

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 8:05 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 615 Broadway.

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

CITIZENS: 25

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Farmers' Market

Meg Walker: Thank you for giving us this opportunity to discuss the Farmers' Market and our plans for next year. I wanted to thank a few people because we had a very successful summer. Unfortunately, Sue Smith, who is my co-chair, is out-of-town, and Miriam Haas who was our market manager also could not be here. Miriam organized it, found the farmers, and she runs markets in Ossining, Nyack, and Pleasantville as well. I would like to thank particularly our site manager, Carolyn Smith, who was there all summer with a smiling face, the person who made the market so pleasant and enjoyable, and gave it the community spirit we were looking for. I want to thank our market committee: Sheryl Appel, Mary Whiting, Lorraine McIntire, Jean Zimmerman, and Lauren Casper, who all put in a lot of work.

We did a survey at the market of the shoppers, and we did a survey of merchants in the downtown. Regarding the shoppers' survey, we sent out about 150 surveys and got back 120. It was amazingly positive. One-hundred percent of the people who filled out the survey said that the market should return next year. Sixty-two percent of the people who filled out the survey said that they shop every week, 23% said they shop there two or three times a month, and 81% said they thought the market brought more people downtown. Do you think the market provides an adequate variety of foods and products: 70% said yes; 16% said no. We had a number of ideas about what else the Market could provide: cheese and dairy product,; more flowers and plants, poultry and eggs. Seventy-five percent of the respondents said the market should sell organic produce, even if it costs more. We had decided not to have organic products because we did not want to compete with anyone in the Village and we did not know what the demand was. Regarding entertainment, 58% said it was appropriate and enhanced the market. Some people think that entertainment is not part of a farmers' market, but many people thought it was a good idea to have activities for kids. Ninety percent said it was in a good location. Several said that it should be expanded in size. Regarding parking, 87% said they did not have a problem finding parking nearby.

Eighty-six percent of the people who filled out the survey were from Hastings, and we had a handful of people from Yonkers, Dobbs, and Irvington.

We distributed 60 surveys to downtown merchants, and we have gotten back 18. One of the reasons we organized the farmers' market was to help the merchants, so we are very interested in knowing their opinions, and finding out how the market could be more of an asset. The results were mixed from the merchants. Rarely did they shop there because most of them are working on Saturdays. Do you think the farmers' market should return next year: 11 said yes and six said no. Several people said it took people away from the downtown; several said it could be beneficial but was not yet. There was the sense that it was competing with several of the stores and they did not like that kind of direct competition, but several people, on the other hand, said it was good for the downtown. Do you think that the market has brought more shoppers downtown on Saturdays: six of our respondents said yes and eight said no, and two said don't know. Nobody said their business was improved. Most thought it was in the right location except for those who thought that it should go to another Village. Most said that it did not cause a parking problem.

I want to introduce Dan Morgiewicz and his family, and thank him for being part of our market. Dan supplied the fresh produce. They would dig it up Friday night and bring it in early Saturday morning, and that is why our produce was so fresh.

Dan Morgiewicz: I am part of a fourth generation produce farm on the outskirts of Goshen. I brought my two brothers with me: Joey and David, and my cousin Vince Morgiewicz, whom everybody who shopped at the market has seen this summer because he worked with us every week. People do not see my other two brothers because besides the farmers' market we have a wholesale business. This was something we got into this year, and we think it has been very beneficial.

My view on that is that it can only get better. I saw what it did in our little town of Warwick, New York. In six or seven years it has built that Village up so much on Sunday afternoons. They have mini-carnivals, clowns, and music. It is a joyous place where everybody comes to meet, talk, catch up on things. And it was very beneficial for the community.

Village Manager Hess: Are we going to get copies of the results?

Ms. Walker: I would like to do a final tally and I will give them to you when they are finished.

Village Manager Hess: Did one of the questions have to do with the day the Farmers' Market is held?

Ms. Walker: It did not, but we probably should have asked. We assumed that Saturday would be best to bring business to the merchants, but Sunday is successful in Warwick, and other communities have them on weekdays.

Susan Burke: I own Food for Thought right around the corner from the market. I felt it hindered our business because our customers could not park. We noticed a percentage down this summer. I feel Sunday might be a good alternative day. I am not open on Sunday. You would not lose money on the parking meters.

Ralph Hoellger: I own the Manor Market. People have told me that parking has been a problem. They can't find a parking space, or they go elsewhere. It did cost me a couple of bucks on Saturdays because of the farmers' market. Maybe you should have it in the commuter parking lot or on Sundays.

Tracy Burke: I work for Food for Thought, my family's business for the past 12 years. We have worked very hard to do the store. We specialize in organic produce, and we cater to a lot of Hastings people. I think people should support their local merchants.

Mayor Kinnally: Was there any one particular category of your merchandise that fell off, or was it across the board?

Ms. Burke: It was across the board. It was down a percentage for the summer. It could be an off year, but people do not like to walk a distance and people like to park in front of my store. I felt it made it difficult for my customers. The merchants I spoke to felt hurt by it.

Trustee Holdstein: If it were to move to Sunday, would you consider opening your store because of the increased traffic?

Ms. Burke: We have discussed it. I think it would be better on Sunday because the meters would be free. I was hoping it would be moved until you mentioned Sunday.

Trustee Holdstein: How many merchants did you have total?

Ms. Walker: Probably six or seven; it varied a bit. We tried to have a variety of things: fresh-baked goods, breads and pies, smoked fish, fresh fish, orchard products, wine, flowers.

Trustee Holdstein: I have often heard people talk about having this or that in the Village and it would bring more people to town and benefit everybody. It is somewhat disappointing to hear that the merchants did not feel that this increased traffic.

Ms. Walker: The biggest influx of people coming to the market was between 8:30 and 10:30, and many of the stores do not open until 10. The shoppers at the market see more people in the downtown, but that does not mean that those people are patronizing local businesses.

Trustee Holdstein: Regarding the Sunday opportunity, and whether enlarging the market and having it on Sunday will encourage more merchants to open: based on your survey, it does not sound like they would. We have heard a lot of talk about tourism and things we should do in the downtown. Some of the information seems counter to what we had hoped for and talked about.

Ms. Walker: One of the reasons we wanted the market was not just to provide our residents with fresh farm products but to revitalize the downtown. We are sorry that it has not had that desired effect, but I do not know that it has hurt the downtown. At least it is drawing people from other towns to shop in Hastings; and we could take even more advantage of that.

Trustee Holdstein: The commuter parking lot gives us the opportunity to expand it a lot more. There would be easy access to parking, but the question is whether people would walk up and avail themselves of the other retail. The feedback I got from people was very positive, but I am concerned to hear that it hurt business or did not increase business. We have some wrestling to do with expanding it, where to have it, and trying to fit it into the mix of what we have.

Charlotte Fahn, 155 Edgars Lane: I think this is one of the best things that has happened in Hastings in years. Everyone I know thinks it has been a positive experience, and I hope it continues. A lot of efforts do not bring their full results the first year. It sometimes takes that incubation period for word to get around and for people to change their habits a little bit.

Harry Thomas, 48 Lefurgy: I want to speak in favor of the farmers' market. In addition to all the wonderful food, it keeps us in touch with the agricultural base which we city folk otherwise pretty well lose. When we buy our food at the farmers' market it is real people who grow real food, and that is an additional benefit.

Mary Whiting: I was down there most Saturdays. I did see an increase in people in town. We have to wait until all the results are in from the different stores. This was a particularly down year until Lenny's store opens up again, when I think we are going to see a real increase in traffic downtown. One key store makes a tremendous difference in the area.

I was interested to see how many people wanted organic produce. We are not trying to compete with the businesses in the area. We are trying to benefit both the citizens of the community and the merchants. We need to do a good balancing act there. We do not want anything that will compete. We need to keep that focus for next year.

Trustee Holdstein: We should get both parties together. Maybe there are some marketing things that would entice people: a certificate that entitles you to get something at another store,

and vice versa, that would enhance both parties and make it worthwhile. I think if they co-promote what each of them offers, that may be a way to grow the farmers' market without hurting our merchants, and get more people to shop in the stores.

Sal Gargiulo: Is there a fee involved in this?

Ms. Walker: The market vendors are required to pay a weekly fee, and it depends on how large their space is. It helps pay for our site manager and market manager, and some of it goes towards the entertainment or things like the tent, publicity, ads, and posters. We do not make money, but the fees at least help us defray the cost.

Trustee DeVita: My observation is that people shop between 8:30 and 10:30, and then head home or to their cars with several heavy bags. I do not see it necessarily as bringing people into the Village to shop in other stores. The last thing you want to do in the middle of summer is leave those bags of produce in your car or the trunk while you are shopping elsewhere.

Mayor Kinnally: We will try to accommodate everyone's concerns in this. I thank everyone for coming out, and best of luck.

2. Planning Board Vision Plan

Mayor Kinnally: Rhoda Barr, the chair, and other members of the Planning Board are her to discuss the Planning Board's Vision Plan.

Rhoda Barr: The Mayor referred to this as the Planning Board's Vision Plan, but this is not the Planning Board's; this is a community effort that has been in progress officially for two years at the direction of the Trustees, and is actually a culmination of planning that has gone on back to 1958, but certainly since 1988. I want to thank those of the Planning Board members here, particularly Patty Speranza, who has done a yeoman job getting this reduced from a major report to something easier to deal with, and Dave Hutson, her partner in this. I want to acknowledge the committee members here. This has been a process which started with five public meetings attended by 150 people who then broke into committees and had over 25 meetings by the time the committee reports were prepared, and many since then. This has been very definitely a community process.

This is a culmination, but what is more exciting is the vision for the future. That vision, in turn, can be said in two concepts. This was something that came through so strongly and so clearly: that our vision is embodied in the words "Village of Hastings-on-Hudson." We want to continue to be a Village, a vibrant community of people, and we want to be on the Hudson, to regain our access to the Hudson.

One committee addressed the issue of the waterfront. The critical was that the waterfront should be open to the public, with a full pedestrian access from north to south. You will continue to hear references to "pedestrian." Also, the waterfront should be an integral part of the community. It should be all one Village tied together, which leads us into the next committee's report, the Village core. There is a concept that we should build our Village core, tying in our commercial district, the library, and train station so that we have a vibrant community. That ties in with this concept of a place where people can walk, can meet and can function as a community. That is one of the principle recommendations of the Village core committee.

The housing committee came forth with several recommendations. One was a continuation of one that is in the 1988 planning principles, that we should not build separate enclaves. We do not want these walled places with guardhouses. This, again, is one community. That idea of encouraging a diverse, and yet unified, population is very much the case. Also, that we should have housing conducive to people of varying income levels and varying ages, including housing for the elderly.

The remaining large land tracts have an important role to play in the town. We want to consider whether we should have an overlay district that preserves the green appearance and keeps the openness of the Village, and that in any large development all of the implications-traffic, parking, sewage-have to be considered.

The other committee closely relates to that, and I said you are going to hear the word "pedestrian" again. This committee addressed the question of parks, trailways, and other public spaces. The strongest recommendations were: "Outdoor public spaces, both those conducive to solitude and those for community gatherings, are essential, as are the pedestrian routes and need to access them." The idea of a Vision Plan is to give us clear standards that are guidelines for all the public bodies and for people who want to do things.

We do not want this to be one of the many plans that have been acquiring dust over the years. We are requesting specific actions from the Village Trustees. The first one is that the Village adopt this community vision as an official part of its comprehensive plan. In place of a master plan, the state has introduced the concept of comprehensive plan because they realized that master plans were not happening because they were so difficult to get finalized agreement and by the time they did, they were out of date. But they recognized the communities did care, and did develop concepts which had validity. In our case, this community vision – which was built on a very careful process, and an inclusive process, and our Zoning Code – in a sense constitutes our comprehensive plan. We are requesting that the Village so designate it, so that it will have the legal status that it should have.

The next action is a revision of the waterfront district zoning. The committees early on requested the formation of the LWRP. We now have an LWRP. We are suggesting a target date for the plan to report for July, 1999.

We are seeking a review of the Zoning Code regarding the business district. The village core committee noticed several anomalies in the business district. The lines do not correspond to what is the walking, shopping, downtown area. The other thing is to make it more conducive to residential building because that supports our businesses.

We are proposing an acceleration of the rezoning of Ridge Street, with a target date of having a draft zoning for February, 1999.

Some fine work has been done on the trailways plan, and we would like to see it officially adopted so it has some teeth behind it, so it is a guide to people, and so we can plan how to deal with it equitably to the extent it involves any private owners' properties. The target date we are setting for that is June, 1999.

Finally, and this needs this year's action, is the adoption of a greenspace overlay plan. This addresses primarily the large-tract districts. If we clearly indicate this setback requirement, and we do it in a fair and equitable way, we are in a better position as the owners of these properties plan to go ahead.

The Planning Board would like to suggest that periodically we convene a discussion meeting of the various boards to know what each other is doing and to exchange ideas.

Patty Speranza: What we tried to do in taking the document from the committee reports to the Strategic Action Plan is to formalize the links we found between the issues, between the different sections of the Village and the different areas of the Village as well as between the different groups that want to participate in what this Village is going to be like. Certainly it does not just connect the spaces in the Village. It will also connect the generations in the Village. By formalizing the committees' recommendations into specific action we have tried to make sure that nothing gets overlooked. We think that we have found a way to deal with, at least through the next year or so, what it is that the Planning Board should be dealing with and to be proactive in addressing the issues that we feel are important going forward.

Mayor Kinnally: I want to all the members of the committee. There are legal ramifications in changing any of the zoning, but it will be acted upon. I do not know if the timetables will be adhered to as rigorously as hoped, but certainly these items will be addressed and this work will not be in vain.

David Hutson: There were literally hundreds of people involved in developing this material. I would ask that a letter go out, particularly to those members who served on these committees, because most of them attended 10 or 15 meetings at least and spent a lot of hours on their own.

There are issues that cut across the sections of the document horizontally. At the top of each of these sections the vision is explicated a bit where each section starts off with some emphasis from that vision. The next section becomes more concrete, where we state the planning principles that we think are involved in each of the land-use areas. We then go on to the current goals, the related Village actions, and an actual map. We try to get concrete so that when we look at these things there is always some understanding that we are working from higher levels of abstraction, but we are also talking about real things and real places affecting real people, and to keep that alive so that the integration and the discussion will have a vertical quality as well as that horizontal cutting across all the areas.

There will have to be some consideration on the part of the Trustees as to how we put in place the mechanisms for updating and maintaining this, perhaps some regular report back on that process to the Trustees for formal update.

We made an effort in this to make sure that the things in here were arrived at by consensus, meaning that not everybody agreed to every last thing, but that each of these issues was fully discussed and people had numerous opportunities to comment. As a result of that, we were convinced as a Planning Board that these were the areas of vision, planning, and specific action that the Village had come together on with a pretty clear consensus.

Abba Tor: There is one thing I noticed that is not there: the parks and open spaces plan. Regarding the trailways, if we want to use them we have to allocate some maintenance. We were thinking in terms of some volunteers to do that. For future consideration, we showed some linkages between some of them so that people who use the Aqueduct, for example, can also wander in and out of the Village proper.

Joe Lesley, Villard Avenue: I think we could use one more committee – call it a calendar coordinating committee – whose job would be to look through all these plans and get a comprehensive calendar with the reporting schedule for every six months.

Mayor Kinnally: Thank you very much. To the members of the Planning Board and all the members of the community who have contributed, this is the true manifestation of what the Village's vision of for the future is. The global nature of the input is certainly reflected in the final work product.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kinnally: I proclaim Friday, April 25, 1999 as Arbor Day in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of October 20, 1998 were approved as presented.

Trustee Gagliardi had the following corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 1998:

- P. 4 - "On the one 'hand' you are going to seek further," instead of "...had..."
- P. 5 - Unidentified speaker is Ben Fratkin.
- P. 11 - "TAGM", not "TAGUM".

Trustee Holdstein: On page 13 of the minutes, I cannot change the minutes of the meeting, but I would like the record of this meeting to reflect that when Mr. Tom Brown questioned whether there was a \$35,000 donation made by the Republican Party to the Riverkeeper and he is quoted as saying in the fourth paragraph, "Is it worth looking into?" this Board did look into it, and that accusation was completely false.

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of October 20, 1998 were approved as amended.

Trustee Holdstein had the following correction to the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 27, 1998:

- P. 3, "Once we go to contract these different people..." Add "with"

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 27, 1998 were approved as amended.

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 1998 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 51-1998-99	\$ 93,555.89
Multi-Fund No. 52-1998-99	\$224,972.94

RESOLUTIONS

65:98 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TEAMSTERS

Village Manager Hess: This proposed agreement is the culmination of negotiations begun in February, 1997. This contract expired May 31, 1997.

We reached agreement on the following items: a four-year agreement which would expire May 31, 2001; the general foreman would be removed from the union; an increase of 4% per year over the four years of the contract; years three and four, a new position on heavy MEO would be created. For those HMEO's in years three and four of the contract it would be 4-1/2%. The labor 3 position starting salary would be frozen at \$21,500 for the term of the contract for the four years. The recycling would stay at \$50 in the first year of the contract; year two it would increase to \$53, in year three to \$56, and in year four \$58.

There is a current provision in the contract for sick leave payout at retirement, which is currently \$12 per day, to a maximum of 110 days of accumulated sick leave. In year one that would stay the same, at \$12; year two, \$15; year three, \$18; and year four, \$21.

The new contract would provide for payout in the event of the employee's death if they have a minimum of 60 days accumulated on the books.

Medical benefits: we currently provide health insurance, both medical and dental, to employees of the Village, similar to our contract with the PBA which was approved previously. Any new employee hired after June 1, 1998 would be required to provide contribution toward the dental insurance. That would be adjusted each June, with the employee responsible for 25% of any increase in premium.

Current uniform allowance in Public Works and Parks is \$420 per year, and would increase by \$25 in each year of the contract.

There will be a provision in the contract which will provide for random drug testing of all employees.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters for the period June 1, 1997 to May 31, 2001, 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	

Mayor Kinnally: I would like to thank the Manager and the union representatives who worked on this. It is a fair contract that addresses the concerns that all sides had, and we come up with a workable plan that everyone can build on for future labor negotiations.

Village Manager Hess: Trustee Holdstein was on the committee negotiating with the Teamsters and Trustee Keaney was with me on the PBA contracts, and I want to thank both of them. They both worked very hard on this.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: We will have a joint meeting with the Board of Education at 7:30 on December 7 at the high school.

It appears the county will fund the traffic light at Farragut and Olinda. We will be discussing with them the details on how this traffic light will work. It will be controlled by the school crossing guard, and at other times it would be flashing yellow on Farragut and flashing red on Olinda.

We will be getting into a new round of funding for the Westchester County Community Development Block Grant Program. Applications are due next June. Next Saturday we will have a brainstorming session of people in the affected areas.

We received notification from New York State Parks that our grant for Marinello Cove has been rejected. They encouraged us to apply again in the spring, and I will be talking to the Board at length on various options for that property. I received notification that the state was granting us \$14,000 to acquire a neighborhood park on Nepera and Farragut. I received

information of additional requirements— certified appraisals, etc. — on the project, but since we are guaranteed the funds they have indicated that we could acquire the property from the Town of Greenburgh prior to the end of the year and then take reimbursement from the state. We are under a deadline of December 31 in terms of that property. Brian Murphy and I will get together with Rick Turner and work on the contract for sale.

The Municipal Building renovations will be starting November 20. I am projecting that it probably be toward the end of August before we are back in the Municipal Building. We did, at the Board's direction, borrow the funds on November 6t at a rate of 3.35% and they were invested anywhere from 4.8 to 4.95%.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: We have received an extension from the DEC on the comment period to December 11. We have asked for additional time, to the middle of January because we have been in the process of reviewing potential candidates to serve as our environmental consultant.

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 discuss acquisition of real property, and personnel.

Mayor Kinnally: We are disappointed that we did not get the funding from the state for the Marinello Cove. We are still hoping to acquire Marinello Cove.

It is our hope to have a decision on the consultants by the beginning of next week. I would ask for a motion for an Executive Session on personnel to cover our choice of a consultant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled Executive Sessions for 8 o'clock Monday, November 23 and 8 o'clock Tuesday, November 24 to discuss personnel.

Trustee Holdstein: I have noticed in *The Enterprise* in the last few weeks several letters written having to do with dogs, and leashes, in public parks. I took a walk with my 6-year-old son late Saturday evening to Sugar Pond, and when we arrived there were several dogs there, none of which were leashed, one of which came up and approached my son, who

happened to have a small bag of cookies. I could see the look on his face, seeing a dog that was three times his size. I very calmly and nicely said that Village law requires that all dogs be leashed, and I got a whole lot of flack from these adults. I noticed that on the shed next to the pond is a sign that restates the Village law. I would like to take this opportunity to remind people that Village law says that all dogs must be leashed at all times in the Village of Hastings, including all public parks.

Trustee Keaney: The next event of 1999 is our New Year's Eve event that will recreate what happens in Times Square: a lot of hoopla, noise, happiness, people coming together in a friendly fashion. We are going to have a special person flip the switch to light up the sign that says "1999."

I want to thank the Planning Board and staff for the incredible amount of work they have put into this Vision Plan. It is not something where they hired an expert and gave him a ton of money and said come back and tell us what we want to do, but you went out and solicited people in the community to do that. That takes a longer period of time, and I know it is more frustrating to try to work through everybody's comments and come up with a consensus. But in the end you have a better product. Following up on their five legislative actions: the only way that is going to happen is for one person on this Board to be in charge of one of these remedial legislative actions, and try to push it along and interact with the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, and with ourselves to be sure that it moves along. One of them is the revision of the waterfront district zoning; that is something that myself and the LWRP are working towards. I would urge everyone else to look at one of these remedial action plans and take it under your wing. Otherwise, it is not going to get done.

Trustee DeVita: The idea that so many in the community were so involved makes us realize how real this is, and certainly something I will commit myself to, to see that some action is taken where needed.

Sal Gargiulo: I commend Trustee Holdstein for saying let's get the crap out of Building 15 and the crap got out of there, and that was great. Now ARCO comes along and gives you a plan, and I think it is a great plan. ARCO has a good plan, and if we do not start something down there we are not going to have anything. Let's see what they are going to do about it. We know that it is not going to be detrimental to our Village. Someone has to start in on that or there won't be a waterfront at all. The only frightening thing about this is that ARCO has a lot of money, and they can buy this Village.

Mayor Kinnally: Welcome to County Legislator Tom Abinanti. Thank you on behalf of the Village for intervening on our behalf for the traffic light..

Tom Abinanti, County Legislator: It was a pleasure to work with you. You have agreed to pick up the maintenance cost, which we expect will be minimal, but the county has said that it will pay for the traffic light. The next step is for the Village Manager and our Public Works Commissioner to work out the details. If I can be helpful in that process I certainly offer my services. I am told that it is very rare that the county will actually spring for the money for a traffic light, but in this case they were nice enough to do it, and I am pleased to be able to help.

Village Manager Hess: The request from the Village to the county to get a traffic light approved has been going on since the mid-70's.

Linda Atkinson, Branford Road: This new group been founded: Hastings Waterfront Watch. They want to make sure that there is no animosity, that everything is on the table that they are doing. One of the reasons we are doing it is that we have been told that to have a vocal citizens' group is a good idea. We hope you will use us as a resource. One of the things we want to do is get a petition together to ask for more time.

Mayor Kinnally: That is not necessary at this point. I should have notice tomorrow as to what they are going to do. They are not going to push it out much farther than January, nor do we want it to go out much farther because we have to remediate a problem down there.

Ms. Atkinson: They have also hired an environmental consultant to review the materials in order for us to understand them.

Mayor Kinnally: We would be interested in knowing the name of your consultant, because it may be a resource for us, too.

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 9:45 p.m.