

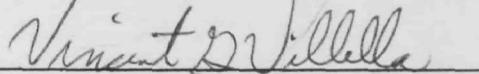
**WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT
OF SPECIAL MEETING**

We, the Undersigned, being all members of the Riverhead Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk, and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, to be held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York at 11:30 P.M. on the 20TH day November of 1998, and do consent to the holding of such meeting for the purpose of:

- Res. #1042 **The Adoption of the 1999 Annual Budget of the Town of Riverhead**
- Res. #1043 **Awards Bid For Extension No. 41B, Northside Estates Riverhead Water District**
- Res. #1044 **Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Change Order
Re: Riverhead Water District Extension No. 41B**
- Res. #1045 **Authorizes Town Clerk To Publish and Post Public Notice (Riverhead Town Code
Revision Committee)**
- Res. #1046 **Authorizes Town Clerk to Publish and Post Public Notice To Consider the
Purchase of Development Rights of a Parcel(s) Located in the Town of Riverhead
(Richard N. Reeve)**
- Res. #1047 **Accepts the Resignation of Kathleen Vonatzski (Police Dept.)**
- Res. #1048 **Accepts the Resignation of Scott Sinnickson (Electrical Inspector)**
- Res. #1049 **Abolishes Position of Special Projects Co-Ordinator**
- Res. #1050 **Abolishes Position of Planner**
- Res. #1051 **Abolishes Position of Deputy Tax Receiver**
- Res. #1052 **Abolishes Position of Deputy Town Clerk**

Dated: November 20, 1998

**Town Board Members
of Riverhead, New York**



Supervisor



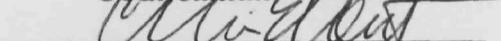
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Minutes of a Special Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Friday, November 20, 1998, at 5:06 P.M.

Present:

Vincent Villella,	Supervisor
Mark Kwasna,	Councilman
James Lull,	Councilman
Philip Cardinale,	Councilman
Christopher Kent,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Adam Grossman, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Villella called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Special Board Meeting, 5:06. Barbara, are we going to go to the resolutions first or are we going through the-- "

Resolution #1042

Barbara Grattan: "My first resolution is 1042, adopts the 1999 budget. Councilman Kent."

Supervisor Villella: "Are you going to move it?"

Councilman Kent: "I move the resolution which adopts the Town budget with the changes made to the preliminary budget (inaudible) attached. We'll have an attachment to you-- for you-- and Jack is going to prepare-- make the changes (inaudible). So, we'll make available to the press the changes. Did you guys get a copy of the raft? Okay. Jack-- 30 minutes, okay. So I'll move it as amended by the budget adjustment sheets by the town financial (inaudible)."

Jack Hansen: "(Inaudible) based on (inaudible) modifications we made today."

Councilman Kent: "Made some minor ones today-- not even a full pint-- probably about 4.67."

Supervisor Villella: "Is there a second?"

Councilman Cardinale: "Second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Councilman Cardinale: "I'd like to make a comment before I vote on this, my first budget. (Inaudible)-- having come most recently from the ranks of (inaudible), I come to the budget in this fashion. It's my judgment that the average citizen expects very reasonably that the governmental body at worst reflect the inflation rate that real people have to deal with in the real world-- their governmental budgets. We all know that that rate this year is less than 2%.

To the extent that this final budget more closely approximates that inflation rate for which I commend the Supervisor, and to that extent it is-- it becomes more acceptable, if not desirable, more inevitable if not philosophically satisfying. By that I mean we are dealing with (inaudible) with a 6.7 percent not a 4.9 percent increase in the preliminary budget when you put back in the ambulance.

So we moved from 6.7 to 4.7, very painfully. I think some very painful decisions both for personnel as well as for the Board.

The budget is simply a tool for planning. The test is not what the budget (inaudible) but what actually occurs regarding spending in the next year. If we accomplished anything over this week-- (inaudible) at least 30, 40 hours on this, I hope that this budget sets the tone of austerity and frugality which will be echoed by the Town's administrators who I would like to remind of one thing. That the budget figures as I understand them and as I (inaudible) are intended as simply not more than marker. There is no law against spending less than the allocated budget line in a department and, in fact, that should be the goal of every administrator, the ambition of every administrator in this town. And I would hope that we can provide the system of incentives so that they do just that.

The function I see of the Town Board is (inaudible) to make sure that the ambition of every administrator is realized in 1999 so that we really do not have a 4.7 increase but we spend down on this budget to be 1.9% I would like it to be.

The practical reality is not-- if I do not vote yes on this budget, the 4.7 increase, a 6.9 increase goes into effect. Accordingly, I vote yes."

Barbara Grattan: "Kent."

Councilman Kent: "I echo many of the comments that Phil made. I would join him in his remarks. What I further learned is that there are many people in our-- that work within the Town Hall, many different departments, who have asked us not to make these cuts, not to decrease the budget, but at the same time they go out to the public and complain that the Town Board keeps increasing the budget. So I feel that we have made the best efforts to keep the quality of service that the Town provides at the level that the public has grown to expect. I hope that the people within the Town Hall realize that we've had to make cuts. They were hard choices that had to be made but at the same time we're going to expect the quality of the performance of our employees is going to stay at the high level that we've enjoyed in the Town."

So as a result of our hard work this week, we have been able to make some additional cuts, we have been able to save the taxpayers some money, and although I'm not completely satisfied with all the cuts that should have been made, we've reached a point where I think we have to adopt it tonight or else be left with the preliminary budget which was a greater increase in taxes so I will vote yes on this budget."

Barbara Grattan: "Kwasna, no; Lull, no; Villella."

Supervisor Villella: "I vote yes. I'm not happy with the situation. Like I've been saying all along since September, I want productivity to increase. I gave merit raises, promotions to people because I think they deserved it. I know it doesn't add up as much as people think out there but whoever deserved it they got it."

And the situation with the ambulance, we could have had the budget down to 2.95 but we were told that we couldn't do it on the budget line (inaudible) the ambulance district at this time-- we didn't have enough time to do it, so that's what raised the budget back up. And when we started cutting wherever we can and this is the budget and it's been a hell of a week. I'm not happy; that's the way things have to be. I voted yes."

Barbara Grattan: "Okay, the resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1043

Councilman Cardinale: "1043 awards the bid for Extension No. 41B, Northside Estates, Riverhead Water District. I am moving it."

Councilman Kwasna: "Second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1044

Barbara Grattan: "Resolution #1044. Councilman Kwasna, this resolution authorizes the Supervisor to execute change order regarding the Riverhead Water District #41B."

Councilman Kwasna: "So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Councilman Cardinale: "(Inaudible) since we're cutting positions, what does this change involve? Anybody know?"

Jack Hansen: (Inaudible)

Councilman Cardinale: "So it's within the budget and it's a change order for additional work? Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.) "Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1045

Councilman Lull: "Authorize the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice Riverhead Town Code Revision Committee. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes."

Councilman Kent: "Yes. This is for a meeting of the Code Revision Committee for December 2nd at 2:00."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1046

Councilman Kent: "This authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider the purchase of development rights of a parcel located in the Town of Riverhead owned by Richard Reeve as part of the Farmland Preservation Program (inaudible). Setting the public hearing for December 1, 1998 at 7:15 p.m. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1047

Councilman Cardinale: "This resolution accepts the resignation of Kathleen Vonatzski who was a public safety dispatcher in the police department for several years. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1048

Councilman Kwasna: "Accepts the resignation of Scott Sinnickson. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1049

Councilman Kent: "This abolishes the position of Special Projects Coordinator in the Town of Riverhead. This is a result of (inaudible). The recommendation was that there was unnecessary administrative (inaudible) levels in that department-- the special projects coordinator was unnecessary. So I move that resolution."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Councilman Cardinale: "This is the beginning of several most difficult resolutions I've had to pass in this first year of my term. I'm going to vote yes. I think it is necessary to do budgetary constraints in trying to get most productivity from the fewest workers."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kent, yes; Kwansa, no; Lull, no; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1050

Councilman Cardinale: "This is a resolution which abolishes the position of Planner. This is on the recommendation of the department head, Mr. Rick Hanley. Since there apparently is no one serving in the - although someone is serving in that job title, that job is not being necessary or performed in that particular office. So moved."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes."

Councilman Kent: "At the recommendation of the department head we felt that the job duties of the person who was holding the position of Planner should be more appropriately under a different title. So upon

that recommendation, I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kwasna."

Councilman Kwasna: "I just question do we have the recommendation of the department head in writing or is it just verbal?"

Supervisor Villella: "I don't think we do have it in writing-- had mentioned it quite a while since May."

Councilman Kwasna: "I vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Lull."

Councilman Lull: "I also question as to whether or not we have a resolution creating a position that we say we do have. (Inaudible). At the present time, I vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1051

Councilman Kent: "This abolishes the position of Deputy Tax Receiver in the Tax Receiver's Office. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Councilman Cardinale: "Again, (inaudible) and in the interests of frugality, I believe a vote of yes is required."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kent, yes; Kwasna, no; Lull, no; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1052

Councilman Kwasna: "1052 is reduction of hours Bay Constable."

Barbara Grattan: "No, no, no. That's thrown out; we're not doing that one. 1052 is-- oh, you probably don't have it. Nobody has it."

Councilman Kwasna: "Abolishes position of Deputy Town Clerk. So moved. You have to spell my name correctly."

Barbara Grattan: "I know. It was wrong."

Supervisor Villella: "Is there a second?"

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna."

Councilman Kent: "Can we have discussion on this?"

Supervisor Villella: "Go ahead."

Councilman Kent: "Discussions we had in executive session and as part of the budget process we've agreed that while the duties of Deputy Town Clerk may continue to be fulfilled, it's the stipend that I believe we are-- it's the special stipend for Deputy Town Clerk. So we are abolishing the monies that are available as compensation for the Deputy Town Clerk. So with that in mind, I will vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kwasna, no; Lull, no; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Barbara Grattan: "I think that's it."

Councilman Cardinale: "I have a question on the old 1052 that wasn't offered."

Supervisor Villella: "Yes. I took it off. I took it off the table."

Councilman Cardinale: "For the reason that you weren't going to vote it, right?"

Supervisor Villella: "I wasn't going to vote it. I figured take it off. After I saw the (inaudible) statements of what-- and clarified everything, I was happy. That's the only department I didn't have anything on."

Councilman Cardinale: "I just wanted to know what the situation

was."

Supervisor Villella: "The time is 5:22 p.m. I declare the meeting closed."

Special Board Meeting closed: 5:22 p.m.

*Barbara Gattar
Town Clerk*