SPECIAL BOARD MEETING February 4, 1997

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stark at 2:39 P.M. on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Present: Supervisor James R. Stark
Councilman Victor Prusinowski
Councilman Mark Kwasna
Councilman Otto Wittmeier

Town Clerk, Barbara Grattan

Absent: Councilman, Otto Wittmeier
Town Attorney, Robert Kozakiewicz

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the hour of 2:40 p.m. has arrived, the Special Board Meeting is now in session, and in opening, I along with the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead have directed Special Counsel, Allen Smith to investigate the facts surrounding the fatal fire at 731 West Main Street this past weekend. Mr. Smith has been working with his investigator and has advised the Town Board to seek an injunction to prohibit the multifamily use of this property. Mr. Smith will be appearing in court later today to seek this injunction.

RESOLUTION NO. 74

Authorizes Commencement of Action in Supreme Court

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Wittmeier.

Supervisor Stark: "This authorizes commencement of action in Supreme Court as Special Attorney, Special Town Attorney, Allen Smith at the direction of the Town Board."

The VOTE: Wittmeier, Aye, Kwasna, Aye, Lull, Absent, Prusinowski, Aye, and Stark, Aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted

There being no further action on motion and vote, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m..

Barbara Guattan
Town Clerk

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 2:30 p.m. on the 4th day of February, 1997 and do consent to the holding of such meeting for the purpose of:

RES NO. 74 AUTHORIZES COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION IN SUPREME COURT.

DATED: February 4, 1997

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILMAN

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Minutes of a Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

James R. Stark,	Supervisor
Victor J. Prusinowski,	Councilman
James B. Lull,	Councilman
Mark A. Kwasna,	Councilman
Otto Wittmeier,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk

Absent:

Robert Kozakiewicz, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Stark: "Can everybody hear us in the back? Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 21st?"

Councilman Wittmeier: "So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried. Madam Clerk, reports, please."

REPORTS:

Receiver of Taxes Total collection to date:

	$29,260,868.82
Water Collections Landfill Collections Scavenger Waste Collections Total collections of:	$282,509.73
Juvenile Aid Bureau	Annual report for 1996
Town Clerk	Monthly report for January
Cornell University	Annual report for the year 1996
Bid Report	For mechanical sweeper which was opened on 2/3/97 from Sam Allen's Machinery for $95,000
Bid Report	Disposal of tires, opened on 2/3/97. One bid was received from JBH Tire Recycling, $100 per ton
Bid Report	Paint, four bids were received, opened on 2/3/97

APPLICATIONS:

Special Permit	Corey D. Hallock, for a building addition, parking addition with landscape and site drainage additions
St. David's School	Seeking to expand their pre-school to a day care. No building alterations to be done
Site Plan	Georgio's at Fox Hill, addition of banquet room on south side and golfer's lounge on west side

CORRESPONDENCE:

Frank Sultana	In regard to the February 4th Public Hearing, Mr. Sultana is against any change to the Riverhead Town Code
Mid-Atlantic Race Complex	3 post cards in support of race track at Calverton facility
Molly Roach	Hopes that the Riverhead Town government will also take responsibility for monitoring the services the county offers. Mrs. Roach included a letter written to Michael Caracciola, Legislator, regarding the health clinic at the County Center
Maureen McMillan	Expresses her support for the construction of the Riverhead Centre
Hildegard Koeger	Thanks Gary Pendzick and the crew at the Riverhead Water District for their care and efficiency
Dr. Peter Takacs	Registers his formal opposition to the Riverhead Centre Development
Mary Pat Takacs	Registers her formal opposition to the Riverhead Centre Development
Bill Schulman	Writes in favor of the Riverhead Centre Development
Town of Southampton	Notice of a Public Hearing

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Barbara."

Public Hearing opened: 7:07 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:07 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing?"

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 7:00 p.m., on February 4, 1997, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the consideration of a motion of the Town Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for a new article entitled, "Destination Commercial Planned Development Overlay District" and to amend the Zoning Use District Map."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Before we get into this Public Hearing, I would ask that the audience please respect each individual speaker, pro or con. We will not-- I will not tolerate somebody being verbally abused from the audience or something like that. This is going to be a lengthy Public Hearing. We are here to hear the comments of the public and that is the purpose of a Public Hearing. So, please cooperate with me and we would appreciate your cooperation and, Rick, if you would come up. And also for the purpose of the Town Clerk, our minutes are recorded, so we ask you to clearly state your name and where you live and if we still don't catch you, Lori Hallmage will get it written down for you. So I appreciate your co-operation on that."

Richard Hanley: "Thank you. Richard Hanley, Planning Director of the Town. As the Clerk has indicated, the subject of tonight's hearing is the consideration of a proposed new Commercial Overlay Zoning District to be added to both the text of the zoning ordinance and upon the Zoning Use District Map of the Town.

The parcels to be included in the new District are depicted on the map in front of the room and generally lie along the westerly portion of Route 58 from Osborne Avenue to the Expressway terminus. The new District is proposed to be applied to these properties in conjunction with the underlying Industrial A Zoning Use District. This District has been proposed by the Riverhead Planning Board in

the recognition of the inappropriateness of the existing Industrial District rendered obsolete due to radical changes in the area development since the adoption of the 1973 master plan.

These changes have included the following:

First, the order by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to create a Commercial Sewer District extension from Osborne Avenue to the Expressway terminus to encourage commercial development.

Second, the inability of the Sewer District to treat wastewater normally associated with traditional industrial processes.

Third, the decision by the Long Island Lighting Company to provide a new gas main to business properties in this section of Route 58.

And, fourth, the excessing of the Calverton Naval Weapons Reserve plant by the United States Navy, the potential for private, industrial development at the site.

Over the past several years, the marketplace has identified the westerly portion of Route 58 as the optimum location for the development of commercial destinations which serve a catchment area which includes the easterly portion of the Town of Brookhaven, the Town of Riverhead in its entirety, the Town of Southold and the Town of Southampton to the Shinnecock Canal. The commercial uses permitted in the proposed district are those considered to serve this catchment area and are of minimum size as to not directly compete with existing commercial areas within the Town.

All of the proposed non-retail uses to be permitted in this District are presently permitted or specially permitted by the existing Industrial A District. The proposed District further provides for increased coverage predicated upon a public benefit pursuant to the Town Law and is designed to require increased landscaping of all developments. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Rick. What has been brought to my attention while I was off on vacation that there were several ads taken out in the local papers and there was some misunderstanding out in the community that those ads were taken out by the Town of

iverhead. Let me assure all those interested is emphatically false he Riverhead Town Board or the Town of Riverhead has not paid for r put any ads in favor of one of the projects that is covered under his particular PDD. So, I just wanted to make that one clear. I elieve Charlie you want to speak? If during the course, you want to peak, please raise your hand high and I will recognize you."

Charles Cuddy: "My name is Charles Cuddy. I represent the wners of property-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Charlie, just-- I'm going to invite the two ness-- there's a couple, why don't you come on up to the table, maybe e can get some of the-- is there some chairs over there? We'll get couple more chairs up front here. And then you have some place to rite if you want. I appreciate it. Thanks, Mike."

Charles Cuddy: "My name is Charles Cuddy. I'm the attorney for wners of property at the northeast corner of Mill Road and Route 58. hese are the people that paid for, ran the advertisements that the upervisor has just discussed, had nothing whatsoever to do with the own Board. And we should make that clear at the outset.

But this Hearing is not-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It's just that I saw one of them today."

Charles Cuddy: "I understand."

Supervisor Stark: "It's kind of misleading and I just wanted to ake that clear."

Charles Cuddy: "Just so that everybody is clear, that's bsolutely so."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you."

Charles Cuddy: "This Hearing though is not about that piece of roperty; it's about a number of properties. Mr. Hanley described his is a mile and a half corridor running from the east, which is orne Avenue, to Tanger. It is a corridor that now is mostly ndustrial and the idea behind the Planned Development District is to ntegrate uses that make sense commercially in this corridor. And

hat's what this Hearing is for. We're talking about an Overlay istrict. We're not talking about removing existing zoning. We're alking about adding new zoning to the existing area so that those eople that have zoning will still have the industrial or business or nderlying zoning.

This area, a mile and a half long, when developed is going to e significant commercially to the Town of Riverhead, probably beyond ost people's dreams at this point. It's our position, and we can ertainly document it, that the taxes that will be generated from anger through the development to Osborne Avenue, will create perhaps s much as 20% of all taxes in the Town. Right now they generate bout 15% of the taxes in the Town. I'm talking about finishing anger I, Tanger II and the various proposals inside.

So this is important for taxes. It's going to be important for obs, it's going to be important to bring new consumers to the Town f Riverhead. Because what this does is allows a commercial destinaion stores, large stores, to come to these various sites.

Riverhead has been in the process in the past few years of a enaissance. It's had Splish-Splash; it's had Tanger; it's had new olf courses. We believe that should continue and we think that by his PDD, this Planned Development District, that will be assured. ut there are some people who criticize these proposals. Some of hem have criticized the Town Board as the Supervisor has indicated, nd I think that's not only unjust, it doesn't make any sense because, elieve me, there's been no favoratism. I've been in the process our a year and there has not been the slightest special treatment by nyone at any time.

But there are other critics. Some of those people say that this ype of development will force out other businesses. They don't ant particular competition. I think on its face that's just plain ong because BJ's has not forced out King Kullen or Waldbaums and Kmart has not closed down Caldor. There are other people, though, hat are critics of this plan saying that, in fact, it is no plan. o those people we say this. There's been a master plan that's in orce. There's been a new commercial Sewer District. There's a roposed extension of gas mains by Lilco. All of these things point o have a commercial district in this mile and a half that will enefit all of Riverhead.

I also think that these people who are criticizing the absence of a plan ignore the past and present Town Boards. In the past, and I have been a person that's found this to be true. This Town Board and other Town Boards have said do not develop outside of the Town of Riverhead, that is the Hamlet of Riverhead, do not develop Aquebogue, Jamesport. I had a client only a few years ago who wanted to put a Pathmark in Jamesport. We were turned down. We were rejected. And that was so that we would build and come to the center of Riverhead to Route 58. That was made clear by the Town Board. It's part of a plan.

And the plan and the vision that the Town Board have to me is very simple and it's been in place for a while but no one ever articulates it. It's very simple. The commercial area of this Town is going to be Route 58 and that commercial area is going to generate taxes. They are going to limit the outside areas, the outlying areas of the Town, both commercial and residential, so that the growth there will be modest. They are going to take the tax dollars from Route 58, plus the incentive payments and the impact fees and they are going to use those to help the downtown area and attract recreational type of facilities. And we've already been doing that. You will note that we have the riverboats. We have the aquarium. We have a theatre for live entertainment. Those things in place will allow also the Town to begin work on West Main Street and to develop West Main Street with condos and apartments for older people and younger people and those will feed the downtown area.

This plan has been in place in the Town Hall with this Board, with the Planning staff for a long time. So there very much is a plan. But this PDD is an instrumental component of that plan. Because without the PDD the taxes don't get generated and it's very important that the taxes and the jobs and the consumers come to Riverhead and generate the growth and the renaissance that Riverhead has had and should continue and should continue into the next century.

We're asking the Town Board tonight not to vote for Riverhead Centre. To vote for the Planned Development District. Because it's important and it's impact will be significant. If you are going to go forward, you can't stand still. And it's time that Riverhead did go forward, it has gone forward, and we ask it to continue. And we ask you to approve this plan. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. As they say in church, let's hold pplause until all the candidates have been gathered here. Is there nybody else who would like to make comment? Way in the back. Walter. knew I recognized something, Walt."

Walter Paulik: "Good evening, Mr. Supervisor, distinguished embers of our Town Board. My name is Walter Paulik. I live in iverhead; I have a business in Riverhead, and I also am representing he Riverhead Business Improvement District this evening.

On the 6th of November, 1996, the Riverhead Business Improvement istrict stood before this Board to express our position on the ransformation of the Route 58 corridor and its effects upon the ommunity. The BID would like to once again state that we will continue to oppose zone changes, variances, and special use permits until uch time that the Town Board adopts an updated comprehensive Master lan for the entire Town that addresses current and future issues regarding development, traffic and the environment.

The Town has spent years putting together studies of our various amlets with the exception of Riverhead itself. It is time to complete this process and combine them all into a comprehensive updated aster plan for the township. The BID stands ready to assist the own in any way possible to expedite this process."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Walter."

Walter Paulik: "I thank you for your time."

Supervisor Stark: "You're welcome. I thought you were coming p to the microphone. Anybody else that would like-- yes, sir?"

John M. Kennedy: "Supervisor Stark, members of the Board. My ame is John M. Kennedy. I reside in Orient Point and also in St. homas. I'm here tonight to represent 60,000 construction workers hat work in both Nassau and Suffolk County and at least 2,000 of hem residing in the Town of Riverhead. I've lived on Long Island ll my life and I can tell you that a lot of Long Island I think was isplanned. I think what you're doing here, a comprehensive plan hat will take us into the future, preserve some open space, but ake some sensible approach towards growth makes a lot of sense. I'm ere on behalf of the building trades to give our full support for

something that will provide us with employment but also preserve like I said our quality of life. Even though we are construction workers, we all live, we breathe the same air as everybody on Long Island, that this whole thing makes some sense. To make some kind of a zone for commercial and industrial development. We urge you to support the adoption."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you Mr. Kennedy. Yes, sir. If there is anybody next who would like to speak? Okay."

Bruce Caldwell: "I'm Bruce Caldwell. I live here in Riverhead. I've only been here a few years. I've been encouraged by a lot of things the Town Board has done with trying to revitalize the Main Street area. But I'm not sure the plan works as its envisioned. Tanger hasn't substantially contributed yet to the downtown's revitalization. The theatre isn't open. The aquarium has been through a series of serious troubles. It's questionable that it's going to be able to survive. There aren't any new businesses opening on Main Street.

There aren't people coming from Tanger to come to the restaurants on Main Street. To say that further development on west 58 will help downtown Riverhead is I think very questionable. I think it's going to draw more traffic to 58, meaning more traffic, local traffic, would be pushed onto the local streets. All right. I think it could create infrastructure problems that we aren't ready to deal with.

We have a police force that can't solve murders here in this town. And we have an increase in shoplifting. What is the priority going to be? Is it going to be a dead teenager in a lot or is it going to be shoplifters out at Tanger?

These are my questions because I would like to see the plan work. I would like to see Riverhead revitalize. I would like to see new businesses drawn here but I don't want to see traffic jams on 58 worse than they already are. And I don't want to see dead teenagers go undiscovered in a vacant lot for a month. We need to have the infrastructure to support this growth and if we aren't getting the taxes because we give all the tax breaks to new businesses, we can't support the infrastructure. It's not going to work. So I vote down on this proposal because I don't see that we have thought it through carefully enough to preserve all the interests that we

are here in this Town. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Let me just interject as far s Tanger, there's no tax breaks given to Tanger."

Jim McGuire: "Mr. Supervisor, Councilmen, all you people that re here tonight. I've been in Riverhead for over 40 years. I raised even children; I have my business in Riverhead, and I love River-ead. And the growth I want to see is a growth that's good for iverhead and not individuals. We know that the last few weeks, the ast week or so the ads taken out in back of our local newspapers as not for the benefit of the Town of Riverhead, but individuals.

I'm not against people who are looking for jobs in the con-ruction industry. That's what we're all here for, (inaudible) iverhead grow. But I'm asking you gentlemen up on the Board to onsider what Riverhead was when you first came to Riverhead. We now we're going to have growth, but please do us all a favor, eople who have lived here all our lives-- most of our lives, to row in proportion to what we all want. And not go out of bounds. n other words, we are going to have Route 58 where you can't move nd you can't move in the summertime right now, what's going to appen when we have big industry going up in Riverhead? Does any-ody really know? We are going to so boggled down, people won't ven come to Riverhead because there's no way to get through.

And I ask you gentlemen, I know you have a very difficult ecision to make, not only here but in Calverton as well. We ask ou to protect the Town of Riverhead and not big industry and not ig money. I thank you for your time."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Let me certainly assure you, m, that what we will do in this Town Board is certainly put River-ead first and the retention of the quality of life. Yes, sir."

Steven Costello: "Good evening, Town Supervisor. My name is teven Costello. I'm from P.C. Richard & Son and we've had a store n the Riverhead district since 1981 and we've been very proud to be art of the community. We also are happy to see anything that will elp Riverhead and help jobs, help the Town to continue to do well s we have been on Long Island since 1909, which is a pretty long ime.

One of the things that we do see as a problem in general at P.C. Son is that if you look at most of the surveys, you will see that any, many Long Islanders are working, but how much money do they ake? How many people made less money than last year? How many eople made less money than the year before? And one of those reasons s national companies because when a national company comes to Long sland, Home Depot, Circuit City, you know, you can name them. Their nvertising departments aren't on Long Island. Their corporate ffices aren't on Long Island. Their warehouse and distribution sn't on Long Island. So what they do is, they take Long Islanders, ay them $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, or $7.00 an hour and then all that oney goes into a bank, into an envelope, gets overnighted to irginia or California, and the Town of Riverhead or Long Island ever sees that money again. So all we've really created is a lot f jobs for people who really can't have any type of quality of life.

So one of the things that I would urge and like P.C. Richard is hat we should look at those opportunities for Long Island companies hat are already living and people who are doing their dry cleaning nd shopping in the Long Island restaurants and people that are true ong Islanders. So that's just something that I think should be nder consideration with the expansion."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else that ould like to-- Doc?"

Alfred Scherzer: "Good evening."

Supervisor Stark: "Doctor, would you just turn that other one wards so we could-- thank you."

Alfred Scherzer: "Good evening. Members of the Town Board-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It's the other one. That's the recording oce."

Alfred Scherzer: "Thank you. I'm Alfred Scherzer, a property wner on Second Street of long standing. My children have grown up here. I grew up here professionally. We love Riverhead. You've heard that story before. And I think the Town Board is certainly in a unique position to influence the quality of life here for all of us for a long time to come. It's a big issue here and I'm sure you

now it. I don't have to remind you of it.

What I would like to put before you is a special quality that we have, the natural resources that we have in the downtown area of Riverhead, the river itself, the historic quality of our Town, the things that many of us have grown up with and these are quality of life issues that I think have to be weighed in addition to the economic issues. Obviously we have to join the 21st century. Obviously we have to be competitive financially. But there is a need to balance the quality of life and the cultural issues of what we have here with the economic necessities. It's no question that it can be done. I would urge the Board, number one, to look at a total master plan for Riverhead, to consider the economic needs and the quality of life needs for Riverhead. The downtown area has been started. We have a few things going. There's been some rough going with the Okeanos. There's been some rough going with the theatre.

I ask that the Town give priority to development of the things that the Town has committed itself to downtown so that we can begin to have a base for attracting people, no matter what happens on Route 58. The idea that there would be a special district formed now before there is an opportunity for the cultural features of downtown to really get on their feet concerns me. And I ask that the Board consider the issue of priorities and put some weight and muscle behind getting our downtown area to look-- find its potential for all of its cultural resources.

I don't think that makes a statement that Riverhead is not interested in business. I think it means that it would indicate that the Town Board is interested in the development of the whole town, not just its commercial aspect. Please keep in mind all the resources and potential that we have and please give a priority to what we need so that no matter who comes to Route 58, they are going to want to come downtown and see the things that we have there and participate in the cultural and natural things that can be developed but are still awaiting your priority. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Doctor."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Jimmy, I just want to say one thing. Not so much in response to that. We are going out to bid tonight on the Suffolk Theatre. The Suffolk Theatre is on track. We hired

(inaudible) engineers. I know there was an article in the paper this week and the thing is Suffolk County National Bank has the same engineers. We are trying to spend the taxpayers monies wisely and efficiently. It's a complex project. But the Suffolk Theatre is on track and it will be a reality thanks to some of the development fees that we've collected from Tanger and other sources and donations and the generosity of the general town taxpayers. So I just wanted to say. And, I've got to say, please, we have spent millions of dollars in downtown Riverhead. So I've got to say that we're doing selected officials-- Harriet's out here. All the Town Boards that I've served on have always tried to revitalize downtown Riverhead.

A few people that I've talked to this week said, you've got to save downtown Riverhead. I bought this jacket at Swezeys department store. How many people shop downtown Riverhead when they have the opportunity? Then when I got up west and I one time, a couple of years ago before BJ's came into town, I ran into more Riverhead people in, you know, in the similar operations up west because they are trying to save money. And there's nothing wrong with that because the shoppers are going to go where the values are and where the prices are. Swezeys competes with the Tanger center. They had to change the way they do business and they have. So we all understand. We want to save downtown Riverhead. It's an economic balance and that's what we're here to listen to."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment at this particular time? Yes, sir?"

Tim Morano: "I don't-- my name is Tim Morano. I've lived in Riverhead 20 years. I've raised two kids out here. Everytime they wanted to go to a movie, my kids had to go to a different area to go to a movie. Everytime they wanted to go skating, they had to go to a different area. Everytime they needed a book for something, they had to go to a different area. Downtown Riverhead should be just like, you know, relaxed for a little while. Take care of 58. Let's do the right thing up there.

Downtown Riverhead, you could turn it around, make little clam bars, restaurants, wine tasting places, places like that. As far as stores, nobody, nobody is going downtown Riverhead any more. You have to change the whole idea of downtown Riverhead. You have the rights. Turn all those stores around, a little restaurants, a little

is, a little that. Fifty-eight is where we're going to make our money. Let's just do it."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else that would like to make comment at this particular time? Yes, Rolph. If anybody would like to be after Rolph."

Rolph Kestling: "Rolph Kestling, Wading River. I didn't really intend to say anything today. I notice you have a packed house. But I guess you've noticed a certain thing. Now I retired out here 100% in 1988. You know yourself that 95% of the time you see us sitting in the front row at every meeting. I may miss one or two a year."

Supervisor Stark: "Second row."

Rolph Kestling: "Huh? Second row."

Supervisor Stark: "Second row."

Rolph Kestling: "See, you noticed. And there's a group of people that are practically here everytime and they always voice their opinion. Now, this time you look around, you've got a packed house. I bet 90% of these people only show up when they have their vested interest. They're not interested in Riverhead. They're just concerned about their own ideas, their own work, their only thing. I suggest you listen to the people that come down here every week or every two weeks. They're the ones that are interested in Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Yes, ma'am."

Eileen Miller: "Hi. My name is Eileen Miller. I've lived in Calverton for 25 years and I really have a question which I would like to direct to Mr. Cuddy. May I do that?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, but, Eileen, if you would just do it through the mike, he'll hear it because I've got to pick it up for the recording."

Eileen Miller: "Mr. Cuddy, I believe that you mentioned that with the Planned Development District and the commercial properties to be built on Route 58, the taxes would be increased by 20% from

hat particular District. Is that true? Or they would pay a 20% of he-- "

Supervisor Stark: "All right. We're going to ask Mr. Cuddy to ome up and answer that question so I can get it on the minutes. ee you out there, Charlie?"

Charles Cuddy: "Yes. What I said was-- "

Supervisor Stark: "No, Charlie, please over to the microphone, dentify yourself for the transcriber."

Charles Cuddy: "Charles Cuddy, responding to the question from ileen Miller. I said that presently those properties from Tanger, ncluding Tanger I, projected Tanger II, and those properties that re in this District, pay approximately 15% of the taxes in the Town, hat they would pay on a buildout, including our property, the verhead Centre property, probably 20% and that's the numbers that am using."

Eileen Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Cuddy. I did understand orrectly, and I didn't word it correctly. So what you're talking bout is 5% increase in payout. A 5% increase in payout-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I can't have a debate going here because we till have to transcribe this, Eileen."

Eileen Miller: "Okay, the only thing I'm saying-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. Just ask the question and I'll bring him back up because the girl is listening to that recording and is not going to understand what's going on."

Eileen Miller: "All right. Mr. Cuddy said that Tanger and the other properties on 58 are now paying 15-- approximately 15% of the taxes in the Town. Is that correct? Okay. And if Route 58-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that Mr. Cuddy is saying yes. You are talking about the entire Route 58 corridor, Charlie?"

Eileen Miller: "No, just the-- "

Charles Cuddy: "All I'm saying is that the Planned Development District and Tanger I and II, Tanger I and II not being in it but at the edge of it, contiguous to it, now pay approximately 15%. I said they would pay-- "

Supervisor Stark: "You are talking about the entire tax levy of the school district, county, all of this stuff?"

Charles Cuddy: "That's right. I'm saying-- "

Supervisor Stark: "$70,000,000 that we have to raise every year."

Charles Cuddy: "I'm saying that they would pay-- "

Supervisor Stark: "You are saying 15%, that that corridor is going to raise $10,000,000?"

Charles Cuddy: "What I am saying to answer her question, is that if you have 5% over 15, you increase it by a third. And I'm saying that by building out at those sites and having full use of those sites under the Planned Development District, the Town could be in a position to generate at least one-third more taxes from that area and have additional tax-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I thought my calculations were wrong, 'cause we're missing taxes somewhere."

Eileen Miller: "The additional amount is actually 5% of the taxes. Tanger and the other properties are now paying 15% with the commercial development they would pay 20%. So you are talking about all this development in a mile and a half area for a 5% increase. And this is what I'd like to object to."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you, Eileen. Who had their hand up? Jack, let me go around first, make a run around. Is there anybody else that would like to make comment? All right. You can cut through here, Billy. That's all right. I apologize for the inconvenience tonight, ladies and gentlemen. Had I known this crowd was going to be this big, I probably would have suggested that we move it up to the public high school or something like that. So you will have to bear with us. Those that are out in the hallway, if you

an't hear, they show this meeting every Friday night I believe on hannel 27."

Bill Talmage: "My name is Bill Talmage. I'm a life long esident of Riverhead, fifth generation resident of Riverhead. You've eard that a million times."

Councilman Prusinowski: "What are you today? A farmer or a eveloper?"

Bill Talmage: "I'm also a real estate guy. Today I've got my eal estate hat on. But, also, I've got two kids in the public chool system. I went through the public school system in River-ead. I've got another kid on the way who will be in the public chool system. I'm obviously very concerned about the quality of the ducation in our Town. I care very much about our schools.

On the other hand, I've also seen my tax bills recently and we annot continue to have tax increases the way we've been doing it. e've got a lot of senior citizens in this Town, as you know, on ixed incomes and we must get some relief. Yesterday-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Where are you asking for that relief? In he town, county, or the school taxes?"

Bill Talmage: "We must get relief. Well, I mean-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Let's put the cards where they play on the able, too."

Bill Talmage: "Well, school taxes are the biggest part of it nd I'll be darned if I know how to fix that problem."

Supervisor Stark: "Close to 60% of it, Billy."

Bill Talmage: "Yeah, and the other way to get relief is ommercial development that doesn't put kids in our schools, and all f the stuff I've ever brought you, I have never had one kid to go n the schools. Tanger I and Tanger II, I believe will pay more in axes than Grumman did in its heyday. Just to put that in perspective. iverhead Centre, which I'm a partner-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "You're a developer then today."

Bill Talmage: "Developer."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Bill Talmage: "-- should pay about two-thirds of what Grumman d at its heyday. Those of us who have-- who are worried about the chool district and the quality of education in this Town, that's ry important because we just can't afford to pay any more school xes. We need to get money from other people. Nobody is thinking at all the shopping is for the 22,000, 24,000 people who live in verhead town-- "

Supervisor Stark: "24,000 plus."

Bill Talmage: "24,000 plus, with the lowest per capita income Suffolk County. This is about other people coming to our town nd leaving money here, which we can do things with.

Yesterday we heard that, you know, we're in such dire financial raits we have to upzone all these farmers and we heard bankers say 's going to take half their land value, half their collateral. ell, we cannot afford to turn down all the money that's coming from velopment of this commercial tax base. We cannot afford to turn own all the money that people in other towns that are going to come ere and leave their money.

The fact that other towns, that Southampton is concerned about hat's going on in Riverhead, is because we are making a dent. eople who have their wealthy second homes in Southampton, if they st go there to sleep but they leave all their money in Riverhead, hat's a problem for Southampton. Southampton are the people that ought us Riverside who put all those second homes-- all those condos n in our school district and their town. So my heart bleeds for outhampton. To me that proves that it's working.

We absolutely have to do this. The farmers can't take anymore. e can't afford an upzone. We can't afford more property taxes and e we have to maintain the quality of our school system and this is e way to do it. Thanks."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. Is there anybody else that would like to make comment? Joe? Anybody else behind Joe so I can-- okay, with the orange scarf."

Joseph Ingegno: "Yes. My name is Joseph Ingegno. I'm a 25 year resident of Riverhead. This planned change of overlay zone for Route 58 isn't something that just got pulled out of a hat. Myself and about 12 other members of the community along with the Planning Department for the last year have been working on a Hamlet study of Downtown Riverhead. And this was part of it. We looked at zoning that didn't fit in the Town's plan anymore. Most of Route 58 is zoned spotty between business, industrial, some residential, things that in this day and age don't work.

With the coming of the Grumman site being turned over to the Town, we are going to have approximately 3,000 acres of Industrial zoned land. The Industrial zoned land on Route 58 is useless now. There is no business person or manufacturing person in their right mind would build a manufacturing or industry type of business along Route 58. It just doesn't fit in the plan any more.

We've had Hamlet studies that took care of the zoning problems in Calverton. We've had Hamlet studies that took care of the zoning in Jamesport and Aquebogue. We are just finishing-- we are in the middle of part of the Hamlet study for Riverhead and the last piece of the study left is basically downtown Riverhead to the traffic circle, over to Route 105, in that area. The West Main Street area is mainly in the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, which is basically sterilized for sometime to come. And we looked at the western part of 58 and we looked at it to decide what would be the best use to make a plan that would fit the needs of the Town of Riverhead and the community. And we didn't plan on it as being a zone that would allow small stores, other strip shopping centers with a pizza parlor, Chinese restaurant and a card store to compete with possible future businesses downtown.

This new planned district has specific store sizes that are for regional shoppers so that we draw people from miles around, from 10 miles around, people in Rocky Point, people in Manorville, people in the Moriches who want to come to this area of Riverhead and do their major shopping, leave their money here, have lunch, play a round of golf, drop the kids off at Splish-Splash, and go home. The

type of development that we will see along Route 58 will not put any children in our school districts but will pay plenty of taxes. Something that we desperately need and I urge the Town Board to please adopt it. Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowsk: "Jimmy. Joe, Joe, can I ask a question? How many acres do we have in the Town of Riverhead, approximately? You are a land surveyor. I checked with Leroy tonight. We have 50,000 acres. One thing I want to put in perspective here because I've been reading a lot of material in the newspapers. The Town of Riverhead has 50,000 acres. We're not going to be Smithtown. We're not going to be Centereach. I don't want that-- I got up there all the time with my job with Suffolk Life. Let me give you the scorecard of where we are in this community.

We have 50,000 acres. We have 10,000 acres that are completely off the tax rolls for one purpose or another. Fire Departments, U.S. government, 5400, Town of Riverhead 417. The county, Nassau and Suffolk. These are parklands, Boy Scout camps, so forth, 3,100. New York State, 890. School and institutions, 616. Nature Conservany, 118. Those are restricted properties. Churches and religion.

Now, on the other side, we have lands that are preserved or severely restricted for development to preserve open space. 788 acres and golf courses and I know some people are going to disagree with me, but I think a golf course is a great way to preserve the open space.

Suffolk County development rights, 3417 acres, we lead the County of Suffolk with this. We have the most land in the program anywhere in Suffolk County. The pine barrens core, which Jimmy and I-- there was Harriet. We had to struggle to vote for this program. 41,805 acres in the Manorville area. In the pine barrens compatible growth area, which is severely restricted. 5,093 acres for a total of-- one more program. In the eight year commitment program that are not in the farm program, farmers sign up and pay a tax penalty so it severely restricts them to develop the land quickly. That's 14,000 acres. That's 27,000 acres, we have 37-- 38,000 acres out of 50,000 that's either preserved forever, open space, or severely restricted.

So when people tell me that we're going to rattle off or we are

going to turn into-- certainly, that's not the case. Our problem is with the scorecard, especially the 10,000 acres off the taxrolls, that's where our commercial tax base is fragile. When people say why did the taxes go up this year? The last six years since 1991, the increase from the Town Board has been 2.6% on an average. We had an 8% increase this year. We lost one hit, Northrup Grumman disappeared and we had some an unexpected bill come from New York State pension fund for the police and we got hit with 8%. Now, that's how quickly it happens. Wherein on the south shore, they always have their tax base going up and up and up because of the second homeowners and they can spend money. We don't have that luxury here.

Now, there's a whole myriad of reasons why the school taxes go up, but that's the scorecard. So we have a lot of open space in the Town. Now, the question is, is this plan good for Riverhead? And, again, I'll get back to-- that's why we're here for discussions tonight. But I want to get out that out there because I think it's important to understand-- especially the newer people who have moved into Riverhead and weren't around in the 70's and the 80's when a lot of these things were put in place."

Joseph Ingegno: "I also just wanted to let a lot of people seem to have the impression that this is some type of sweetheart zoning for one particular developer. This committee who was chosen by members of the Town to redo-- to look into the zoning in this area, we busted our butt for over a year looking at different programs. So this wasn't picked on to just help one developer. This is what-- something that we thought would be the best and most feasible use for this strip of land along Route 58. Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Our choice here tonight is economic balance as it makes sense for the town."

Supervisor Stark: "All right. Thank you. The gentleman with the orange scarf. I will get you in a minute."

Cliff Baldwin: "Hi. I'm Cliff Baldwin. I live in Riverhead. I'm sorry?"

Supervisor Stark: "Goldman?"

Cliff Baldwin: "Baldwin."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

Cliff Baldwin: "Thank you. And-- "

Supervisor Stark: "That's how difficult the recorder is going to have."

Cliff Baldwin: "I'm one of the people who hasn't been here through the 70's and parts of the 80's, but I lived in a place where this sort of thing happened in the 50's and focused on areas outside of a town where I grew up in and experienced the same kinds of problems, solutions, planning dilemmas that you maybe you guys are experiencing today, and the town I grew up in never got back in action after these developments happened in 1957, 1958. Maybe the planning wasn't up to snuff, maybe it wasn't what you guys were thinking of, this PDD. But there's got to be a way to bring these people to Riverhead without doing the kinds of things that do affect the words quality of life that you keep saying again and again.

Again, I think that's what everyone here is thinking about is quality of life for children, for elderly, for everyone. And, I just think the solutions are really tough and I think you've got a tough problem to solve but I'm not sure that these solutions are necessarily the right ones.

There must be ways to bring in people to the downtown area, both culturally and business ways without-- I don't know how to phrase this, but without-- well, I guess you get the gist of it. I'm not from the union and I'm not from one of the local places that's going to benefit from big business moving in. I support small businesses and I think it's the small businesses in Riverhead that really support this community. And I think that's one of the things that we really, really have to think about. I know you do. And I like your jacket."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Thanks."

Jim Goldman: "I'm Jim Goldman, I'm a life long resident of Riverhead. Like a lot of the members of the Town Board and, Jim, and the rest of the members of the Town Board, I just would like to say that I think Riverhead has a golden and a wonderful opportunity to move into the 21st century by developing. And being able to prosper and be recognized as one of the leading towns in New York

tate by letting the Route 58 corridor develop and letting Riverhead entre come to Riverhead. And like Cliff and the gentleman ahead of e, Cliff Baldwin, I might have an answer for him if Riverhead lanning Board would consider like the Riverhead area in the village, ike there was some talk about moving the post office and maybe aising along Railroad Avenue. If that could be built up for more arking and developing like on the south side, going to Main Street, ike behind the court buildings and where the hotel is. Let it be a eveloped area where people can park and move around and shop and ave these little shops.

One other gentleman was talking about like wine shops, a different ype of business that would entice these people coming in from Route 8 or Tanger. I'm sure we can get a trickle down from all that usiness being up there and they would come into the village if the illage were built up and developed a little better.

Besides all that, it's a break on the tax and we certainly can se that, me being a homeowner. I mean everybody's taxes went up his year. We don't want them to go up next year and the year after. nd I think the multiplex theater, if I'm correct, they have offered o help with the Suffolk-- to help us run movies or shows over there. o that's a good thing, too. Well, thank you, gentlemen."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Jim. Yes, ma'am."

Kathleen Klein: "Hi. My name is Kathleen Klein. My husband, ichael, and I are long time residents of Riverhead. We also own a estaurant on Route 58, right down the street from where this planned evelopment is. I would like to say that I was here in the 80's when iverhead did not have much going for it. It was pretty boring back hen and I'm all for growth, but at what rate and in what direction? Can't understand why we're considering changing the zoning law hen right down the street this has not been addressed. I believe hat there's another development who wants to build another plaza imilar to what Riverhead Centre is going to build, but on a much maller rate.

This is on the Anderson farmland and from what I understand, his land is already zoned for business. What I can't understand is hy we can't give these developers a chance to build this type of evelopment on a much smaller scale than Riverhead Centre has planned.

et's see how that affects our traffic; how that affects our quality f life before we go changing the zone and maybe taking on more than e can handle. And I really hope that you oppose this project ecause as a small business owner and as a resident of Riverhead who ill have to deal with the traffic and all the headaches that a hugh laza like this will entail, I don't feel that we need an 18 theater ultiplex. I don't feel that we need a Home Depot, which would ertainly put Pergament out of business when we have a man trying to uild a plaza who's not going to put anybody out of business. Anyay, I strongly oppose this and I hope you will, too."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else? Yes, ir, way in the back. Come on, and that other gentleman can come up ehind you. I'm going to hear him first, why don't you just keep oving this way. Come up."

Richard McCoy: "Good evening. My name is Richard McCoy. I as a graduate of Riverhead high school. I've lived in this area ll my life and I would like to start by saying one of the greatest hings about America is the opportunity that it represents. Now, I now there are a lot of individuals here from the comfortable past, ut I feel as though the project represent an opportunity for those ho have been left out of the mainstream, left out of the downtown iverhead area. Because I go through there and I look for the numbers ho are employed in the smaller shops and the smaller family owned usinesses or whatever, and it's just not there. We need jobs. We eed jobs to compete.

And I feel as though this project will lend itself to that pportunity for many of the Riverhead individuals who have been left ut in the past. So I look forward to this opportunity. I am in the construction field and I feel as though all you have to do is give me a chance. That's all I ask. Not a handout but a chance. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. The only thing I can say about that comfortable pass, it's not getting so comfortable any more at my age."

Edward Burke: "My name is Edward Burke. I've been a life long resident of Riverhead. I live in a house built 1910 here in town by my great uncle. I don't belong to the construction trades, I don't

long to any local businesses, and while I don't attend a lot of wn Board meetings because my job frankly carries me all over the untry, I love Riverhead and I stayed here and I come back here, t because I'm forced to. I can earn my living anywhere in the ited States. And make the same salary. The quality of life and iqueness of this Town is why I'm here. I am troubled by this only the sense that there are a lot of small businesses that are ivately owned in this town that return their profits to the people this town. They are owned by people who live here. And when I ar of a company like Home Depot coming in, we've got something like think I've counted 14 of them in the advertisement in the paper on ng Island.

Now, this is not a destination store for people on Long Island. they want to go to Home Depot, they don't need to come to River- ad. There's at least 14 of them here on Long Island. Fifteen is t going to be a burning desire on anybody's part to come to River- ad. But that store could take just enough profits away from a ole long list of businesses, garden centers, Agway, Pergament, we ll know them. Okay. It could throw a lot of people out of work d close a lot of businesses.

I want to commend this Town Board for what it's done. I think he Tanger Mall is excellent. I think the changes in our Town are uperb. But I've got to tell you, my family and I are very troubled y the potential of this project. And I understand the need for obs."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Eddie. Yes, sir."

Ron Chevaliers: "My name is Ron Chevaliers, Riverhead. I moved ere in 1990. My job brought me here and in the last seven years, 've seen Riverhead progress very rapidly, 99% of it for the good. come from an area where development is big. My main concern is if ou approve it, they will come, and if you approve the PDD, you are finitely going to get development in the corridor west of Osborne venue. My main concern is development east of Osborne Avenue where ou have large parcels of land that can be developed already. My-- ou have a Waldbaums that if the development does come on, the iverhead Centre comes on, what happens to these stores that eventually ove into that particular area? All you have to do is travel 25

owards Middle Island, Coram and you can see the strip plazas there hat are no longer developed and all you do is see graffiti writing nd things like this.

So, I'm concerned east where you've already got the K-Marts, he BJ's, Toys R Us, that development already concentrated in the rea and what happens to that particular area if you develop west of sborne Avenue which almost puts up like a barrier to that particular rea.

Progress as far as people are concerned, progress it brings ompetition and competition is good for everybody. It makes people o changes that they normally wouldn't have which could ultimately be ore business for them instead of being stagnant in the way they do usiness now. I live here in Riverhead, I plan on staying here the est of my life, my job, I plan on retiring from here. I work in hverhead Town. And I'm just a concerned citizen and that's my ajor concerns. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, sir. Henry. We've got to get ome of the regulars in here."

Henry Pfeiffer: "I'm Henry Pfeiffer of Wading River. I'm aging. n fact, if you look at me you can see that I'm old. I'm 83 years ld and there's no truth to the fact that I was around here when we rove the Indians off the east end of the Island over their places nd drove them into reservations. I just wonder whether most of you ere around when the United States itself developed from an griculturally supported (inaudible) to an industrial type to a world ower as it is today. And I wonder what those of you who worried bout what's going to happen to the businesses downtown and those eople who are downtown are properly worried about that. What appened to the businesses downtown that were there when Swezeys came n. How about when-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I don't believe you're going to get an nswer."

Henry Pfeiffer: "But how about-- "

Supervisor Stark: "You have a question, but-- "

Henry Pfeiffer: "What I'm saying is this. That Riverhead, like he rest of the world including the United States, is not a moribund ociety. It is not dead. It is a living being and is developing radually and so forth. And if those people who are running businesses nd they are pretty damn smart down there on Main Street, give the onsumer what the consumer is looking for, a consumer will come to ee them. Now, presently those who were worried about Home Depot nd some of the other major places coming out here, those of us who ant something that Home Depot gives today that is better than what ou offer here, will offer Home Depot wherever they are in the area.

What I'm saying is this. That I think that this is a progressive tep forward and that in all respects to create additional jobs, to reate a society, a business community that will provide what the onsumer wants, I favor it. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Henry. Kenny. Former President f the school board. We can pick on him tonight."

Kenny Zahler: "I haven't been living in the Town all my life ut I think you would be hard pressed to find more than a handful of eople who have put more time into this Town to make it a better lace without compensation than I have. I own a business."

Supervisor Stark: "I can attest to that."

Kenny Zahler: "I own a business downtown but I'm in favor of his project on Route 58. I own commercial property east of the raffic circle. This would almost certainly make my property worth less but I support this project. I think it's best for the Town. It's not a question of whether or not we want a Home Depot or a ultiplex. It's not a question of whether we want any particular project. It's a question of which is the best location for this to take place.

I think most people if you think about driving the length of Route 58, from the end of the Expressway easterly, you would assume that all of that stretch of 58 is zoned the same and for whatever reason it's not and this action will correct that error. Let's see, I made some notes here listening to the other people before me. I think that the-- by going forward with this PDD project what you are going to do is you are going to open up an area which might not

otherwise been used for this purpose which is better for the Town because it will result of a traffic problem if this did not happen and these same types of construction projects were built in the existing areas where they are already permitted.

Somebody speaking before me earlier mentioned that the 5% change in taxes was not significant enough to warrant this kind of an action. Let me tell you, during the six years that I was on the Board of Education, we sweated every 5,000 every $10,000, every half a percent increase in the tax change. To say $850,000 in property taxes for this one project that's proposed not to mention the entire PDD, is not significant really loses the big picture.

We had asked the public when I was on the Board of Education to vote for a new track because the high school track was no longer useable. It got voted down; it got voted down again. The amount of taxes that would be thrown off by this single project would be enough to construct a new track, new tennis courts, and there would be money left over. I think that there's no question that this is what is best for the Town. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Kenny. Yes, sir. Ma'am, would you like a seat? There's one right up front here. Sure. A little chivalry left in this world. Thank you."

Brian Mangon: "Brian Mangon, Wading River. I've lived in Wading River since 1975. I live three miles away, just across the border in Lake Panamoka since 1957 when I was four years old. I don't remember living anywhere else. And I love it out here. I love the fresh air, the beaches, the rural aspect out here. I just raised two daughters, I'm not finished raising them, they're both in college upstate New York now. And I hope that they come back here and live when they're finished with their education. Becaue I plan on staying here forever.

But, I just got a tax bill last month, like everyone else in Riverhead and it's now $4,600. It's almost doubled in the last six or seven years. And anything to keep that down and allow young people to come back here and live and enjoy the lifestyle that I've enjoyed, I think would be beneficial to us as Riverhead residents. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Are you in the Shoreham School District or the Riverhead School District?"

Brian Mangon: "Shoreham."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm going to make a circle first. Is there anybody else who would like to-- Faye? You are getting to be old hat at this."

Faye Anderson: "Practice makes perfect."

Supervisor Stark: "That's right."

Faye Anderson: "I'm Faye Anderson. I've lived in Riverhead my whole life. We have a farmstand on Route 58. My husband is part owner of the 22 acre parcel known as Anderson's Farm. We have other farmland besides. I feel that this Planned Development District-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Just got to-- I'm going to get Russell to see if I can get the people outside to-- I know they can't hear us but-- "

Faye Anderson: "Is it the microphone?"

Supervisor Stark: "See if I can get it a little quieter out there so people in the back can hear. I'm sorry, Faye."

Faye Anderson: "Okay. I feel that this is really being pushed through for really the convenience of one particular development right now. Although a couple of other parcels are involved, the Suffolk Life building was originally a retail business and I don't believe there would be a lot of objection if it were returned to that status. However, I notice his plans for a flea market were denied before this Planned Development District was proposed to the public. The Town passed the no flea market ordinance. A flea market may have been a threat to local businesses to some degree, but I think the biggest threat would have been to the outlet center and to this proposed Riverhead Centre.

If the PDD passed first, it may have been a go ahead for the flea market. And I thought this was a notable sequence. On Route 58 there are two large undeveloped Business zoned parcels. One belongs to the Anderson family and the other belongs to Rolles. Both

were for sale. Both zoned Business for years, needing no change of zone or special permits for business development. I know that some of the same brokers, lawyers, financial supporters, tenants and whoever I missed who are involved in the Riverhead Centre, also inquired about the purchase and development of these two parcels. They apparently declined the purchase of business property for business development probably due to price. They are now considering less expensive properties requesting an overlay zone to rubber stamp the zone changes from existing zoning to allow for business development.

If the development costs less because the developer is paying less for the land, he can then offer he prospective tenants cheaper prices. This is totally unfair to existing established businesses as well as prospective tenants elsewhere on business property. The Andersons have farmed in this town for years, even before the Route 58 came into existence. We don't have funds to contribute to Town development purposes but we have contributed substantially in estate taxes, once in 1972 before changes in the tax law as they are today and again now. Unfortunately the recipient is Uncle Sam instead of our town.

I was at the Town Hall this morning and I rode through downtown and I rode through Route 58 today. There are empty stores downtown; there are all kinds of empty stores in all the shopping centers on Route 58. There's plenty of space available for anyone who wishes to establish a business if they want to pay the price in equality with those already here. Bringing new business to existing shopping centers revitalizes those areas. When customers come to those areas for a specific purpose, they patronize other shops as well. And I was up at that Advantage store Saturday morning and I am sure the other businesses in that shopping area up there also receive some benefit from opening up the new store.

I am aware that Riverhead spent $6,000,000 on the sewer expansion. I know the Town will be looking for development to eventually pay for this expense. But don't use this as an excuse. There will be other enterprises of one kind or another and we desperately need a bowling alley to fulfill this in the future. There's been a big campaign by Riverhead Centre and those associated with it. Whole page ads, radio messages, several times a day to push this PDD through. Express style. Like a runaway train or maybe a runaway trolley. It will rubber stamp land for business development by eliminating change of

zone requirements, public hearings, etc. This parcel has some business zoning and I don't object to business development. I do not object to competition. In fact, Meatway was across from our farm-stand and they bought and sold produce from local farmers, some not so local, and I never raised one objection over that. If these businesses want to come into town, hold up the welcome sign. Put them on an even basis with those already here, paying their dues for years on business property.

Zone changes should be looked at on an individual basis, when the need arises. I don't see this need right now. Not with all the empty stores that we have. Everybody has mentioned taxes and I only know what I read in the paper and you can't believe much of what you read in the paper. But, according to what this-- I think what they say the taxes on this was going to be? I have it here somewhere. What was the tax bill that they had quoted on this? Yes, $850,000 a year. And a while ago, the News Review had published the top 10 supposedly tax payers in town and on that list, number 10 was supposed to have been Serota properties with somewheres in the neighborhood, I don't remember the exact figure, but I think it was around a million and a half and some of what I don't understand is this development is supposed to go on with 40 some or 50 some acres. Mr. Serota's development was on 22 acres and at a 15% coverage when Riverhead Centre has 30% coverage."

Supervisor Stark: "Bobby, Bobby, please."

Faye Anderson: "Okay. He says it's 18%. I'm sorry. My understanding was according to your advertisement and the paper it said, I believe 20%, and possibly 30 in the future. Okay. And I could not understand what the discrepancy in the taxes are. If you rezone this property Business and they have that much more building capacity and they have that much more square footage on their property, why is there such a difference in the proposed taxes if those figures are correct?"

Supervisor Stark: "It could be clearly described as an estimate or something like that. You really can't tell what the taxes will be until it's assessed by the Assessors."

Faye Anderson: "Well, it just seemed like it was a little bit too much of a discrepancy. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you, Faye. Way in the back."

Jack Smith: "My name is Jack Smith. I've lived in Riverhead 11 years. My wife and I came out to Riverhead, we designed and built our dream home. I can't afford the taxes. I think this would be a good tax base idea. It's dollars and cents for me. For me to stay in Riverhead, I need-- my taxes went up $1,200 and that's a lot for me.

What I would like the Board to really think about is letting this thing go ahead, get our tax base up, put people to work. There's a lot of people in Riverhead that could use a halfway decent job. This project, I think will afford those people an opportunity. I would like to see my children have an opportunity in Riverhead. But I won't be able to afford to live here. And that's the God's honest truth. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you. Way in the back with the hand up in the air."

Peter Takacs: "My name is Peter Takacs. I'm a resident here in this town since 1983. And I'm very concerned about the future. The gentleman who spoke just before me wants to see jobs here and he's in favor of this proposal. These jobs are retail sales jobs. You can go to the library and get the brochure that they have about job creation on Long Island. In 1995. They have a whole brochure. There's two whole pages of jobs listed there. The number one job category is retail-- I'm sorry, it's restaurant business services and high on the list is retail sales. The average weekly wage in that industry is a little over $200 a week. Are these the kind of jobs that we want? I don't think so. We need manufacturing jobs in this Town. And this proposal is going to shoot the Town completely out of the water. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else who would like to make comment? Yes, sir, over here. I'll get you-- George, you just sit there. You're not getting up for a long time."

Ed Schuk: "My name is Ed Schuk. I've been living in Riverhead for about 15 years."

Supervisor Stark: "George is one of my regulars. I had to put

up with him yesterday. I'm not going to do it two days in a row."

Ed Schuk: "Ed Schuk, and I have a wife and daughter to support. I'm a member of Local 25, IBW, and I've been in and out of work and I'm sure there's a lot other building trades here that know that feeling, and I've been out of town to work in order to make money to pay my taxes here. I'd like to see our taxes go down. I'd like to see the trades get some work and also our young kids need jobs, too. They might not be high paying jobs, but that will bring some good income to some other people, too. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Ted."

Ted Luksky: "Hello. I'm Ted Luksky. I'm the owner of Riverhead Toyota, a small business in Town. And I support this project. I've just made a major investment in the future of Riverhead. I believe that's the way the future is going to be on Route 58 with new and improved facilities, and I think we're going in the right direction.

I know there's some small other business owners in Town that don't agree with me and I had a friend of mine who has a bicycle shop and about three years ago, I said to him how can you compete with Toys R Us? With BJ's? They're selling bikes for $100 less. How can you compete? He goes, I'm not selling those bikes anymore. I'm repairing the bikes the people are buying at BJ Wholesale and Toys R Us. I've switched. I've adapted. I've changed and this is my niche and unfortunately that's-- we all have to change and the future is going to demand that. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Ted. We are going to take a 10 minute recess because I know that some people may want to leave and maybe some people out in the hallway may want to start filtering in, plus it's like school."

Recess

Hearing reopened: 8:40 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen. Do you want to tell the people in the hallway there's plenty of seats now. Ladies and gentlemen, we'll reconvene. Let the record show

hat the time of 8:40 has arrived. And this Town Board meeting is ack in session. Is there anybody else who would like to make omment at this particular time? Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Hailzip of Calverton. Now, I retired even years ago and when I retired seven years ago, the people were peaking of the high taxes that they were paying. Now seven years ater as Mr. McCoy stated up here, the good life is digging into my ension. And the good life is right up there at that school system, nd I don't mind saying it and if the guy wants to come after me, let im come. I'll put up my dukes. People transferring here from ther states and they hear about Long Island being rich and we're not really rich. Maybe they classify as land being rich but that's about all. Not moneywise. So, what I'm pitching at, people sometimes hey don't like the way you speak or the way you give your input. But if all these people want this good life and there's only a few of us to support it, then I'm in favor of getting someone to help me pay these taxes to support this good life of that high society school system up there.

I'm not criticizing anybody, Jim. I'm saying it the way-- "

Supervisor Stark: "You won't find me disagreeing with that one. We may disagree about a lot of things, Steve, but not on that one."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, when you get a guy that just keeps putting the taxes up-- his salary up every year and he's not considering if people that's retired here where it's coming from, all he cares about is the good life. And Mr. Zahler when he was up here, he was talking about all the battles he had to fight but he also didn't mention that he accused us senior citizens of not having enough intelligence to pay the good life up there on the school board when we voted against it. Because we didnt' have any other help in town.

Now, I'm saying that this PDD I think you call it, is something to help us raise these taxes. Now some people are saying we need manufacturing. That's true. We do. That's where the good money is. In talent people and skilled people and engineering type people. So my theory is we could develop the mercantile of the town in this town and then let's go to Grumman and develop that property up there for the manufacturing end of it. Then maybe we could get some money going in this town in there.

Now, other people have said that people come in this town, they uild, then they take all the money out. I don't think that's been he case with Mr. Tanger. I think he's putting all his money back in ere in helping jobs and people here. So and if things go good, he ill keep going good.

Now, in closing, I want to say one thing. (inaudible) when he uilt the desert inn, he said, they was told nobody will come. Well, hey say when Tanger was built nobody is going to come because it's oo far out. Well, going back to (inaudible) he said, build it and he people will come. So he built it, the people come, and all the ther casinos in Las Vegas they profit and prosper as well as he did. o, I'm hoping that's what will happen here. Thank you."

Supevisor Stark: "He must have been watching HBO lately. Is here anybody else that would like to make comment at this particular ime? Yes, sir. Michael. I watched Bugsy about three weeks ago."

Michael Jacobchek: "My name is Mike Jacobchek. I live in the own of Riverhead a couple of years. I have three businesses in town and I support the development of 58. The small business owner needs he help of a large business owner. Nobody wants to see our trees and all this go down but at the same token, we need the big business eople in the town to help the small business people. I support it and I hope the Town Board moves very quickly on this work."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Michael. George, I told you I'm oing to use you as a finale. Is there anybody else at this particular time that would like to make comment? Charlie, only a short book, Charlie. All right. Charlie came up one night and read as a whole book. I've convinced him to condense."

Charles Cetas: "My name is Charles Cetas. I'm President of he North Fork Environmental Council. The NFEC has an office in attituck. We have over 1,000 members and many of them live in the own of Riverhead. With three new hugh commercial projects being proposed for the Route 58 corridor, it remains the position of the orth Fork Environmental Council that in the absence of an up to date aster plan adopted by the Riverhead Town Board, a townwide moratorium on all new commercial projects and expansions of existing commercial projects which require changes of zone, special use permits, variances or the adoption of new zoning districts, is needed now.

Therefore, the North Fork Environmental Council at this time is pposed to the adoption of the destination Planned Development istrict. As proposed, the PDD as it is referred to, could be mposed by the Town Board as an overlay in conjunction with any ther use district in the Town of Riverhead. This could lead to the pening up of land for the construction of destination superstores lmost anywhere in the Town. The North Fork Environmental Council elieves that if adopted, this proposed new commercial district hould be used only in conjunction with Business B, Business D, and ndustrial A districts. It should be restricted only to the River-ead commercial Sewer District.

In addition, the North Fork Environmental Council believes that he minimum lot size should be 15 acres instead of 10 with maximum 5% building area instead of 20% and minimum of 25% landscaped area ncluding 100 feet front yard, and 50 feet side and back yard. The orth Fork Environmental Council believes that developers who would etition the Town for this new commercial district and who would ropose projects which if approved would be more intense uses than llowed under the present zoning, should be required to purchase evelopment rights from the Agricultural A district. It's also evelopers who would petition for this district and have their rojects approved should be required to help fund on a continuing asis the revitalization of downtown Main Street.

The North Fork Environmental Council also favors the renovation f the Rimland building for a multiplex theater on Main Street.

The North Fork Environmental Council believes that the Riverhead entre project as proposed is way out of scale for Riverhead, it hould be downsized considerably. The Town Board should consider ong and hard the consequences of approving this commercial zoning istrict, this new commercial zoning district that brings with it a roject as hugh as the proposed Riverhead Centre and the potential or several more such projects."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Charlie. Is there anybody else ho would like to make comment before I call on George? No other omment? Larry? You're the main act, George."

Larry Oxman: "Good evening, Larry Oxman. I work for Riverhead eal Estate. I'm on the Hamlet Study Committee. I'm on the Board

f Directors of the Business Improvement District. I'm on the etention and Recruitment Subcommittee of the BID and am very active n other local issues. Joe Ingegno came up here before and I'm a ittle confused because I'm also on the Hamlet Study and mentioned hat we have been planning and somehow adopted the PDD. I may have issed that one meeting, but I honestly don't recall that. I've poken to a couple of other members of the Committee and somehow they on't recall that either."

Supervisor Stark: "I think he was referring to a recommendation from the Planning Board, isn't that right, Rick?"

Richard Hanley: "No, actually, the Hamlet Study did-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

Larry Oxman: "We did adopt the recommendation of the PDD? Well, see what happens when you miss one meeting?

The PDD talks about certain types of uses and specifically it allows theaters and multiplexes. I would encourage the Board to take a serious look at that and reconsider allowing that use in this particular zone. Specifically multiplexes. Multiplexes have been making a resurgance in downtown areas. I have accumulated about 20 pages of documents which I won't read but I will give you for the record, of communities throughout the nation whether we're talking about urban renewal in Florida, in large cities and small cities alike, or in California or in Texas or Virginia where the developers have come into the downtown areas and built theaters. They were all part of a comprehensive plan for cultural and educational and tourist type activities. I believe that putting a multiplex up on Route 58 is a mistake. There's no doubt that everyone in Riverhead certainly wants to see a multiplex. I do. Well, the residents here talk about having to travel large distances to go see a movie and I think that, again, there's no doubt that we would want one here. It doesn't have to be a stand alone destination up on Route 58, whether it's incorporated-- surrounded by large boxes or on its own.

A multiplex in the downtown area of Riverhead will bring new life into the downtown, it will bring new businesses downtown, it will extend the business hours. It will bring eateries to the downtown. It will create and encourage pedestrian traffic. It will

bring back positive nighttime activity to the downtown.

I feel very strong on this particular issue. Again, I would like to put this in the record and you can review all of the positive effects that multiplexes have had on downtown areas. I mean, the Town has spent tremendous amount of money, positively, to help the downtown. And I think that a multiplex is entirely consistent with the goals that the Town has for downtown Riverhead. The concept of tying in a theater that is several miles away to the Suffolk Theatre although it may be very admirable on the developer's part, from a practical point, I just-- I find that hard to believe that it would work practically. If you want to have a multiplex, it should be within walking distance of the Suffolk Theatre if, in fact, you want to tie it in.

Just some other observations on the PDD. If you allow this to go through at this particular time, you are talking about Riverhead Centre which would add about 430,000 square feet or 250-- excuse me 2,250 parking spaces up on Route 58. If the Anderson piece gets developed also, you will have another 300,000 square feet. With Tanger, 430, you are talking well over a million square feet of traffic impact on Route 58. And I just would like to see you slow down. I would like to see what happens when Tanger opens up this summer. Are we going to have the traffic jams and snarls that people are talking about or maybe it will be fine. We don't know. But I just don't think that we have to race ahead at this particular moment. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Larry. Somebody else over here had their hand raised. No, Jack, I want to wait until I go through the whole thing. Way back in the corner."

Beverly Buckingham: "Hello. My name is Beverly Buckingham. I don't have any fancy speeches or figures. I'm just a mother of two, a housewife, and I just wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed plan. I feel it would really be a problem with the traffic on 58. Last summer I was trying to take my two children to a local beach. It took me 45 minutes to get there with all the traffic on 58.

As far as creating jobs, I feel, yes, it will bring in jobs, but they are low paying jobs and I don't think the low paying jobs are taken by major breadwinners. I think they're taken more often by

igh school teenagers trying to buy fancy sneakers. I just-- I on't support the proposal and I just wanted to voice my opposition. hank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else who would like to ake comment at this particular time? I'm scanning the room. eorge."

George Schmelzer: "Henry Pfeiffer said the Indians got chased ut. I thought all the Indians went to Cleveland. That's why they all them Cleveland Indians. And Mrs. Anderson, she mentioned the lea market. (inaudible) Getting back to this, it's ain't my idea, ut somebody suggested to me today, we need a supermarket down on ain Street here. Good idea. So I think the town should sell this uilding back to A&P, we all would be better off. So what they did hen the town moved into here, all they did was hire a lot of ureaucrats to annoy everybody. We've got more bureaucrats here than lected officials. Read the list here, that's only part of it."

Supervisor Stark: "Now you see why we save him for last."

George Schmelzer: "It's terrible and I don't think a multi complex down here for theaters would work, there's no parking. If there was parking it would be okay. Unless you get rid of those seals. Put them out in the sound somewhere. Or Mattituck inlet maybe. And we could have the dog catcher buy some dog food for them and-- "

Supervisor Stark: "George, are you in favor of creating the PDD zone or are you opposed to creating the PDD zone?"

George Schmelzer: "You said BVD's?"

Supervisor Stark: "PDD."

George Schmelzer: "BVD used to be-- "

Supervisor Stark: "PDD, George. Are you in favor or are you-- "

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, I'm in favor of leaving people alone. We didn't have a free economy for the first 150 years, this country wouldn't have no economy and you know it. When (inaudible) came in, they built a fertilizer factory, didn't they? Your father and your

icles?"

Supervisor Stark: "I wasn't around then."

George Schmelzer: "You know they did. They didn't have no oning Board to ask, did they? If they did, they probably would have urned them down, say they pollute the ground. You know the potatoes eed it to grow. Come on. Of course-- "

Supervisor Stark: "George, George, stick to the subject. e don't need a history of Riverhead."

George Schmelzer: "Well, (inaudible). You are picking on me."

Supervisor Stark: "Yeah, because you're special."

George Schmelzer: "Special, okay. I should be allowed to do ore. Yes. Leave industry alone. Let it develop freely anywhere n Town. That's what makes the Town-- of course, the Town Board an't even run itself without running anybody else's business."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "About two years now, you don't even know what the hell to do with Grumman."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Thank you?"

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

George Schmelzer: "I've got plenty more."

Supervisor Stark: "No."

George Schmelzer: "No?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. I've got some people out back who want to speak."

George Schmelzer: "You said you would choose me last, and you

d."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, now we're going to go around a second time."

George Schmelzer: "Oh yeah? How about me putting the two together?"

Supervisor Stark: "No."

George Schmelzer: "Well, you mean I've got another round coming up?"

Supervisor Stark: "No."

George Schmelzer: "Why don't you treat me as good as you do the others?"

Supervisor Stark: "I see you more often than I do them."

George Schmelzer: "Hey, what did you do with those maps I left here about the school?"

Supervisor Stark: "George, are you in favor of the PDD overlay or are you not?"

George Schmelzer: "Yes. Leave people along and when it brings here freedom around the town, do it. I went to the school board meeting, I didn't have those maps, I couldn't pin them down. Because you sent them to Ken LaValle or something. He's only a weasel anyway. Are you going to get those maps back for me?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, sir, George. Thank you."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

George Schmelzer: "You're very welcome."

Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody else that would like to make comment at this particular time? Jack. We're trying to convince

George to go to the school board all the time."

John Kennedy: "Jimmy, a number of our people attended tonight--my name is John Kennedy. I spoke before. And a number of our members of the council of the cosntruction industry are here tonight, Jimmy, and they said to me, Jack, I don't think you shared with them the amount of unemployment that we have within the building trades right now. And I can tell you that probably 30% of our members are unemployed for as long as a year or a year and a half. I heard some people talk about taxes, how difficult it is to pay them. There's nothing worse than being unemployed. I raised six kids, I was unemployed for a year's time. I can tell you there's nothing worse than not to be able to do the work that you've been trained to do. And at that time, I did a lot of stuff that just to survive, I clammed, I drove a truck, all stuff that I'm not ashamed that I had to do to support my kids, but our guys need jobs. They need them desperately.

And let me just say something briefly about Home Depot. And the building trades has done an awful lot of in kind service all throughout Long Island as far as doing charitable works. One example would be the Viet Nam memorial. Everything that was built on that was built by tradespeople from the Nassau/Suffolk building trades, right from the ground up. And we didn't get paid a cent.

And all through Long Island, right now we're going to do a job in Valley Stream for a day care center, for single parent women that can't afford day care. And Home Depot is going to donate most of the material for that job. Home Depot as far as my relationship with them has been excellent. They pay their people that work in the store excellent wages and contrary to what somebody said they are not young high school kids. A lot of them are men and women that are in the 40's and 50's and I know they treat their working people the right way.

If we would only work for people that work on Long Island, we would never work. And I thank God all my life being able to work for people that came from A&S. A&S don't come from Long Island. Neither does Macy's, neither do most of the chain stores. So I think what we need is we need some people to have some open mind and help put us back to work. So, again, you know, on behalf of the people that I represent, we are here tonight to support the change in zone. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Do you want to build an aquarium for us?"

John Kennedy: "Yes."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Free of charge. Is there anybody ise at this time who would like to make comment on this particular blic Hearing? I will leave this Hearing open until Friday at the lose of business for any additional written comments that want to e made."

Letters requested by residents to be
put in permanent record

Dear Supervisor Stark and Town Councilmen:

The advertisements placed in the local newspapers by the incipals of the proposed Riverhead Center attempt to paint a very ttractive picture for the future of Riverhead. However, what they ropose is an easy short term solution for a difficult long term roblem. In effect, what they recommend is that we accept the roposal that gives us the most money now, even if it is at the xpense of the Town's best interest.

Permitting uncontrolled development on Route 58, without cepting the BID's suggestion that we adopt a comprehensive master lan, is irresponsible. A zoning change should be made that will ncourage a movie theater to be developed downtown, rather than on oute 58. The theater would provide the needed night time activity o revitalize downtown during the evening hours. There are three ites that are currently available downtown that could be developed or a movie theater.

The claims that appeared in the advertisements are misleading n the following respects:

The principals of the Related Company claim to be owners who have ived and worked in Riverhead for more than fifty years.

They indicate that Regal Cinemas is the strongest theater ompany in America. An article in the February 3, 1997 issue of arron's points out that part of the reason for Regal's success is hat they are using questionable accounting practices by depreciating

eir assets on a slower basis, thereby showing artifically inflated rnings. The article goes on to say that "flat attendance, coupled ith over capacity, will crush profitability." It further states at the stock price is over inflated and recommends that the stock e sold short.

They promise to provide films for the downtown Suffolk Theatre. less a specific proposal in writing is obtained quantifying how e respective theaters would work together, the nebulous proposal tlined is meaningless. It reminds me of the Tanger organization's omise to run trolleys in downtown Riverhead.
It is naive for us to believe that Route 58 can support a xteen or eighteen screen theater having more than five thousand eats. Town government should provide the necessary zoning changes incentives to encourage a five or six screen theater to be built owntown.

The large scope of the Riverhead Centre and other proposed ojects will have a devastating effect on retail business in downtown verhead. The responsible path would be to put these projects on old until the Master Plan is completed. The future of Riverhead is your hands.

ery truly yours, Riverhead Enterprises
eldon Gordon

To the members of the Town Board of Riverhead:

I do not support the PDD plan. The January 30th News Review rticle, "1 Ringie Dingie, 2 Ringie ...." by Eileen Miller expressed y oppositions exactly.

The jobs that will be created do not replace the type that have een lost due to the closing of Grumman and AMP Circuits. Riverhead as very little to offer a person who has obtained a college degree r mastered a trade. I think that the real challenge for the Town oard is to create "careers' not jobs". Careers that allow people o help their children with homework and give back to their community.

My husband and I graduated within the top twenty of the River-ead class of 1988. We are college graduates. Neither of us work n the Town of Riverhead. What drives our desire to live in this

wn is our family and the rural atmosphere, not how many screens the vie theater has or the number of outlet stores at Tanger. rrently we live just south of the traffic circle on route 58 and e are lucky if we can turn onto Roanoke Avenue within five minutes ring the summer and fall.

A plan to utilize the vacant buildings and alleviate the traffic oblems that currently exist now that is a plan that I can support!

incerely, Sarah E. Van Scoy

Supervisor Stark: "I will now open up the floor to anybody ho would like to make comment to the Board on any given subject. eve, why don't you just wait a few minutes. Steve, just wait a few nutes."

Steve Haizlip: "Are we settled down and ready?"

Supervisor Stark: "I think so."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. If you recall a w meetings back, I came up here and I was protesting that Northrup umman mainly Northrup-- as I said before Grumman's name happened end up being a (inaudible). Now about the $975,000 taxes that ey don't want to pay. Well, as being a community minded citizen, d I want people that duly are supposed to pay their share, I want em to pay and so what I did, I sat down and I wrote a letter to Mr. n Kresna (phonetic), he's the chief operating officer. Now, I uld like to read that letter. It won't take about a minute.

Your letter to our chairman, Ken Kresna, concerning Calverton operty taxes has been forwarded to me for reply. The report in ur local newspaper that the company owes taxes is incorrect. umman Aerospace Corp. had leased the Calverton property from the .S. Navy from the mid 1950's until 1995. The land and most of the uildings are owned by the Navy and under New York State law, the U.S. overnment is not required to pay Northrup property taxes. Grumman, owever, made voluntary (underline)tax payments to Riverhead and the hool district during the time Grumman used the Navy facilities. olunteer tax payments were made by the company for 40 years. nderline) These payments made a significant contribution to the wn and to the school for that 40 year period. Kept the local tax

own. As a matter of fact, the last full year payment was 1.2 million.

The company's decision to vacate Calverton was made by the former Grumman manager and was dictated by a change in our product mix. The decision to leave Calverton was not related to the merger with Northrup. The Town of Riverhead and the Town leaders were notified of the Grumman decision well in advance and at the same time informed that voluntary tax payments would end.

In closing, let me say you should be proud of your contribution to the A6 program. Shutting down the intruder line in 1992 after 30 years of production was difficult for all. You might be interested to know that the A6 squadron has recently returned and what they are referring to there is on the 19th of September, the Navy took at A6's out of service and bought them bayside at Oceana. But then what this gentleman is saying, they put an A6 squadron back into operation because it's such a good aircraft.

Now, this was signed by Mr. George W. Smith, Director, Facilities Management and Program Operations.

Now, at this time, I want a critique this letter. When I left the Army aviation in 1956, to join Grumman on the 23rd of April, the controversy with Bill Leonard was still in progress as to get Grumman to pay taxes. Grumman did not volunteer to pay any taxes on its own. I think everybody here knows that and any old timers around like myself which I will soon be 75, will know that this wasn't the case. They did not volunteer. Bill Leonard, the Supervisor at the time, had to do a lot of fighting, a lot of research, and he went all the way to Michigan and he found out that the (inaudible) Air Force base that was one of them, which was government dominated, was paying taxes on the interest of what they held.

Now, in this particular case it finally boiled down that they pay taxes on the interest they held there and that's where the taxes came from."

Supervisor Stark: "They call it possessionary interest, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Right. Now, I heard you say here that New York State, to file suit for these taxes, New York State has the law which they implemented for these government lands and companies that's

perating on them to pay taxes on their interest. And I certainly ope that we prevail in the lawsuit because I believe in Suffolk ounty and the town is joining as a friend, I believe, actually it ouldn't be a friend; it should be apart. So that I don't have to o into my pension to support the good life for those people. So ood luck and I hope we prevail."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Is there anybody else who ould like to make comment? Sid?

Yeah, I think-- do you want that copy back? We'll make a copy or you. All right. Okay. Thank you."

Sid Bail: "Sid Bail, President of Wading River Civic Association. upervisor Stark made a comment to one of the earlier speakers, a esident of Wading River, who was complaining-- happened to be the horeham-Wading River School District about the taxes going up and ou suggested that it's going to go up quite a bit more."

Supervisor Stark: "I believe it's going to go up."

Sid Bail: "Oh, yes. I agree with you and I realize that here's very little that the town per se can do in this matter, but here is one issue that is coming up. There's a matter of pilot ayments and the school district, the Shoreham-Wading River School istrict is owed the pilot payment by Lilco by March 1 and all dications at least right to this point is that Lilco is not going o make the pilot payment. And this is going to create a horrendous ituation and unlike the image of the Shoreham-Wading River School, here are no swimming pools, we've killed and eaten all the polo onies. All those things are gone and people have basically come to erms that we are going to pay, you know, something that's in the eal world.

But for Lilco to renege on the pilot payments it could cause a ot of pain and some of these people are seniors, etc. and I would espectfully-- I would have done this at a work session but I can't et to work sessions, but respectfully request that the Town Board onsider writing a letter to Frank Zaar (phonetic) and to Dr. atacosinos urging that the March 1st pilot payments. Because it's oing to affect a lot of Riverhead residents as well."

Supervisor Stark: "They don't like us too much down there."

Sid Bail: "Well, I've got to take what I can get."

Supervisor Stark: "I believe in talking to Felix Grucci that here's going to be some immediate litigation on that. They are obligated to do it and that's with their agreement with LIPA, is it? and I think-- I'm only supposition here, but what I think is that you are going to see some action on it. I'm more than willing to do anything."

Sid Bail: "It would be greatly appreciated."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm more than willing to call the man up. I know what he's going to tell me. We suing him down on the creek as you know."

Sid Bail: "Right, right. I seem to remember that."

Supervisor Stark: "Thanks, Sid. Anybody else, if not let-- hall."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I must support Steve's comments here about Grumman. For many, many years the population of Riverhead looked at Grumman as the fair haired boy that could do no wrong. And that was far from the truth. In many respects besides cash money. I heard a comment out in the hall during recess with regard to the Public Hearing we had and I thought it was worthy of remembering and commenting. In reply to my saying that it's been the history of this world that the big fish eat the little fish, this man brought from Viet Nam an oriental proverb that says when two big fish swim in the same direction, beware. And I thought that was so applicable to this Public Hearing.

What I would like to bring forth to the Town Board tonight is something that I have brought forth for the last four years or more. Everytime there was any listing for grants or money to be gotten elsewhere, I spoke up to ask for a weather shelter at the bus stop. Yesterday when I stood out there in the rain, that came to me very vividly. No place to get out of the weather, no place to hide from the wind or the snow, no place to sit down because the town took the benches away. And I don't see any activity or concern from the Town Board on this. The unfortunate people that have to use the bus that

ave no choice. It seems that Riverhead conveniently forgets them.

Now four, five years ago there was always the possibility of oving the bus stop to another location. So, okay, we can just move t for a year or two, (inaudible) money there. But now there is no alk about putting the bus stop in the new location and it seems hat putting a weather shelter at the bus stop has been put off on he back burner somewhere. I think it is a necessity and it should e. Any criticism about construction, as I said the last time, if ew York City could erect bus stops that could stand up to the rafitti and mischief of New York City people, we certainly could rect its equal. But until you stand out there in the rain and the uses aren't never that punctual and you can't walk away from the bu top because when they come in late they just stop, unload, and coot away. So there is a positive and definite need for a weather helter over there and I think the Town Board should bring it higher p on their list of priorities. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. Larry. You are going to e the finale, Steve. A short one you said."

Larry Oxman: "Hi. Good evening. Larry Oxman, Riverhead Real Estate. I read in Newsday that about the terrible tragedy that happened on West Main Street with the result of a life being lost. I know that the Town is working on some type of zoning or permitting for rental units."

Supervisor Stark: "A rental law."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We passed a law already."

Larry Oxman: "It's passed. Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "It was passed and it was placed in effect January 1. I believe it takes effect moratorium until April-- March 1 or April 1. April 1. It gives three months for the transition. Unfortunately, had this been in place, that maybe we could have prevented that tragedy."

Larry Oxman: "Maybe not."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely in the direction that we've been

ying to go in that everybody who lives in our community from one of the spectrum to the other, deserves a healthy and a safe ace to live, no matter what stage of life or level of life they're . And that's our main concern."

Larry Oxman: "Yes. Absolutely. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Larry. Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. Thanks for allowing to come back, James. There's a Jim. There's a James and a James that's Jim and you're James. All right. I got it the other ay round there.

When-- there's two things I want to hit on right quick. Our ected leaders that we elect here on a local level and send to Albany. ey tend to ignore-- I'm not criticizing per se, but I am saying the I feel. Now, George has approached this Town Board so many mes about that disparity in the school taxes between Brookhaven wn and Southampton Town. All right. Now, I have wrote letters to r elected leaders. They elect to ignore it. They don't want to swer me. At all. So, therefore, I said once here before that my iddle initial is "O" and it don't stand for outcast. Well, in this rticular case with those people, I'm becoming an outcast.

Now another thing that I had wrote to them about and I haven't ceived any answers is this permissive referendum 30 days and not working days. That was an unfair thing but that's the way the law right now and that's the way you have to operate by it on there.

Now, Mr. Kasperovich has spoke twice up here that I know of out providing a shelter for the bus stop. I've got a suggestion. u can do something with it, you do. If you can't, you can't. That helter in Calverton there on Edwards Avenue has been abandoned here going on now for quite a spell. And it just sits there. Why n't we try contacting those people and see if we can uproot it and t it over there to that bus stop."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Let us take up the solutions."

Resolution #75

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post notice of adoption granting the use of Town of Riverhead municipal facilities. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #76

Councilman Lull: "Order calling Public Hearing for the increase and improvement to the Riverhead Water District Pump Station No. 1, building addition. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #77

Councilman Kwasna: "Resolution in support of placing safety/warning lights along Roanoke Avenue near Roanoke Avenue School. These would be either amber or yellow blinking lights warning people that it is a school district. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? I applaud the Board in my absence in bringing this Resolution to the table. It's sorely needed. Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #78

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorizes the execution of an agreement between Suffolk Online advertising the Town of Riverhead. This is an internet site that we have. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #79

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves site plan of Georgio's at Fox Hill. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #80

Councilman Lull: "SEQR determination of special permit/site plan petition of Corey D. Hallock. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #81

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids Riverhead Sewer District for the Route 58 sewer extension. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #82

Councilman Wittmeier: "Appoints marriage officer, James Lull. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Are you trying to take my job? I married one person and I retired. My professional career. Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #83

Councilman Prusinowski: "I move 83, 84, 85, 86, 87. We are just going out to bid for various equipment, parts, diesel fuel, etc., for the Town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motions carried."

Resolution #88

Councilman Lull: "Awards bid for abandoned junk vehicles. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #89

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Lease America for survey and plan regarding the BID which is the Business Improvement District of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #90

Councilman Wittmeier: "Awards bid for medical supplies. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #91

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves the site plan of Edward ndy for Riverhead Sports Complex. We had no ice rinks, now we e going to have two ice rinks in Town. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #92

Councilman Lull: "SEQR determination of special permit/site an petition on a Polish-Russian restaurant in the downtown area. moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #93

Councilman Kwasna: "Approves a temporary sign permit and waives fees for the Riverhead Revitalization and Preservation Corp. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote: "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "My wife is Chairman. One abstention."

Resolution #94

Councilman Wittmeier: "If it's all right, I'll take 94, 95, 96 and 97 which authroize bids for food, fuel oil, grass seed, and lawn chemicals. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motions carried."

Resolution #98

Councilman Wittmeier: "Grants leave of absence for Irene Robinson. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #99

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a held wanted ad. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #100

Councilman Lull: "Authorizes republication of notice to bidders improvements to the Hallockville Museum Farm on Sound Avenue. moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "What happened to 99?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "We did it. I did it. Help wanted ad. t's done."

Supervisor Stark: "Oh, I was looking for granting leave of sence. I'm sorry. I'm one check behind. Moved and seconded. y discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #101

Councilman Kwasna: "With no objection, I'm going to take 101 rough 107, authorizes Town Clerk to post and publish notice to bidders in reference to the Suffolk Theatre for interior renovations, r decorative painting, for seating, theatrical audio and visual stem contract, general contract, heating, air-conditioning, ectrical contract, plumbing and fire sprinkler contract. That's 01 through 107. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "I only want to say one thing. Everybody out there watching and I know it's late. But this past week Wars Wars grossed the most money ever in a come back-- outgrossed all the current films on the market. Only select theaters in the metropolitan-- around the country would have had the opportunity to have Star Wars and Suffolk Theatre would have been one of those theaters when it's completed because of our sound system and it gave the great-- why we're doing it the way we're doing it because when they are lining up in Manhattan and I think it grossed like $15 million this weekend, these come back films are coming back and the Suffolk Theatre will be ready for that market. That's why we're working so hard to do the job right, and now we are going out to bid and I can't wait."

Supervisor Stark: "Any other discussion? I commend the Councilmen-- Councilman Prusinowski and Councilman Wittmeier for working very diligently on this. I know that there are some areas in Town that have been frustrated on it but it is not an easy task and I commend both of you. Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motions carried."

Resolution #108

Councilman Lull: "108 amends the site plan of Sylvester Abbatino for industrial building. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #109

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the attendance of a Business Improvement District manager Assoc. board member at the value retail outlet retailing symposium. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #110

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a proposed local law entitled Marina Regulations to repeal and replace the existing chapter A113, entitled Marina Regulations, of the Riverhead Town Code. This is enforced to cover our new docks down on the river. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #111

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes Town Clerk to publish and post notice to consider an amendment to Chapter 56 entitled, Docks and Wharves of the Riverhead Town Code. That's a similar thing to what Otto referred to. We have two codes that have been updated with the addition of our new docks. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #112

Councilman Lull: "112 appoints Elizabeth Burke to the Recreation Department as a recreation aide. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowksi: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #113

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the attendance of a police officer at FBI course. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #114

Councilman Wittmer: "I'll do 114 and 115, they are both budget adjustments, one is for the general fund, the other is Business Improvement District. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #116

Councilman Lull: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider an amendment to Chapter 108 Zoning of the Riverhead Town Code. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #117

Councilman Kwasna: "117 awards bid for electrical supplies. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I make a motion to pay the bills."

Supervisor Stark: "Motion is made to pay the bills."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried.

Being no furthe business, this meeting is adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Barbara Grattan
Town Clerk