

## 12/11/2003 Board of Trustees Mtg.

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD DECEMBER 11,2003 AT VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Stephen Matthews, Sandra Nicoletti,absent Trustee Christine Vitkun. Also present Village Attorney Joseph Prokop and 17 residents.

### PUBLIC HEARING - LIPA GREENSPACE

After discussion by the board a motion to adjourn the hearing was made by S. Matthews, seconded by S. Nicoletti- Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan – Nay 0.

### PUBLIC HEARING - MARINE ZONING AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW 17

The proposed amendment to Local Law 17 entitled additional Zoning District called The Marine District was read by the clerk.

#### Comments from the Board

- 1) S. Matthews—this law completes the Zoning Regulations with the addition of a marine district.

#### COMMENTS

- 1) Resident—believes that this law is adequate as written.
- 2) Resident—does this mean that a resident cannot drop a lobster pot?
- 3) Resident—can a resident moor a commercial boat in this new zone? Ans. Yes
- 4) Resident—lobstering should be allowed for residents. Pg 3 (D) prohibits it. Ans. Lobstering was always addressed by a Resolution each year. The Board will review the wording of (D).

The hearing was closed on a motion by S. Matthews, seconded by C. Castillo Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun. B. Donovan. Nay 0.

### MINUES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON DECEMBER 11,2003 AT VILLAGE HALL

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Stephen Matthews, Sandra Nicoletti, Christine Vitkun. Also present Village Attorney Joseph Prokop and 17 residents.

Minutes of the November 13 meeting of the Board were accepted as written on a motion by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti. C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

Treasurers report

The Treasurers report was given by the clerk in the absence of the treasurer. After discussion on the contents of the report and a missing second page the Board deferred approval until the next meeting to obtain the missing information.

#### SANDRA NICOLETTI- TRUSTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, VANBRUNT MANOR PARK & BEACH

- 1) PUBLIC SAFETY- The greenhouse door has been damaged by possible vandals. Several instances of duck hunters have been reported.
  - 2) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS- Questionnaires are being returned.
  - 3) PARKING PERMITS-- Notice of waiver flyer of parking regulations for the holiday season have been posted.
- The Board discussed the salary increase of J. Callari to cover additional duties. A motion to increase of \$.50 was made by S. Nicoletti, seconded by C. Castillo. Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

#### COMMENTS

- 1) Resident—What can the Village do about the duck hunters, ie ; shooting of firearms within the village. Ans. The hunters approached in the village have stated that below the high water mark they are legal. The village will check this out.
- 2) Resident—the personnel matter just discussed should have been in executive session.
- 3) Resident—what are the qualifications of the officers? Ans. All officers have Drivers licenses and several have security guard licenses.
- 4) Resident—what was the cost of the video camera? Ans. \$1800.00, it may be noted that according to the Village Treasurer the camera is paying for itself.
- 5) Resident—what is the cost of the GPS? Ans. Each unit was \$500.00 and we pay \$39.00 per month maintenance. The installation was prompted by residents asking where the vehicles were when on duty.

#### STEPHEN MATTHEWS—TRUSTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SHORE LINES

- 1) PEAC- J. Prokop reported that the judge has been asked to disallow the time extension for the LIPA reply to the law suit.
- 2) HARBOR—J. Lane reported that the harbor Committee met on 12/10. A sunken boat in P.J. harbor will be removed. Possible removal of the steel barge is being discussed by the Town. The next meeting will be in March. A reduction of the harbor speed limit to 5MPH from 12 MPH is under discussion.

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#### COMMENTS

- 1) Resident – the steel barge is constantly being used by commercial vessels as a mooring spot.

#### CAROL CASTILLO—TRUSTEE FOR ROADS, ROADSIDES AND PARKS

- 1) TRUSTEES PARK-- the parking lot at the tennis court has been completed.
- 2) ROADS—discussion on snow removal ; parking lots not done by the town crews. A letter should be sent to the town yard with a map indicating the parking lots with a request to plow them. A meeting was held w/roads and drains commissioners to coordinate projects.
- 3) CALIFORNIA PARK—the dinghys have been removed from the rack for the winter.

#### COMMENTS

- 1) Resident—there are potholes on Chestnut. Ans. They will be filled soon.
- 2) Resident—the Poquott “NO” sign on Shore Road is on the ground.
- 3) Resident—Walnut & Oak intersection has water pooling every rain storm. The drains are also being undermined. Ans. The drains were recently cleaned.The drains commissioner will be asked to review the area.
- 4) Resident—Walnut & Birchwood Ave. were plowed by a small truck.The roadways need to be plowed wider to allow traffic flow.
- 5) Resident—plows have dislodged curbing stones.
- 6) Resident—the planter blocking Chestnut has been shortened, however many residents have placed obstructions in the R/O/W.
- 7) Resident—R/O/W problems should be addressed village wide.
- 8) Resident—some R/O/W don't impede vehicle traffic whereas others do.

#### CHRISTINE VITKUN—TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE &VILLAGE HALL

- 1) WEBSITE- minutes have been posted on the site. Additions to the site need to be coordinated to minimize cost.

#### COMMENTS

None

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Bricks on Indian Valley property—the clerk has researched and the bricks belong to the resident of the property.
- 2) Survey for drains—we will be joint applicants for a mapping project with P.J. Village.
- 3) Drains Commissioner- a request for catch basins at VanBrunt triangle would require engineering. A motion to approve engineer survey was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Nicoletti, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.
- 4) VanBrunt curbing project—a motion to have the project funding reimbursed by CHIPS was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, b. Donovan, Nay 0.
- 5) Beautification contract—reviewed specifications.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Trustees park—pruning will be required at a cost of \$500.00. Approved on a motion by S. Matthews, seconded by S. Nicoletti, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Resident—Two residences on Walnut Ave. exceed three stories, Ans. Height requirements are 28 feet.
- 2) Resident—are permits required to replace windows? Ans. no permit required for repairs “in Kind”.
- 3) Resident—The Sciarrone letter from the last meeting was not addressed.
- 4) Resident—a neighbors boarded up window is an eyesore. Ans. the building inspector will be asked to look into that as well as the dislodged stones on Tinker Lane and Singingwood Lane.
- 5) Resident—a resident is shoveling snow back unto the streets. Ans. code must be called when this happens.
- 6) Resident—The sand barrels are installed, however they are not filled. Ans. the town will be contacted to fill the barrels.
- 7) Resident—Sanders do not do all of Highview Ave.

#### Discussion on proposed local Law amendment “Marine District”

A motion to have the Village designated Lead Agency for SEQRA review was made by S. Matthews, seconded by C. Castillo Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

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A motion to declare that the Local Law had no negative impact for SEQRA purposes was made by S. Matthews, seconded by C. Castillo. Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

A motion to adopt the proposed Local Law was made by S. Matthews, seconde by C. Castillo, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B.Donovan, Nay 0.

A motion to adjourn to Executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by B. Donovan, seconded by S. Nicoletti.

Executive session adjourned on a motion by S. Matthews.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M. on a motion by S. Matthews.

## 11/13/2003 Public Information Mtg

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13,2003 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POQUOTT HELD AT 7:00 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Sandra Nicoletti, Christine Vitkun, absent Trustee Stephen Matthews. Also present Village Attorney Joseph Prokop and 15 residents.

The minutes of the October 9,2003 meeting were accepted as corrected on an a motion by S.Nicoletti, seconded by C. Vitkun,Aye, C. Castillo, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan. Nay 0

The minutes of the October 23,2003 meeting were accepted as corrected on a motion by C. Vitkun, seconded by S. Nicoletti, Aye C. Castillo, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan. Nay 0

The Treasurers report (attached) was accepted as read on a motion by S. Nicoletti, seconded by C. Vitkun, Aye C. Castillo, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan. Nay 0

Following the treasurers report there was a discussion on interest rates and possible CD switches.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEES

#### STEPHEN MATTHEWS—TRUSTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SHORE LINES

1) ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE—J. Kagel reported no response to their last letter. A meeting has been scheduled with Senator LaValles office. J. Kagel asked if the board wished the committee to begin a FOIL

request campaign. Discussion followed on dollar limits for requests and recall of the time extension given to LIPA/Keyspan.

2) L.I.SOUND COMMITTEE—A ferry coalition meeting will be held on 11/17/03.

#### COMMENTS

1) Resident—How many bags of leaves will the garbage contractor take at one time? Ans. 6 bags placed next to your garbage can each pickup.

#### SANDRA NICOLETTI—TRUSTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & VANBRUNT MANOR PARK/BEACH

1) PUBLIC SAFETY—Halloween was fairly quiet. A public meeting for all residents and Public Safety is scheduled for 11/17/03.

2) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Block Captains meetings are not well attended.

3) PARKING PERMITS—Parking on Village streets regulations waived for the holidays

#### COMMENT

1) Resident—Several street lights are not working.

2) Resident—Camera utilized by Public Safety working very well.

#### CHRISTINE VITKUN—TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE & VILLAGE HALL

1) WEBSITE—Poquott.org up and running.

2) VILLAGE HALL—The Civic Assoc. has requested and been approved for use of village hall for their holiday party Dec. 7

#### COMMENTS

1) Resident—has obtained a collection of historical pictures of the village and wanted to know whom to give them to. Ans. Village Historian is Jim McNamara contact him for meeting to discuss pictures.

#### CAROL CASTILLO—TRUSTEE FOR ROADS, ROADSIDES & PARKS

1) ROADSIDES—H. Ryon toured the village with R. McCambridge. The cleanup of the east side of Washington Street was awarded to Olivers Green Fields. Discussion followed on the Phragmites problem on Shore Road.

2) ROADS—L. Mitchell stated that she has been working with D. Spence of Hawkins & Spence on a review of several items needing attention. A meeting should be set up with commissioners of Roads, Drains, Environment to coordinate work.

3) CALIFORNIA PARK— R. McCambridge reported that the sprinkler system should be installed before the spring.

#### COMMENTS

1) Resident—It would be a good idea to clear the east side of Washington Street 7 feet in. Ans. That was the depth

given to the contractor.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1) C. Castillo--The new landscaping specification prepared by commissioners needs feedback by the Dec. meeting.

Follow up—Shen Property fencing—tabled

Walnut & Oak curbing—roads

Public Safety meeting—notices

Auction—Earth Day

2) Signs—discussion on content of laws

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

1) The Clerk read four letters into the minutes

A) Right of way infringement—discussion followed.

B) Trespass on property—Attorney to reply to resident

2) Smart Growth Summit

3) BOCES—dinner celebration of Tech & Education.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Resident—If the trespass notice received by the village pertains to a possible illegal apartment perhaps the Fire Marshall can gain access to check it out.

2) Resident—What are the restrictions on construction after 10/11 P.M. Ans. Noise restrictions are the first thing to be factored.

3) Resident—Who placed the large pile of bricks on the side of Indian Valley Road? Ans. the Clerk will check with the abutting resident.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. on a motion by S. Nicoletti.

## 10/23/2003 Board of Trustees Mtg

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23,2003 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD HELD AT 7: 00 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Stephen Matthews, Sandra Nicoletti, Christine Vitkun, also present 18 residents.

Minutes of the September 11,2003 meeting were accepted as corrected on a motion by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun,B. Donovan. Nay 0.

Minutes of the September 25,2003 meeting were accepted as corrected on a motion by S. Matthews, seconded by C. Vitkun, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

STEPHEN MATTHEWS - TRUSTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SHORE LINES

1) P.E.A.C.-A draft of a letter to D.E.C. was submitted for approval by S. Matthews. A motion to approve the letter was made by S. Matthews, seconded by S. Nicoletti- Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti,C. Vitkun, B. Donovan- Nay0. The board discussed the LIPA stipulation.

2) DRAINS-Work on several drains will be passed along to the commissioner.

3) HARBOR & MOORINGS-The October 8 meeting of the committee centered on plans for the P.J. waterfront park. A report given at the meeting referred to revenue and expenses, however indirect revenue figures where not available. A meeting on October 22 discussed the annual report and consolidation of marine services.

4) L.I.SOUND WATERBORNE-The last meeting held on September 23 was not attended by our representative.

5) WASTE MANAGEMENT-a propane tank has been put out for pickup on Silver Beech Ct. The carter will not take propane tanks.

COMMENTS



- 1) Resident-The Tides publication should inform residents of the proper disposal of propane tanks.
- 2) Resident-There is a problem with standing water at #2 Harrison. Discussion with the Drains Commissioner ended with a consensus that curbing may be needed. Ans. The Village Engineer will review the situation.
- 3) Resident-A temporary solution should be available for the standing water problem.
- 4) Resident-The drain on Walnut Avenue needs to be cleaned. Ans. It will be referred to the Drains Commissioner.
- 5) Resident-Curbing at #16 Walnut is broken who fixes it? Ans. Will be referred to Roads Commissioner.

#### CAROL CASTILLO - TRUSTEE FOR ROADS, ROAD SIDES & PARKS

- 1) ROADSIDES-A meeting was held with the landscaper. New contract verbiage is under discussion. Washington Street from 25A to Birchwood on the south side needs to be trimmed back. The approx. cost of this will be \$1700.00 permission is required to expend this sum after bids are taken. The board approved the expense. Phragmites on Shore Road are a hazard to walkers, however permission to cut them must be obtained from the D.E.C. this will be reviewed.
- 2) TRUSTEES PARK-After all bids have been gathered for the parking lot project the best price would be \$4500. The contractor would use river rock for the border and fill with bluestone. However, the contractor wants 1/3 up front for the material. Approved on a motion by C. Vitkun, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye, C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0. A \$900 quote for fencing the edge of the park facing Village Hall has been obtained. Discussion followed; after discussion it was determined that the project would be tabled.
- 3) ROADS-L. Mitchell stated that the town will only do pothole work for the village. Silver Beech Ct will be done on an emergency basis. Rather than having the engineers review the roads L. Mitchell proposed that J. Evans under take the review. Approved on a motion by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, s. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0. L. Mitchell stated that in order to maximize our efforts Roads and Drains must coordinate projects.

4) CALIFORNIA PARK-R. McCambridge stated that the sprinkler project for California Park should go forward. A Motion to approve the expenditure was made by C. Castillo, seconded by C. Vitkun, Aye C. Castillo, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay S. Matthews.

#### COMMENT

1) Resident-A cement truck broke the curbing at Walnut And Oak.

#### SANDRA NICOLETI-TRUSTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & VANBRUNT MANOR PARK/BEACH

1) PUBLIC SAFETY-An information meeting for the public will be held on November 19 at 7:30 P.M. Responses to the Emergency Preparedness flyers are coming in.

2) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-The next block captains meeting will be November 5.

3) VANBRUNT MANOR PARK/BEACH-J.Lane reported that the last unstickered dinghy has been removed to village hall.

4) CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE-Traffic signs are under discussion.

#### COMMENT

1) Resident-A tree on the residents property on VanBrunt Manor Road was poisoned.

#### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23,2003 CONTINUED

#### CHRISTINE VITKUN-TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE &VILLAGE HALL

1) VILLAGE HALL-Due to liability insurance questions usage of the Village Hall from any individual or group must be submitted in writing for approval of the Village Board as per the insurance agent.

2) WEBSITE-A new host for the village website , Stafford Assoc. will rework and get the website operational.

3) FINANCE-As per our recent audit all verbal quotes need to be documented as well as written bids .

#### COMMENT

None

PLANNING BOARD - C. Lane reported that the October 14 meeting was cancelled on advise of Village Attorney due to the filing of an Article 78 on the subdivision under discussion. The Planning Board has been made aware of two dock applications made to outside agencies.1) VanBrunt Manor rd. Agent has requested variance papers, however the village has not received an application nor evidence of reparation rights. 2) Osprey Lane- no application has been filed with the village. The Planning Board chair will contact the agency involved to request tabling the application until the village receives an application.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1) Marine Zone-review for public hearing set for 12/11/2003 meeting.

2) Auction-Dinghy and bikes need to be auctioned off, set up for a spring date.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1) The Mayor stated that in order to place signage in the village a new law should be drafted to cover all existing and proposed signs in one fell swoop. A public hearing will be necessary. The Village Attorney will draft new local law verbiage.

2) The Mayor stated that according to NYCOM a village cannot prohibit signage, only regulate signage.

3) The Civic Assoc. requests usage of the Village Hall for 12/2/03 and 12/7/03. Approved on a motion by C. Vitkun, seconded by C. Castillo, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

4) The clerk presented the board with several alternate prices for new sand barrels. After discussion the clerk was authorized to set up the purchase and delivery of the barrels.

5) W-9 - As per the auditors all vendors paid in excess of \$600 should get a W-9. The only exceptions will be utilities.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer was not in attendance therefore the board dispensed with reading the report and approved acceptance of the Treasurers report as written.

#### COMMENTS

1) Resident-The public should be able to obtain copies of the audit report. Ans. Yes, the clerk will prepare copies for any resident.

2) Resident-The budget re-organization was originally done by J. Lane. She would work with J. Lane to restructure the budget further.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M. on a motion by C. Castillo

## 10/09/2003 Board of Trustees Mtg

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9,2003 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POQUOTT HELD AT VILLAGE HALL

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Stephen Matthews, Christine Vitkun absent Trustee Sandra Nicoletti. Also present Village Attorney Joseph Prokop and 14 residents.

The September 11,2003 hearing was continued.

A letter dated Oct. 7,2003 re; LIPA/Keyspan from their attorneys regarding a 30 day extension to answer the appeal was read to the assemblage. Discussion followed.

The Village Attorney requested that the village send a thank you letter to the staff of Kinko's for their assistance in preparation of the appeal paperwork. A motion to authorize the clerk to send the letter was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

A motion to adjourn the hearing until the 12/11/03 meeting of the board was made by S. Matthews, seconded by C. Vitkun, Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan. Nay 0.

#### BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POQUOTT

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1) The Clerk provided to the board copies of the changes the Village of Port Jefferson was making in their building permit fees. After discussion the board agreed to ask the planning Board to review and prepare verbiage for new Local Law re; fees.

2) Trustees Park-quotes for the blue stone and railroad ties to define the parking area at the tennis court come in around \$4000 to \$5000.A motion to approve payment of under \$5000.00 for the improvements was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye- C. Castillo, S. Matthews, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

3) Shed on VanBrunt-has been dismantled and piled on the property.Discussion followed on who was to remove pieces.

4) The Clerk stated that prices for a dumpster to remove the cement from the garage had been obtained and it would cost approx. \$280. 00 just for the dumpster. It was determined that the dumpster would be ordered and volunteers load it to save costs.

5) Website-There has been a change in the host for the site. New formats will be put into place and new information will be incorporated into the site.

## NEW BUSINESS

1) After discussion the clerk was asked to write a letter to the owner of #2 Harrison Ave. re ; the boulders in the village right of way and the water problem created by the relocation of the driveway.

2) Neighborhood Watch signs are needed for the village. COPE has been contacted and hopefully will be able to help obtain the signs.

3) Public Safety-several complaints re; Code Enforcement Officers, all complaints should be specific rather than general. Times and dates required to ascertain which officer was on duty.

### Permits-

The clerk reviewed the permits under consideration by the Village.

Question-Is the Village Engineer on retainer-Ans. No , time and manhours.

The Trustee for roads should utilize the engineers for more work.

## COMMENTS

1) Resident-In the village's response to the request for a 30 day extension it should be stressed that a prompt response would be appreciated.

2) Resident-offered the name of a contractor for the parking lot work .

3) S. Matthews-did the attorney located the tax information on LIPA ? The attorney distributed the tax record for the plant. Ques. Why did the attorney obtain this information. Ans. to use as a basis for a suit.

4) Resident-Large rocks on VanBrunt Manor Road are dislodged by the snow plow. Residents should be advised that

placing large rock on the roadsides could be dangerous.

5) Resident-Murphy Marine has removed several moorings from Poquott waters.

6) Resident-Congratulations on changing web site hosts.

7) Resident-The Planning Board meeting of Oct 14 was cancelled on advise of the Village Attorney as the Article 78 was pending.

8) Resident--A fee structure update should be done by the Village Board.

9) Resident-Regarding rocks on the beaches, tides create a need to replace the rocks to keep the beaches from eroding in the winter.

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10) Resident-The semi-annual meeting of the Harbor Commission is scheduled for 10/23/03 at 7:00 P.M. in Belle Terre Village hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion by C. Castillo.

## 09/25/2003 Board of Trustees Mtg

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25,2003 CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 11,2003

Trustee C. Castillo asked what if the court determines a value on the property in excess of what we can afford to pay? Answer- The Village would have to purchase by obtaining a bond issue for 30 years.

Resident-a) if we get to an ultimate conclusion would the price be fair market value? Answer-Yes.

b) If a bond needs to be issued would a hearing be needed or a referendum? Answer-Referendum.

c) What if a referendum is defeated? Answer-Other arrangements would have to be made.

Resident-He was under the assumption that the property was to be donated? Answer-Keyspan is dangling the property in front of the Village like a carrot on a stick.

Resident-We should obtain an appraisal now. Answer-That will be reviewed.

Resident-Is it possible to drop this process in midstream. Answer-There is a point of no return , however it is far along in the process.

Resident-Please explain why the Village would be going this route. Explanation given by S. Matthews- agreement was tentatively reached between the Village and Keyspan to settle this matter. The agreement was conveyed to the Village via a letter of understanding. The letter of understanding didn't reflect the scope of the original agreement reached in face to face discussions. J. Kagel explained that the difference was donation of the property to the Village VS dedication of the property as parkland by Keyspan.

Resident-Has the Board responded to the letter of agreement. Answer- Yes.

Resident-a) it would appear that we should place an offer on the table.

b) Keyspan has many times publicly said we would get the greenspace.

Resident-It would seem that a project could be built right up to the edge of the greenspace. Answer- Keyspan could sell the property to a developer or expand unto the property themselves.

Resident-What is the size of the property? Answer-7 plus acres, however the area proposed to be dedicated as parkland was only 6.5 acres.

Resident-It would appear that everyone agrees that this is great space. If we are going to eventually pay for it lets start negotiations now.



Resident-Why not contact Suffolk County for land acquisition or some other land conservation trust for assistance?

Answer-All avenues of assistance will be tapped.

Resident-What was the point of the law suit in the first place? Answer-The intent of the suit was to force an environmental study.

Resident-Will the law suit be dropped? Answer-No, the appeal will be filed on schedule.

Resident-Can residents get updates as the process unfolds? Answer-Yes.

Resident-An appraisal is paramount and bond information is also needed for a better understanding of the whole picture.

A motion to adjourn this hearing until the boards October 9th meeting was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews. Aye C.Castillo, S. Matthews. S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun

#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POQUOTT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25,2003 AT VILLAGE HALL

Present Mayor Barbara Donovan, Trustees Carol Castillo, Stephen Matthews, Sandra Nicoletti, Christine Vitkun, also present Village Attorney Joseph Prokop and 19 residents.

Minutes of the 8/14/2003 meeting were accepted as corrected on a motion by S. Matthews, seconded by S. Nicoletti, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

Minutes of the 8/28/2003 meeting were accepted as written on a motion by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

The Treasurers report ( Attached) was accepted as given on a motion by S. Matthews, seconded by S. Nicoletti, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, s. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, B. Donovan, Nay 0.

Discussion followed on the stop payment fee imposed by the bank on the LIPA tax payment check. The Board determined that the clerk should notify LIPA that they should pay the fee to the village.

Discussion followed on the pricing of the Porta-Lavs, it was determined that written quotes should be obtained next year to prevent confusion.

The Treasurer requested a transfer of \$2500.00 from Contingency A1980.0 to Walnut Park A7112.4. A motion to approve the transfer was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, BDonovan, nay0.

STEPHEN MATTHEWS-TRUSTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & SHORE LINES

Commissioner reports

Drains-Several drains have been cleaned and are working to capacity.

PEAC-It has been determined that the LIPA plant has been exceeding the pollution limits for Co2 and Ammonia. The D.E.C. should be levying fines .

Harbor & Moorings-The last meeting of the Harbor Committee was uneventful.

Comment

1) Resident-What is happening with the Multi- Modal project? Answer-SUNY Science Dept. has asked for an updated survey showing the high tide line for the area.

Minutes of September 25, continued

2) Resident-Drains at VanBrunt Manor Beach are clogged.

2) Resident-The south side of VanBrunt Manor road just past the curve needs to be curbed to prevent runoff erosion.

CAROL CASTILLO- TRUSTEE FOR ROADS,ROADSIDES AND PARKS

Commissioner reports

Walnut Park-The chain for closing the park has been cut again.

California Park-Handy Hubby has been contacted about painting the work box recently installed in the park.

Comments

1) Resident-Is the California Gate locked? Answer- No, just wrapped.

2) Resident-According to new regulations CCA wood furniture needs to be sealed. Answer- Yes, the village is aware of this and arrangements have been made to seal any furniture that qualifies.

SANDRA NICOLETTI-TRUSTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & VANBRUNT MANOR PARK AND BEACH

Commissioner reports

Public Safety-A staff meeting will be held after court in October.

Emergency Preparedness-K. Sundberg stated that a new pamphlet is being prepared for distribution to all villagers.

Neighborhood Watch-A new Coordinator is needed.

VanBrunt Manor Beach-The last illegal boat has been removed to Village Hall for disposal.

#### Comments

None

CHRISTINE VITKUN-TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE AND VILLAGE HALL

#### Commissioner reports

Computers- Website-The website is up and running.

#### Comments

1) Resident-The \$100,000.00 set aside for village hall could be used for the green space acquisition.

2) Resident-When accessing the new building permit how does it print? Answer - It will print on single page. Which will be completed by the applicant and presented to the Village Clerk for processing.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1) Discussion on #2 Harrison Avenue hazards in village of right of way. After discussion it was determined that the clerk would ask the owner to have the rocks removed from the right of way.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1) The Clerk read to the Board a letter from L. Ihde re; Phragmites on Shore Road at VanBrunt Manor Road.

2) Notice from SCOVA re; candidates night 9/30/2003

3) Invitation from SUNY for awards dinner October 21,2003

The Mayor asked for approval to reappoint Ron LaVita as Associate Justice.A motion to approve was made by C. Castillo, seconded by S. Matthews, Aye C. Castillo, S. Matthews, S. Nicoletti, C. Vitkun, Nay 0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

1) Resident - If the village is going to do any poison ivy control it would be better to trim then use pesticides.

2) Resident-Thanks to the Board for their wonderful work and support for PEAC in the LIPA suit.

3) Resident-What is going on with the shed on VanBrunt manor Road? Answer-The Board will check with the Village Attorney.

4) Resident-Property owner of property abutting Steve's Path will be correcting erosion on his own property and will try to alleviate the erosion problem on village property also.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M. on a motion by S. Matthews