. Shimsky: And then you wouldn't have to pay the interest.

Trustee Holdstein: Exactly. So depending on other things the Village is waiting to collect on, that money could be used.

Mayor Kinnally: That assumes that the Board would apply anything like that to it.

Trustee Holdstein: The Board would have to make that decision on any of those windfalls of money: where they want to put it.

Village Manager Hess: There was a mention made before of an ad hoc committee. I'm not sure what that was. But there's been a building committee in existence since 1995 when we first started with this project and went out with an RFP and interviewed architects. The building committee was composed of representatives of every Village department. Last May we offered to add some citizen members to that committee. Several people indicated a willingness to serve on the committee. Mr. Shapiro, Ms. Merton, Betty Wagner, and Susan Winn were appointed. I believe Ms. Shimsky came to a meeting, initially to be a representative for Dave Shapiro. It was not an ad hoc committee. It was a staff committee appointed, and has been serving that capacity since 1995.

Trustee Holdstein: If monies come into the Village, can we retire any portion of that one-point-five at any time?

Village Manager Hess: One of the provisions we have in all our bonds and notes is that we can pre-pay any outstanding balances without penalties. Normally you can do that within the first five years when it's out on a BAN, a Bond Anticipation Note. When you're in the bond phase, unless you pay off the whole thing you can't accelerate the payments when it's a bond. The first five, if it's an outstanding BAN, you can take larger chunks and pay those off. You would then pay it off in ten equal installments over years ten through fifteen. Normally when you go out to bond those are sold to individuals, and they invest in those bonds. They're looking for a steady stream of consistent income over that period of time.

Trustee Holdstein: So in year six you're locked into whatever the balance is, and the interest is for those ten years.

Village Manager Hess: Right, unless you pay off the whole thing.

Mayor Kinnally: This has been an interesting process. The Resolution indicates that the Board identified in 1995 the necessity to undertake renovations, but it's been under discussion for a period of time longer than that. It's obvious to anybody, as I've said in the past, who comes down here or who works in this building for any short or long period of time that this building needs something. Is it a lot of money? Yes, it is. It's a-million-and-a-half dollars. In today's dollars it's a lot of money. In tomorrow's dollars it'll be a lot of money, also. But I think it is a wise thing to do. We have to make sure that this building can last for another fifty years, but more importantly, that people can work in here and be efficient and that the business of the Village can be discharged here in a pleasant and efficient fashion.

We do wander around searching for a nice place to sit down and have a meeting from time to time, more frequently than not. Our space here is not configured very efficiently. Since we've gone into the computer phase we recognize that there are many shortcomings as far as the power, and the ability of the building to support the electronics that we have here, the new phone systems, and everything else.

Probably the most telling sign of what this building needs is when we had the Waterfront forum down here last September and we kept blowing fuses. We're just not built out now to support the type of power needs that today's machines and electronics require. But, more fundamentally, this building has really exceeded its useful life and we have to do something with it. Is there a difference of opinion whether or not we should go to the community? Yes, there is a difference of opinion. When this process first started I remember saying that maybe we should consider a referendum. But, it is our job. Certainly if there was a petition we would go to a referendum. But I have not detected any groundswell of opposition to this project, nor a tremendous

requirement by the people in the community that we go out to the community to get permission and authorization to bond this amount of money.

It's a lot of money but it's an investment in this Village and in the future of this Village. The Village Board is elected to make these decisions. We make them not in a vacuum; we do hear the comments from the community. The informational forums did exactly what they were designed to do, and that was to get the information out to the people, to try to explain to everyone how this building works or doesn't work, and what's going to be needed to bring this building into the 21st century.

Most of the questions that were asked this evening were topics that were covered in those forums, and those programs have been shown a number of times on Channel 16. If people need additional information, we would be more than happy to give it to them. We have listened to people's concerns, and on balance I think the Board has made a decision that it's time to move on with this and to make a decision. That's what were paid to do. That's what we're elected to do.

Trustee Holdstein: After the most recent candidates' night, Raf, who knows more than anyone else about the electricity in this building, came up to me because there was a lot of very interesting conversation that evening about different things that we can do...the Internet and different things that we can expand with WHoH...and he said that one of the problems with all these great ideas is that this building cannot handle any more power than we have with just the simple machinery to run WHoH now. To expand on some of these electronic ideas into the 21st century requires a tremendous upgrading of the electrical systems in the building.

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

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees in 1995 identified the necessity to undertake renovations to the Municipal Building constructed in 1929, and

WHEREAS a committee of Village staff representing all departments was formed to interview and recommend architectural and consulting services, and

WHEREAS Peter Gisolfi Associates were selected to undertake a needs evaluation, program of space requirements, and evaluation of mechanical systems, and to provide detailed cost estimates, and

WHEREAS the committee met monthly with Gisolfi Associates to develop a space utilization study and identify problems with the existing structure, and

WHEREAS a report, designs and cost estimates were issued and reviewed with the Board in 1996 and were revised based on input received by the Board and all operating departments, and

WHEREAS the Board approved a Bond Resolution dated May 20, 1997 authorizing the issuance of \$1,500,000 serial bonds for the project, and

WHEREAS the Hastings League of Women Voters sponsored two informational forums which appeared on Channel 16 on the proposed renovations and project financing, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees determines that there is a necessity to provide handicapped accessibility throughout the Municipal Building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, update mechanical and electrical systems, undertake renovations for the safety of the public and staff and develop modern facilities, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the renovation project and preparation of bid documents.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee James B. Keane	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

33:98 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - PBA

Village Manager Hess: We had a contract with the PBA which expired in May, 1997. We had reached a point of impasse and had a mediator to try to negotiate a contract between the Village and the PBA. We had an arbitration hearing. At the point that the arbitration hearing was completed we were able to sit down and finalize a new four-year agreement between the PBA and the Village.

The four-year agreement provides for salary increases of four percent per year over the four-year period. It has some minor adjustments in uniform allowance and longevity. Two major items within the four-year agreement, as recommended: 1) the Lieutenant would be removed from the bargaining unit, and would be considered managerial confidential; 2) effective June 1, 1998 any person hired as a police officer by the Village will be contributing toward health insurance.

That's an item that was a major concern of the Board. This provision for new hires after June 1, 1998 will cover the police and all other nonunion government employees effective June 1, 1998. We're still, however, in negotiations with the Teamsters Union.

Mayor Kinnally: I believe it's a good contract for the Village and for all sides it's a fair contract. A four-year deal certainly is beneficial to everyone. I commend Mr. Hess, and I also commend the bargainers from the PBA for reaching what is a fair, just contract which ensures harmony for the next four years. This is a retroactive contract, effective of June 1, 1997.

Trustee Keaney: This is an agreement between the Village and the bargaining union. Although it had gone to arbitration, and that arbitration came out with certain results, we did, I think, the proper thing, and that was to get the agreement of all sides. In the long run that's a much better deal: to have an agreement.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees ratify a new four-year contract with the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Benevolent Association pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties as attached herewith.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

34:98 1998-1999 TAX WARRANT

Village Manager Hess: By New York state real property tax law, once the budget is adopted and the tax rolls prepared a warrant for the levy and collection of the taxes must be approved and signed by the Mayor. That is what we're recommending.

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

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the 1998 - 1999 Tax Warrant as attached herewith.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: Last time I reported about the situation we were having over at the high school/middle school with the stop signs. I spoke to the superintendent and several members of his staff and I understand that has been resolved. Those signs are being put up and taken down at the times they're supposed to be.

The hearings on the Environmental Impact Statement on ShopRite will begin this Thursday night in this room at 7 p.m. Also, next Monday night, May 11, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and also at 7:30 on Monday night. Those hearings are very important, so I hope everybody will get a chance to attend. If you are unable to attend, please watch it on Channel 16. You can send written comments to the Planning Board right up May 22nd. If you have any comments relative to the ShopRite proposal please make the Planning Board aware of those comments.

The ambulance which the Board authorized through bid, and was ordered, will be received in approximately two weeks. We will be taking it up to the Fire Chiefs' convention in June to Syracuse, to show other departments this modern piece of equipment.

The summer concert dates have been finalized. There will be three concerts, all at the Burke Estate: Big Brother and the Holding Company on Saturday night, July 4th, picnicking at 6, concert at 7 o'clock; Sunday, July 5th, picnicking at 6, The Westchester Philharmonic at 7 o'clock; Sunday, August 2nd, again 6 o'clock for picnicking, 7 o'clock for the Westchester Philharmonic.

Lee Tyrell, who has been the Court Clerk here since the late 1970's, will be retiring from Village service in June. We from the staff all wish her well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session for Tuesday, May 12, at or about 8 p.m. for discussion with counsel concerning ongoing litigation and personnel.

UPDATE ON THE WATERFRONT

Mayor Kinnally: Cleanup Day was last Saturday, and I congratulate everyone for a job well done. A number of people and organizations designated a spot and cleaned it up, and the Village is looking even better.

We were at MacEachron Waterfront Park for a little luncheon afterwards, and I had occasion to go over and take a look at what's happening at the restaurant. The restaurant is planning to be open in two weeks. They're doing a wonderful job. They're going to be landscaping the area surrounding it pretty soon, and we're looking forward to having that facility open.

I had a meeting yesterday with someone from Charlie Gargano's office (that's the Empire State Development Corporation) in connection with an application for a grant for planning for the Village. We will be going forward with the application process. The discussion pointed out that some other communities in our area had received funding for planning, and there is no reason why our Village, in connection with the development that we have going on the Waterfront, our LWRP, and our future view of the Village, should not also have funding. I think the opportunity is there. I also think it looks pretty good that we're going to get something.

Twenty-six hundred cubic yards of debris have been removed from Building 15 in the last two weeks. As I indicated at our last meeting, we had met with the people from F.C. Hastings in connection with discussions on settlement of the tax litigation, and had raised at that meeting the commitment and, indeed, the court order, to have all the contents of Building 15 removed by the 1st of September. We were assured that the money is there, that the scheduling is there, and that all of that material will, in fact, be removed by September 1.

Trustee Keaney: The LWRP Saturday morning public input session that we had last week at the high school was very enthusiastic. Many people have stopped me in the Village, people who went to it and people who didn't go but saw it on TV. The response was all positive. It was a large turnout there, both residents and some new residents. I met a couple who hadn't moved into the Village yet, hadn't closed on their house, but had heard about it and wanted to come. A representative from ARCO, Mr. Kheel with one of his associates, county legislator Mr. Abinanti, and state senator Nick Spano all attended. The next step will be to digest what came out of there, and to organize the committees that people signed up for. It was a very successful,

very enthusiastic group. Many, many people helped. I think the comment I heard the most about was Fred Kent, the speaker. People were really impressed with him and what he said.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is Hastings 1999. We have booked the Hessians. The Hessians and the Americans will be in the Village on October 17th. They're going to be recreating the Battle of Edgars Lane, which is going to take place at Draper Park.

Trustee Gagliardi: I want to thank everybody who came out for our Village cleanup on Saturday. It was very successful. A couple of things were brought to my attention. There is some dumping in the Village. If any of the citizens, see anybody they think is dumping, call the police, try to get a license plate number, and try to keep the Village clean.

Trustee DeVita: At our last meeting I had invited the public to the Burke Estate Advisory Committee meetings. I want to make a correction. The first meeting will be May 7th, this Thursday, at 3:30 to 5. I invite the public. I also mentioned that there would be a meeting on Monday, May 11th, but that meeting will be rearranged because the School Board will be meeting on that night.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tucillo: What is happening, if anything, with Marinello Cove: is it completely dead at this point, and what is the process there.

Mayor Kinnally: It is not dead. I have been in contact with the two partners to the property, and have started discussions with them on purchase of the property. We have re-filed a grant application with the state, and I have had some discussions with some people in the Village about possible sources of funding for that acquisition. I reported on this last time: that the telephone discussions that I had with the people who own the property have been fairly positive. Like everything else, it's just a question of money. One of the partners wants more than the other partner wants. We're having meaningful discussions about whether or not we can bridge the gap. If there is some creative way that we may be able to approach it, then everybody gets what they're looking for out of the property.

In addition, Mr. Hess spoke with Senator Spano when he was here last week and raised the possibility of state funding for acquisition. I do think that that we'll be able to acquire that property and get a Village facility down there. The sellers are willing to sell. The property is on the market, and both sellers know of our extreme interest in this property. One of them lives in Florida, and he indicated to me on the phone that it would be better if we could have a discussion face-to-face. I am trying to arrange a business trip so I can fit that in when I'm down in Florida. I hope to do that within the next month.

Mr. Tucillo: What happened with the original grant application?

Mayor Kinnally: The Greenway grant application was submitted and denied, as we reported about three or four weeks ago. Only two applications were granted this year from Greenway. We have resubmitted with Parks and Recreation. There is money available there for acquisitions.

Mr. Tuccillo: I want to make a recommendation that the Board consider expanding the LWRP zone to the Sawmill River, so that the LWRP can become a comprehensive plan for the entire Village. If we were to do that, we would finally make a decision to have a comprehensive plan which, up to this point, we still haven't made a decision to make.

Mayor Kinnally: In consultation with the LWRP, the subcommittee and the Planning Board will look into that. Right now my feeling is that the LWRP should look at the Waterfront. That's the most pressing issue. I think it would be too great an expansion at this point, maybe dilute the energies that we have to devote it to a larger project than just the Waterfront.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board voted to add land acquisition to the subjects for the Executive Session already scheduled for tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Keaney, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi, with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m.