

Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

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

Supervisor Stark: "Board, if you will join me down front. Ladies and gentlemen, it is always indeed a pleasure to have a fellow Supervisor visiting from Shelter Island.

Anyway, tonight is National Neighborhood Night Out and we have with us Lt. Boden, who was recently promoted to the rank of Lt. at the last Town Board meeting. Lieutenant, would you like to come up and explain what we are doing here tonight?"

Lt. Boden: "Thank you, Mr. Stark. This is National Night Out, the 13th annual National Night Out, and the Riverhead Police Department along with all its neighborhood watches, has been a participant for all 13 years.

It's a theme of giving crime a going away party, where we are trying to get all the neighborhoods that are involved in neighborhood watch involved to show that we have unity and that we have support for each other and that we are going to try to do what we can to make our neighborhood safer.

With me is Bob Dunigan from Schwin Electric who has been our biggest supporter. Without him and Philips Lighting involved, we

wouldn't be able to do this.

The first thing that we did is we had a poster contest for the Jamesport Community Center recreation-- summer recreation program. So I hope all the children that won are here. We notified them. So the first thing we'll do is the six to eight year old group, we had three winners and they all did posters; they are all displayed on the board over here, relating to crime and crime prevention and lights and things you can do to make your home and community safer.

So the first place winner for the six to eight year old group, Alyssa DeBenedetto. Lisa, just show everybody your poster; it should be right over on the left over there-- which one you did for first place.

Second place in the six to eight year old group is Kelly Kristiansen. Third place is Brendan Gleason. Brendan, could you point out your poster to everyone? Okay. Very good. Nice Job.

The next group was 10 to 12 year olds and the first place poster is Heather Lohneiss."

Supervisor Stark: "Heather's mother is the Director of our Community Development Office."

Lt. Boden: "Second place is John Benitez. And third place is Jessica Fox."

Supervisor Stark: "Also, Bob, as we do every year, we would like to give you a proclamation which declares today, August 6th, National Night Out in the Town of Riverhead. We also want to thank you for continuing year after year to support this program in the Town of Riverhead, and to make our community much safer with the cooperation of everybody."

Bob Dunigan: "Thank you very much. It is our pleasure to help the community. We feel we do business here, once a year the opportunity comes to give something back to the community. The Police Department does an outstanding job and I feel it's all of our responsibility to support them and to support each other in the fight against crime. And I really appreciate your support. Thank

you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bob."

Lt. Boden: "We also have a National Night Out official tee shirt for all members of the Board. I'll it here for you."

Supervisor Stark: "You've got triple x for me?"

Lt. Boden: "No comment."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Lieutenant. I do believe we're going to push a switch."

Lt. Boden: "I think you can start National Night Out with the official turning of the switch and show everybody to turn on their lights outside, it is fighting against crime. That's it."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bob, and congratulations. If any of you parents want to come up and have some pictures taken quickly? If not, we'll let them go. Congratulations. Nice round of applause for these young ladies and gentlemen."

Also, Chief, would you bring your gentlemen. Tonight we will be swearing in three new policemen who will be attending the Police Academy the latter part of this month. The fourth member is still on active duty with the Air Force-- Navy, but will be back in time to get to the academy. Chief, would you like to introduce them?"

Chief Grattan: "Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you Michael Schmidt. Michael is a part time police officer at this time. His dad is a Suffolk County police Sergeant. Michael Henry -- we only hire Michaels this month-- Michael Henry. His dad is an Inspector with the Suffolk County Police Department. And this is Shawn Grady. Shawn is from Calverton. Shawn is presently serving with the Air National Guard and had a very active role in the bad plane crash that we just experienced. And he is still working with the National Guard, and will be until the 25th of October, and on the morning of the 26th, he starts the police academy. Mr. Stark?"

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Gentlemen, if you would raise

right hand and repeat after me. And when I say I, repeat your name.

I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of New York, the rules and regulations of the Riverhead Police Department. I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Police Officer for the Town of Riverhead to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Gentlemen, congratulations.

They have to sign in now."

Barbara Grattan: "They have to sign that oath, too. Thanks."

Supervisor Stark: "This is to when they actually start, they can get paid. One of the interesting things you might want to know about Shawn Grady, who is over to our far right, he was actually up in the helicopter in that general vicinity the night the TWA 800 went down. I think one of the first persons on the scene. Thank you gentlemen. Ladies and gentlemen, our new officers.

Will the members of the Labor/Management please come forward. Tonight we are very privileged again to award an Employee of the Quarter and I believe Madelyn is coming up who is Chairperson-- Co-Chair-- and Maureen."

Madelyn Fidelle: "Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Thank you, Mr. Stark. The Labor/Management Committee was formed with the goal to foster good relations between the forces of labor and management. And one of the honors that we have is that of honoring an employee who is deserving of an award for their productivity. I am completely biased in this award because our recipient works in my office, Lisa Wulfratt, so along with the Labor/Management members and myself, I want to ask for Laverne Tennenberg who is my associate, Co-Assessor, to come down with me. It's unfortunate that Leroy Barnes could not be here; he is at an assessing seminar, and I want to ask Lisa, you can come up with Laverne. Lisa is very nervous; she doesn't want the public spotlight, so-- with that, we

also want to ask, Lisa has company; her family is visiting from California and we want her niece, Elizabeth, to come down and join her up here for moral support. Come on down, Elizabeth.

Lisa, WHEREAS, it is both proper and fitting that the Town of Riverhead recognize the outstanding service of its employees; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a mechanism to recognize these employees and at the recommendation of the Labor/Management Committee the Employee of the Quarter program has been established; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Wulfratt has dedicated herself to the service of this government and its citizens in the Town of Riverhead in the Assessor's Office; and

WHEREAS, her service, courtesy and attitude has exemplified and truly, that is very descript of her-- has exemplified the highest ideals in the expression of public duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James R. Stark, as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, to hereby proclaim August 7, 1996, to be Lisa Wulfratt Day.

So please join me in a round of applause for Lisa. She really deserves this. Right now, I would like to give the-- if Mr. Stark doesn't mind, I would like to give the mike to Laverne Tennenberg. She wants to say a few words."

Laverne Tennenberg: "For those of you who don't know Lisa, she is an extremely bright and courteous employee of the Town and she's a big chocolate fan and we get along quite well. And the Town is very lucky to have her in its employ. So on behalf of Leroy and Madelyn and myself, I would like to present you with this chocolate bar and these flowers in recognition of your service to us and to the Town. Congratulations."

Supervisor Stark: "Maureen?"

Maureen Polecki: "And also Lisa we would like to give you this gift certificate and you also get a savings bond."

Madelyn Fidelle: "That certificate, folks, is dinner for two at the Vineyard. And we would like to thank them for their donation to this program."

Supervisor Stark: "Now, you get your (inaudible)."

Lisa Wulfratt: "I've been waiting all day for this. I'm very flattered by all of this and I would like to thank the Town Board and the Labor/Management Committee and my bosses and my co-workers who make my job (inaudible) to come to. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Lisa. Okay, that concludes the festivities. Now, let's get down to the business."

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting of July 16th and the Special Town Board Meeting of July 25th?"

Councilman Lull: "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."

Barbara, Reports, please."

REPORTS:

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| Riverhead Sewer District | Discharge monitoring report for the month of June, 1996 |
| Tax Receiver | Collections report, month of July, 1996 |
| Town Clerk | Monthly report for July |
| Building Department | Report for the month of July |

Open Bid Report

For meat and poultry products which was opened on 7/24/96 one bid was received

Open Bid Report

for water mains, appurtenances Soundbreeze and Fairway Drive bid opened on 7/29/96. Seven bids were received

Open Bid Report

Electronic supplies opened on 8/5/96. Four bids were received

Open Bid Report

Townwide solid waste bids. Opened on 7/31/96.

APPLICATIONS:

Special Permit

Frank Beaulieu - installation of chain link fence and crushed stone blend west side of Edwards Avenue in Calverton

Special Permit

Shady Lady Bed & Breakfast 1048 Route 25, Jamesport

Special Permit

TS Hauler, Inc. - construct equipment storage building for soil, sand and gravel processing yard

Special Permit

Darroll E. Meyer - corner of Marcy Avenue and West Main Street

CORRESPONDENCE:

National Assoc. of Towns & Townships and Wal-Mart Stores

Congratulations to Councilman Victor Prusinowski on his being chosen an outstanding community leader in the

American Hometown Leaders Award Program. The Town of Riverhead will receive an economic/community development grant of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.

A special thank you also to Steve Haizlip for his nomination of Councilman Prusinowski

Alex Oliver

Speaks out in favor of the Mid-Atlantic Race Complex at Calverton

Mrs. Eileen Starke

Writes in favor of the Mid-Atlantic Race Complex

Nancy L. Love

Would like to see the Mid-Atlantic Race Complex come to Calverton to provide jobs and family entertainment

Jeanette Sherin

Writes in favor of the Mid-Atlantic Race Complex

244 postcards

In favor of the Mid-Atlantic

Richard C. Wilton

Owner of Eastern Long Island Campgrounds would not like to see a campground on the Calverton property. Too many already to compete with privately owned campgrounds

James C. Hayes,
President of Jamesport
East Property Owners
Assoc.

Writes of many concerns that the Association has regarding the Helen Dris application for a restaurant/motel proposal on West Street in South Jamesport

Frank Lindstrom

Suggests that the Town name

Town of Southampton

the area along the river by the dock in memory of a town employee Mr. Carl Olsen, who did repair work. It could be called Olsen's Landing Public Hearing for a change of zone

Empire State Development Corp.

Notice of a Public Hearing and a general project plan relating to the Okeanos Aquarium

County of Suffolk,
Dept. of Health Services

Notifying that it is imperative that anyone serving food to the public at any time must submit applications to the Health Department at least 21 days before the event

Petitions

Residents of Aquebogue requesting that Town water be provided on their street

Public Hearing opened 7:22 P.M.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show now that the time of 7:22 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 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the amendment to Chapter 108 Zoning of the Riverhead Town code 108-97 major subdivisions."

Supervisor Stark: "Rick. Is Rick here?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "He's in with Charlie-- do you want me to get him?"

Barbara Grattan: "Do you want me to go get him?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. Let's get Rick up here to explain this unless you want to handle it, Bobby. Rick, on the amendment to Chapter 108-97 major subdivision."

Rick Hanley: "These are a series of amendments that the Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board in terms of major subdivision approval. The most noteworthy of those is a duration to the performance bond for streets and roads as well as fees for recreation. Up to this point, we've been accepting bonds that are perpetual and the intent is to set a limit of three years on those bonds."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Is there anybody in the audience who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I will declare the Public Hearing to be closed. I would also to recognize former Justice out there, my good friend, Judge Dick Manning, take a bow. Many years of public service to the Town of Riverhead."

Public Hearing closed: 7:24 p.m.

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Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:24 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 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the consideration of the extension of the Riverhead Public Parking District to include property of Clifford P. Downs at East Avenue in Riverhead."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "This is a Public Hearing held in accordance with New York State law concerning the improvement and expansion of the Riverhead Public Parking District #1. The parcel

that's involved is located on East Avenue. It's on the west side of East Avenue. It was formally owned-- well it was owned at the time by Clifford P. Downs. I would point that it's-- I understand that it's been conveyed upon information and belief and the new owner of record is Martin Sendlewski. If anyone has been down East Avenue recently, they would be able to point out the piece of property-- recognize the piece of property because the house has been placed under construction. It's been done fairly nicely. As a matter of fact, just give Marty a hand as far as renovation work that has been done there so far.

Again, this property is on East Avenue. The furthest piece south where adjoins into the entrance/exit area that is located on what used to be First Street, behind Woolworth Avenue-- Woolworth's store."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, we will declare that Public Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing closed: 7:26 p.m.

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Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:26 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 7:15 p.m., on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the amendment to Chapter 58 Dogs of the Riverhead Town Code."

Councilman Lull: "The resolution that was passed last January was to set a price of \$25 for the adoption of a dog from the Riverhead pound. This amendment simply changes that to a fee of \$15 and \$10. Ten dollars an adoption fee; \$15 a rabies inoculation fee."

It's simply a way of speeding up the process of moving dogs through the pound to new homes. It speeds up the adoption process."

Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? We are doing work-- that we do it over here. If there is nobody who would like to make comment, we will close the Public Hearing."

Public Hearing closed: 7:27 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "We have a late arriver on the Night Out. I don't know whether we still have the awards. Is that young lady here? She's a late arriver. Would you point out your poster to us? Andrea, if you would announce her name for us, again? I don't think everybody heard. Kelly Kristiansen. Kelly, would you come up and the Town Clerk is going to give you your award. She's on TV. Congratulations."

Public Hearing opened: 7:27 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:27 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 7:20 p.m., on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the consideration of an amendment to Chapter 108 Zoning Section 108-131 Application Procedure; Fees."

Supervisor Stark: "Rick?"

Richard Hanley: "Richard Hanley, Planning Director, Town of Riverhead. I'll get that right one of these days. The amendment that's in question this evening or for a hearing this evening is an amendment to the site plan review section of the ordinance-- the zoning ordinance. Presently the ordinance provides for a \$50

fee for an amended site plan and over time we've noticed that there are frequently amendments to site plans that involve staff time beyond the \$50, and the intent is to raise the fee to have it more in keeping with an actual site plan application."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you, Rick. Is there anybody that would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? Stephen?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. If this-- if I understand this, you get a permit and you are going to build a house. Now you are going on, okay, then I guess I stand to be corrected because a site plan I thought-- "

Supervisor Stark: "The site plan is for a business."

Steve Haizlip: "This is strictly for business? Oh, well, then that changes the outlook of things."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. We're rising with the cost of living."

Steve Haizlip: "But anyway what it's intent is, everytime if a business comes in and wants to amend their site plan and change the outline of a building, then they have to get another hearing so to speak on that, or is it just between the building people over there and them and that's it?"

Supervisor Stark: "It's between the developer and the planning department and the Town Board."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Site plan amendments are-- site plans have to be approved by the Town Board and also site plan amendments have to be approved by the Town Board."

Steve Haizlip: "Now, in the event that it was a special permit to start with, would that change the outlook? They can still get a change and just all you need is a Town Board-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It's usually a reconfiguration or maybe

some curbing or something like that or a building elevation or a facade or something like that, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Is any notice of this print anywhere? Does it have to go in the paper or-- "

Supervisor Stark: "No. The special permit hearing has already been held for the use."

Steve Haizlip: "Yes. Right."

Supervisor Stark: "And the site plan is a review of the planning department and the Town Board during that process and then if they want to change something, we either allow them to change it or we don't allow them to change it."

Steve Haizlip: "And then the only place that a document or record of this would end up in the Clerk's Office?"

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay."

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

George Schmelzer: "I think Rick said it was \$50. Didn't say what he was going to raise it to, though."

Supervisor Stark: "I believe he said he was going to raise it to \$100."

Rick Hanley: (inaudible)

Supervisor Stark: "I though I heard \$100."

George Schmelzer: "Well, you took the higher figure, I think, didn't you?"

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely. Thank you, George. Annie?"

Ann Miloski: "My name is Ann Miloski from Calverton. And I

would like to commend the Town Board on the revision of the site plan and especially number four where you say there should require resubmission and a new site plan when they change things on the plan. Very good."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Ann. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I'll declare the Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing closed: 7:33 p.m.

Public Hearing opened: 7:33 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:33 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 7:25 p.m., on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the consideration of an amendment to the comprehensive master plan of the Town of Riverhead with respect to the comprehensive master plan for the naval weapons industrial reserve plant at Calverton."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Rick, would you like to-- you are getting a lot of action here tonight."

Richard Hanley: "Richard Hanley, Planning Director. Tonight's hearing involves an amendment to the master plan of 1973. At that time, the parcel which was then owned by the United States government was identified as a naval weapons testing facility or a utility as far as the land use in the master plan."

This Town Board has commissioned a private consultant upon the decision by the navy to vacate the property to provide a master plan for the buildout of the property over time. In order for this to be fully adopted by the Town Board, the Town law requires that any amendment to a master plan would have to meet the require-

ments of the Town law; a hearing would have to be held, comments made and then the Town Board could finally adopt this as an amendment.

Tonight's hearing is to entertain all interested parties, involved agencies relative to the master plan for Calverton which has been subject, I think, to many Public Hearings and public displays of the plan."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Bobby, before we get in to open it up the public, as Chairman of the commission that's studied and handled this, would you like to make some small comment? I know this-- I didn't tell you I was doing this-- but-- ."

Bob Goodale: "Yes. This is part of the process that the Town has to engage in. Just a couple of comments. It has to be understood that the Town does not own this property as yet; we hope to have ownership of it sometime in 1997. The timing of that is unsure.

What we are trying to do here is to arrange it so that the Town is prepared as soon as possible to regulate the property in a way that will allow the reuse of it productively as soon as it can. So that when we get it, it would be something that will not be a drain upon the Town but as soon as we can from our ownership of it be an asset to the Town.

I'm sure that the people who have been hearing about this for the past couple of years are a little bit tired of the time it takes for this. All I can say, that this is a piece of the federal property and there's a lot of legislation and steps that have to be taken in order for it to happen, of which this Public Hearing is a part.

This Public Hearing is based upon the-- on land use-- part of this Public Hearing is based upon a recommendation that on the one hand allows broad use of the site but within certain parameters that are going to be ruled out. By adopting this-- by adopting the plan, the Town is not determining particular uses of particular acreage, but rather is committing itself to a certain number of broad standards about the use of that property. And there are basically two. One is as best as possible to reuse the present developed parts of the property in a way that would provide jobs

to the Town of Riverhead and surrounding areas (inaudible) with the jobs that were once there when Grumman owned it in terms of (inaudible) parts of the property. Whatever that may be, broadly speaking.

When we talk about industrial core, we're talking about wide range of use from-- but the idea is as much as possible to have jobs that are commensurate with the former use of the site, plus the undeveloped parts of the site would be developed, determined and recommended to the Town that it would be used for taking part in the developing recreational vacation uses that are becoming the foundation of eastern Long Island's economy.

Again, I would say that this is not-- the Town Board by adopting is not adopting any specific industry for any particular part, but it is ruling a few things out. It has to be clear it's probably ruling out, for example, major residential development of the parcel. It's also ruling out by the development of this land use plan, major retail use of the property although there are on the plan, on the use plan, some limited retail use basically for what one hopes the use of people who are there for other purposes, namely recreational and business use.

Having said that, again, the point is in the commission who had recommended this to the Town, there is no major use that has been suggested to the Town that is ruled out or for that matter specifically agreed to by the adoption of this land use plan. This is part of the zoning process both on behalf of the Town and also on behalf of the federal government who is also engaged in an environmental impact process that needs to be done before the Town can receive the property, hopefully, in the first part of 1997."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank, you, Bobby. Is there anybody in the audience now that would like to make comment on this? Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. (inaudible) but then as I listen intently, nothing is going to be (inaudible), nothing is going to be controlled, and (inaudible). So what in God's name are they doing? I don't see any diagrams, any maps in the corridors. I don't see any stipulations of the major concerns of the majority of the people living here. I don't see listings of the major concerns of the majority of people

living that will be directly affected by the change of this property. (inaudible) Nothing. Because the only thing of value is what's put on paper and presented to the public. This is to me a very sad Public Hearing. Sad because that's the only kind of word people want to hear. Yes, Mr. Prusinowski, you're excused."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Actually, I'm going to get the report so we can have it up here, the one you're talking about."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm the teacher here, I'll excuse."

William Kasperovich: "Well, not much lost when he leaves."

Supervisor Stark: "He's always spoken well of you."

William Kasperovich: "I haven't had much of an opinion of that man from the day he sat down-- "

Supervisor Stark: "All right. Bill, Bill, we're on the topic of the Public Hearing here. We're not getting into personalities tonight."

William Kasperovich: "All right. Well, personal it is when a man-- Councilman gets up and leaves. Fine."

Supervisor Stark: "Bill. Come back to your subject."

William Kasperovich: "I have brought various considerations that should be high on the list and should be starred to formulate some realistic coverage. We have taken many, many acres of good, tillable soil and made a navy project out of it. Okay. The navy project is gone, the soil is still there - somewhat contaminated, but it's still there. Are we ignoring that this is where the land came from, from what use it came from?"

I also brought to your attention several times in the past that the greenery that we've been pushed into an area that could be for eternity in this township to the good. If we are open to people who come here and invest their money in large projects, some firmness of what the Town wants and needs and should have should make a realistic spelling and drawing. If we want to take one particular area for a future well which maybe in our lifetime

we'll run out of places to drive a new well, but if we are anticipating a big project, we are going to anticipate many other things, and all of which require water. If we are going to tie up a piece of land for that specific use, which I'm to understand there's a very desirable spot there that shouldn't be tied up for water use.

These are basic elemental things what people need in the area they live in. The businesses come to us (inaudible) is there or can be built there. But we don't know; this is a mystery who is to come in with the big bucks to do something out there. But it is no mystery on what is desired by the people that live here, the people that will follow us. You can't plant a 50 year old oak tree over night. You can't plant a stand of pine trees that will affect the environment over night. It takes a long period of time. And that time starts now. But I can see a man get up here and none of this comes to the (inaudible).

So I don't know. I heard a lot of words but I didn't hear anything. And I certainly didn't see anything presented on the walls of the corridor to the public to indicate that some (inaudible) had taken place. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. George?"

George Schmelzer: "This is an airport, everybody knows it. But the Town Board seems to be avoiding it. Come up with all kinds of other ideas. I could say something more, but I better not. I'll tell you privately."

Supervisor Stark: "I would hope you would."

George Schmelzer: "Privately or now?"

Supervisor Stark: "I'll take it privately. I don't think this audience could stand it."

George Schmelzer: "Okay. Sometimes I think you're itching for it."

Supervisor Stark: "We won't even get into that, George."

George Schmelzer: "Before I get ahead of myself. I spoke to work for airlines and they-- the airlines don't like the way they're being treated by the Port of New York Authority. The Port of New York Authority says propaganda out, this place is never needed or never will amount to anything, so look what happened to Islip.

This is better than Westhampton. Westhampton can be fogged bound. This place is very rarely has fog. (inaudible) Have a referendum next November. Ask the people the question. Should that be an airport? Yes or no. They so no, that's the end of it. You are avoiding the issue. There's no sense to it."

Supervisor Stark: "Must be a referendum year."

George Schmelzer: "You call this a referendum? Boy. I don't know where you went to school."

Supervisor Stark: "Same school you did. All right. Anything else, George?"

George Schmelzer: "No. Wish you would do that really. There's really no excuse not to do it. Get yourself off the hook. If the people said yes, you proceed with it. If they said no, that's the end of it. All this other nonsense about a racetracks, everything else, which will bring in 100,000 people for one day a year. Or steady employment being built up slowly. Now that would decide to build-- leave as an airport, it wouldn't come overnight because airlines have their leases. It would slowly build up, take 10, 15 years. You would really have something good. I think so."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "You mean that?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Timmy?"

Tim Yousik: "Tim Yousik, business owner in Riverhead."

Supervisor Stark: "Tim, you want to-- please."

Tim Yousik: "There's no doubt in my mind that the Town Board wants to develop this property so that it has a positive impact on the community. There's no doubt about that."

Supervisor Stark: "I would even go one further, Tim. We want to develop that property to sustain like Grummans did, 30 to 40 years here, but we also want to be able to benefit, not only the Town of Riverhead, but the entire Suffolk County. All the towns from Shelter Island right on down to Babylon."

Tim Yousik: "No doubt that's-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I mean, it certainly was a major part of the economy of Long Island. We wish to try and bring it back to that-- "

Tim Yousik: "I understand that this is going to take time. I understand that there's a lot of red tape involved in taking over the ownership of the property and developing it. I understand every bit of the LDC and what their purpose is. I do have one concern that I would like to get an answer to if I could. That is when the Town takes ownership of the property, hopefully early part of 1997, if there are not tenants lined up at that point, how does the town plan on supporting that property as far as the maintenance is concerned? I heard a couple of different versions of that. I was wondering if you could shed a little light on that, Jim?"

Supervisor Stark: "As of right now, I don't think any definitive determination has been made on how-- we are talking every day with Washington, through Congressman Forbes' office and Senator Alphonse D'Amato's office. Andrea is in the process of writing a seven million dollar grant right now. It's grant money, federal defense department monies, closure monies, state money, county money. This is a continual process to work towards those-- I know what you are driving at. But that's a continued process that we would have to-- "

Tim Yousik: "Well, then I ask if you please just keep us updated on that because the maintenance cost on that represents

about five percent of the town budget and that would affect all of us. If the cost is two million dollars, that's close to about five percent of the town budget. So if there's grant money coming to help us maintain the property until it is built out, then I ask you please keep us informed."

Supervisor Stark: "Oh, yes. No problem. Thank you, Tim. Is there anybody else who would like-- Charlie? I think that's you, Charlie. Okay. A little dark over there in the corner."

Charlie A. Smith, Jr.: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Charles A. Smith, Jr. I live in Aquebogue. Fifty year old permanent resident of Riverhead. Gentlemen, I just have a personal-- couple personal questions.

Number one, besides the project Calverton, the Nascar racing, are there other proposals you have and are working on, and if so, what are they?"

Supervisor Stark: "There have been many site visits, Charlie, by different types of industry and different types of syndication of groups and what have you. Presently the commission has had presentations by all of them. There's over a hundred and some odd, maybe a hundred fifty visitations up there, a wide range. Andrea can give you a list of the different companies. I don't have it right up here with me."

Charlie A. Smith, Jr.: "They have a list of who's interested?"

Supervisor Stark: "Oh yes. We have a list of-- some of them we would be more than happy to pass on, others I think because of their request for confidentiality and I respect that, they ask for a site visit.

There's been no real affirmative workings on a proposal of some sort or another."

Charlie A. Smith, Jr.: "Okay. The other question I have and the reason I'm asking this question, I've lived here for 51 years folks, my whole life. Many of you know me. Some of you don't. I get to talk to hundreds of you every day in my line of business circulating around town. I'm not a rumormonger, but I've heard

rumor, several people of real businessmen in Riverhead, in the Riverhead area. And the rumor is that you the Town Board are willing to turn all or some of this property over to the county or the state."

Supervisor Stark: "That's a rumor I've never heard and let me say categorically it's absolutely false."

Charles A. Smith, Jr.: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely off track."

Charlie A. Smith, Jr.: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody else who would like to make comment at this particular time?"

Ernie Kemperman: "Ernie Kemperman, Calverton. I was just wondering what-- how you people feel about project Calverton or the midrace complex?"

Supervisor Stark: "Right now I can only speak for myself-- the Board can speak for themselves if they wish. We have not ruled out any proposal for the site at Calverton whatsoever. We have entertained site visits; we have entertained proposals that they come and have given that proposal to the commission. The commission's charge was, in fact, to develop this land plan use through our consultants so that we could-- it's a blueprint. It's being added to the master plan. The LDC or the Riverhead Development Corporation probably sometime in the next three weeks, will be formed more definitively and they will start listening to proposals. We're still working with the navy. You can't believe how bureaucratic it is."

Ernie Kemperman: "Oh, I can believe-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I believe you have a son-in-law or we just-- he knows what it is over there. It's very frustrating on our part. It's very frustrating probably on project Calverton or anybody else. Many of the people who have come, they say when are you going to get it? When can we move in if we were interested? We can't tell them. Because we have no signed agreement with the

Department of the Navy that says yes, we're going to turn it over on such and such a day. Hopefully, we will have that-- August has not been a very productive month to go to Washington. Most everybody is heading for San Diego right now. So I had intended to go down with staff and meet with Sen. D'Amato and Congressman Forbes and the navy down there on their playing ground.

The intent of the statute says that the Department of Navy, and this is very important part, may turn over or convey the Grumman facility to the CDA Agency of the Town of Riverhead. That's all it says. It doesn't say to the county. It doesn't say to the state. It says to the Town of Riverhead. But the word that we could never get changed in there, will turn it over. The best we could do, was may. And hopefully we will have that straightened out when they all come back from--"

Councilman Prusinowski: "And really no time period."

Supervisor Stark: "And there's no time period. I do have on my desk, for your information and the information of the audience here, a letter from the Department of the Navy that says that they may-- the FBI and the National Safety Transportation Board may be occupying Grumman's for three to six months or more. This morning on TV the agent in charge, comes out of New York City, and the Vice-Chairman of the National Safety Transportation Board on TV, live, said this is going to be a very, very long process. So that complicates our negotiations even further, but we are continuing during this time period to continue our negotiations with the navy to come to some definitive date. I can't give that to you right now, they have not given it to us."

Ernie Kemperman: "I was just curious if it was a good consideration, you know, if it was on top of the list--"

Supervisor Stark: "I don't think that any project that has shown any interest has been given any priority, one, two, three, four or five. They've all been entertained, and they all certainly be entertained when we get to that point where we can start actually negotiating it and offering some proposal to those who want to come in. Thank you. Judge."

Gregory Richard Manning: "Just a smart alec remark."

Supervisor Stark: "No, come to the microphone then, for a smart alec remark. Please state your name."

Gregory Richard Manning: "Gregory Richard Manning, former Town Justice for the Town of Riverhead. Just a smart alec remark. You mentioned Congressman Forbes that you are dealing with. You are dealing with a good (inaudible) through Alphonse D'Amato. I just wanted to point out that maybe those two gentlemen will be in San Diego, but I thought we had another senator up there-- congressman, I mean. Monihan? Maybe-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, he's on another side."

Gregory Richard Manning: "Maybe don't ignore him, though."

Supervisor Stark: "Actually, we have not ignored him but because Mike is on the Armed Services-- Defense Committee whatever it is, there's more action through there. Michael is handling the congress side; D'Amato is handling the senate. But he has worked very closely with Sen. Monihan."

Gregory Richard Manning: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Steve Haizlip? Getting to be that time of year again."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. There's been so many commissions formed to handle that place up there. Now--"

Supervisor Stark: "There's been one commission, Steve. One commission."

Steve Haizlip: "There's all kinds of airport planning commissions-- "

Supervisor Stark: "That was-- that was-- "

Steve Haizlip: "-- all right, what I'm getting up to is this LDC. The letter abbreviation. I asked other day at the Town Board meeting here, to one of the gentleman that was here that I thought could know, but he couldn't give me the answer, and finally one gentleman said I think it stands for Local Development

Commission or Corporation."

Supervisor Stark: "Land Development Corp. Actually we formed a not for profit corporation. It's named Riverhead Development Corporation."

Steve Haizlip: "So it's Land Development Corporation."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, they refer to it as an LDC, but actually we have instituted a not for profit corporation which is called Riverhead Development Corporation. Am I not correct, Bobby?"

Robert Kozakiewicz: "That's correct."

Steve Haizlip: (inaudible)

Supervisor Stark: "I don't know how much plainer I can make it for you, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "No, I mean I've heard-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It was always referred to as a land development corporation. We actually incorporated as Riverhead Development Corporation, a non for profit."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. How do we go about finding out who is the people that is heading up and members of this-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Right now presently under the first initial incorporation of it, is comprised of Bobby Goodale, Harvey Hellenan, Jean Tuttle, Mark Miller, Doug Stark, and Jack Van DeWetering. There are discussions, we are awaiting for our attorney to come out from Wilkie Farr in New York City where we will probably determine the size of this corporation, probably be 11 members of the board, so there are five slots open. We will have probably a representative of the county of Suffolk and a representative of the state of New York sit on this board, because without their help it's going to be a very difficult job for the Town of Riverhead to do it all alone. And it has to have federal, state and county help. Infrastructure, roads, whatever it may be. So the balance of those will be probably appointed to that corporation by the Town Board sometime in the next three, four weeks."

Steve Haizlip: "So then their job is going to be that every respective tenant, or proposed tenant to interview them and ask questions, research and so forth and then make recommendations--okay. All right.

In closing, you know, I can't believe all the time in the papers, former Northrup Grumman. It is a form of Northrup Grumman. It is a form of navy Grumman. But I would guess some of these reporters are just like the (inaudible). Not that I've got anything against them except that they, you know, just sort of taken away as they took over, that's all. All right."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment? Yes, Sherri? I'll get you next, Vinnie."

Sherri Johnson: "Good evening. My name is Sherri Johnson. I'm from Manorville. I just have a few things that I would like to add, perhaps some of them you will be able to use in the master plan and as you redo-- as you update the master plan for these areas. Perhaps some of them you will consider when you move onto the official rezoning of the site if the process continues.

The proposals that have all been laid out in both the re-development plan itself and some that we've heard from that are, in fact, mentioned in the plan are very different than what Grumman had on the site. The operations are very different. And I'd like, I guess, some consideration for the residents of the area that are going to bear the brunt of these changes and that could be increases and impacts in both noise and traffic levels in that area. I certainly hope that you will consider these things to the greatest extent possible in whatever you do there.

The one thing that I do not like that sticks out is the new road connection to the south, the westerly runway which is (inaudible). That's going to dump a lot of traffic into an area that has very low traffic. I hope you take that into consideration.

The other thing, you ruled out some uses and really I think there would be a lot of people in Riverhead that would be happy if you did totally rule out aviation on the site. So if you want to add to that list at all, you know, feel free."

Supervisor Stark: "We will keep it at general aviation."

Sherri Johnson: "Not even general. Just totally rule it out. Use the runway as a parking lot."

Supervisor Stark: "We'll keep it at general aviation right now."

Sherri Johnson: "Use the runway as a parking lot."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

Sherri Johnson: "The final thing that I noticed in looking over the land use plan, in looking more closely, and looking at things that are going to pertain to me as a resident and uses that might actually-- I might take advantage of was a community park. And that's the 135 acre area to the south along River Road. And I wondered if anybody had caught that that site was actually between two areas of contamination and there was contamination migrating under that site off site. So it may be sometime before that area is released. It may be a very long time before that area is (inaudible). And that community park would become a reality. So I think maybe you need to look at that further and see if that couldn't be resited somewhere else."

Other than that, I also would like to add that perhaps you could consider the rezoning, hours of operation and limits of operation on whatever use is going there.

And the final thing is the LDC. From the list that you read of representatives, I think that a citizen representative from that area is also needed and I hope you will consider appointing one."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Vinnie."

Vinnie Villela: "Thank you. Vinnie Villela, a business person from Riverhead. About too many people are-- "

Supervisor Stark: "You are allowed to advertise."

Vinnie Villela: "My main concern is being that the way downtown Riverhead is now, it is at a low ebb and I don't anticipate

things to be picking up in the future, but on this particular piece of property, there's a lot of people that are concerned that would like to see businesses or recreation or whatever up there bring in high paying jobs. We don't need the small paying retail jobs. We've got plenty of them. We need industry jobs. We need a little bit of everything. And I haven't heard any proposals-- I know there's talk and everything, but the only proposal I heard of so far that I know and I am for it is the project Calverton because, I mean, automobile-- the racetrack I should say, excuse me, I am for that for the reason that I've been to other tracks in the area and they do bring in a lot of people into the area. It does have a snowball effect by bringing in more businesses and it brings in money people. This is big money when you talk about this type of group. And that's just one part of Calverton area.

You've got plenty of property in there to bring in other industry, light industry, good paying jobs. I would just like to see this come into-- I would hate to see retail. I know you said there wouldn't be any retail or anything like that or-- but we need good paying jobs to keep our kids in the area because there's no jobs for them.

My second question is about RFP. How long of a process is that, for RFP to come to that property with (inaudible). Does it go in front of the LTC?"

Supervisor Stark: "RFP specifically, Vinnie, we talked about this this morning. If you talk-- we are right now probably and I believe we have to have the Community Development Agency meeting-- tonight, where we are going out for an RFP. We have to appraise the property."

Councilman Lull: "The first RFP is for a real estate adviser."

Supervisor Stark: "And it's really-- it's appraisal. To get somebody to appraise the property. As the RDC or the Riverhead Development Corporation forms and becomes a full body, then RFP's will be sought for proposals for Calverton. And that will be sometime this fall."

Vinnie Villela: "This fall?"

Supervisor Stark: "Hopefully."

Vinnie Villela: "Okay, that's good."

Supervisor Stark: "We're on a schedule."

Vinnie Villela: "Because it's very important-- "

Supervisor Stark: "The easiest thing I can say to you, Vinnie, you know, you know how rumors are like snowballs going downhill. Some rumors are started intentionally for one reason or another. They go from one place to the next. At any time, if you have any question, don't hesitate-- my door is always open as you well know. Call us up. If I don't have the information at that particular moment, I will get it for you as soon as I can."

Vinnie Villela: "I appreciate it."

Councilman Lull: "Vinnie, as far as time is concerned, there are three specific things on our agenda tonight which have to do with this process and while we are in the middle of this process, in the early part of the process and moving along. The first is this master plan which is the lead in to a zoning process here. The second is an application to the EDA for funds to help us with carryover, transferring fund, that type of thing which Jim mentioned before.

And, finally, an RFP for a real estate adviser so we can get an appraisal so we can again go onto other things. Until we have an appraisal of the property, nobody is going to be able to get financial backing to make any kind of proposals whatsoever. So we have to have an appraisal first. Those three things are on our agenda tonight and they are the first steps."

Vinnie Villela: "That's good. I'm glad to hear that. That we are moving in that direction."

Councilman Lull: "The next step after that is a complete Riverhead Development Corporation so that then we can begin to hear full proposals."

Vinnie Villela: "It sounds like you have a good crew on that corporation-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Well, it's basically the core of the commission. I think there's some very talented people. I think there is some very, very dedicated people on it. That two years that they've just spent on that commission was all their own time. That was volunteer. They were not high paying jobs."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The other thing is, too, Andrea told me today that one of the first things the commission is going to do is they are going to ask the real estate adviser to authorize a study to get a handle on really what the maintenance costs of the property are. We have a dispute with the navy now which centers whether or not to mothball the property and pressuring us to sign an agreement we don't want to sign."

Another thing I just want to point out. There are several funds that we are going to be applying to. One is the Economic Development Administration Defense Conversion Program which the city of Philadelphia received fifty million dollars through the efforts of their local elected officials. The Department of the Defense Office of Economic Adjustment and New York State Department of Environmental Economic Development. The grant that we're applying for tonight is seven million six hundred thousand dollars and it will not only be used for the planning and marketing of the property, but it will also allowed to be used for giving economic incentives to relocated onto the property with low interest loans and grants. That's why the number is so large and that's what we have to do to compete to bring those high paying jobs.

I want to end by just saying I just read really in detail for the first time and I'll have to admit, I went to get the book, our official-- the consultant's official position on the raceway on page 30 and 31 and if anybody is supportive of the raceway, I really don't know how they can be dissatisfied with this and I'll just sum it up briefly.

It says issues. They list several issues that have to be addressed which we have been discussing. And it said issues such as these will be addressed over the coming months. Assuming that the impacts on the surrounding community do not preclude a raceway, a second key issue will be whether the raceway serves as a deterrent to nonraceway issues on the site, which is the compatibility. Assuming that both of these issues can be resolved

the site clearly lends itself to use as a raceway and use that may bring substantial benefits. They list a few. And then they sum up by saying and this is our consultant. Because of this potential, the proposal deserves serious review. Once a reuse strategy is adopted, and that's what we're in the middle of doing now, the Town of Riverhead should begin careful consideration of the raceway proposal and the many other proposals that have been brought forth in the past months. Each needs to be examined in light of an adopted comprehensive reuse plan which is something all of us have been saying, to get the maximum use out of the property for the best potential-- for the future growth of the Town.

So it's right here that we pay through federal and state money and I think it's a very fair assessment of the raceway proposal. And I guess what we are all trying to tell you is that we are going through a process okay, and they are going to get a fair shake."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Vic."

Vinnie Villela: "As long as we know the process is going in the right direction, that's great."

Supervisor Stark: "It will be interesting. We have many copies of it. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment at this particular time? Who is that? Stu?"

Stewart Lowry: "Hi, which one of these is live?"

Supervisor Stark: "The one on your left. As many hours as you've spent in here?"

Stewart Lowry: "You think I would remember, wouldn't you?"

Supervisor Stark: "I would think you would remember."

Stewart Lowry: "-- two and a half years of working for the Nature Conservancy, I feel like a regular here in the Town of Riverhead but it's true. For the record, my name is Stewart Lowry. I work for the Nature Conservancy on Long Island. And I feel like I've been a part of this process since Grumman decided to move out of the facility and since the Pine Barrens were dropped in our lap.

But I wanted to commend the Calverton Commission and the Town Board of Riverhead for what I think has been a remarkably open planning process and for having invited public participation at every turn. And I certainly have taken advantage of this opportunity to participate and try to express the Nature Conservancy's interest and concerns about the future of the Calverton facility.

You may wonder why the Nature Conservancy is here to talk about this since the area inside the fence is already essentially entirely developed. And I'll get there. But first the opportunity to redevelop this facility is an extraordinary one for the Town of Riverhead to advance in an innovative redevelopment plan to pursue a very interesting strategy. It's also a terrific opportunity to enhance the economy, the wellbeing of Riverhead, and the other towns on the east end.

It's also-- this is where I get my kick in for the Conservancy -- this is also an interesting opportunity to protect forever one of Riverhead's greatest natural treasures. And I'm referring, of course, to the Calverton ponds and headwaters of Peconic River, which lie in that southwestern quadrant just south of the fence line. These are coastal plain ponds and they are home to one of the highest concentrations of rare and endangered species to be found anywhere in New York State. And people-- the Town Board members and residents of Riverhead have been for years aware of this and I think have treasured this and protected this resource.

The Conservancy owns property here. We manage our Calverton Ponds preserve in cooperation with Suffolk County. And it's a very important site; it's a very interesting site. The reason that we're concerned about it is because it is a site that is entirely dependent on clean groundwater and it turns out the groundwater that flows into the ponds and into the headwaters of the Peconic comes off of the Grumman site, the Calverton naval weapon industrial reserve plant.

So our concern is that whatever development does occur here, is maximally sensitive to where the groundwater is going to go after it comes off of that facility. And I would hope that in the years that follow your adoption of this plan, this and subsequent Town Boards will remember the fragile natural resource that lies just outside that fence. And that you will work to ensure that

the development that does occur inside the fence, is entirely compatible with the long term preservation of that natural resource. Thank you."

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

Councilman Prusinowski: "Jimmy, I would just-- Stu, I just want to-- on another matter I want to thank you publicly over the years we've been talking to you about the Wading River creek situation with the dredging and just to show-- to give a balance-- the Nature Conservancy also is very flexible and understanding that you know the rights of people want to enjoy the environment, too, and they have always lent us a hand up there and support and research. I just want to publicly acknowledge that. Thank you very much."

Stewart Lowry: "You are very welcome."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment at this particular time? You've already made yours, George. If not, I will declare the Public Hearing to be closed. We will take a ten minute recess and we will reconvene at 8:30 for a Community Development Agency meeting and then we will open up to the general public."

Public Hearing closed: 8:18 p.m.

Town Board meeting reconvened: 8:35 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 8:35 has arrived. We are now back in session of the Regular Town Board Meeting of August 6th. Hoot, before we get into the discussion on the Resolution or what Assemblyman Thiele wants the Town of Riverhead to do, I will preface that this Town Board will pass a Resolution tonight reaffirming its position on the creation of Peconic County. I have also called for the delegation of legislators which represent us out here to meet with us at their earliest convenience Monday or Tuesday and no determination on changing town law will be made until we meet with them. Okay."

Yes. Because right now I'm opening up the floor to anybody who wants to bring any topic in front of the Town Board. Hoot, come on up. Bill, I'll get you next. Ladies and gentlemen, this is Hoot Sherman, Supervisor of the Township of Shelter Island."

Hoot Sherman: "I watch your Town Board meetings on TV and it's like being here with family, with old friends."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, that's Steve; that's Bill."

Hoot Sherman: "It's a pleasure to be here. I'm here representing the Peconic County Board of Directors. I'm on the Board of Directors for Peconic County. And number one, we appreciate the resolution in support of Peconic County."

The only thing I want to say tonight is that there's been about 125 to 150 people who have been working on this Peconic County this latest (inaudible) of Peconic County for the last two years and what we are looking for is a non-binding resolution to be put on the November ballot and what we've really got is two issues. We've got an issue, we can follow the prescribed path of trying to get this non-binding resolution on a ballot and as you know if you follow this, that that path has been stopped or we've been thwarted in trying to get through the State Assembly by one person. And there are those who would say that we should keep trying to try to follow that path of getting the non-binding resolution brought to the people.

But we have proven conclusively over the last year that we cannot get the state legislature, the assembly, to put the resolution on the floor so it can be voted for by all the members. So we get down to a situation where we have to find another way to get the resolution before the voters of the east end and the way that we have, a totally legal way that we have found to do that is to have each Town Board pass a local law and you have all seen that, so that the people of each town can vote for the resolution. It's to me, it's kind of like Calverton. If you've been thwarted and you try to do it one way, you back up a little bit and you probe and you try to do it a different way.

And that's just what we're trying to do with Peconic County. We're just trying to move the process ahead and by moving the process ahead what we want to do is enable each town to pass a local law so that we can have this on the November ballot and by putting it on the November ballot you get the most number of people who will vote at any one time. This being a presidential election, we are going to have 30% more people than you usually would.

So what we would request is that-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I don't know about that."

Hoot Sherman: "-- what we would request when you meet with your Supervisor Monday or Tuesday that-- "

Supervisor Stark: "We certainly don't want to move forward if we are convinced by our delegation who is representing us in Albany. If they feel-- ultimately if the creation of Peconic County is to come into existence. Now I go back as far as Evans Griffing. So do you. Maybe-- not quite. It has been and I have said it many, many times that this question should be given to the voters of the five eastern towns. Either put it to bed or move forward."

Hoot Sherman: "Absolutely."

Supervisor Stark: "Certainly this Board does not want to jeopardize if, in fact, the population of the five eastern towns, the eligible voters desire to have Peconic County and to see if it's feasible. We have supported monetarily both studies; we have made several trips to Albany. I have made several trips to Albany. I have sat with Senator LaValle, Patricia Acampora, and even Freddy. And if that delegation feels that this is not the proper way to go, then I doubt if Riverhead will support that. If they feel it is, then we will support it."

Again tonight we are going to reaffirm or we are going to send this resolution to every assemblyperson in the state of New York. Because I still think we live in a democracy of some sort. We are supposed to be voicing the people but unfortunately Staten Island and the New York delegation are holding up a lot of processing."

Councilman Prusinowski: "New York City."

Supervisor Stark: "New York City."

Hoot Sherman: "Yes, the whole New York City (inaudible). You know it is a democracy but you've got one guy that's got more votes than the rest of them."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely."

Hoot Sherman: "I don't call that a democracy."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely. He's on your side, though."

Hoot Sherman: "Well--"

Supervisor Stark: "Now, and I don't even play politics in this, Hoot. You know that. You and I have talked many, many times that this is an important question that has to be answered by the taxpayers of Riverhead, the residents of Riverhead, the eligible voters of Riverhead as the other four eastern towns. It's got to be brought to a head; we've talked about it for some 30 odd years, I believe. I commend the committee for all the work they've done. But, again, I don't want to jeopardize if the delegation feels that this would be a slap in the face to Assemblyman or Speaker Silverman or Silver. I don't know. I had conversations with our representatives this afternoon. They assured me-- I have not-- I think Freddy is on vacation this week-- so I have not been able to contact him.

I want this Board, and I think the Board-- and I think I can speak for them-- wants to be very satisfied that, in fact, in order to do it, there is a proper way to do it. And I have some suspect that that change of town law could be confusing, too. I know the purpose; I don't know whether it's going to actually give you a definitive answer. I-- sometimes-- I like a resolution that says are you in favor of? Yes. No. That's clear cut."

Hoot Sherman: "But with the proper education between now and November-- I understand what you are saying, but the-- I personally don't worry about offending Mr. Silver because he's not going to do anything for us anyway. He's already stated-- he's going to worry about Staten Island."

Supervisor Stark: "Oh, yes."

Hoot Sherman: "Wherever we fall-- "

Supervisor Stark: "But actually there are a lot of other people up there, too."

Hoot Sherman: "Yes, I understand. The only thing that we are saying is that-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I believe we have 'til August 15th and I have-- we have the ability to call a Special Board Meeting at most any time we want."

Hoot Sherman: "Shelter Island passed it Friday night; Southold passed it this afternoon."

Supervisor Stark: "It was four to two down in Southold?"

Hoot Sherman: "Yes."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

Hoot Sherman: "What we are saying is-- you know, we would like your support. Anything you can do we would appreciate it."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, we tried to give you the support in the past, but certainly again we are going to try and make sure that we are not going to jeopardize any process and there seems to be some disagreement in our delegation. I want to bring them together and straighten it out. And that's what I hope to do."

Hoot Sherman: "Okay. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Hoot. Is there anybody else in the audience who would like to make comment? Bill, way in the back. And, again, it's a pleasure to have you over here, Hoot."

Bill Noehjl: "Bill Noehjl, Aquebogue. At the last Town Board meeting in Wading River, I brought to your attention the dilemma that's going on on Peconic Bay Blvd. with the bicycles. Since then it has gotten worse. At that time, I told you that there was one car passing the bicycles in the wrong lane. The following Sunday, there was three cars meeting a car coming from Bay Woods. Luckily

nobody got hurt. We have all different kind of bikers riding there. We have handicapped people without their legs; they're pedaling with their hands. The road does not accommodate the bicycles as it is because the shoulders are very bad; there's a lot of silt; there's nails, glass, roadpatch, water holes, and something has to be done."

Supervisor Stark: "Are you proposing that we eliminate bicycle riding on Peconic Bay Blvd.?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, Jim. Jim Lull and I we met with Charlie, he's on vacation this week. After that meeting-- to talk about the road bond bill. He's agreed to-- we are going to make signs. We've got to check with Bob, codify it, so they can be enforced. And that when, if the bond resolution is approved by the voters, which mean we don't have a vote that goes in November, you know, a petition comes in. One of the first roads we want to do is Hubbard Avenue and Peconic Bay Blvd. over by Laurel, at which time we're going to do something with the shoulders. Okay. And we are going to put those signs up that we've-- Charlie has inquired to New York State. They actually have signs, you know, the symbols and stuff. So we are doing a little research on it right now. It's going to take a couple of weeks to implement. It can't be done that quick because we have to codify it. It has to conform with the state regulations."

Bill Noehjl: "I talked to Charlie Bloss also. He said there is not going to be any widening of the road."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Not widening of the road per se, but the shoulders will be corrected."

Bill Noehjl: "According to the Vehicle and Traffic Law, which I have here, which I got in 10 minutes, it says all bicycles shall ride a single lane. They are riding double. They are riding triple."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Did Charlie say he was going to put up the signs?"

Bill Noehjl: "He said something about a sign."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Bill Noehjl: "He didn't say when. He didn't say when the road was going to be done."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The road is not going to be done until the bond is-- the 30 day period is up and probably won't be done until the fall."

Bill Noehjl: "The bicycle-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Or spring."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Or the spring."

Bill Noehjl: "The bicycles at present, they are riding four to five foot off of the edge of the road because it is so rough. Now, if you were to go and put in new resurfacing, you are going to have where it's going to end there's going to be down there and it's going to be higher than the existing ground. Now bicycles will not ride close to the edge of the road at the present or even if it is resurfaced there is not sufficient room for a bicycle and a car to pass. I am taking in from Meetinghouse Creek all the way up to Bay Woods where it winds, where it could be a four lane, and then it narrows again over (inaudible) creek then becomes a four lane again. Then you get up further, it's a narrow two lane."

Now, it does not accommodate bicycles at the present and it won't accommodate it even after the blacktop or resurfacing is being done. There is room for at least two or three foot on each side. I don't want it to be a speedway, Peconic Bay Blvd. I'm not suggesting that. But when you are coming to do resurfacing of the road, it's so easy to wind it a little bit to accommodate where you can have a bicycle and a car pass without going over into the other lane. This is what I am requesting. At present it won't be and even if you resurface it to the present width, it will not accommodate.

As I say, there are all different kinds of bicycles. Some handicap, some riding a double on a bike; one is in the front pushing with their feet up like and the one on the back doing it conventional. These are not easy bikes to control."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, all I can tell you is that

he's the highway superintendent. The only authority we have here as a Town Board is the budget. We talked to Charlie about it right in my office and we talked about the bond-- we increased the bond to 2.5 million. We discussed the signs. I asked Charlie to look into it and get them up as soon as possible. Several Board members after your comment-- he's the highway superintendent and he assured me-- he's in Nova Scotia, that we wanted to check with the traffic and safety to make sure that it's-- it might have to be codified with the town and it's in the works is all I can tell you."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay, Bill."

Bill Noehjl: "No, I'm not finished."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, you are going to be very shortly."

Bill Noehjl: "Why?"

Supervisor Stark: "Because I've got other people out here that want to speak."

Bill Noehjl: "I've only been up here about five minutes. I want to know when are we going to finish with the fiasco down at Meetinghouse Creek there. At present we have two water holes. We have drains-- I mean ridges cut from water going to the walk there which is very, very dangerous. Is there any-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "The Town Engineering Department is preparing a plan to (inaudible) conform with the action plan of the estuary. That will be ready for us in a couple of weeks. We're not going to get to it until the fall. And then the entire plan will be finished."

Bill Noehjl: "This is going on almost two years."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I understand that, but the bulkhead was built with four different funding sources. One was-- very little general town money was used there. One was Riverhead Country Fair Townscape Committee, a federal grant, recreation fees, and just a very slight amount of general town money. And we changed our-- in the middle of this, the Estuary Action Plan came out and we are all trying to control runoff. So it's a special drainage system that

puts in. It does not go into the river. It's a series of long black pipes underground and absorption and there's a whole thing you have to do to try to catch the water so it doesn't go into the creek."

Bill Noehjl: "Ah-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's about \$40,000."

Bill Noehjl: "All right. I called Ken Testa, Buildings and Grounds. There were washouts there."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes, I know. I think he said he filled them in."

Bill Noehjl: "Now they ran out again. So is there-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Well, that was a lot of rain the other day, Bill."

Bill Noehjl: "That's no answer."

Supervisor Stark: "Ah, Bill, you've been a farmer all your life."

Bill Noehjl: "No answer. It's been there weeks, that rain-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Bill, as far as I'm concerned, you are belaboring this. Victor is on top of it. He's working on it. You come up here every Board meeting and you are saying the same thing. There's been a total-- not once have I ever heard you come to that podium and say, hey, you've done a hell of a nice job there. All you have is criticism about it. We are working on it and we will finish it as soon as possible."

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's gone up in price, too. I mean originally we were only going to spend about \$5,000 finishing it, but now we are going to spend almost \$40,000, \$45,000. So part of the money is going to come from recreation fees and the balance will come from the drainage bond. And even down the riverfront now we're getting ready to put the deck down, the Peconic River, and the drainage system is not complete because even with the five

inches of rain we had washouts down there because the way the system works, it fills up, (inaudible) after it goes through several catch-basins which collects this soot and stuff, then it goes into a grassy swail which gently goes down to the river and that gently-- the swail is not there yet and I know Mrs. Horton calls us all the time, but until the job is done then it should work. These are new drainage things but this is what we have agreed to do on the east end as part of the Peconic Estuary Action Plan. We're trying to collect the runoff so it doesn't go into the estuary."

Councilman Lull: We'll be getting to that as soon as we can."

Bill Noehjl: "Mr. Stark?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, sir."

Bill Noehjl: "Well, I hate to say this."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, you certainly are more than happy to say it."

Bill Noehjl: "But there's a vehicle RV 90 which is traveling that Peconic Bay Blvd. in excessive speeds and I hope that it's not one of your grandchildren that-- thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you, Bill. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment? George? He's a regular."

George Schmelzer: "A regular fellow? I've heard rumors that the Town wants to buy more land along the Peconic River. I don't know why, they can just about manage the part they've got now. Unless you want to get another place to sell more dope; I don't know. I heard the FBI if they find land that's being used for dope, the owners it, they will seize it and sell it. You might lose that park. Be careful."

Councilman Prusinowski: "They are all down at the Ramada Inn, too."

George Schmelzer: "Huh?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "The Ramada Inn is full of FBI personnel

from Washington."

George Schmelzer: "Yes. So, it's not that-- two and a half million bond issue. When was that-- I never heard that at a Public Hearing. Did you have a Public Hearing on that?"

Councilman Lull: "It's an ongoing hearing, George."

Supervisor Stark: "Public Hearing-- all we had to do is pass a resolution, George. It didn't require a Public Hearing."

George Schmelzer: "(inaudible)."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, there is a 30 day permissive referendum period right now. Any taxpayer wishes, they can submit a petition of five percent of the voters from the last election to the Town Clerk and we can place it on the November ballot."

George Schmelzer: "Five percent of the taxpayers."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We've never had a road bond in Riverhead before and I really think that it's time for one because the weather conditions and the situation with the roads, it's time that the major roads are redone. I think if anybody drives through town and sees the ice tea money, the money from the state like Church Lane, what a difference it makes when you put the two inches or one and a half inch of asphalt down and crown the roads properly and, you know."

George Schmelzer: "Who is going to pay for this?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, the two and a half million will come out of-- the general town taxpayers will pay for it over 20 years."

George Schmelzer: "Twenty years and the interest will amount to more than the principal. Anyway, the turn of the century before you had cars a road was only a path for horses to go on. Of course it wouldn't bother the horses but the sparrows were looking for a hot meal. You can't do that now so the main expense for roads now is for cars and trucks. Why shouldn't the cost of roads come from gas tax? Why should land pay everything. You pay enough for the

schools, high price of teachers and everything. Administrators that fall over each other. I've heard that gas tax is almost \$.50 a gallon now. I remember when I was going to school before the war there was a law that the requirement to put the amount of the tax on the gas pumps. Nothing now. Maybe if you change the law, these weasels that run everything on top they don't want the people to know what the tax is, they can blame it on the oil companies."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We do have a tax on the gas now. They didn't repeal it."

Councilman Lull: "He just said it's not on the-- "

George Schmelzer: "Not on the pump."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, oh, oh. Not on the pumps."

George Schmelzer: "So, why don't the town do something so this tax for road construction and maintenance-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "We do get state money."

Supervisor Stark: "How about put a toll booth out there because everybody is going to Orient to go to Foxwoods. I just read that they had 800,000 visitors went across a dollar, you know-- "

George Schmelzer: "Well, you-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, they put that new ferry terminal in East Hampton or Southampton or Shelter Island, that's going to relieve a lot of our traffic, so we're all for that on the north fork and Riverhead."

George Schmelzer: "No kidding. How about doing something-- "

Supervisor Stark: "We'll investigate, George."

George Schmelzer: "So then I see by the paper Will Rogers said he only knows what he reads in the paper. That's only a fraction of what I should have learned from the paper because I read two different papers; get two different stories. But \$150,000 for some place called Messa Vista-- is that Jamesport? What happened there?"

Supervisor Stark: "George, that's been an ongoing subject. You know all about it. Mohring defaulted on his bond and we've got -- we are in litigation right now with Mohring and we are coming closer to a stipulation of agreement which we will guarantee that those roads will be fixed for those residents."

George Schmelzer: "How can it be a default on a bond when it's put up by a bonding company?"

Supervisor Stark: "Because it expired."

George Schmelzer: "Well, it expired. Whose fault was that? The former Supervisor?"

Supervisor Stark: "The Town of Riverhead."

George Schmelzer: "Well, are you trying to get yourself into that?"

Supervisor Stark: "I was here."

George Schmelzer: "I never heard you get yourself into something before. Are you trying to protect Joe?"

Supervisor Stark: "No."

George Schmelzer: "Now, when Joe was-- "

Supervisor Stark: "George, George, let's not get into personalities, please."

George Schmelzer: "Well, I'll say former Supervisor."

Supervisor Stark: "George, not names, George. I don't want to get into personalities now. Is there anything else on your mind?"

George Schmelzer: "I just started. No, no, no. We've got other people out here that want to talk."

George Schmelzer: "Wait a minute. To me it was either corruption or incompetence what was done really."

Supervisor Stark: "Probably more on the incompetence."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, now, what's the town going to do--
Joe is suing the town now. What's the town position?"

Supervisor Stark: "That's in the Workman's Compensation hearing."

George Schmelzer: "What's the town's position on that?"

Supervisor Stark: "The town takes no position on it. It has absolutely nothing to do with us. The Workman's Compensation Board or hearing officer or what do you call it, Bobby? Hearing officer, will make a determination as to whether he's deserving workman's comp or not."

George Schmelzer: "Well, if he gets an amount of money who is going to pay for it?"

Supervisor Stark: " It all comes out of the Workman's Compensation insurance fund."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, but who's fund? The Riverhead town fund, right?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

George Schmelzer: "Oh, so the town is paying for it. Think you are weaseling."

Supervisor Stark: "No, I'm not weaseling."

George Schmelzer: "Does he get a good disability pension tax free?"

Supervisor Stark: "I have absolutely no idea what he's getting."

George Schmelzer: "You have no idea?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. Coming out of the state."

Councilman Lull: "It doesn't come from here, George."

Supervisor Stark: "You should know that."

George Schmelzer: "I'm not on the Town Board."

Supervisor Stark: "You seem to be the one that's concerned about it so why don't you find out about it."

George Schmelzer: "I wonder why you're concerned about it. He gets tax free social security, tax free disability pension. Now he wants this. Did you charge him for bringing that car from Pennsylvania that time? No. You should. I don't want to mention anybody's name either. You call me by my name but I didn't mention anybody else's name."

Supervisor Stark: "All right. Let's wind it up, George, because we've got some other people here."

George Schmelzer: "Okay, now, you didn't tell me what the town's position is on that-- opposing or giving him money or not."

Supervisor Stark: "Our insurance company is-- "

George Schmelzer: "I said the town-- insurance company."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, but they are the ones who operate the self-insured Workman's Compensation. And they-- I'm not weaseling at all. They are controverting his claim."

George Schmelzer: "You have no position on that?"

Supervisor Stark: "I, myself, personally?"

George Schmelzer: "No, the town. You represent the town."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, I think a lot of people represent the town. George, let's move on to something else."

George Schmelzer: "I'm surprised."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm surprised at you even asked that question."

George Schmelzer: "You are?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

George Schmelzer: "Well, I can ask some more questions."

Supervisor Stark: "No, because I'm going to cut you off here very shortly."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "I'll remember next time."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

George Schmelzer: "You are very welcome, Jim."

Supervisor Stark: "You are welcome."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, let's get the gentleman, then we've got a long trip back. What time does that north boat quit? 12:00."

Larry Cantwell: "Thank you for your patience. I admire your -- patience is a virtue. I admire your patience. I just want to make two quick points about Peconic County."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Your name."

Larry Cantwell: "Yes, I'll do that, too. My name is Larry Cantwell. I'm Chairman of-- Director of Peconic County now and I'm also Village Administrator of the Village of East Hampton. And the two points that I want to make is one of the important issues here is momentum. For the past two years with the work-- the feasibility study, \$100,000 feasibility study that the town contributed to and the state as well, a huge effort has been made. Hundreds of citizens have participated in and you had meetings here and meetings in all the towns, there is a certain level of enthusiasm for this. And I think, you know, we've raised the level of expectation such that

another step has to be taken and I think if another year goes by and we're not able to get state legislation, we are going to lose that momentum and I think that the analogy that I used in Southold was we're trying to push this rock up a hill, it's a very steep hill, and you know if you stop pushing it up the hill it's going to fall back to the bottom. And I fear that if we don't move forward with a referendum in each of the towns, the momentum is going to be lost and so timing really is important here. That's point number one.

Point number two is that the local law is really a very simple local law, you know. It's a local law requesting the state legislature to approve legislation permitting a binding referendum on a creation of Peconic County. So that's the question that would be put before the voters in the town of Southold. We are going to ask the voters in the Town of Southold, the Town of Riverhead, excuse me, in this case, for their opinion on whether or not to request of the legislature-- I think it's a very polite approach to the legislature, shouldn't intimidate anybody in the legislature and I think-- "

Supervisor Stark: "What you're basically asking for us is to change town law in that any action or decision by this Town Board which relates to Peconic County must be done by a supermajority. Is that not correct?"

Larry Cantwell: "The second part of the-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Is that not correct?"

Larry Cantwell: "No. The second part of the question would require four-fifths vote on the-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Simple majority. Three plus one is four."

Larry Cantwell: "Okay. Four-fifths majority-- "

Supervisor Stark: "There's only five of us."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Some towns have six."

Larry Cantwell: "(inaudible) you know any additional-- take any additional steps-- "

Supervisor Stark: "In the Town of Riverhead, that would be three plus one."

Larry Cantwell: "Yes, that's correct. That's part of the questions that would be asked."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Larry, wait a minute. Because I didn't see that memo. You're saying that part of the question that will be on the ballot actually would state that we would request the legislature to proceed with the permissive referendum in Suffolk County or you lost me because if I ready Freddy's memo right, he just really-- the question that was going to go on the ballot was the supermajority thing. Cause you just said something that could be-- if you could restate it for me."

Larry Cantwell: "Let me just read it and I'll read it quickly. Local Law number whatever it may be of 1996 entitled: A local law requesting the New York State legislature to approve legislation permitting a binding referendum on a creation of Peconic County in the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead and so forth and requiring a four-fifths vote of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead in approving any actions relating to the creation of said county be approved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "That's the actual wording that will be on the ballot."

Larry Cantwell: "Yes. It does two things. The Supervisor is correct. It does two things. It asks the voters a two part question, which is shall the legislature be asked to approve a binding referendum and you know-- "

Supervisor Stark: "But in order to get it on a ballot for a referendum this coming November, you have to change town law."

Larry Cantwell: "No. In what way, sir?"

Supervisor Stark: "Well, you're asking for a referendum to be put on the ballot."

Larry Cantwell: "Yes, that's correct."

Supervisor Stark: "And you've been refused by the Assembly so far to give that."

Larry Cantwell: "Yes, that's correct."

Supervisor Stark: "What makes you think you are going to win this battle?"

Larry Cantwell: "Because of the second part of the question-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Because of the second part of the question. It requires them to allow us-- when we want to change town law, it requires that they approve that we have to go to a referendum."

Larry Cantwell: "No, no, no."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, that's what Freddy is telling us. Freddy shouldn't have gone on vacation. He should have stuck around."

Larry Cantwell: "Well, perhaps, but-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Well, not perhaps, I think if this is as important as it is, why did he go on vacation?"

Larry Cantwell: "Right. You will have to ask the Assemblyman that. I don't know. I'm sure that he well deserved a vacation and that's why he went."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I understand it's very-- what-- I think what it is-- I understand because I read his memorandum and basically what it says is that the state law requires that if we're going to change the way we do business here, that's an automatic referendum in November. And the second part-- the wording-- I just did not read the first part of the question, because I skipped right down to the you know the legalese of it-- so that would be the actual wording of the-- "

Supervisor Stark: "But basically that's the only way you are going to get the first part on is to have the second part."

Larry Cantwell: "That's correct."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely correct. That's what I've been saying all along. And that's why I'm going to request that the delegation come and sit with this Board and if they have some, you know, continuity in their opinion, this Board will certainly go along with it. If they are going to be fighting amongst themselves, I'm not going to get-- "

Larry Cantwell: "Well, the one-- understand that the requirement of a four-fifths, you know, majority or supermajority only relates to the creation of Peconic County. It's not going to require that-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I understand that. I certainly understand that."

Larry Cantwell: "Number one, and number two, and this is just my opinion and I don't mean to be disrespectful, Supervisor, and I disagree with you slightly--"

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely. I take criticism every day."

Larry Cantwell: "And you do it well."

Supervisor Stark: "Even George."

Larry Cantwell: "Even George. George, if you contemplate moving to East Hampton, would you let me know in advance?"

Supervisor Stark: "All right, let's go, let's go. Don't get him started again. I got him once already."

Larry Cantwell: "The final point is that my own opinion is that it's not up to myself or you or Senator LaValle or Assemblyman Thiele or Assemblywoman Pat Acampora to decide this question. I think this is a question for the voters of the five east end towns to decide and this provides the vehicle to get the answer that we've all been wanting to ask for years and years and years, which is do you want to create Peconic County, or don't you? And all we are asking is that you give the voters of your town the opportunity to answer that."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And to be fair, Larry, too, and this is one thing and sometimes I don't agree with Senator LaValle, is that even if we have a 90% plurality out here on the east end, sometimes I don't think it matters to the guys in New York City. So I don't want to delude anybody to think that if the vote is-- if we put this on the ballot and say it's 90% in favor of Peconic County, it's still a haul to get the county created. We all know that. Just to be fair to everybody. I'm not trying to put water on it but I don't want to mislead people to think that if the Board does it or doesn't do it, that the threshold for Peconic County is shattered because you still have to follow the state constitution which I don't agree with the procedure by the way, and I think they are wrong in holding us up."

Larry Cantwell: "I want to thank the Riverhead Town Board for your time."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Let us take up the resolutions. I thought you were done, Steve. Okay."

John Roush: "John Roush, Southold. To answer your question about whether or not people in Albany are behind Peconic County, we understand that a vast majority of the legislators would like us to have an opportunity to vote on Peconic County to let us decide. Unfortunately, one man has withheld this opportunity from us. This is the first step. We recognize that there's a lot more coming but we have to take the first step sometime. The two of you who met me before on occasion and I'm sure we discussed the situation vis a vis Southold and Riverhead and the commonality of our problems and various other things that we have in common that I've never really recognized, the separation of Riverhead and Southold. Our destinies are tied together. You've heard that before."

Peconic County is an environmental issue. All we ask is that you let us vote on it this autumn. It's the first step. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. I don't want to

carry the Peconic County session any further but there's only two things I want to ask. Mr. Gibson a nonbinding resolution and Mr. Cantwell comes up with a binding resolution. I mean, what is a non-binding versus a binding?"

Councilman Kwasna: "It is nonbinding."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Nonbonding, right."

Supervisor Stark: "It is nonbinding."

Steve Haizlip: "In other words, that means that you just get the feel of the people as to how they want to vote. If they want it, yes or no. All right."

Being a resident of Calverton and sort of a community advocate and I travel around quite a bit in the community, and being a trustee in the Calverton Civic Association, I'm always getting questions, when and why and who and one of the questions that keep coming up, what about this sand pit behind (inaudible) well shop? Now, here I notice that this (inaudible) and it says Middle Country Road in Calverton. Are they finally coming on board and getting the right documents-- "

Supervisor Stark: "That's a request for a special permit. That's all it is. It's just notification they put in for a special permit and there will be a Public Hearing on it."

Steve Haizlip: "Won't be no Public Hearing on it?"

Supervisor Stark: "There will be a Public Hearing on it."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, there will be."

Supervisor Stark: "A Public Hearing on all special permits."

Steve Haizlip: "That's what I thought because I asked that question one time time about (inaudible) and if it's a special permit and it has to have a hearing. All right. Then you will have a chance to do your questioning there."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Vic, when we was over at the-- sorry, Jim, I shouldn't said Vic, I should have said the Town Board, when we were over at the (inaudible) on the Baptist Church and the gentleman, I don't recall his name, got up and spoke-- "

Supervisor Stark: "George Richardson. Are you talking about the-- "

Steve Haizlip: "No, not the handicap."

Councilman Prusinowski: "He's talking about the racetrack."

Steve Haizlip: "Not the racetrack. I don't recall, but, anyway, he was speaking about the open hole at Nasco or Nascar or whatever his name might be at the old-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Naso (phonetic)."

Steve Haizlip: "I was trying to sort of get your attention but I guess you really didn't know what I was trying to tell you. We have been on report on this thing since June of last year from the Greater Calverton Civic Association."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We're doing something about it now."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay. All right. Now, I-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "The special attorney is working on it."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Okay, thank you very much. That's all I got."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Bill, please, and then we are going to take up the resolutions."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I'll try to make this very quick. On my way home tonight if the traffic light is still out, I'll be in touch with your office tomorrow morning."

Supervisor Stark: "Traffic light where?"

William Kasperovich: "Saturday-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Are you talking street lights or traffic light?"

William Kasperovich: "Street light."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

William Kasperovich: "Now, I've been on this for a long time, it's on a state highway and I was told without question that it's our responsibility to repair it or replace it or what have you, and unless they did it yesterday or this morning, I have no way to know whether it was repaired. But it is a bad intersection at night, especially when you are coming in from Riverhead to make a right turn there, there's no way to tell where the street starts or ends. It's a bad spot. So if they fixed it yesterday or today, fine. If not, I'll notice it coming home tonight."

On the condition of our roads, the entire township, let there be no question that the last Supervisor permitted with the concurrence of the Highway Superintendent to let the roads deteriorate. And I accuse him, both of them, of letting our roads deteriorate. The quality of work done has been and is poor. The technical knowledge and talent applied to what should be and should not be just is not there and not put out on the road. If you are going to make a hump instead of a hole, you haven't improved anything. If you are going to put something down that isn't going to hold up over the winter, you haven't improved anything. And this has been going on for over 10 years. And the solutions when we do things out on the road should last a considerable time. This bandaid work is -- just gets us no place. And the bond issue even in that amount of money which people are talking about still is not going to put us into good shape. Fundamental good maintenance and repair has got to go on year after year. We have the result of this not being done for more than 10 years. And this should be taken-- a hard look should be taken on how we treat our roads from you people and whatever you decide we will have to live with. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. Let us take up the resolutions."

Resolution #588

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorize the Town Clerk to publish and post a change of meeting where our next Town Board meeting will be August 20th, 7:00 P.M. at the Jamesport Community Center, South Jamesport Avenue, Jamesport, New York. 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 #589

Councilman Lull: "Amends the site plan of Suffolk 87 Associates/ County Seat Plaza for a facade alteration of Rite-Aid. 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."

Just before you go on, Barbara, I would request the press if you could kind of highlight that change of the meeting for us for the 20th. I would appreciate it. Yes, Barbara."

Resolution #590

Councilman Kwasna: "Appoints a part time detention attendant to the police department. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #591

Councilman Wittmeier: "This is-- we are going to table this, right? I move to table this application."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor with Councilman Prusinowski abstaining. All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #592

Councilman Prusinowski: "Amends agreement between the Town of Riverhead and Maguire Group/Young & Young. 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 #593

Councilman Lull: "Approves special permit petition of Hunt-Liedtke Management (McDonald's) for a second drive thru window."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #594

Councilman Kwasna: "Amends site plan of Manor at East Wind (Knightland, Inc.). So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #595

Councilman Wittmeier: "Declares lead agency and determines significance of action special permit for Darroll E. Meyer. 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 #596

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorize to publish a bid-- Town Clerk is authorized to publish a bid for paint. 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 #597

Councilman Lull: "Appoints a part time kennel attendant to the dog pound being Laura Debias. 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 #598

Councilman Kwasna: "Determines significance of action change of zone for Alvin Benjamin. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #599

Councilman Wittmeier: "Declares support for a referendum on the creation of Peconic County. And I think I'll read this."

WHEREAS, the creation of Peconic County is an issue which has been considered by the five East End towns for years, and

WHEREAS, considerable empirical analysis has been completed with respect to the impacts of the creation of Peconic County upon the

fiscal status of the five East End towns and the economic status of residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has demonstrated constant and continual support for those studies necessary to support the final decision on the creation of Peconic County, and

WHEREAS, the creation of Peconic County is an item of concern to the residents of the Town of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead wishes to have the residents of the Town of Riverhead and the other four east end towns voice their feelings on the creation of Peconic County, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead desires to reaffirm and declare its support of an advisory referendum to consider the creation of Peconic County. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. And the balance of that

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board reaffirms and declares its support of an advisory referendum to consider the creation of Peconic County and urges all members of the New York Assembly to allow this bill to be passed.

I think that's a very important part of the resolution.

Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #600

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes salary increase for Town Board coordinator. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #601

Councilman Lull: "Declares lead agency and determines significance of an action for a special permit. 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 #602

Councilman Kwasna: "Promotes maintenance mechanic V in buildings and grounds. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #603

Councilman Wittmeier: "603 to 607 general fund budget adjustments. 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 #608

Councilman Prusinowski: "Awards bid for meat and poultry products. So moved. And 609, awards bid for electric supplies. So moved on 608, 609."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #610

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute a change order for the sewer district pump station improvement project. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #611

Councilman Prusinowski: "611 will be pay the bills."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #612

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves special permit petition of Thurms Estates. 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 #613

Councilman Lull: "Accept the DEIS of Riverhead Center. 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 #614

Councilman Kwasna: "Approves the special permit of Carlton Bay. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #615

Councilman Lull: "Adopts amendment that we talked about earlier this evening Chapter 58 for dogs. 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 #616

Councilman Prusinowski: "We are having a film being shot at Suffolk Theater and because of the torrential rains last Wednesday, they request that Main Street be closed again Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Only two hours this time. So I want to make a motion to approve the application of Change Over Productions for that purpose. So moved." Three hours.

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Barbara Justice
Town Clerk