

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

James R. Stark,	Deputy Supervisor and Councilman
Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
Frank Creighton,	Councilman
Harriet Gilliam,	Councilwoman

**Also Present:**

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz, Esq.	Town Attorney

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

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "At this time before we get into the minutes and everything else, I would ask that Councilwoman Gilliam read Resolution #571."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Resolution 571 promotes Joseph Loggia to the position of Detective First Grade with the Riverhead Police Department."

WHEREAS, Joseph Loggia is a certified police officer with the Riverhead Police Department and has been so employed since November 1981; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Loggia has been assigned to investigative duties since 1990 and presently holds the designation of Detective Second Grade; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police of the Riverhead Police Department that he be promoted to the rank of Detective First Grade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby appoints Joseph Loggia to the position of Detective First Grade with the Riverhead Police Department effective September 5,

1995 at the annual as provided for in the contract-- PBA contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Joseph Loggia, Chief Grattan and the Accounting Department.

So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "It has been moved and seconded. All in favor."

Town Board: "Aye."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "All opposed."

Motion is carried. Chief, I would request that you and your staff bring up the Detective and we will have the swear in and I would ask the Board to join me down front.

I would ask at this time, the Chief swear Joseph in to his new job."

(Chief Grattan swore in Joseph Loggia)

Chief Grattan: "Congratulations."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes, Joe, would you like to introduce your wife and children? They must be out there somewhere."

Joseph Loggia: "My wife Lisa, my oldest daughter, Jessica, and youngest daughter, Stephanie."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Also I believe this was the week that was, the week of August 16th to the 21st-- excuse me-- the week of the 21st, when eastern Long Island became aware that there are other tragedies in life other than nor'easters, hurricanes, etc. We had what they describe as a hundred year forest fire in the pine barrens and as a result of some very, very excellent police work, we were able to solve a case of fire arsonist through the good works of three of our finest blue and one detective. At this time, I would ask Police Officer

Glen Erick and Police Officer Dave Lessard if they would come forward. We are going to-- and I will share-- we have a lot of proclamations tonight-- I would like to share these with my Board, that each one of them would be read. Give one to Harriet and one to Frank. I will defer to Councilman Prusinowski to read the first one and then I'll ask the Chief to describe what actually happened."

Councilman Prusinowski: "WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 17, 1995, Police Officers David Lessard and Glen Erick were on routine patrol near the eastern terminus of the Long Island Expressway and observed an individual who sparked the Officers' curiosity.

WHEREAS, through keen police skills, Officers Lessard and Erick developed information on said individual which subsequently-- which they subsequently forwarded to the Riverhead Police Detective Squad where Det. Joseph Loggia who was assigned to a task force on recent brush fires was able to further develop this information and effect an arrest on the individual person noticed by Officers Lessard and Erick and charged him with two felony counts of larceny in the third degree, and one felony count on attempted arson in the third degree.

WHEREAS, through the efforts of these outstanding Officers and Detective, an additional charge of reckless endangerment and charges of unclassified felonies of the Conservation Law were lodged against the individual with numerous outstanding (inaudible) cases spanning over the past two years within the Townships of Riverhead, Southampton, Brookhaven were successfully closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, JAMES R. STARK, Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead hereby calls upon the citizens of the Town to join and acknowledge the accomplishment of these three Officers for their outstanding investigative work conducted by Det. Loggia and do hereby commend from them-- they did a great job.

Congratulations."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Actually, (inaudible) maybe the Chief would like to make comment on this particular case and the keen police work these three gentlemen did."

Chief Grattan: "There's really not an awful lot that I can say to add to these. These are pretty well all inclusive. There was a case

In the Court so I constrain from saying an awful lot about that case. However, I can say something that didn't mention in this, is that this individual admitted to 36 other fires, lighting 36 others. There may be more, possibly he can't remember them. That's not a joke. When somebody commits that many crimes, sometimes they can't. The case is in Court, so I can't say too much more, but these fellows did an outstanding job. I'm not only proud of this, but I'm proud of the everyday efforts they put forth for each and every one of us. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Again, the month of August has been tough on Riverhead and, again, our Police Department showed exemplary service where we had a boating accident up by Iron Pier Beach out by the Northville docks. In this particular instance, maybe Chief you can explain it better than I can. I think you know better or maybe Lt. Hegermiller. Lt. Hegermiller here, still? Lieutenant?"

Lt. Hegermiller: "I'm not even too sure of the date of the boating accident. We got a call that there was people in distress on the Long Island Sound, down by (inaudible) which is the old Northville plant. I'm pretty sure there was seven people in the water; their boat had capsized. And when we got there, they were clinging to the dock that stretches out into the water. The first one in the water was Officer Lessard. He got in there. There was a man in serious distress, possibly unconscious at that time. Officer Lessard was able to get him onto one of the pilings on the dock and then with his brother, Tom, they were able to assist the other ones in getting lifejackets on them.

At this time, I think Officer Long was also down there. He had noticed a woman down the beach trying to flag him down. He ran down the beach and he got down there, the woman said there was a 12 year old, I think, in the water. I think it was through the assistance of the Fire Department that they brought the child closer to shore. Officer Long went in and pulled him out. He was also unconscious and no pulse. He started CPR and revived the boy. CPR lasted about 20 minutes; he was transferred to Stony Brook Hospital and he has recuperated and made a complete recovery thanks to Officer Long."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Lieutenant. Also, participating in this rescue was Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corps that should be fully noted that they responded immediately and were also on the scene. Thank, do you want to read this?"

Councilman Creighton: "WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that the Town of Riverhead honor those employees who perform above and beyond the call of duty.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, August 6, 1995, at about 1748 hours a call for assistance was received at the Riverhead Police Department Headquarters in which the caller reported that a tri-hull boat had capsized on the Long Island Sound; and

WHEREAS, Officers David Lessard and Thomas Long, both members of the Department dive team were present at Headquarters when the call was received and responded immediately.

WHEREAS, Officer Tom Lessard who is also a member of the dive team was contacted at home and immediately responded to the scene; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival the team discovered that four person were underneath the pier but that a 10 year old child had drifted off to the west. Officer Long observed a woman frantically calling for assistance. Officer Long responded and found the 10 year old child unconscious and not breathing and immediately administered CPR thereby saving the child's life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead wishes to recognize these Officers for their exemplary service to their fellow man.

NOW, THEREFORE, JAMES R. STARK, as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead do hereby call upon fellow residents of the Town of Riverhead to join in acknowledging the unselfish acts of Officers Dave Lessard, Thomas Long, and Thomas Lessard by assisting other human beings at their time of tragedy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF he has set his hand and also caused the great seal of the Town of Riverhead to be affixed this 5th day of September the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.

Signed by James R. Stark, Deputy Supervisor, Town of Riverhead."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I want you to understand one thing. If you can't tell them apart, they're twins. This is Thomas Long over here, the better looking guy. Dave and Tom, is there any fellow out here you would like to recognize? Tom, how about you first?"

Tom Lessard: "My father, a retired Police Officer himself, Tom, Sr."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Tom, would you stand up?"

Tom Lessard: "My oldest sister, Diane. My second oldest sister, also a Suffolk County Sheriff herself, Susan Long, my mother, Olive Long, my wife, Kathleen, my two sons, (inaudible)."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Gentlemen, it need not be said that you guys bring great credit to our Police Department. You always have and I'm sure you always will in the future. Congratulations on behalf of the Town of Riverhead."

Again, getting back to the week of the 21st, the week that was, as many of you turned on Channel 12 and all of the major networks, CNN was even out here, this devastating fire in the pine barrens was really something many of our Town employees, our Town volunteer Fire Departments and everybody took great risk. When the Riverhead Fire Department and the Wading River and Jamesport call for assistance from the Town, the word was put out to several of our Departments. And they responded with great enthusiasm. They were there, they operated the heavy equipment, break lines through. Our Fire Departments really excelled upon that. And the first Department I'd like to do is Buildings and Grounds. And Danny Ruthinowski, I believe is here who is the Department Head over there. Danny, if you would come up."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I would like to chair the proclamation which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that the Town of Riverhead acknowledge those Departments which go beyond the limits by serving their neighboring Towns in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1995, wild fires spread throughout the Westhampton area and the Town of Southampton which being fanned by winds and spanned two highways and caused the evacuation of many residents of Westhampton; and

WHEREAS, members of the Riverhead Buildings and Grounds crew responded to the plea for help by lending their expertise in assisting in the containment of a fire which could ultimately destroy thousands

of acres of sensitive property within the pine barrens as well as residences and businesses of the residents of Westhampton; and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Buildings and Grounds crew should be recognized for its role in extinguishing these fires which devastated over 6,000 acres in the Town of Southampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES R. STARK, as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead do hereby ask that the residents of the Town of Riverhead join in acknowledging the efforts of the Riverhead Buildings and Grounds crew for their role in the extinguishment of the wildfires of '95.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Town of Riverhead to be affixed this 5th day of September in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred ninety five.

Signed by James R. Stark, Deputy Supervisor, Town of Riverhead."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I would ask Danny now to acknowledge those employees that traveled with him and maybe a little quick scenario of some of the harrowing experiences that you related to me."

Danny Ruthinowski: "Thank you. To make it real short, it was the scariest 36 hours of my life. Johnny Reeve from the Sanitation Department radioed me to get up to the landfill to get his bulldozer which I did and I radioed Jason Warner (phonetic) one of my employees to come up there and operate it. And we got up there and it was something that I've never seen before and we all just pitched in as a team, got it done, got the brush trucks out of the fire that we could and that's about it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Danny. And the Town appreciates the courage."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'm not going to read this. I just want to echo what was said before and I want to bring up John Reeve, head of our Sanitation Department. He did an outstanding job and all of his crew responded in a true east end spirit, actually a Long Island spirit and on behalf of all the citizens of the Town of Riverhead, congratulations to your crew and thanks for giving that little bit extra."

John Reeve: "(inaudible) pretty much sums it up. I'd just like

thank (inaudible)."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Councilman Creighton: "This next plaque recognizes the Highway Department for their contribution in putting out the fire. So, would Charles Bloss, the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Riverhead please come forward."

Charlie, this is consistent with all the other performance of duty that we've witnessed you do over the last eight to 10 years that you've been in office. Riverhead is extremely fortunate to have you as the Highway Superintendent and it's your leadership that I think the people who work for you respond to in a manner that warrants this kind of recognition.

On behalf of the Town of Riverhead, the people thank you for your service in these fires and for all the good things you do for our Town."

Charles Bloss: "I would just like to thank all the employees of the Town Highway Department who made themselves available. They always show up when we call. Snowstorms, hurricane, in this case a fire. And I would like to thank my Deputy, Tim Benton, Pete Zurick, Carl Hobb and Harry Conklin (phonetic) who operated machinery that night."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Charlie. That was basically our support team from Riverhead. But then there's those who have to walk up and face reality, face the heat, face the tiring hours of no sleep. One of the calls that I got here at Town Hall, and we can laugh about it now, was the President of the Ladies Auxiliary called. She said if anybody calls in wants to do anything, our department is coming for a break. They need cigarettes. I said, well, that's a heck of a thing to put on the radio, but we did. The community responded. I think they have enough cigarettes in the Riverhead Second Street firehouse to last them for a couple of years."

But what I'd like to do right now is ask the three Fire Chiefs, one from Wading River, one from Riverhead, and Jamesport. These are the Chiefs of the three Departments that, in fact, went over there. They called for the support that we could give them. It was about all we could do other than sit down and pray that there was no physical damage, no one got hurt, nobody lost any lives. But I'll let these

gentlemen explain and put it in true, living color. Because I think right now unless you were in there after talking with them we only can get a black and white picture. They had true Kodak color. So gentlemen, if you would come up. Bill, I would ask you-- actually these three gentlemen make up the Fire Chiefs Association. Bill, if you would introduce everybody to the audience and then give a brief description, we'll go from there. We'll let each one talk about their own Department."

Bill Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Stark. I would like to introduce Howie Waldman from Jamesport Fire Department Chief. First Assistant Chief Bill Drower from Wading River.

The experience is one a lot of people will not forget for a while and is one that hasn't happened in quite a while. While I do have the microphone though, I would like to thank the Town Board. It was the Town employees that did respond when we did ask them to, and the community support which was tremendous. It is something that will be talked about for a long time and it is truly great to see that the Town came out and supported us when we truly needed them. Thank you."

Howie Waldman: "Thanks, Mr. Stark. Jamesport was-- a brief description of what Jamesport did. We were called upon by the County and requested a 4,000-- 4400 gallon tanker and class A pumper and a class A pumper was sent to the Sunrise Highway area where the men operating there saw a heavy fire load, very scary times, and at one point had to drop a line and disconnect the line and pull the pumper and which they couldn't even see where they were moving the pumper, the smoke condition was so heavy, to go to safety they ran out of water. Our tanker truck was assigned to County Road 31 and was instrumental in providing water for the safety of the Coast Guard housing on Stewart Avenue. So that was a very successful operation and thank God nobody was hurt."

Bill Drower: "The firefighters of Wading River started the week off Monday afternoon in Rocky Point and stayed there through Wednesday. Thursday they were called out to Westhampton and stayed there through Sunday. The first thing I want to do is thank the members and the officers of that Department and also the other Departments. They did a fantastic job. Our Chiefs really didn't get too much into the line, but we did have some activity. Myself, I was down in the neighborhood Westhampton Beach, on the night of Thursday night with multiple heads

coming through, heads of fire coming through the neighborhood, and still we don't know how we saved all the houses down there. It was a tremendous job by the people on the lines, keeping the fire away. We drove by there late Sunday and saw all the burnt out woods and still the green lawns and standing houses.

I want to thank these gentlemen, their Departments, the Town Board for their assistance with all the members there, and all the other Departments that responded. I think everybody did a great job. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. You know what I really would like to add? To show our appreciation to these three gentlemen who can take back to their Departments, how about let's give them a standing ovation?"

Actually I forgot and I apologize, also out on the front line, and I would ask them to come up right now, representatives of the Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corps who had stations over at Center Moriches at the high school and also at the Suffolk County Air Force Base. They played an important role with their triage tent that helped support the firemen as they came in for breaks. This guy, I finally caught up with him Saturday morning. He says I've been out for 36 hours. He said he was going to go to sleep. Then I saw him an hour later and I said why aren't you sleeping? He said I'm too exhausted to sleep. But anyway, they supported the Fire Departments, not only Riverhead, Wading River and Jamesport, but any Fire Department that was in the community. I believe Wading River's Rescue Squad was also out which is part of their Department. So as firefighters came in they tended to their needs, scratches, bruises, some burns, maybe some oxygen for smoke inhalation, what have you.

So, again, our Volunteer Ambulance Corps not only supported the fire in Center Moriches and Westhampton, but they also had the Town of Riverhead covered in case we had just natural accidents and what have you over here. So I would like to give them a round of applause, too."

Councilman Prusinowski: "These are proclamations similar to what we have done before congratulating you with the fine job. I just want to leave with two thoughts. I was over in Westhampton today, one of our clients who advertise with us-- I happened to run into a family and it struck me when I saw the pictures the other day on News 12 of the

helicopter going around when the fire went around a whole subdivision and these people live right on the front line and they were like amazed that they had a house left. And it's a real tribute.

And the other thing is that if anybody was watching the live coverage on TV, the tremendous job that the volunteers did when a hundred foot wall of fire was going-- I think it was Friday afternoon at 3:00. It was about to jump the Sunrise Highway again and these guys drew the line-- literally the sand and fought off tremendous heat and when you go to Westhampton and you see what could have happened, what didn't happen, I think it's just a wonderful, you know, everybody takes the volunteer fire department for granted and like to go to the parades. But really they're professionals who are a very, very important part of our life and I want to personally-- as a Riverhead resident, I'm proud of you guys and you did a great job. And I can tell you, the people who live over there especially are very, very thankful. So, this is-- one is for the Ambulance Corps who did an outstanding job, and I believe this one is for Jamesport and the other Board members-- ."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I have the proclamation for the Riverhead Fire Department. Again, thank you for heeding the call of service and coming to our rescue."

Councilman Creighton: "This is for the Wading River Fire Department and the Wading River Rescue Squad. These are volunteers who literally risked their lives on many occasions during these fires. This was an extremely dangerous fire and there were very many close calls. The ultimate in volunteer service. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "These gentlemen in the volunteer ambulances and all the fire departments are I believe we are all going over to Westhampton and we are going to have one hugh parade, a recognition day of appreciation for all fire departments not only from Suffolk, but from Nassau. It will be one of those fun times again where you'll see the firemen but also a time when we can walk up and personally shake their hands and say thank you. And, again, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart and any time you call for Town support, we will be there."

Also, I'd like to bring to the attention of the audience, sitting at the audience, and I just realized he was here, I had a very unique request, a gentleman who was brought over by Judy (inaudible) Friday

morning of the fires who had lost the house or apartment. The man was on breathing machines and what have you. We did not have any of that service in the Nutrition Center or through the volunteer ambulance. And I would like him to stand up, President Joe Turner of the Central Suffolk Hospital who I immediately called and without even blinking an eyelash, he said, Jim, have you people bring him up and we will take care of him. Four, five hours later when I called back, I said, Joe, everything taken care of? He said, it was taken care of four hours ago. So I thank you, Joe, for the cooperation. Joe worked very closely with us on our disaster preparedness program. I did tell Lt. Hegermiller I thought we had it pretty much covered Saturday morning, that we are going to have to write a new chapter for forest fires because we did not cover forest fires in the disaster plan.

So ladies and gentlemen, that's really the kind of volunteerism and dedicated employees, dedicated community efforts by the hospital and everybody else that we have in the Town of Riverhead. And that's why we live in the great Town of Riverhead. And I thank you for your attention on that.

Now to go to the happier (inaudible) of life-- during the summer we run the swimming programs and at the end of the summer we have swim across events at Iron Pier Beach at Reeves Park. This is where our young swimmers who have just completed the swimming lesson courses actually go out and find pledges to pledge them to see how many laps they can go back and forth across the ropes. And our swimmers in the Town of Riverhead raised \$4,450 for the American Red Cross. And they choose a winner by lottery and that winner tonight was Russell Kratoville, and I think he just came from (inaudible) football practice. So Russell, come on up.

Russell is one of our up and coming NFL stars. We certainly could use a little help over at Giants Stadium. And maybe over at-- so Russell, how many laps did you swim?"

Russell Kratoville: "Four."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Four. They must have been long ones. Okay. Russell's father, Russell, Sr., is standing over here on the side and I'm sure he's very proud. Councilman Creighton asked me a question. You are not going to ride these on the sidewalks, are you? You are not going to ride on the sidewalk? No, that's against the law. So let's

Give a nice round of applause to Russell. Enjoy it and do it safely. Thank you, Russell.

That's it with the festivities. Now let us get to the regular general meeting. So if anybody was here just for the festivities, if you want to leave, we will just take a couple of minutes.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the audience that we have, in fact, received our first bulletins on Hurricane Luis. Through our disaster preparedness program we are now getting them on a daily basis. It says there's no threat to us as yet but they are talking about it hitting the-- our coast sometime tomorrow afternoon and presumably they are talking about Puerto Rico and Florida. I'm going to ask Kimmy to post this out on the outside wall so if anybody wants to read it, they certainly can. And with that, let us open the general meeting.

Is there a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 15th?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, absent; Stark, yes. The minutes are approved.

#### REPORTS:

Riverhead Tax Receiver

Monthly report for August. Total amount collected from Water District, Landfill and Scavenger Waste - \$312,554.27

Town Clerk

Monthly report for August \$11,171.62

Open Bid Report

Two open bid reports: one was for 1995 tractor mowers which was opened on 8/30/95. Two bids were received

from Malvese and Advanced Equipment. They can be seen in the Town Clerk's Office

EMS protective clothing also opened on 8/31/95. Four bids were received from Protect-All Equipment, J & A Uniform Suppliers, All American Awards & Uniforms, and Working Gear

APPLICATIONS:

Special Permit

Knolls of Fox Hill - installation of off premises directional sign

Tanger Properties

Tent sale from September 5th through September 13th in front of Osh Kosh store

Site Plan

From Larry's Lighthouse Marina warehouse in Aquebogue

Vicki Furey-Stacino

Would like to erect a tent for the Barnyard Ball

CORRESPONDENCE:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Reissuance of Regional General Permit

Edward Kemnitzer  
Member CAC

Three letters from him. Copies of the FEIS for Tanger II project were unavailable for public review and he found it difficult to comment without access to this information

Comments that he would like to correct his prior letter to read that his comments do not necessarily represent the opinion of the CAC

	Letter stating comments in regard to Tanger II FEIS
Conservation Advisory Council	The premature acceptance of the FEIS for the Tanger II project is unacceptable as there was not enough time for public comment on a complete DEIS
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Krauza	Commenting on Long Island Lighting Company rates and power alternatives
Catholic Charities	Pleased that Councilwoman Gilliam accepted their invitation to visit senior housing complex
Ronald C. Burke	Letter pertaining to the electrical inspection services in the Town of Riverhead
Patricia Boudrean	Writes in favor of a roller blade rink
Town of Southampton	Notices of adoptions, several adoptions
Town of Southampton	Notice of adoption of a local law
Town of Southold	Notice of enactment
County of Suffolk	Amended zoning ordinances, four of them
George Moravek Robert Arehart	Writes in favor of the water extension on Main Road in Laurel
Peter Danowski, Esq.	Mr. Danowski and his client, Herbert Obser would like to go on record as opposing any change of zone that would eliminate the continuation of the use of his

properties for retail business purposes in the future

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Public Hearing opened: 7:40 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:40 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing for the first 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, September 5, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the amendment of the zoning use district map to provide for the business F zoning use district (manufacturers outlet center overlyay zone) special permit of Stanley K. Tanger and Associates."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Rick, would you like to make a comment briefly describing what this process that we are going through here tonight is?"

Rick Hanley: "Rick Hanley, Planning Director. As the Clerk described the Hearing, Stanley K. Tanger Associates has submitted a special permit and change of zone petition to this Town Board to allow the construction of approximately 5,525 square feet plus or minus manufactures outlet development on real property on Route 58.

The petition was received by the Town Board and it received a positive declaration under the State Environmental Review Act. An EIS was submitted to the Town Board, a Draft EIS was submitted to this Town Board and was accepted. Comments were received on that draft. The applicant responded to those comments and a final Environmental Impact Statement was then adopted by this Board.

The Town ordinance provides for a Public Hearing for both changes of zone and for special permits and the purpose of tonight's hearing is to hear from the public relative to the special permit and change of zone of this petition. There was not a hearing held on the environmental review in particular, so I think it's the attitude of this Board that any comment relative to the special permit which includes enviromental

impacts as well as the change of zone would be appropriate."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Rick. Shep?"

Shep Scheinberg: "Deputy Supervisor Stark, members of the Town Board, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to file at this time with the Town Clerk affidavits of posting signs and affidavits of mailing."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Shep."

Shep Scheinberg: "My name is Shepard Scheinberg. I'm the attorney for Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc., the applicant herein. It is with great pleasure I speak in favor of the pending applications for change of zone and special permit for use of 75 acres of property to be used in conjunction with 525,000 square feet of factory outlet center.

On March 2, 1993, I spoke before you advocating your approval of the change of zone and special permit applications relative to the then proposed Tanger Factory Outlet Center. In your wisdom, you approved same and today the outlet center is reality.

What has the Tanger Factory Outlet Center done for Riverhead? Tanger has brought to the Town of Riverhead more than 6,000,000 shopping visits of which the vast proportion of persons residing outside of the one to five mile radius of the shopper who frequents the Main Street businesses. Tanger has instituted the Tanger News which carries advertisements of businesses in the area and promotes activities available in the area. Millions of shoppers read the Tanger News.

In addition, Tanger prepared and distributed 50,000 maps locating every restaurant in the Town of Riverhead. Tanger has established a directional sign at its exit to inform its customers of the location of downtown. Tanger has cooperated with the Riverhead Trolley Corp. to provide a base from which customers at the center can be transported to the downtown of Riverhead to shop and sightsee. Tanger has donated to a large number of organizations and charities. Tanger has provided employment to over 900 construction workers in connection with the building of the present center. Tanger has provided retail employment to over 700 persons working at the center. Tanger has generated \$8,000,000 in sales taxes. Tanger will in December of this year pay in excess of \$745,000 in local real estate taxes. Much of these taxes are school taxes. Tanger has neither requested nor has been given any tax

reduction inducements to establish a center at Riverhead. Tanger has underwritten the cost of the preparation of the Peconic River Corridor Management Plan relative to removing of the Wild and Scenic Rivers boundary line.

Tanger has provided a variety of merchandise at competitive price in an atmosphere conducive to making the shopping experience more pleasurable. Most important, Tanger has brought to the Town of Riverhead 6,000,000 shoppers. The downtown business community has the opportunity to promote themselves to these potential shoppers to tout their merchandise, competitive price, individualized service and proximity to restaurants and recreational activities.

The downtown business people should be proud of who and what they are and be vocal about it. Downtown looks great with its clean streets and gorgeous flowers.

What will Tanger bring to the Town of Riverhead. Tanger II will bring over 1,000 construction jobs. It will bring an additional 1,200 retail jobs at the completed center. Tanger II will bring an additional ten to twelve million dollars of sales tax revenues, much of which comes to the Town of Riverhead. Tanger II will bring twelve to fifteen million shopping visitors to Riverhead. Tanger II will send a message to Wall Street that Riverhead is business oriented so as to establish credibility with Wall Street to move forward in the underwriting of the Oceanos bonds.

Tanger II will ensure the backing of Tanger to pay for the additional staff support in order to finalize the Peconic River Corridor Management Plan. The completion of the Plan and its acceptance by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation would open up thousands of acres from the Outlet Center to Peconic Avenue for resort and commercial business which in turn would produce thousands of jobs and increase tax revenues.

Tanger II will send a message to the outside world that the Town of Riverhead is the place new business should locate. The approval of Tanger II would deter the expansion of the factor outlet at Bellport and the loss of all of the benefits which I have spelled out which would benefit Riverhead.

It is interesting to note that the Town of Brookhaven has issued a

negative declaration relative to the Bellport expansion project. On the other hand, Riverhead (inaudible) has required Tanger to provide two detailed environmental impact studies. It is further interesting to note that the Wall Street Journal has reported that communities have benefited by the presence of a factory outlet center. And that communities attempt to induce developers of factory outlet centers to establish centers in their town.

As a matter of fact, Tanger was given \$1,000,000 in (inaudible) and other incentives as an inducement to locate its center in Jackson County, Georgia. The Wall Street Journal said for those lucky towns meeting the location test, it is win, win all the way.

There is before you an application for a change of zone and special permit to create a second factory outlet center to be operated in conjunction with the existing center. If the Board approves these applications, the combined centers could be the largest factory outlet center in the world. This center would be most beneficial to the Town of Riverhead. I urge you to approve these applications. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Shep. Let me bring it to the attention of the audience that Resolution 585 does not approve the application of Tanger Factory Outlet Center. It simply approves a tent sale in front of Osh Kosh. So, don't read into that-- that brief description that Madam Clerk has put in there. It's just for a tent sale that they had last year down in the parking lot for excess merchandise."

Councilman Creighton: "And there won't be any vote tonight. Right? On this issue."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No. There is no vote tonight. This is a Public Hearing. If this is misleading and I really didn't want anybody to think that we were going to have a vote on it tonight. Thank you. Shep?"

Shep Scheinberg: "Mr. Stark. May I call upon Jeanine Nebbins, who is the general manager of the factory outlet center?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Certainly. Jeanine, if you would just state your name and address for the record?"

Jeanine Nebbins: "Good evening. My name is Jeanine Nebbins. I'm the general manager of the Tanger Outlet Center in Riverhead. I'd like to make a brief statement about our work within the community. Since opening the doors of our first store on May 26, 1994, Tanger Factory Outlet Center has participated in supporting the community through a wide variety of charitable contributions. They range from parade floats all the way to corporate sponsorship for the Okeanos Ocean Research Facility.

On many occasions our support includes personal involvement with speaking in school programs that foster recognition for superior academic performance, community service and reward championship athletic achievements.

Tanger Factory Outlet Center, Inc. was awarded the excaliber award from the American Cancer Society in recognition for its contribution to breast cancer awareness, Riverhead's contribution was over \$4,000. In addition, as Shep mentioned, we've erected a Visit Downtown sign at the exit of the center and provided the BID with the opportunity to make use of the reverse side of seven sidewalk directory maps to display a three by five foot Welcome to Riverhead display.

Our information center is also instrumental in providing the community with the highly visible and very heavily area to display advertising.

In July, 1995, we launched the Tanger Times, 150,000 copy distribution, a guide that will encourage return visits to the area and most importantly, a very inexpensive vehicle for small businesses and restaurants to advertise their establishment to our six million visitors.

On September 1st, the Riverhead Trolley inaugurated a transportation system that links the downtown Riverhead community with the Outlet Center. We're quite confident that over the coming months that the Riverhead Trolley will establish downtown Riverhead as a tourist destination.

Rather than go through the list of 66 recipients over the course of the past year, I'm proud to say that not only we supported the Riverhead School-- whether it's the high school, the middle school, or the grammar schools, we've also been able to put our support behind just

about every charitable organization that's come in to us and made a request.

This list of 66 organizations is focused on just the immediate Riverhead community. I'd like to point out that over the course of the past year we have supported seven additional Renaissance programs in surrounding school districts. We've made numerous (inaudible) donations to school groups and provided the support necessary to the Rotary inter-act groups to successfully their goal of raising \$4,000 for the Gift of Life program.

In January, 1995, Tanger extended the invitation to participate in a 10% rebate program for all purchases made at the Outlet Center to every school district on the east end of Long Island and I might add that it was a very successful program.

Thank you for your attention."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Jeanine."

Shep Scheinberg: "I would like to introduce to you Dr. Ronald Abrams."

Dr. Ronald Abrams: "I'm Dr. Ron Abrams, the lead consultant for the Tanger Group. And my job is to emphasize the technical aspects of the review process for this project. And tonight we're here to consider an application for using the subject parcel as a tourist destination land use.

The alternative for that land is industrial use. After many months of meeting with the Town and interested parties, we've come to some conclusions we feel are important to highlight here. First, environmentally, tourism use of this land is the kind (inaudible). Certainly, kinder than industrial use and the problems that that particular parcel have experienced over the years in getting development accomplished are evidence to this fact.

Second. Tourism attracts people. We've heard that. We have tons of data showing how many people are coming now to Riverhead. A high percentage of them from greater than 25 miles away. They weren't here before. This leads to commerce and growth and we're seeing it begin in Riverhead.

And, finally, tourism provides the highest ratio of return for the town in terms of what that land can produce. There's a low demand on community services for a high tax revenue and more than that it gives the Town a stronger hand in its negotiations with the County and the State because now Riverhead is really kicking in to the region's tax-- sales tax base.

Objections to this application should be based if they're valid on some useful alternative and in all of our studies we've not yet heard the one useful alternative. In discussing the project with the Townspeople, business people, the BID, the Chamber of Commerce, anybody who has come to us and discussed it, we've heard ideas of things we can do. The first idea that came up was to help the Town end the problem they've had with the State over the Wild Scenic and Recreation Rivers Corridor. So on the basis of support from Mr. Tanger and negotiation with the State, the project has produced a document, a management plan which the Town can use with some more work, of course, to submit a petition to the State to move the WSR line, and I'm not talking about just the site where the project is, but going all the way from the LIE terminus into town. That's a lot of land that really needs redevelopment and new investment and the WSR program has been a deterrent to that.

A second item that was time and again was a transportation link between that end of Town and central Riverhead, and that is now operating and the Tanger Center has been instrumental in giving the (inaudible) for a local company-- I think it's the first home grown system on Long Island that aims to bring people from one part of their Town to another.

The third is that the Tanger Center commit to, and they have done so, participate in an information sharing system. There is a form now that the Center will have. Anybody that applies to rent at the Tanger Center that doesn't meet the criteria, will fill in this form. It will be provided to Town Hall as a clearing house and all realtors and prospective developers can have access to these people who are looking for a place to rent in Riverhead.

And, finally, and this is a new thing that's just begun in the last few days, based on a suggestion made at a BID and Chamber of Commerce discussion with Mr. Tanger, the project team has been authorized to begin the consulting work on a joint marketing program. There was a meeting held at-- with Andrea at Town Hall, staff from the Tanger Center, and a consultant had been engaged to begin this work. It has

begun and the BID and Chamber of Commerce and other business people interested will be hearing from him directly to join this group participation in increasing the marketing effort in Riverhead.

And we really believe that the land use benefits for Riverhead that have come from the Master Plan that Riverhead set up, the zoning opportunity for tourist destination, we see this coming together and we'll be available on a continuing basis to work with the Town towards this end. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Shep, do you have any more speakers?"

Shep Scheinberg: "No."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No? Then I will go to the audience. Shelly?"

Shelly Gordon: "Good evening. My name is Shelly Gordon. I own some property in downtown Riverhead. It's very clear that Tanger II has the potential of devastating downtown Riverhead. In the three years that Tanger was either being built or has been here, although I have six major vacancies, I have not received one request for space. There have been a lot of environmental impact studies done, but what about an economic impact statement? Do we want Riverhead to heaven forbid, look like downtown Bay Shore?"

Right now, one of my major tenants who is probably the major tenant in Riverhead, has told me that they are leaving. And I can't directly attribute their leaving to the Tanger, but that's going to open up another very vast amount of space downtown.

I don't think anyone is against Tanger II. In private meetings with Steve Tanger, who I consider to be a terrific gentleman and really an asset to the Town, I have requested that he take some tangible steps that will improve downtown Riverhead. And thus far, Ron and others have pointed out certain things that were being done but they're more window dressing than tangible things. Steve Tanger can help Okeanos happen by either making a significant pledge towards Okeanos, a bond issue - he would enhance the possibility of the bond issue going forward. By joining the BID, we would increase the marketability of downtown.

I sat here and although I'm not a Riverhead resident, I was very proud to be associated with Riverhead. We have some wonderful people here and the downtown is vital to us. I've seen many towns have shopping centers and centers like Tanger do very well and the downtown has starved and has just fallen apart. We think that we will give Steve Tanger permission, he deserves permission. But he has to do something tangible that will ensure the viability and the continuity of downtown.

None of the things that have done-- that have been done thus far has helped anything. The trolley has come downtown, but there's nothing for the trolley to see other than Okeanos. There are no major restaurants downtown. There are no major businesses running that have opened up in the last five years. Very little has happened. And if we form a partnership, we can enhance the downtown Riverhead and also go forward with Tanger II. But, certainly, we have to ensure the viability of downtown. And thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Shelly. Is there anybody else who would like to-- Joe Turner? Andy, why don't you start making your way up and you will go right after Joe. I didn't mean to put you on the spot before, Joe, but I just recognized you were there. I appreciate the cooperation that you gave us."

Joe Turner: "-- we both know as an aside, we had our disaster plan in effect up at the hospital on that issue for almost 40 hours we took care of most of the firefighters, so we're just quietly off in the corner doing our job. But, thanks, I was glad to help."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We appreciate it."

Joe Turner: "I'm Joe Turner. I'm here this evening representing the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce as a member of its Board of Directors where I hold the office of Second Vice-President. These brief remarks are an expression of the position of the Riverhead Chamber on the proposed rezoning. Our position is one of qualified support for the rezoning along with seven specific actions we believe the Town Board should make a formal part of the resolution, if it's adopted. What I'll do in the interests of time is just summarize our position, but I'll submit a copy for the record."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Do you have that written?"

Joe Turner: "Yes, I do. I have a-- we did approve it at a meeting of our Board the position and the specific text of what I'll leave with you. We approved that at an Executive Committee meeting. And I'll summarize that for you so you can get a flavor of it.

Riverhead Chamber-- but again, it's one of qualified support. The Riverhead Chamber believes that the issue before the Town Board is not the specific rezoning of the Tanger II parcel. The issue is rather how does the specific rezoning of that parcel relate to the overall commercial development plan for the Town. For two decades, the Master Plan of the Town of Riverhead adopted by the Town Board has called for downtown to be the commercial center of Riverhead. And while there's some quotes to that extent from a Master Plan from 1973, I'll just give one here, and this is a quote. In addition to its functioning as a major shopping center-- and this is speaking of downtown-- the Riverhead business center shall be promoted as the economic focus of the office and services businesses for eastern Long Island. That's on page five of that document.

The relationship of the subject parcel in downtown was studied by the Town Board again in 1983 as part of the Master Plan. At that time, in the planning goals, the Town Board restated it wanted to promote downtown as the central business district. That plan called for the instant parcel to be zoned industrial and as an environmental protection area.

In rezoning Tanger I for retail purposes, the Town Board essentially changed the Master Plan. In so doing, it dramatically affected the viability of the downtown business district and the central goal of the Master Plan as it relates to business zoning.

We, at the Chamber, don't view this as Mr. Tanger's fault. The success of phase I of his venture in terms of jobs created, tax revenues, etc., speaks to the basic flaw in the earlier rationale as it related to the western end of 58.

The concern of the Chamber is the effect these changes have had on the downtown business district and the balance of the Master Plan regarding commercial zoning and what changes will the Town Board now make to mitigate any adverse effects. Many of the downtown stores are vacant. Retail space is being replaced with furniture stores, taxi stands, and

social service agencies. Title companies and brokerage houses have moved from downtown to 58. Again, the Chamber does not view the solving of these problems as Mr. Tanger's responsibility. Zoning and planning issues are clearly the responsibility of the Town Board.

Neither does the Chamber say these conditions were caused by the development along Route 58. What the Chamber is saying is the Master Plan was and remains correct. Riverhead needs a viable commercial downtown. The reality is that downtown needs direction and leadership. We believe that direction and leadership must come from the Town Board.

The Chamber notes some improved parking in the Business Improvement District. However, the members of the Chamber in that District pay for many of these improvements themselves. The aquarium is off to an excellent start, but it must develop beyond its present status. These improvements are at risk if the Town Board does not take a true active role in promoting downtown.

Further, it should be noted those members of the Chamber in downtown put their own money and time in this effort every day. It's obvious that the rezoning of Tanger I and now possibly Tanger II has impacted the Master Plan far beyond downtown. Route 58 appears to have become the commercial center of the Town. Given that assumption, how has the Master Plan been changed for Route 58? We believe the Town Board resolution being considered cannot simply grant or not grant the same change to accommodate Mr. Tanger. We believe the resolution must address the effect it will have on all other aspects of zoning and planning that are impacted.

While we believe the development of solutions to be your responsibility, we have taken the liberty of listing seven actions. We ask the Town Board to include in its resolution which we believe would mitigate some of the adverse effects of the proposed rezoning which we believe the Board should approve.

First, pedestrian traffic must be increased. Every commercial area of Town must become user friendly, especially downtown. Public signage must be improved. Private signage must be permitted in a reasonable way. The trolley must be successful, viable and affordable and should receive financial support from the Town.

Second, the Town Board must take the lead in promoting all of

of Riverhead, including Tanger-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "He smiled on that one."

Joe Turner: "-- Route 58, and downtown. We believe the Town Board should create a specific budget line for this expense and carry out an aggressive promotion program in 1996. The Chamber stands ready to work with you in this project.

Third, the Town Board must become a key part of an aggressive marketing plan for all businesses and business spaces in Riverhead. At present, it can take sometimes over one year to process site plans. The Chamber suggests someone in Town Hall be assigned specific responsibility to assist and facilitate businesses wishing to do business in Riverhead. If that requires tax incentives, it must be granted. Sign permits should be approved in days, not months.

Fourth, well thought out development must occur along the river. The river can be an important asset which will draw tourism to downtown.

Fifth, the Town Board should take steps now to clean up the park in all respects.

Sixth, we believe the Town should assume responsibility to restore the Corwin and Benjamin houses and make them a showplace for downtown.

And finally seventh, the Town Board must exercise more leadership over code enforcement. We have members of the Chamber who have complained to us at times that have led us to conclude that at times there's a priority regarding sign installation rather than a correcting of housing violations. We would like to see this trend reversed.

In conclusion, the Riverhead Chamber asks that whatever resolution is adopted by the Board, it specifically acknowledge and define the impact this vote will have on the existing Master Plan and all other land uses affected. The Chamber believes the resolution must both point out specific actions by the Town Board and identify specific agencies to be responsible to implement that in order to mitigate and identify the adverse impacts.

As always, the Riverhead Chamber thanks you for your consideration

of our position which, again, is qualified support for the proposal. And I'll give you a complete copy of the (inaudible). Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Joe. Andy? I'm sorry, I was looking for you. I lost you in the crowd."

Andy Acard: "Good evening Town Board members, fellow merchants and members of the community. My name is Andrew Acard, President of the Riverhead Merchants Association. My Association's main purpose is in serving the downtown business community and to preserve the downtown area as the centerpiece for the Town of Riverhead. We are currently 27 members strong and we are a (inaudible) funded organization."

Recently, we learned that the Tanger Corporation has filed papers requesting a change of zone for the adjacent property to where they are currently located. The object of this change, as we all know, is to expand the current Outlet facility. Mr. Tanger can be quote as saying that he wants this facility to be the single largest outlet center in the world.

We, the Merchants Association, after voting almost unanimously last week, are against the proposed expansion for the following reasons.

Number one. Since the initial mall was completed, we cannot find a single retailer other than restaurants that point to an increase in business as a result. For the most part, just the opposite is true.

Number two. Mr. Tanger other than verbally telling us has supplied no data regarding either the economic impact of phase I much less phase II. It is amazing that if Mr. Tanger has his way, over \$80,000,000 will have been invested in Riverhead with no data concerning the economic impact that this will have on the surrounding community.

Number three. We feel that the overall economic impact of having over 150 outlet stores two miles from downtown will have a tremendous negative impact. It should also be noted at this time that the local environmental groups are not in favor of this project and that the DEC has requested more time before rendering its decision on the impact of the proposed expansion.

We realize that Mr. Tanger has done-- is doing certain things on his own volition to help the Town of Riverhead. However, given the size

of his investment in this community and the needs of the merchants that were already here for many, many years, we do not feel it is enough.

For this reason we are almost forced into voting no. We respectfully request that the Town Board do the same. At the rate of speed at which this is moving is astounding. We need to step back, and stop for a minute and examine what is really happening.

Yes, the trolley has finally arrived. Yes, the preview center is up and running. But before the expansion of a major retail center can be approved, the Town of Riverhead should provide for those of us that have been paying your taxes for the last 30 or 40 years. By this I mean that the Town Board should do something to make sure that the Phase II of the aquarium gets the shovel in the ground before Tanger gets his shovel in the ground.

The Town Board should insist on economic data that show absolutely one way or the other what exactly the economic impact of the outlet center has been and will be. Without this, if the Town Board votes to approve the change in zone and gives the Tanger Corporation a green light, it is acting without forethought towards its impact on downtown Riverhead. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Andy. Kenny, way in the back."

Ken Tuthill: "My name is Ken Tuthill, a Calverton resident and businessman. I would like to read an open letter to the Town Board members and it goes as follows:

Although I am co-chair of the Calverton Study Hamlet Task Force, I emphasize that these opinions are mine and not the Hamlet Study Task Force.

As a businessman, I feel that the first phase of Tanger Mall has enhanced our community as a whole. The tourist influx into our Town has had a positive effect on many other businesses in our community. The creation of additional jobs, even low paying jobs, has had the effect of taking kids off the street and putting them to work. I read this letter to my daughter before coming here this evening and she stated that she knows at least one student that works in each and every store over at Tanger Mall. Also, the tax revenues for the Town are a fact that cannot be denied. Most of all, the beauty of a large new

complex at the end of the Long Island Expressway is an impressive welcome mat for the Town of Riverhead.

With all of these benefits, there are also some pitfalls. Ideally, we would like to see the creation of higher paying job opportunities for our residents. Of course, everyone would like less congestion on our roads. Maybe in time higher paying jobs and better traffic flow will present itself. But right now, we would like to see the flourishing of Main Street so it does not falter.

Life is a balance of all things. Balance is the key word on how Riverhead should plan its future development.

With this in mind, I would applaud the approval of Tanger II as long as the developers look at the big picture of our Town. When projects of this size are completed within our Town, the project owners, in essence, have to become part of this community.

The Tanger project, because of its enormity, will have the effect of shifting the Town's identity from one area to another. If this occurs, it could devastate the Main Street community, which has taken more than its share of lumps.

Mr. Tanger, correction... our new community member, should make the commitment to assign senior staff members to work in unison with the Town not only on getting their project through the bureaucracy, but also on how to best maintain our Town's heritage and visions. Every Town needs an active Main Street. Main Street's menu of retail might have to change to survive. Main Street may become a mecca of art emporiums, specialty shops, boutiques and eateries of the riverfront. Regardless, Mr. Tanger has the grand opportunity to accomplish his agenda and with minimal effort, he can accomplish the Town's agenda of keeping Main Street alive and well. Through this partnership, he can write the book titled "The Welcome Mat" with the first chapter devoted to "The Partnership: A Guide to minimizing impact and casualties." Who knows, it may become a standard for Towns across the nation to live by.

I look forward to seeing the expansion of Tanger Mall. I think it is one hell of a drawing card in our deck and there will be more to come. Balancing this expansion with the Main Street communities survival is an obligation that developers and town planners share and I believe that this can be accomplished. By approving Phase II, our

welcome mat just became bigger and isn't promoting Riverhead really what it's all about?

Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. If you would like to hand that to Barbara, it might help us when we transcribe the notes of tonight. We'll kind of go from left to right and work around. Barry, you want to say something tonight? I thought maybe that's why you were heading towards up."

Barry Barth: "The microphone was up high, so I figured I might as well take-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Maybe you're strong enough to move it up a little higher. The man is strong. That's all them pill bottles you've been opening."

Barry Barth: "My name is Barry Barth. I'm President of the Riverhead Business Improvement District Management Association."

The Board of Directors of the Riverhead Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed application for rezoning before the Town Board this evening.

As you are well aware of, but for those who may not know, the BID was involved and made comment on the first application for the change of zone necessary prior to Phase I of the Tanger Factory Outlet. The BID has been represented at the scoping hearing for the environmental impact statement. The BID has reviewed and provided commentary and opinion to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and finally the BID was reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Additionally members of the Executive Board have meet with Mr. Steven Tanger personally. We have, as I am sure this Town Board has, carefully considered what is before us tonight both in the short term and in the long term.

The BID was cautiously optimistic in their support of Phase I. Clearly many of our expectations were not realized. Increased traffic, occupancy of available retail space, new opportunities for restaurants in the district, and probably the most disheartening was the delay in

the bonding necessary for the Okeanos Ocean Research Aquarium. The members of this Town Board have acted with courage and vision in realizing that which must be done and that which could be done to comply with the 1973 master plan which calls for "the Riverhead Business Center to be promoted as the economic focus of the office and services business for eastern Long Island." The purchase of the Rimland Building, the purchase and restoration of the Suffolk Theater, the extensive lighting and parking improvements, and finally the outright purchase of the property and lease agreement with Okeanos to allow the first phase to open have clearly shown that this Town Board is doing all that's possible to promote Riverhead. With each opportunity, this Board has taken an affirmative action. I do not think anyone can say that this Town Board has not done it's darndest to revitalize downtown Riverhead.

The BID has also invested in the Town's future with the funds and energy necessary to provide meaningful insight to our potential as represented by the Yeiser and Tczasik report, to develop a master plan with a vision for the next 20 years, and finally to recommend the guidelines necessary for phased implementation of improvements as they apply to parking, signage, pedestrian traffic, beautification and vehicular movement. Clearly we all have made an investment.

Before us tonight is another investor in Riverhead. This is probably the single largest investment in Riverhead in our history. Is there a risk with this investment? Clearly Mr. Tanger would have us believe this is another "win win situation". He would have us believe that this extraordinary financial investment alone will secure the viability of all of Riverhead. I wonder if this is true? I wonder if the designation of the 1973 master plan which called our downtown Riverhead as the commercial center of Riverhead would continue without some extraordinary commitment from all of us.

Therefore, the BID board is recommending the following:

1. The Town Board and the Tanger organization continue to work on securing relief and revision under the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers program as it pertains to the corridor along Route 25 from the RIE to Main Street. This is the entrance . . . the front door to Riverhead and surely does not reflect favorably on our Town.

2. That a portion of the monies collected from the property taxes on Tanger Phase I and II be combined with funds of the BID and other

Interested agencies to be matched with funds from the Tanger Outlet for a joint marketing effort for all of Riverhead. We have many groups working and spending funds to promote various interests within the Town BID, Chamber, Merchants, Attraction Group, Polish Town, Townscape, Hallowville, and the Wine Council it is our recommendation that a professionally coordinated marketing program would go a long way in promoting Riverhead as a tourist destination.

3. Lastly, the Okeanos Aquarium is paramount to the revitalization effort in the BID. This Aquarium will not only put Riverhead as the leader in economic growth for the Northeast, but it will provide the necessary traffic generator for the downtown business district. Ultimately as the factory outlet concept weakens the Aquarium will play a major role in drawing families to this area. A commitment of one million dollars over five years would go a long way in showing that Tanger is here to stay and is not only investing in Riverhead, but is making an investment in our future.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Barry. Barry, if you could let Barbara have that, I would appreciate it."

Bill McNamara: "My name is Bill McNamara, one of the partners in the Ramada Inn, East End, on Route 25. We purchased the Ramada last year basically on the heels on the Tanger groundbreaking. And I can tell that it was probably the most important reason for us in purchasing the hotel and also spending a significant amount in renovating it.

There is no question given our location that business has been great. Business from Tanger has been great. Tanger I has been great to Ramada, and we're sure that Tanger II will be great to the Ramada. But I think what's most important is that a 365 day tourist attraction like the outlet center could spawn further hotel development in Riverhead. And I think there's no question that that is going to increase the tax base, it's going to have facilities for people to stay over when they are shopping at Tanger, visting the wineries, going to the beaches, doing all the things that people like to do when they come out to the east end."

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

Joe Koslowe: "Hello, my name is Joe Kosloe. I'm with (inaudible), and we employ generally 100 to 150 (inaudible). We are employing now a handful at the moment. Long Island is in a depression as far as the construction industry is concerned. I came here tonight with not much of an idea of what to say, but I hope that the mall goes because if the mall goes there's work for the carpenters, there's work for the electricians, the concrete men, the steel men.

We won't have a town-- I live in Massapequa. I don't live in Riverhead. My wife comes to Tanger Mall to go shopping. We don't support the mall (inaudible) but we come and spend our few dollars. If we don't have a mall going up here, it will be another indication of why my son is thinking of moving to North Carolina, our foremen are thinking of moving down south. We have got guys who are trying to figure out how they are going to make a living.

I came here with no idea of what to say. The gentleman in front of me was talking about building more hotels. I certainly hope so, so my family can stay living near me. Riverhead is more than a town that you people run, that you people live in. It's probably the first place in the last 15 or 20 years on Long Island that's starting to grow and have died. The last thing that we need is not something that doesn't fit in with a plan that might be 20 or 25 years old.

If Mr. Tanger decides to pick up and leave-- I don't know what he wants to do. How do we explain to our own families that we just missed a major, major opportunity for livelihood? This mall will only last a year or two in construction. But that year or two keeps the people here viable, paying taxes and not having more houses up for sale. There are houses up for sale all over Long Island. I'm not telling you anything that you don't know as well as I do. But I am hoping that the mall passes because there's work for another 1,000 guys for another year or two. That supplies a lot of bread on the table. That's all I can say."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Mike Crons: "Hi. I'm Mike Crons. I have a store on Main Street in Riverhead. I will try to make it short and to the point."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Do you want to name what store it is?"

Mike Crons: "Oh, MJ Sporting Outlet. First thing I want to say-- was to answer to the fact that downtown merchants basically in the beginning-- a majority of the people were in favor of the first Tanger, and merchants came out for Tanger, first phase. I bet you if we had talked about this first 90 stores with the first with the first phase that came, that outlet mall wouldn't be there today. We would never have gotten 160 or whatever 70 stores passed from the beginning. And that's why this is a very genius step of how this is being done. And it's typically done all over. This is the process of how it starts small, get our feet in the door and we expand. And everybody knows that's how it works.

And the main question, of course, is does Riverhead need another 90 stores? And I think the place to start is to ask the people who live in Riverhead. And I've been asking people who live in Riverhead and I'll tell you out of the majority of the people who live here, and I don't live here, I own a business here, I pay taxes for the business that way. The people who live in Riverhead that I've talked to, the people who shop at Tanger, I shop at Tanger. The first phase of the outlet mall is fine. They don't want part two. And that I think is the good place to start and it's a good thing and I don't mean this sarcastically, that this is happening around election time. So the people can get out their voice to let the people who are running know exactly how they feel.

All right. First on the list is Tanger basically the way it's set up know can't even handle the traffic the way it's set up. I don't know anybody who has tried to get out of that mall, it is the joke in town and, God forbid, if there's a problem there. And everybody knows that. That's number one.

The boom to downtown from Tanger, which we were promised, has never happened. And not only because the merchants haven't tried. And that's the typical thing. Well, the merchants haven't tried to change or they haven't promoted. I have personally taken out in Mr. Tanger's (inaudible) because I do support the first one. And I can't really say, but I have seen a small increase, but from what the tradeoff is once we start losing stores and I won't go into the stores if Tanger II opens, the tradeoff is not worth it.

(inaudible) were promised when the outlet mall opened that these would be outlet stores. We all know and we've all talked about it that

they are not all outlet stores. They are what we call a broad range of what we want to call an outlet store. Anything if it's approved in the future, and I believe that this (inaudible) but it should have been, this has to be in writing, not promises. We've had enough of promises. And anybody who goes into that outlet center, it should be a pure outlet not a jewelry store that we get who knows where. And you know the list on from there.

The thing that probably irks me the most about Tanger, the one thing about the Phase I, is that even-- the key to success between Tanger and downtown originally always was, the restaurants will be downtown, Tanger won't have any food, this is how we are going to do it and I'll tell you the first six weeks or eight weeks, I don't remember exactly, when Tanger opened originally, there was some spillover onto Main Street. I saw bags from Liz Clairbourn and Vilella Shoes and at Wezeys. All on the same street at the same time. Then because I guess we didn't have it in writing, now there's a food court and that food court now eliminates the need for people who really want to come and have lunch, to come downtown if you really want to. The other way, forced people not just to go downtown to go to Route 58 and all the other businesses. And I think this Tanger Part II goes far beyond Main Street in Riverhead, including Route 58 and all the shopping centers.

And I went through the list and I won't-- I'll make it short, but go through all the shopping center, plazas you have on Route 58 now, and tell me how many have been rented since Tanger opened. There hasn't been a new store open in Riverhead other than it replaced an old one, any other (inaudible) store that's been empty has been filled.

Now, the other thing is, of course, a lot of people supported the first phase and thought well, if it doesn't come to Riverhead, it's going to go to another town and we won't get the taxes. We heard that one, too. Okay. All right. That if Tanger didn't come to Riverhead, it would go to another town and Riverhead would lose the tax base which, of course, is very important especially with Grumman and we all know that. But the thought-- I've kind of heard this little things tonight, well, you know, Tanger is not going anywhere if this Part II doesn't come. That outlet mall is not closing. But they wouldn't be asking for another 90 stores if it wasn't doing well. So, there has to be kind of a, you know, really we have to sit and look at this realistically.

I would like to tell Mr. Tanger-- I would like to tell the Town

Board to tell Mr. Tanger that they would love to give him a zone change on any project that he puts in anywhere downtown Riverhead.

And I think that's the thing here. That he's not going to want a parcel that's set up where he can just walk in right now and-- he needs a zone change. And I think that's where the Town Board has to act and say no, we've had enough at least for now. And let's see where it goes. And I think anybody who has a store on Main Street or is a resident of Riverhead realizes that if there is Tanger II and this is the one where everybody gets mad at me when I say it-- there won't be no more downtown. At least not as you know it. If you want ice cream parlors and that's all you want on Main Street, that's fine. And I don't believe that there's a person who lives in Riverhead that can really-- who lives here-- can say that Tanger II is going to help Riverhead as a whole. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Bill Knapp: "Thank you. I'm Bill Knapp, one of the principals of Swezeys. We've been in downtown Riverhead for 25 years and we've had our ups and we've had our downs. We have not had a down ever like we had when Tanger opened up Phase I. And I'm not one who's afraid of competition when it's anywhere near me. But it's very hard for a downtown merchant to compete against discounters two miles away, especially when it has been noted there's food, there's every level of service that at the Tanger Outlet."

A vote for Tanger II will in effect be a vote for replacing the current downtown with the new downtown at the end of the Expressway. I would just like to mention that Swezeys is not the tenant that Shelly was referring to before who has given him notice, but we would find it very difficult to maintain our relationship with Riverhead in the event of a doubling of the size of the Tanger Outlet."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Pat?"

Pat Frankenbach: "Pat Frankenbach. I own a business downtown and I'm also a resident in Town and I'm probably one of the smallest merchants on Main Street and I'm here to say that I am vehemently against the development of the second phase of Tanger for various reasons."

First of all, as Michael said before, we were pretty much black-

ailed into Phase I, no matter what anyone wants to say. We heard over and over again, he'll go to Flanders; he'll go to Brookhaven, and if we don't have him here, we'll have no tax dollars. And it's inevitable so just, you know, lay there and take it. Basically I've heard that on this one, too, and I'm not quite sure why.

I've heard from some of my esteemed colleagues this is inevitable, this is inevitable, this is inevitable. And I think that's very wrong. I think when someone comes into the Town with this amount of money, that's wonderful, but if he's buying influence-- and I'm not saying he is, but I have a real problem with everyone for the last few months just saying this is inevitable and everybody should just lay there and take it.

I think it's kind of fortuitous that the trolley started Friday, five days before this hearing and all the problems in the world, this trolley could have been started a long time ago and for the last two days, the trolleys have been running empty.

A couple of things. First of all, Jeanine listed this very long list of things that they supported. Well, the merchants downtown and the merchants throughout the Town of Riverhead have supported these charities long before Tanger was even a name of any of our lists. I really object to her puffing out her chest because I've never come to this microphone and puffed out mine, when I have people walking into my store for contributions on a weekly, if not daily, basis. And I have a little store and I don't do millions of dollars and I support them the best way I can.

The other thing is I think we have-- one of the biggest problems on Long Island is that was mentioned before, is the fact that industrial space has been running away from us-- industrial businesses have been running away from us in an alarming level. And throughout Long Island retail development has been trying to take the place tax dollar wise of this industrial development and I don't believe that Bellport will not go ahead with their expansion. I do not believe that Islip-- they have an outlet center proposed for Sunrise Highway-- will not approve that either because they're looking for the same tax dollars that Riverhead is looking for.

At one point or another, the money is going to run out. I go shopping for my son for school-- for back to school clothes. I spend the same amount whether there's five stores or whether there's 90 stores.

the problem is when you spend it in those 90 stores, those other five stores don't get the business.

Lake George has an enormous, enormous concentration of outlet centers. They don't have the largest single outlet center but they have outlet center upon outlet center upon outlet center. And when you walk the main street, you have T-shirt shops and ice cream parlor, T-shirt shop and ice cream parlor. None of these are visited by local people-- most of the local people shop out of town. I don't want to see this happen to Riverhead.

I bought a house here because I love it here. I'm on more boards and committees than you can count on and all of you know that and I truly believe deep in my soul that this would be the worst thing that could happen to Riverhead. Not only will we lose what we have downtown, we have every-- I would say without exception, the strip malls on Route 58 have a minimum of one vacancy, several of them have several vacancies. We have pieces-- parcels of property up there that could bring in another K-Mart or Wal-Mart without needing to have the approval of this Town Board because that's what they're already zoned for.

I think that we've come to the point where enough retail development is enough. And unless we pay attention to what's already here, we're going to find downtown back in the 70's with stores boarded up, crime raging, with people not wanting to walk downtown. We have gotten -- we have struggled, we have struggled and basically you're just going to kick the rug out from under us. And I for one will not roll over and let this man scratch my belly. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Joe."

Joe Ingegno: "I'm Joe Ingegno. I've lived in Riverhead for 25 years. About 22 years ago, Jim, your wife, Lana (inaudible), myself, Bob Tooker, sat down to many committee meetings talking about how we were going to save downtown Riverhead. Twenty-two years we've been talking about how we're going to save downtown Riverhead. How we're going to stop the shops from leaving downtown Riverhead. Most of Riverhead over the last 20 years, a good portion of the stores in downtown Riverhead have been vacant. There's been spurts where more have been used, and where many less were used.

I don't think this problem of vacancies downtown has come about

in the last two years thanks to Mr. Tanger. It's been an evolving process over the last 25 years. When I moved here there were department stores-- many department stores on Main Street. Lentin's, Meyer's, Simlands, Swezeys. Most of them are gone and Tanger wasn't here then.

Route 58 wasn't developed then when those stores left. I don't think-- it was developed some, but no where near to what it is now. The Tanger Outlet Center, I think, is Riverhead's last best hope to save downtown. He has brought five to six million people here, three miles from Town. Downtown has to bring them the last three miles. I get stopped on Sundays when I'm tending the flower boxes with Jack with people saying-- that go to Okeanos, where do we go? Everything is closed. There's nothing open. Where do I get lunch? Where do I eat? How do I get here?

There is no-- you go down on a Sunday you'll see tourists walking around there that you've never saw before, but there's no place for them to go. I think if downtown wants to save itself, it has to readjust to the changing people that come downtown. You're not going to get the people coming downtown from the housing developments looking to buy everyday necessities anymore. Because the stores in most cases aren't there to buy those necessities anymore. They're on 58. So, there's no reason in most cases for the local residents to shop downtown except for a specific item. If you want to window shop, you shop in one store, then you go by 10 empty stores, then you get to another store. It's not what makes it conducive for walking downtown and window shopping. And this has happened before Mr. Tanger came to Town.

When your children and my children were in high school and in college looking for summer jobs, they either had to work in the family business or I called you or you called me. You hire my kid, I'll hire yours. Now there's places for them to work. Sure they're not high paying jobs, but when my kid makes \$150 a week at Tanger or whatever else, what do they do with it? They buy clothes for school. They go down and buy ice cream. They go and buy sneakers for themselves. So the money trickles down.

When housewives or househusbands want extra jobs or extra money, sure they work their regular job and maybe on weekends they will work there and sure they're not going to make a tremendous amount of money but it's spending money. It's that little extra that gets put in their pocket that they can spend on some extras. They can take their wife or

husband out to dinner one night where they couldn't before. I think the Town of Riverhead is going to change. Years ago we used to beg, how can we get tourists to stop here as they drove by to Southold and Southampton. Now that they've stopped, we want to kick them out again. We don't want them to go, you know. We're fighting the man that's bringing the tourists to Town and a few years ago we were begging tourists to come to Town.

I think what has to happen is there has to be a partnership between Tanger and downtown but I think you can't look to Mr. Tanger to be the wherewithal of changing and solving all of downtown's problems. He's here, he pays taxes. Everybody says, oh, well, Grumman left. The high power jobs. There is no more Grumman. It's not coming back. That's reality. Mr. Tanger is here, he's paying taxes, he's doing a clean job. He's putting Riverhead on the map because when people talk to people now, sure they say they're going to Tanger in Riverhead. At least it puts Riverhead in their head and they start thinking about this area. And I think it would be a shame to not approve or help him along, the Tanger II. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Joe."

John Swezey: "My name is John Swezey, President of Swezey's Department Store. And I guess I would just urge the Board caution in making this decision. We've been in downtown for 25 years. We've been successful in downtown for 25 years. The Outlet Center has had a significant impact on our business and we have been forced to lay off employees."

In retail today on Long Island, anybody that's in the business knows that this is a zero sum game. Tanger has done a lot of business. It's come out of Swezey's hide; it's come out of the hide of other people downtown. It's come out of the north fork; it's come out of the south fork; it's come out of Smithaven; it's come out of western Suffolk County. It is true that many of the cars do come from out of Town. I would say 95% of them come from Long Island. To say that six million people went to Tanger, I think is absurd. There's only three million people, I think, on the whole Island, three to four. I don't think everybody's been there yet and certainly not more than everybody on Long Island have been to Tanger.

I think the thing that-- where I urge caution is some of the things

they said they were going to do in Tanger I has not happened. Number one, they said it was going to be strictly an outlet mall. Well, it isn't. There are general retailers there. They call themselves factory outlet. We could call ourselves a factory outlet. It is not a factory outlet, a manufacturer run operation.

And number two, when they originally opened, they said there would be no food court. There's a food court. And the food court has as stated before made a significant difference in the amount of people that come to downtown Riverhead.

We are not opposed to a Tanger II but we say that caution should be observed. Like it was said, we all need to adjust. Retail is changing and we will change to adapt to what's going on but I think we need to go slow. Tanger is a new entity out here and I think that perhaps you might consider (inaudible) for a while before you let them become the biggest outlet center in the world. Thanks a lot."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Carol?"

Carol Kemperman: "Hi. My name is Carol Kemperman. I'm from the Village Crossroads in Calverton. And I just would like to say that before Tanger Outlet came to Town, we did have a good business but now it's much greater than it ever was. We had a seasonal business and we hired a lot of summer help to get us through the business that was seasonal and we looked (inaudible) to having them go back to school in September because we worry that we were going to have too much of a staff on, I don't like to lay off people.

Since Tanger Outlet came into Town, we have had to hire more and more people. I have more and more chefs in my kitchen and we had to make a few changes because we were open for dinner at 4:00. We found that a lot of people coming out of the outlet center or passing us by didn't want dinner. They wanted something lighter after shopping all day or whatever. So we decided to make a choice. Should we change and get increased business and we feel that we have and I's just like to go on record saying that we're for Tanger Outlet Center II. I'm sorry that it's hurt a lot of other people as it seems here tonight, but it's helped us tremendously and I think it's been a great addition to the town. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Carol. Yes, sir?"

Dan Sergie: "My name is Dan Sergie and I'm a contractor. I'm talking on behalf of the Tanger Outlet addition. As you can certainly be assured that the second phase will surely enhance and increase the many benefits brought about by Phase I. It's definitely an infusion into your economy that will create jobs and tax contributions and eventually raise the quality of life of all Riverhead residents.

I have some other things to say but after listening here, I think what people are looking for, to rebuild a downtown on somebody else. I've seen Bay Shore go down. I've seen Hempstead go down. I don't think there's a Tanger Mall in Hempstead. There's none in Bay Shore. These things happen through people's own adversity and lack of intuition as to what's happening.

In my business, I'm a contractor, and I did mainly owner buildings. As you are very well aware of, owner builders stopped building. So some four or five years ago, I had a large decision to make. What do I do? Do I just stop doing the business? Or do I change? Do I become a contractual contractor?

The same thing with these people. Maybe they have to change the type of stores that they are in. They are complaining about Tanger is ruining their Town. This Town has been this way for years and years. I don't see Tanger as being anything more than an asset to Riverhead.

I also-- I feel that you must allow this project to proceed to its fullest application and also to be assured of the quality of the Center and the great deal of concern and consideration to all local factors which have been and will continue to be expressed by the Tanger organization. Don't fall into the trap of denial as a few of the other townships that we are very well aware of have and deprive yourself of advancements and ultimate prosperity through growth and competition. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Yes, sir?"

David Osborne: "Excuse me. My name is David Osborne and I work at the Factory Outlet Center as a manager for one of these stores. Excuse me. In answer to some of the things that I've heard here tonight, I find a little distressing to think that Tanger itself has not done its fair share to the population. I for one live in the Town of Riverhead, and have for the last three years. Prior to working in Tanger,

I have worked in Nassau. So I find it to be convenient to work right around the corner (inaudible) go to work in 10 minutes.

I've listened to a lot of people that commented on this. Okay. Some people are saying, well, you know, three million people. It's got to be more. There is a lot more. People from New York City, people from Connecticut, people from Massachusetts. A lot of people don't know that Riverhead exists.

I send people to Swezey's; I send people to Village Crossroads; I send people all over the place because they want to know where they can get a pair of slippers, where they can get this, where they can get that. I think that it's not Tanger's responsibility to do all of the major footwork in Riverhead because I for one have been to Riverhead prior to working at Tanger, prior to Tanger even being there to go shopping, and I can't do my shopping in Riverhead. I find it to be (inaudible) when I've taken my three year old or my twins or my nine year old down the street and have to look at boarded up buildings, how to deal with the situation as it exists in front of the park.

Those are issues that you guys need to deal with. As far as the merchants in the Town, I think that I for one can speak for myself, Tanger, and probably a lot of the other store managers in Tanger, will do our best to promote downtown as long as we get some cooperation. The Village Crossroads has given me brochures to promote their lunches. So I hand them out. I have no problem with anybody in the Town of Riverhead coming into my store and saying can you help us out? Can you do this? Can you do that? Because it's a working relationship.

I also think that it's not Mr. Tanger's responsibility to do everything that has to be done in Riverhead. He can't do everything unless we get joint cooperation. People cannot get out of the center. Somebody can't put a traffic light there to direct them in the direction of Riverhead Town. People can't make lefts; they can't make rights. They can't get into the Center for 20 minutes. You can't come up through Town. You can't get off the Expressway. This should be a concern of the Town Board. If we want to direct you to go into the Town of Riverhead, then we need to have something put there to put them into the Town of Riverhead. When they get to Riverhead, then you guys need to let people put their sales and their specials out. I heard Swezey's make a comment. With the shuttle bus that runs back and forth, they should put an advertisement on the side of the bus. People get the name

Swezey's. People know the name Swezey's. People say, Oh, yes, I've been there. I forgot they had slippers, or I forgot they had this, or I forgot they had that.

Everybody kind of has to work together because as a joint venture we could do very well. A lot of people that come into my store, local and people from a long distance, don't know that Riverhead exists. That's really the bottom line. Somehow we need to tell them come and shop in Riverhead. Come and eat there. Numerous people don't know about the cruises. And that's a nice way to spend a Sunday. That's a nice way to spend a Saturday.

That's not part of Tanger. That's part of you guys. So I think as Chamber merchants, as business organizers and everybody together needs to get together and do something on their part to have a joint venture with us. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Michael?"

Michael Jacobek: "Good evening. My name is Michael Jacobek. I've lived in Baiting Hollow for the last 24 years. I have two restaurants in Town and what I mean by in Town is I am not on Main Street; I'm on the inner part of Town. One is on Pulaski Street, the other is on Griffing Avenue. And I also am a partner in the Riverboats downtown.

Since Tanger has come into effect, where my restaurants are located, I'm not on the main thoroughfare. It has helped me out fantastic. We went from 35 employees between the two restaurants; we now have 47 employees. About 90% of my employees are Riverhead residents. And I support Tanger II.

Just one more thing that I think the people in the Town may not be aware of, this gentleman who spoke a few moments ago, I came from a Town where my family lived for 106 years. The downtown part of that is not there any longer and the reason for that was one, the downtown merchants gave us; two, the local political end of it didn't do anything. That's not the case in Riverhead. A lot of people are unaware of the efforts of the Chamber, the BID, people like Tanger. I have to (inaudible) for the riverboats. That's not happening to Riverhead. You're looking at a gentleman who moved out of this Town. My family lived there 100-- over 100 years. Literally Main Street is not there any longer. The people didn't care.

There's a lot of arguments in Town about this, about that, bing, bing, bing. The political end of our Town, our Town Board, the people in Town have owned stores, the people who live here are actually fighting for survival, and they are surviving. You need the gentlemen, the situation like Mr. Tanger. I'm a product where nobody cared. I moved out of my home town. I came here. I'm living here 24 years. My children are not going to move out of this town. They have their own roots here and I intend to improve my stores. I intend to go along with the Tanger Outlet, do the best I can. They have given me plenty of lunches, plenty of dinners. My riverboats have people coming down there now just to look at them. They book parties. They come on for lunch.

The main thing here though is a lot of people in this room can't realize until you come from like what that gentleman said, up the island, where nobody cares, that's not the point here. There's a lot going on in this Town which is positive and that positive happens to help all the citizens in this Town. It's tough to look at it right now and difficult to see it, we all have our problems with each other and this and that, but the Town is on its way.

I support Tanger II. I support my Town Board. And I support my Town and I think Tanger II is a super start for us. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Michael."

Jim Golden: "My name is Jim Golden. I'm a lifelong resident of Riverhead. I know most of the Town Board and the people here. I'd just like to say that those last three gentlemen are-- they sound like they know what they're talking about and I agree with them. They are right. Riverhead Village needs to change. We've got to bring business down here say like an amusement park, or more food stores. That way you'll keep the village going because you get the overflow from Tanger, I'm sure. And give the trolleys a change. There are people who will start getting on the trolleys if they're advertised. Riverhead has got to advertise more. Somehow. And bring the business from Tanger down here.

So I think it's really going to do Riverhead a lot of good and besides that, is the tax thing. As a taxpayer, I know we're going to be burdened with a lot of heavy taxes because of the need for more schools. And Tanger will help with that. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. I am going to call for a 10 minute recess. Let everybody kind of stretch themselves because the chairs are nice and tight. Visit the men's and ladies room, what have you. We will reconvene at 9:10."

Recess

Public Hearing reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 9:15 has arrived and we will continue the Public Hearing. Is there anybody else at this particular time that would like to comment? Yes, Mr. Miller."

Jim Miller: "My name is Jim Miller and I'm the Vice-Chairman of National Response Corporation and a principal of the (inaudible) Environmental Group and a partner in the Peconic River Cruises. I think Tanger Mall is a benefit to the community as it expanded tax base and I think it will enhance an interest in the entire Riverhead area.

We presently employ 165 people here and they're all jobs that can support families. I think some of the people that are going to be employed at Tanger can also have a higher standard of living. I certainly encourage the Town Board to support Tanger. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Mr. Miller. Chip?"

Chip Cleary: "Hi. Good evening, Town Board members and Deputy Supervisor, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Chip Cleary. I'm from Splish-Splash water park. Six years ago, the winds of change blew us into the Town of Riverhead and the Town of Riverhead opened its arms and embraced us. The winds of change have been blowing a lot in this town the last few years and I don't think anybody, including myself, would have ever suspected Grumman would have left so quickly and so unceremoniously as they have. The winds of change are very painful, extremely painful, it was extremely for our company when we split in two from Adventureland and Splish-Splash. Very difficult. Family members were broken up. We came out east here with half of our crew, the other half stayed at Adventureland.

These winds of change come; these winds of change go. If we don't take advantage of the strong winds of change to help our Town, some day

in the future the winds will have changed other things, maybe not for the better and we are going to be very unhappy. I would like to express my deep regret for the people who are being hurt along the way as the winds of change blow, but I think for us to ignore them and to stick our head in the sand at this point would be not what the Town of Riverhead is going to be in the future and not as a tourist Town. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Chip. Is there anybody else who would like to speak on this? Yes, Bill. Well, we'll take Irwin first. And, Bill, you can start wandering over. Yes, sir. I'll go there, there, and then over to Bill. Thank you. Irwin. Congratulations on the settlement of your strike."

Irwin Garsten: "Well, thank you, Mr. Supervisor. I earned it. Is this on?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're being recorded."

Irwin Garsten: "I think I've earned the right to come up here and speak, too. I've been in Town for well, this is my 39th year, no, no, no, 36th, 36th year. I've served the Town-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Irwin, if you would speak towards us because that other one has to record your statement. Thank you."

Irwin Garsten: "Okay. I've served the Town in many capacities. I've been President of the Chamber, Chairman of the Hospital. I've served on a lot of commissions for the Town. I see a lot of changes occur, some good, some bad. But the change that's occurring now, as Chip said, is probably the most important this Town has ever witnessed. There's a change in the way we merchandise and the Tanger Center epitomizes that change. And if we don't face that, we're in trouble. But I don't think we are because we already have Tanger here and we're now contemplating Tanger II. And it's important that we look at this in a positive light. Yes, we are going to displace some people. Yes, it's going to hurt a little bit, but in the long run this Town is going to benefit greatly."

Somebody said that we have about 35% of our properties here in the Town off the tax rolls and that's cemetery property, Wildwood State Park, the various farm programs, Calverton in itself, and many other pieces of property. We can't afford not to have additional tax base.

And Tanger II represents additional tax base.

Now it hasn't benefited me particularly at this particular time as an automobile dealer and I don't think any of the automobile dealers have benefited yet. However, we'd be foolish not to think that in the long run it will not. It's going to bring additional jobs. That, in turn, is going to raise the buying power in Town, which in turn is probably going to enable me to maybe put on another technician. Maybe another salesman. And that, in turn, is going to be more meaningful to somebody else.

It's a pyramid. One piece grow on top of the other. I ask that you consider Tanger II in a positive vein. It's a great thing for this Town. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Yes, sir?"

Bill Tufano: "I'm Bill Tufano, and I've been a resident of Mattituck for 38 years and I have a home in Huntington. I'm a taxpayer here in the Town of Riverhead.

I came to this meeting here tonight-- I had been a businessman myself. I sympathize with the 27 or 30 odd business people that were here tonight boo-hooing. Whatever happened to free enterprise? I got out of my business because I saw that they weren't allowing mechanical work be done and they were turning gas stations into convenience stores and we couldn't make a profit that way, so we got out. I came here and I invested in Riverhead.

Now, all I hear tonight, and all you people before me are going to have to make a decision. Are you going to make your decision based on the 30 people in Town who are boo-hooing about their business, that I'm being told by some of these people who have been here before me that the Town has been on its way out back then.

The other word we have here tonight besides free enterprise is blackmail. Why is everything that these business people asking for being attached and asked for in consideration for the approval of this pending outlet? The other word is Southold. Do you want another McDonald fiasco? This is what you are going to have.

Now what I say is when you people make your decision, you're going

to have to think of the taxpayers, not the 30 odd business people. And I feel sorry for them. But what they are going to have to do is get up and move. I'm for Tanger."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Oh, Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. Let me at the outset make it clear-- perfectly clear, that I'm not in Riverhead to do business. I'm in Riverhead to live here. When one of the gentlemen got up and said that the quality of life has got to be improved, hey, this man doesn't think much of us. I waited until now to speak to see who else besides people that are influenced by making more money to talk about Tanger II. Nobody has yet has got up to say the conditions, the atmosphere, the environment. All for their own personal (inaudible).

And then to have men get up and say well, that's too bad. These people have got to get hurt. That's the last straw. If you believe that you can go home and ask yourself, what the hell did I go there for? And if you could come up with some other answer besides making money or more money or the price of your investments increasing, then you better face yourself in the mirror the next morning.

I remember quite well, sometimes my memory is my enemy because I remember too well, the things that Tanger once said at a public hearing as to how they are going to do good for the Town, for the Township, for the people that live here. They went on and on to tell us what good they're going to do for us.

Now, all of a sudden, they found that they could get things done their way in Riverhead and they are going to reach further. Well, I have nothing to lose to say that you people were either lying then or are lying now. And I'm inclined to believe that they are lying now. They are not interested in the Town. They are interested in their pocket. And you are elected-- are our elected officials have got to carry that in front of you at all times especially this being an election year when we are looking closer as to the honesty and integrity of the candidates. That we, the people, depend on your conduct and your intelligence and above all the people that you represent that vote for you. If you get sold by this bill of goods for Tanger II, you are not representing the people that live here. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Yes, sir. Pat, yes, you were up first. Come up Pat. Ed, just move up a little bit closer."

Patricia Berman: "Good evening Town Board, Mr. Stark. I'm Patricia Berman. I'm the Executive Director of the East End Arts Council located in the heart of downtown Riverhead on Main Street. I stand here today as one of the agencies or charities alluded to when Jeanine spoke about Tanger's contributions to the vitality of this community. And I view Tanger as our new friend because I do acknowledge their contribution to our recent music festival. However, I stand with my neighbors, my old friends, the other merchants on Main Street, the Swezey Department Stores, the Vilella Shoe Store, the Barth Drug Store, Southampton Uniform. A number of stores that have been our supporters for a number of years.

And I feel that we have to look towards this and I think the Arts Council is the perfect example of what could happen with partnership and cooperation in this Town in that I do feel that both the Tanger Outlet is an entity and as the individual stores can work together with the downtown area to capture our dream. A dream that you as the Town Board have been so visionary in wanting to create. From the (inaudible) we had hopes to have Tanger to our west and Okeanos to our east and have the development in our two and a half mile corridor be full of vitality, commerce and vigor.

The acquisition of the Suffolk Theater we hope to reclaim tonight and I urge all of the parties involved, the Town, the merchants and Tanger to look towards our dream of creating a whole Riverhead that will be vital for everybody involved.

And I also have a small gift of thanks to the Town from the Arts Council which I would like to present. It's a beautiful print. I know I'm out of order. I'm sorry. I would like to present it to the Town for their unwavering support of our activities and I thank you very much for your time."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Pat. If you would just bring that here to the Town Clerk. That's very appropriate starting to kick off our fall festival. Thank you, Pat, and we appreciate that very much. Ed. I'll get you next, sir."

Ed Kemnitzer: "Good evening. Ed-- it's still evening, that's

good. Unlike those that have spoken before me, I will not express an opinion for or against Tanger II. But let the record show, my wife's against it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Would you please state your name and address for the record, please?"

Ed Kemnitzer: "Certainly. Ed Kemnitzer, Riverhead. I must ask the indulgence of those present to listen to my concerns about the State environmental quality review process for this applicant and the interpretation of the on site (inaudible) study. I will read comments submitted previously to the Town Board and to the New York State Environmental Conservation.

The record should show that I by no means am opposed to the construction of Tanger II. In addressing my concerns about the SEQRA process and the interpretation of (inaudible) study funded by the applicant, I have been repeatedly misinterpreted as expressing an opposition to the mall. This couldn't be further from the truth. There are others, all of those who spoke tonight, BID for example, Chamber of Commerce, who are far more qualified and far more impacted by the economic implications of the Tanger II extension.

I leave the discussion of economic issue to these knowledgeable groups. Likewise, I am unable to evaluate the desires of our community in total. Do the benefits, tax base, jobs, outweigh the drawbacks? Traffic, pollution, stores downtown. I presume the Town Board is our elected representatives and as evidenced by their strong support of this project, our competent citizenry is for the mall.

Due to the large scale and implications of this project, I would have preferred if permissible public referendum to determine our wishes. Given a mall extension, I have been an advocate of transfer of development rights for this site as the only viable option. The site presents insurmountable problems for both the developer and the DEC otherwise. This site incidentally has a long track record because of the (inaudible) that's present there.

I am here to review-- to discuss, two aspects of the project. The State environmental quality review process and the applicant funded salamander (phonetic) study. And actually when we get to the salamander study, I'm going to ask for a show of hands and if less than three

people put up their hands I probably will not go into that.

The SEQRA process was designed to permit the public, you and I, to be involved in the determination of its environmental legacy. What kind of a Town will Riverhead be tomorrow? The SEQRA process for Tanger II sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the process. By incorporating mitigation measures in the final environmental impact statement based on newly completed research, the public's ability to comment on the mitigation measures is severely hampered. Comments made here are not the same as comments made on the DEIS, the draft.

Although the applicant obtained DEC approval to perform the study and stated in the draft environmental impact statement, the ecological management plan would incorporate the study data, it is unreasonable to presume this meets the intent of SEQRA to permit the public opportunity to comment.

Ancillary comments presented here need not be responded to by the lead agency and the SEQRA record has required the substance of comments on the DEIS. Mr. Hanley, of the Planning Department, has argued there was a discussion of the salamander in the DEIS. This was a general discussion of former DEC requirements and hyperbole regarding the merits and sophistication of the study. In fact, the worst case scenario in terms of habitat destruction was not presented.

To require comment on hypothetical outcomes of a study is an absurd request. If the results show "A", I recommend "B". If the results show "C", I recommend "D". This would go on ad infinitum. In fact, in an analogy might be a chess game in which (inaudible) is running all the time while whites only runs when it is his move. Black is required to spend time and energy on moves that will not happen. On which of the hundreds of possible moves should he spend the most time?

I have maintained that the only appropriate treatment of the salamander data and its implications to the (inaudible) of the supplementary EIS. The lead agency should require it and if they don't the DEC should require it following the filing of findings by the lead agency. It is not enough to say the DEC will incorporate the study results in its findings and issue a wetlands permit. The issue is the right of the public, you and I, to appropriately engage in the SEQRA and the public's entitlement to adequate response as provided. I will continue to make this point with the DEC.

And now I get to the salamander study and I asked unfortunately for the show of hands. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Ed Kemnitzer: "I'm a man of my word."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes, sir. George."

Andy McDowell: "My name is Andy McDowell. And I own commercial property in Riverhead for the last 27 years. I'm also an electrical contractor and I was the electrical contractor on Tanger I. And for that project, I employed approximately 75 electricians, all of whom are residents of Suffolk County. Most of who were residents of the east end. The foreman on the project was a native resident, he was born and raised in East Quogue and all of them are taxpayers in Suffolk County and the east end towns.

I totally and wholeheartedly support the Tanger project. I think it will be good for Riverhead and I think it will be good for the tax base of Riverhead. And for the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Can I take a poll, George? If less than three hands go up, you stay down. Okay, come on up, George. Come on up. I just thought I'd lighten the crowd up a little bit in here."

George Schmelzer: "Did you ever get any taxes paid by a salamander? (inaudible) salamander rights, too? Richard Amper, he's so (inaudible) about this fire, he said now that you renew the forest. I have to ask him how many salamanders got roasted? Take the salamanders out of there, bring them to the burned area (inaudible). That guy's pretty nutty-- not this fellow, but-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "George, George-- "

George Schmelzer: "-- maybe he lit those fires. I wouldn't be surprised."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "George, George."

George Schmelzer: "What?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We are talking about this particular project, please."

George Schmelzer: "Well, you let him talk about salamanders, didn't you? Isn't that about this project?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "George."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You know what I'm talking about."

George Schmelzer: "Yes. You know what I'm talking about, too."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You know what I'm talking about. Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Wait a minute."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No, I'm just saying thank you for returning to the top."

George Schmelzer: "Now you threw me off, now I'll waste more time now. Let's go back to the 13 Colonies when they had (inaudible). They had (inaudible) and industry and as more states got admitted, it loused up the business and industry here and people went further west and a lot of people (inaudible). Now we had the duck farms here and the duck farms went out now you guys on the Town Board won't let these former duck farmers do anything. The land's (inaudible) could have high priced houses. No, you don't do it. Look at the-- look at Vic's grandfather's farm. It still sits there in weeds. That's an example of what you do. That's brains. Yes. So, potato farms went out because of competition. Do you expect this land here to sit there, do nothing with it, just collect taxes or maybe the Town will take it over and you'll get no taxes? That's what you want? Let the Town downtown correct their own things but don't saddle them with all kinds of crazy zoning requirements. Get rid of some of the nonsense. Let them be free to improve themselves. And sure we have competition. The duck farmers compete with themselves; so do the potato farmers. So do gas stations. So do fishermen. Everything. So, you can't stop-- that's

not right.

I sympathize with downtown, but leave them alone, free them up a little bit, let them make changes that will help them. And we don't need any more controls. Get rid of some of your controls and don't worry about any salamanders."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "I'm surprised things are that nutty."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Do you really mean that?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes, I do. You did us a disfavor on that applause, you know. We're trying to discourage him. Yes, Lou?"

Lou Passintino: "Lou Passintino, Wading River. A couple of things. I was just making some notes while sitting in the audience, pros and cons. One thing is that it's big business as versus small businesses. Small businesses have been around Town, they've moved to 58, they've moved all around. I think they have made some changes. They may have to make more serious changes coming up.

Tanger I has affected some businesses positively, some negatively. These outlets now already have changed the habits of Riverhead and east end residents as far as how they shop. Main Street, 58, or the Outlet Center. Where will they spend their money when the children go to school?

Another question I have here is the trolley. I notice that it is running now. I understand that there is a nominal fee that is placed on it and what guarantees will there be that the trolley will be profitable, support itself, and if it doesn't work, what will that impact be on the downtown businesses, whether they be restaurants or Swezey's? I feel that that is a key point there that if the trolley should fail, what will that mean to the downtown? Will it cause to people to come-- to get into their car after coming out of the outlet center, and say I will go to a good restaurant downtown. Or I will go to the paddleboats. All those cars downtown will cause havoc.

Another thing is that there was no appreciable objection to Tanger I. Although there was a lot of controversy, there was not a big movement to say no Tanger I, but-- because I was sitting here at many of the meetings and I didn't see this support now to say at least let's question it. I see that Tanger I did do some great things for the Town. Tanger II might just be letting (inaudible).

A couple of other things are traffic. If Tanger I, Tanger II, the raceway and Polish Fair were all happening on one day, and we had an emergency in Town, I don't know that the way it's set up now, people will be able to gain entrance-- emergency vehicles in and out of Town. I'd just like to see those concerns addressed in SEQRA because I know it takes care of all impacts on the Town, whether it be environmental, economic or in this case, maybe a safety."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else? I'm going to ask the Board without objection when we finish all of the comments that are presently here tonight, that we leave this Public Hearing open until September 15th, closing of business day. That will be a Friday, for any written comments that may wanted to be further sent in to the Board. With that, Vinnie-- "

Councilman Creighton: "I believe the DEC has asked us to keep it open for two or three more weeks for comment also."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "That's a separate issue though. That's in the DEIS."

Vinnie Villela: "Thank you. The reason why the merchants are against Phase II-- first of all let me get back to a little history. Before Phase I, because we were promised certain things that never came about. Okay. That's the reason why we're against Phase II. Okeanos is not on line yet and that was supposed to be the anchor for the other end of downtown. We don't have that yet. And I think that's where the priority should be. I'm not saying we're against Phase II at this time. I think it should just be down the road until we take care of our priorities which the Town Board agreed on on Phase I. Okeanos should be number one. I don't know, you know, what's going on now. Is-- we need help with Okeanos. Okeanos is the anchor for downtown and that's what is going to save downtown and make us change our stores.

We all have our plans (inaudible) to change our goods and change

the stores. We can't do that now unless we have Okeanos on line. We need an anchor down the other end of Main Street. If we don't have that, you can't get six, ten million people to come downtown. There's nothing there to come downtown to.

There should be because we've got a beautiful downtown. We are just not acting in our priorities and that's why I'm asking the Town Board. A lot of people have been coming in and asking us, can't it be a referendum and let the people in the Town vote on this if they want it or not. Not the handful of people that are in here in Town Hall tonight. Now, can there be a referendum? Because that's a question that a lot of people are asking. Yes or no? November. Excuse me? I didn't hear it."

Councilman Prusinowski: "There's no provisions in the law. I know in this Town we've had a non-binding pseudo referendum years ago on the Jamesport power plants, but the question was phrased to comply with the law and it might be too late to put it on the machines.

Quite frankly, I think, Vinnie, that that's what we're elected for. I think that the referendum stops right up here. I see Rob's in the back and when he was on the Board with me, he had a great saying. It's either yes or no. That's what we're paid for. And I get around Town enough to know a lot of people give us input and that's why you have Town Board members to represent and reflect the concerns of the public and I know during the Pine Barrens we got deluged with letters and comments and I'm sure we will on this. And that's the purpose of the Public Hearing.

As far as Okeanos goes, I think we have a huge success. We have over 26,000 people have gone through that, and I know it's a very beginning, primitive type of operation. But, you know something? I think we've got a lot downtown. We have a major department store. We have Sears, who may have given notice-- "

Vinnie Villela: "We had Sears until Black & Decker goes up there."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes. And that's something that we have to address. You have Woolworth's. You have the Ben Franklin that just opened up and is doing very well. We need more mixture of retail and other types of interesting stores and I think that's going to come. And I think we're in a transition."

Vinnie Villela: "Vic, you know, developers aren't coming here yet until Okeanos is taken care of."

Councilman Prusinowski: "That's correct."

Vinnie Villela: "You know that. And there's a handful of us that met at these meetings that we had and the rest of the people who are here, they don't know really what happened in Phase I."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Vinnie, you've got to talk to us because the other one is recording."

Vinnie Villella: "Okay. All right. I don't know if I said we were either lied to or it got stalled or whatever, we didn't get what we asked for and now that's why we're against Phase II. And it's as simple as that. But, you're right, Vic, it is up to the four of you to vote on that and I'm glad to see that's the way it should be. But I was just curious-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's possible and I'm saying we had one many years ago and it was-- in fact, Allen's out in the hall waiting for his Public Hearing, and he's the one that-- his Town Board at that time, it was about the Jamesport Nuclear Power Plant and I think it was phrased with something to do with buying-- bonding the property to buy the property to purchase it or something. And that, by the way, was overwhelmingly voted to oppose the Jamesport Nuclear Power Plant if I remember was like four to one."

But, something like this, that's what we're elected to do. The buck stops here and I think during the campaign people are going to be asking these questions and I'm going to have to make a decision based on what I think is in the best interests of the Town."

Vinnie Villella: "Well before the Town Board does make their decision, I'd just like to, you know, see-- make sure that things are on line before you go ahead with this. I don't see why they have to have it right a way. There should be a time limit. Things should be done in a business like manner not rushing it through. That's not business. So, if we have to meet with these people, with the Town Board, and with the merchants, that's the way it should be done. Not the way it has been done."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I think planning is balance and that you don't want to do one-- something for the benefit of one particular part of Town to the detriment of some other part of the Town. That's why I thought the balance-- it was good to have the Okeanos. I knew we needed a balance. It's like residential zoning. We can't survive in this Town with residential zoning because no matter what we do commercially, the school district taxes will outpace whatever we try to do here. You have to have a balance there, too.

Yes, and that's part of the change of zone. This is not something that Mr. Tanger's entitled to. This is a change of zone, something that it's up to the Board to grant and we have to outweigh the benefits to the Town and to the-- and will it benefit the Town, and those factors have to be weighed. But in part of that process, that's when the Board using its authority under State law, can negotiate conditions of a change of zone, especially in the site plan review process. And that's something that we tried to do in Phase I and I think what I've been hearing is that some of the things that we did in Phase I either were misunderstood or didn't turn out the way that some people thought they were going to turn out, and certainly those issues are-- should be on the table for Phase I.

What's not reasonable is Mr. Tanger going downtown and renting stores for some of the-- okay-- "

Vinnie Villela: "We don't want him downtown."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, well, that's some of the things that I hear and I think that's-- "

Vinnie Villela: "He has a lot of expertise that we could use-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Sure, right, stuff like that I think is way beyond-- "

Vinnie Villela: "We don't want his money, we just want his expertise, because all the other downtowns that did very well that were by his outlets, the traffic had to go through downtown to get to his outlets, that's not the case here. It's just the opposite. And that's why we haven't benefited from this."

Councilman Prusinowski: "That's why we are going to have a

discussion about it."

Vinnie Villella: "And the other thing is that somewhere down the road, build up the tax base for the Town, it should be put in place but it's not the time now and that's what we're against because downtown is really hurting, the quality of life will be hurt unless you have Okeanos. That should be your number one priority.

Number two should be Grummans. Bring in \$15, \$20 an hour jobs. Five or six dollar jobs and 60% to 70% of them don't even live in the Town of Riverhead. It's not helping us. It's helping the tax base. Yes. But it's not helping the people really in the Town of Riverhead. That's all I have to say."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Vinnie."

Councilman Creighton: "Jim, may I comment about the Okeanos thing? Vinnie, on the priority for Okeanos, I happen to agree with you on that and I just want to say that because the attendance at Okeanos in its current form is at least twice what we expected, the financials on it are better than were expected, and, secondly, you know, we did go out and attempt to bond for the full scale world class aquarium. And, unfortunately, it was an extremely bad time in the market. That's changed considerably since then and at that time when we did agree to guarantee bonds, it not only required a four vote majority on the Town Board to do it, it also carries with it a referendum, a permissive referendum whereby 400 signatures on petitions could require it to be put on the ballot. So there is a form of referendum but you've got to get there through the bond process.

I think the conditions are much better now than we expected six months ago for the possibility of going forward in the marketplace for the full scale world class aquarium and I believe that the Town, our staff, is, in fact, working in that direction. If it's at all possible, we will have ground broken on that facility even before or concurrently with any Tanger II."

Vinnie Villella: "I hope it's before. Then I would feel more comfortable."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Market has got to be right, Okeanos has to be able to bond themselves with all the help that we can give them

through the Town of Riverhead. We certainly made that commitment on the first bond issue. We will certainly make that commitment on the second one. So it is a priority for us to have a key anchor store at the other end and that's the way we're headed. Thank you, Vinnie. Yes, ma'am?"

Kim Laviglio: "My name is Kim Laviglio and I am an employee of the Tanger Outlet Center. I have a few things to point out tonight. I didn't come here with the intention of speaking, I came here with the intention of listening but I wanted to say that I was hired part time in April for the Tanger Outlet Centers. By May, my graduation date, I had full time employment job. I probably wouldn't have had it they weren't there.

If there's one thing that I learned in college, it was that location, location, location is everything and I feel that a lot of people here are saying that Tanger did not follow through on promises to bring people downtown. I, myself, knowing from an entrepreneurial spirit, if you think that my clock has not been ticking about the future of Riverhead, you are wrong. At the present state, would I ever consider bringing a business downtown? No. And I think that we have had, I'm on the front line of customer service there at Tanger. I hear people coming in daily, constantly, all day long, how do I get to Okeanos? Where do I go to eat? Is the food court the only thing you have here?

We send people constantly into Riverhead. I'm on the phone all day long with giving directions from Southampton. They have to drive through half of Main Street to get back down to the Outlet Center. I believe that if you have people driving by a place that isn't prosperous, they are not going to stop. I don't think that we have the answer for downtown.

I've been a resident of the east end of Long Island for 16 years. Downtown is not where I had shopped before the Outlets or after. And another thing that I did here was that, you know, things are happening too quickly with Tanger. I feel that speed is not the question here. I feel that the quality of business is the question and if you are doing something properly, in the right way, who is to question how long it takes? I feel in my heart of hearts that this is a good thing for the east end. I have people who are being employed. It's not just five or six dollars an hour jobs. These are jobs that are paying people

benefits. These are giving people opportunity to grow with the corporations. I think to cast that aside is wrong. We have high school kids to post college graduates that are having a reason to stay in Riverhead. They're having a reason to live here, to rent a place.

Tanger should not be asked to solve the problems of downtown. We are doing our best to send people there. Okeanos has been doing great. People are going down there. But as far as the speed and crime. I heard something about crime being in the future if we expand the Outlet Center. We bring quality shoppers to the Outlet Center. A lot of you have been there already and know the price and it's not a K-Mart or anything like that. We're bringing people from Southampton. We're bringing people from New York City, from Connecticut, all over, that are coming here and shopping and spending their money.

A lot of them are going downtown. I understand that there's growing pains, but a metamorphosis like this is going to take time and it's going to take change and change does hurt. Nobody is saying that it doesn't. Nobody was promising that no one would get hurt. And I think that's been true from day one of business. And I just came up here to voice my opinion and say that we are doing our best. I am in that office. We are doing our best to send people downtown and I live here. I've lived in Riverhead. I've lived here for 16 years and we do care and it's not all about the money in our (inaudible) statement at Tanger.

We are there to not only do business but to serve the community, to the people around us, and I just felt that I had to stand up and say a couple of things because I believe in my heart that this will be a good thing."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Billy."

Bill Talmage: "I'm Bill Talmage and I'm proud to say that I've lived in Riverhead longer than Irwin Garsten, 38 years. I am a real estate consultant for Tanger and also President of the Riverhead Trolley Corp."

It's harsh reality time, folks. Every town on Long Island, every downtown is faced with the same problem. There is no middle ground. You will either go the route of Bay Shore, Freeport, or you will go the way of Port Jefferson, Sag Harbor, etc. Retail in downtown areas is

done. The battle was lost in the late 60's. The supermarkets and strip malls. The only places that haven't fallen down dead yet, just haven't, and it's going to happen. And Sears moving out is proof in point. Sears is not competing with the outlet center. Those people from Riverhead who go to Sears know that the stuff for sale from Sears is not the stuff for sale at the outlet center. Sears is leaving because Sears is leaving anyway. And that to me proves my point. You've got to do something different. It's going to happen.

We're not hearing-- nobody is saying here-- the merchants who are coming up here saying this is going to hurt us. I'm not hearing anybody saying I'm guaranteeing that I'm going to stay in Riverhead and I'm going to expand and I'm going to invest in Riverhead if you turn down Tanger II. I haven't heard that once. What we have heard is that Tanger is willing to come in and invest \$15,000,000 in this town.

I wrote down here food, food, food, food. That's the thing. People don't like the food court. We are-- we've been up spending a lot of time at the outlet center getting the trolleys up. And we are hearing from people that they-- the food court is fine for something quick, but that's not really what they want. And people are saying, there's a town here? We thought Riverhead was a place at the end of the expressway.

We've got to get the message out to them that there are restaurants. We don't need a mall for those people to come downtown. The one gentleman is exactly right. If we have 6,000,000 million people drive their cars downtown, we'll have a nightmare. That's the reason why it doesn't work to put an outlet center in downtown."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "They can ride the trolley though."

Bill Talmage: "They can ride the trolley. Realistically though, the trolley is a symbol. How many people is the trolley going to bring? It's an important symbol. It's important for advertising, but end of commercials."

Taxes. In the paper last week it said that they are anticipating a school tax increase of 58% in the next five years. We cannot afford a 58% increase in our school taxes. I have a house up on Sound Avenue. I mean that would be absolutely ridiculous. Yet we are getting residential development, affordable housing moved in on the Southampton

side of the river, approved by Southampton Town, and guess what? In our school district. We get to pay for it. I don't hear anybody from downtown saying that they're promising to pay those taxes. Somebody's got to. The residential, the senior citizens, the people in this Town who have businesses can't afford anymore. We need some new business. Tanger did not put one kid in the public school system. Tanger I and Tanger II will pay more property taxes than Grumman did in its heyday. That's important stuff.

Some people have said, hey, let's have high paying industrial jobs. Grumman would be better. If I was given a choice for this Town between Grumman in its heyday and Tanger I and Tanger II put together, I'd take Grumman, guess what folks? That's not the choice we have. The choice we have is Grumman has left and we need jobs and we need tax base. Badly.

Got to caution about delay. Got to talk about delay. Okeanos has been slowed down because of the bond market and a lot of the other things. None of that was Tanger's fault. Tanger did not come here and promise Okeanos. Somewhere along the line that got interpreted. I'm not sure where that happened. But Tanger never promises Okeanos. Okeanos was a done deal before Tanger ever came here. Because the word was out.

I think Okeanos-- I'm banking heavily on Okeanos. I mean obviously we spent money on trolley cars. I think it will go. But I think the most powerful thing that could happen for Riverhead and I know the way investment bankers think on Wall Street, is the guy who just invested \$30,000,000 in this town now wants to come back and invest \$15,000,000 more. Investment bankers, that speaks their language. That's the most powerful thing that can happen to help Okeanos. It's very, very important.

Delay. We have to be careful about delay. Other towns want these shoppers. Bellport gave a negative declaration of environmental impact on that center."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Can I just say one thing? Don't say that anymore because I spoke to the Planning Department of Brookhaven. They neg dec'd it with about \$15,000,000 mitigation measures. They have to put a walkway over Sunrise Highway. Also, on the delay, the Town, on Phase I and Splish-Splash, moved expeditiously and we are-- I

believe in moving these permits through the process and following the law and Steve's getting that. Delay here is not going to be from the Town of Riverhead if at all. It's going to be from the Department of Environmental Conservation. It's something I told Steve a long time ago on Phase I. He was very fortunate because he chose to move north of the line. As you know we have-- they already asked for another two week delay.

I think the questions that are for the Town Board, which are the political ones, whether or not we should approve this zone, have to be based solely on the merits of what is good for the Town. The permit process is going to proceed at the same pace no matter what."

Bill Talmage: "Well, let me clarify. I'm not advocating cutting any corners in the permit process whatsoever."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right. No, I'm not either. I'm just trying to say that just so it's not the wrong impression out there."

Bill Talmage: "I am saying that I would be sick if we delayed and then said o'kay, now we're ready-- delayed beyond the permit process-- and when we decided we were ready, the opportunity wasn't there anymore, and we ended up with a 58% increase in our taxes. That I couldn't deal with."

I believe we've got to market Riverhead together. I do believe that these people at the outlet center can be drawn downtown. I believe we have excellent restaurants downtown. Food is an answer, because if we get the people out of their cars, we can sell them stuff. But we've got-- somebody made the point of all the different marketing organizations that exist in Riverhead, the attractions Council, the Chamber, the merchants and the BID, and I go to many of the meetings of all these organizations and it would be wonderful if we could pull it all together and work together instead of all pulling in separate directions. And maybe that's the thing, that if that comes out of this meeting more than anything else it would be great because we believe that the people are going to come downtown. We believe we can get them to come down and spend money and we put our money where our mouth is. We've invested money in trolleys.

I take exception to the statement that it is gratuitous, that the trolleys opened up just a couple of days ago. If people had seen how

hard we were working, we actually bought trolley cars before we even knew we were going to have permits to operate them and took a heck of a chance and we're doing the best we can. But I strongly advise that we've got to-- this Town Board has done a great job so far in taking us on the right path towards a Sag Harbor and Northport, Port Jefferson thing instead of East Patchogue, Bay Shore situation. And I think we could change tracks in a hurry if we're not careful and I want to advise again, you have my strong support for Tanger. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else? Yes, sir? Remembering that again without objection of the Board, that we will leave the public comment period open to the closing day, Friday, the 15th of October-- September."

Douglas Gill: "My name is Douglas Gill and I'm a resident of Aquebogue. I'm the general manager of News Review and Marketing Director for the Tanger East End Times. I'm here to urge that we approve Tanger II but when we do that, we do it with marked sensitivity to the needs of the businesses that do exist downtown. All the town merchants associations, the Chamber all have done a very good job downtown and I hope that we can continue to support them, especially after Tanger II (inaudible)."

The reasons I support this obviously the tax base. I happen to know in my own personal life both my nephews and my niece have found employment at Tanger and that was employment that they probably would not have found elsewhere. Thank you for your time."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Steve?"

Steve Tanger: "My name is Steve Tanger. Before I start my remarks, I also would like to offer my thanks, heartfelt thanks, to the members of the volunteer fire department and the police department on all of the east end. As many of you know, I am a homeowner and proud to be here."

Acting Supervisor Stark, members of the Board. I appreciate the opportunity to address you this evening. I want you to know after sitting here for a couple of hours and listening to your constituents and our shoppers and neighbors, that I am committed to a number of things. First, I am committed to the concept of a partnership. Since the first day I appeared before you and since the first day we started

our business in the Town of Riverhead, we have extended our hand in fellowship and friendship to the residents of Riverhead, to the community of Riverhead at large, to the charitable organizations, and the many different civic organizations. And we have extended our hand in friendship and in fellowship to the downtown merchants. And it is our intention to continue the way we operate our business. We do not intend to become an island out on the Long Island Expressway.

Second, I am committed to creating jobs. That's the essence of economic development. I came before you and asked for the right to-- or asked for the ability to invest \$30,000,000 into your community without asking for anything in return. Many of my fellow developers on Long Island said I set a bad precedent here. Because it ruined their gravy train that they had established over many years of going to communities and getting all sorts of good financial inducements to bring their business, their industry to Town.

We pay our own bills. We built a very successful business and we have created jobs which was our original mission. We are proud of the fact that today we are one of the largest employers in the Town of Riverhead and I am here before you today to continue that commitment and ask you to allow me to try and become the largest employer in the Town of Riverhead.

I am committed to the concept of increasing tax revenue for the citizens of Riverhead, not their tax bill, but their tax revenue. We have the opportunity, a unique opportunity, to become the largest single real estate taxpayer in the Town of Riverhead, and the largest single sales tax revenue generator in the Town of Riverhead, and probably one of the largest on the eastern end of Long Island.

I am committed to the concept of the joint marketing campaign to tell the people of Long Island and the people of Connecticut and the people of New York and the people of New Jersey, the wonderful attractions that are located in the Town of Riverhead. For those of you who were at the meeting that I attended with the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District, I think you will remember that it was my idea to create this joint marketing council to work hand in hand as partners to create the advertising-- to wrap around the advertising that the Tanger Mall does.

We have offered our hand in fellowship and our expertise to show

you the way we've done it in other communities similar to Riverhead. We are not creating something that's unique. We will help you structure something that's been successful.

We are committed to marketing the restaurants in Town. We showed that commitment in the beginning where we had-- where the Chamber of Commerce had produced a map showing the downtown Riverhead streets and every restaurant in downtown Riverhead. And we, at our expense, published 50,000 of those maps, distributed them in our shopping center, free of charge.

The single largest complaint that we get from our shoppers is the lack of food. I want to be very clear. We expect to get 5,000,000 visitors, 5,000,000 shopping visits, not 5,000,000 people. We have car counters on site and we are prepared to verify those numbers.

There is no way that a 100 seat restaurant can feed 5,000,000 visitors. We are sending people downtown by giving them maps of local restaurants and by allowing the trolley to take people off our property and move them around Riverhead. And you have heard from several restaurants, both close by and in downtown, not on Main Street, that have progressively gone after and gotten the business. And that's the American way. That's what makes this country great.

We are committed to the success of the trolley company. We have offered and allowed the trolley to stop on our property. That in itself may not sound very interesting to you on the Town Board or to you in the audience. But I can assure you as a retail shopping center developer, that I know of no other retail developer that will allow someone to come onto their property and to take their shoppers in a bus off their property. If anything, we try to keep people on our property and become (inaudible). But that's not the way we do business.

We support the trolley. We think that it is an essential long term link of the many tourist attractions in the Riverhead community. We've heard about Okeanos. We've heard about Splish-Splash. You've heard about our property. But there are also vineyards and bed and breakfasts and many other tourist attractions that people should and will patronize.

We are committed to the survival and the success of downtown Riverhead. We are not (inaudible). When we decided to come to Riverhead,

we did not look at the demographic profile, (inaudible) in a one, three and five mile loop around our site. We estimate that approximately 5% of our shoppers come from within five miles of the shopping center. That means we're bringing 95% of the 5,000,000 visits from outside five miles or people that may not have come to Riverhead previously. And most of them have not. But they come back. Time and time again.

We would encourage downtown Riverhead to form a partnership with us and extend their hand to us as we have extended our hand to them. I happen to have grown up in North Carolina and they have a nice little cozy expression that goes something like this. You've got to shoot while the ducks are flying. If there are people walking on the streets and the tourists walking around downtown, you might want to consider keeping your stores open later at night. Or you might want to consider keeping your stores open on Sunday or when the traffic is there. And give them a reason to shop.

We are committed to the River corridor plan. We feel that this is an essential element in the success of downtown Riverhead. It will create a gateway to downtown. It will free up thousands of acres that need to be redeveloped. It will give entrepreneurs and developers the ability to create more jobs which helps every business in Riverhead.

We are committed to Okeanos. I have worked with Wall Street. As many of you know, I run a New York Stock Exchange listed public company. I speak their language. It took me a few years to understand it, but now I do speak their language. When the initial offering was in the stage of what they call the road show or when they were soliciting indications of interest from investors, I spent many, many hours on the phone with the underwriter, and on the phone with potential investors in the Okeanos bonds. The first question they asked was, why did I chose Riverhead? The second question they asked was, what sort of tourist attraction have we become that Okeanos can benefit from? And when I said we had anticipated and at that time we were only open for a few months, I said at that time we anticipated four to five million visits, they said prove it. Well we can now prove it.

My concern is that if this Board denies our request for rezoning, which is your right, it may send the wrong message to Wall Street. Okeanos may not be funded. I will do what I can to try to help because we are a large investor already in Riverhead.

I have come before you this evening to ask your permission or to ask you to rezone a parcel of property that we do not own. We only have a option and that option has a definitive termination date. Many communities as the Wall Street Journal article mentioned that we would be happy to supply to you, actively pursue our company to come and invest in their community. To come and create jobs in their community. To come and create tax revenue for their community. The Town of Riverhead did not solicit us, we came to you. We did not ask anything from you and I am not asking anything of you now for Tanger II.

I would ask that you extend the same courtesy to me that you would extend to any citizen or business person. I would ask that you do not discriminate against me in any way and ask that I be required to do something that other businesses in my position are not required to do. And if I am asked to do something and you set a precedent that it be applied to all future similar sets of circumstances in the future. I only think that's fair.

If the Board decides in your deliberations to keep this property zoned industrial, the Tanger Mall will continue to operate. You should be aware that there is potential competition which is the American way and we agree with which will probably come from Bellport, which is being marketed at our convention next week by the larges factory outlet developer (inaudible). They are well funded and they are determined. And they can afford the pedestrian bridge.

The-- Willy Breslin has been fighting for 23 years to develop his site at Exit 68. That may or may not happen. Either way, there will probably be competition. We need to create a larger more powerful destination, tourist destination in Riverhead to continue to prosper. If we don't we'll get by. Eventually our leases will come up for renewal and our tenants will have to make a decision as to the competitive environment and the success of their store at that point in time. We are optimistic, but competition does change the retail landscape.

If the Board does approve our request to apply the factory overlay zone which was created as I understand it to attract businesses like ours, which was created before you knew Steve Tanger or our company existed, we will invest \$50,000,000 more in your community. We will create in all probability another 1,200 jobs, making our total employment close to 2,000 jobs at the Tanger Mall in Riverhead. One of the largest

employers on the east end.

We will increase the property taxes dramatically on a vacant industrially zoned property which will help offset some of the reported large tax increases that are contemplated to educate our children which are our most valuable resource. By our increasing property taxes on vacant non-productive land, it helps to keep everybody else's property taxes lower.

I am committed and standing here tonight to asking you to please work with us in a partnership. Let's together create something that is unique in the entire world. Something 20 years from now we can look back on with pride that you started a positive economic spiral for the Town of Riverhead that will survive many generations and keep our children whom we are educating in town and let them seek deep roots in this community. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Is there anybody else that would like to speak at this time? If not, then I will adjourn the meeting. It will be open for public comment by letter to the close of business hours, Friday, the 15th."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Jim, just one thing."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "All right. Four-thirty is close of business hours. Councilwoman Gilliam?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I would just like to say that as we proceed to leave this hearing open until the 15th, I think that that's not the only thing that should be left open at this time. That we should leave our minds open to reflect on what has been said here tonight, the various concerns, the emotions that have been expressed here tonight, and come to the realization that change is inevitable but it comes down to making that change or turning that change into an opportunity and that's what we're presented with here this evening. Turning change into opportunity for the betterment of our entire town. And I think we've heard it over and over here again tonight that the people of the Town of Riverhead are looking to us as a Town Board for leadership. They're looking for us to stand in that gap to bring Mr. Tanger and the downtown businesses together to form that partnership that I believe can work to make this Town better. So as we leave the hearing open, I'm asking the Town Board to also be open and be receptive to the idea of reaching out

whether it's Tanger or any other business, reaching out, working with businesses that are interested in coming here and the businesses that are here to form the type of partnership that can make this Town work.

And I think the only way we can do that is by recognizing that the vast different when you talk about downtown between revitalization, re-development. And you have to come to understand the difference between those two words. And right now Riverhead needs redevelopment and I hope that we can all work together to have that come to pass, whether it's with Tanger or other businesses as well. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Let's move on. We'll adjourn that meeting and accept public comment by letter."

Meeting adjourned: 10:25 p.m.

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Public Hearing opened: 10:25 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the hour of 10:25 p.m. has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of the 7:15 special permit 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, September 5, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the special permit petition of Splish-Splash to allow the construction of a 970 space parking area."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is somebody-- Chip, are you going to-- is there anybody who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Does he have to speak first?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No, you can speak first."

Steve Haizlip: "I thought maybe he was going to size up-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No. It's getting late, Steve. Come on. Steve, please come to the microphone."

Steve Haizlip: "Jim, you're the only one that's (inaudible). Steve Haizlip of Calverton. I am very happy to see that Mr. Cleary is going to get a parking lot that will hold the extra cars that have been parked out on a no parking road. The last time that I spoke about this I should of iterated that all the parking cars on a no parking street in the event an accident would occur, the insurance companies I'm sure would renege and try not to pay the claims, because they went and parked in a no parking street.

Now, with his own parking field, it will be attended and there will be direction of traffic and parking and putting these cars in place and they will be moving slowly. There on the street, I'll tell you, they zoom and they want-- and if you're out there and go a little slow, they don't pay you no mind. They blow their horn and they want to go and they go flying. So I'm very glad to see that Mr. Cleary is going to get a parking lot to take care of all overload and the cars that park on Splish-Splash Drive."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Allen?"

Allen Smith: "Members of the Town Board. The hearing that you have before you this evening is an application to amend the existing special permit of my client to include parking somewhat to the west of the current site. There's not much to be said about parking. It will involve approximately 16 and a half acres of a 32 acre parcel that was purchased by my client this past spring. Installed therein, will be approximately 1200 parking spaces on a paved and landscaped essentially in the exact same configuration as the existing parking lot. Other than that, there's not much to say about parking. I'll respond to anybody's questions."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else that would like to make any public comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, George?"

George Schmelzer: "I can't see why anybody needs a permit to make a parking lot. It gets worse every year. There was a farm lot, there's no money in farming so they bought that farmland at a good price. It will pay high taxes. Why should there be any problem?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "So I understand you are in favor of this?"

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, why not? It's his land."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you very much."

George Schmelzer: "Why do you need all this nonsense? I know lawyers like Allen feed off this. (inaudible)"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're in favor of this?"

George Schmelzer: "Yes. Sure."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

George Schmelzer: "Lawyers and teachers are the only ones that make any money in Town here."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else at this particular time that would like to make a comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I declare the Public Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing closed: 10:35 p.m.

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Public Hearing opened: 10:30 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 10:35 p.m. has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing? Well, what was supposed to be at 7:20 tonight."

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, September 5, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the establishment of a proposed extension to the Water District to be known as extension No. 47."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Gary, you are going to start this off or is our good friend from the engineering company?"

Dennis Kellner: "Good evening. My name is Dennis Kellner from the engineering (inaudible). We were asked to prepare an engineering study which was completed in June of 1995 to really evaluate the cost of

providing public water to this area."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Dennis, could you tell them what extension number 47 is?"

Dennis Kellner: "Okay, extension number 47, also called Herricks Lane, is really-- it's about a 3.5 square mile area where if you look at this drawing right here, it's the area north of the Long Island Rail Road tracks, up to the Long Island Sound. On the east side, it's the Town line of Southold, going to the west to the existing Riverhead Water District boundary, which is here, near Manor Lane.

There are approximately 110 single family homes in the service area being proposed. We estimate the water use to be 33,000 gallons per day, with a maximum day of about 110,000 per day.

In order to provide public water to this area, we need to extend the existing main from the Water District approximately 29,200 linear feet of pipe would need to be installed on Sound Avenue to the north, down the full length of Herricks Lane, and on Main Street to the south. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$1,094,000. Of this \$820,500 would be paid by the people living in the extension area. The rest of Riverhead Water District would pick up \$270,350. That's really due to the-- we're putting in transmission mains so it really affects more than just the people in the area. It affects the people in the surrounding area.

If the-- what we do is we assume a 20 year bond at 7% interest, actually the Town is now getting loaned at 7%, but to be conservative we use 7%, for the \$820,000. Over the 20 years, the highest tax rate would be in the first year where it would be \$4.66 per thousand dollars assessed value.

In the last year of the 20 year bond, or the 20th year, it will go down to \$2.06 per thousand dollars assessed value.

What does this mean to a typical homeowner in the area? If you look at the last few lines of the first chart, a typical home in the area has an assessed value of approximately \$60,000, so the homeowner, if this extension was to be implemented, would have to pay an extension tax. That's to really fund the 20 year bond of the \$820,000. That homeowner would have a cost-- a tax rate at that time it would be \$279

per year. Again, that's based on the first year. It would go down every year for the 20 years. But they would also have to pay what we call a district wide tax, the tax that everybody in the Riverhead Water District pays. Based on that \$60,000 assessed value, that would come out to about \$53 per year. That does also change every year depending on the operating costs of the District.

And, finally, there is the water use, every home would have a meter in it and based on the amount of water that you use, you would have to pay for that water. Based on the average water use in the Riverhead Water District, it would come out to about \$108 a year. So this homeowner once they would hook up to the Riverhead Water District, would have an annual cost of about \$441 per year.

Of course they would also have-- the year they hook up to it would have to worry about putting in a service line, and the actually tap into the main."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Which is roughly what? Around \$1,500, \$1,500 to \$2,000."

Gary Pendzick: "It is closer to \$2,000 in the first year of costs."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody in the audience who would like to make any comment on this particular-- ? Yes, sir?"

Pete Girnski: "My name is Pete Girnski. I live on Herricks Lane, 169 Herricks Lane. And I want to stress to the Town Board, that like Dennis said the cost is \$441 where if you look at anyone that's put a well in- a new well lately. The average cost is more than \$3,200. I'm using \$3,200 as a figure. The average life of a well is usually around eight years, sometimes longer, sometimes less. If you figure right there, eight years it's \$400 a year. You're saving for a well you're going to have to put in in eight years. So right there. You would about break even right there plus your fire insurance is going to be less because you're going to pump with water and your electricity is going to down because you're not using electric. And also like everyone is talking about, the wildfires in Westhampton, if that happened near Herricks Lane, the weeds out there and the overgrown grass would go up like gasoline. There's no public water there. We would lose houses like we lost the one on Herricks Lane and 25 on the corner. When the fire department tried to hook up to the hydrant down by (inaudible)

they ran the hoses up, they turned it on, there was nothing there for them. They lost the house.

Now, if there was public water down there, boom, they would have had water right there. If there had been a hydrant near there, they might have been able to save that house. Thank God nobody got hurt. But if someone was in the house, something could have happened. And, you know, if you think about it, so for \$400, well if you're about breaking even (inaudible)-- a lot of homes going up, because you have Town water. Things are breaking even financially or would you rather drink (inaudible). The water that's coming out of the ground in your well that you really know what you're drinking. You're drinking water. So you had it tested, you know, once a year or whatever. Once a year. You're paying for it to have it tested, too."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Peter, this way."

Pete Girnski: "I'm sorry."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "That's all right."

Pete Girnski: "Now I know you can ask Mr. Pendzick that water is tested more frequently and also you are not going to be pulling up any kind of rust and I know if you have any kind of well, you've got some type of iron in the water. Now the water that you are drinking also out of the well is going to be (inaudible). You do not (inaudible) well water that's (inaudible). When you have seawater, you know, you have that water treated (inaudible). So I just want to stress to the Town Board that I'm in favor of Town water and I think the cost factor breaks out even and everyone's household will go up in value and thank you for the time."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Peter. Peter used to be an employee of our Water District. He now works for the Suffolk County Water Authority and he's a valued employee that we lost. Yes, sir."

Al Loffredo: "Mr. Stark, members of the Town Board. My name is Al Loffredo. I live on Herricks Lane and I'm against this city water. The water we get out of our well right now is tested twice a year by the Board of Health and it tests out great, probably a lot better than the city water you get. It's a lot more palatable than you are getting from the city water. I've eaten in restaurants where they've had

Riverhead city water and it's not as palatable as what we have at Crossroads. They use (inaudible) that they do in South Carolina and Georgia and North Carolina where they add lemon to their water. They denied it because I asked them about it. But it has a distinct taste of lemon in there. Whereas you go to these other restaurants and you just couldn't drink the water it was so terrible. Our water is clear. It doesn't get a lot of iron like this other gentleman said. It tastes great. It's refreshing.

He says you need to replace a well after seven years. We've had wells up in Connecticut that were 15 years old and were still going. I've got no problem with wells. As far as the tax burden goes, I don't think we could afford another tax burden to carry. Our electric bill according to Lilco is far less than most residents so we're not paying a lot of money for electricity to run our well.

We were in touch with our insurance agent today as a matter of fact. My wife went down there because they were talking about if you have a fire hydrant on the street your rates go down. And they told us this is not true. If they put a pipe down the street with a hydrant in front of our house, it would not reduce our insurance rate at all. And they don't figure water in the district or in the street. They figure in areas. Riverhead is a zone 5 or a type 5 or a something 5 and Mattituck happened to be a 10. I don't understand what their terminology meant. And you base-- your rates are based on that figure whether there is a water pipe running down your street with a hydrant in front of your house or not. So I don't see any gain in going through the expense to bring city water to our home. We are perfectly content with what we have."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to speak on this particular Public Hearing? Jimmy?"

Jim Miller: "Hi Jim Stark, members of the Board. Jim Miller, Jr., 677 Herricks Lane. I'm opposed to the water. I guess each person who lives on Herricks Lane should look at their own individual scenarios with the feasibility of bringing water in. To some it's an advantage, to some it isn't. In my view I didn't see it as an advantage. I have a petition here. I'll read it to the Board.

We, the undersigned, oppose Riverhead Water District's proposed extension number 47 on Herricks Lane. The undersigned, all reside in

the affected area either as permanent or seasonal residents. And it's a petition of 20 people."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Would you give that to Barbara, Jimmy, please? Anybody else who would like to comment? Yes, sir?"

Bob Sniffen: "Good evening. My name is Bob Sniffen. I'm also a resident on Herricks Lane. About March of this year I circulated an announcement prior to a petition for this city water on Herricks Lane. I think it was a few months after I circulated the announcement to about 80 houses in and on the Herricks Lane. I went out and got signatures. I think we got about 35 signatures in favor of water on Herricks Lane.

Yes, I do agree that every situation, every homeowner situation is going to be a little bit different. There are some tangible benefits I think in getting city water to homes on Herricks Lane. There is also some intangible benefits. I think Pete alluded to one of them and that is I would like to have a fire hydrant close to my house in case there's a fire. Even-- I don't know whether it's true that insurance rates do or do not go up or down with a fire hydrant, but I'd like to know there's a fire hydrant around close to my house if for some reason or other my house catches on fire.

I have a well that's approximately 250 feet deep. I think the well-- people that I've talked to on the street getting petition-- getting signatures on a petition, wells vary anywhere from 50 feet to 250 feet. I think we're all drawing from different sources of water. Some homes have more iron in it, I have a lot of iron. I've put \$1,000 filter system in just for the iron alone. So we have different water quality. Every situation is different. But for the 35 or so people that signed a petition in favor of city water, I guess I'm here as their spokesperson not just for myself but for those 35 people requesting that we do get city water on Herricks Lane."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else who would like to speak at this particular time?"

Joe Pinon: "My name is Joe Pinon. I live at Number 1 Windy Acres, which happens to be a new street off of Herricks. I'm in favor of the water. Number one, I believe in my health. Healthy safe water is the best thing for any human being to drink. Number one. That's number one.

Number two, the fire districts. We need the water for the fire districts to protect us, livestock, everything that we have. All I have to say in short I'm in favor of it and I think we should have it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Anybody else? Yes, Bill."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I live a long way from Herricks Lane (inaudible). Well, for one, sorry he left, but I'll try to (inaudible) correctly. Mr. Stark says, will you please tell the people where this is. Now, for decades, years and years, I've been trying to get information to the public before the Public Hearing. Now there will be nothing wrong with putting these charts up in the lobby this afternoon or even this evening, but, no, we wait for the Public Hearing and the (inaudible) something like tonight and it's quite late, to present to the public something that people will be paying for the rest of their lives.

And not everything seems to have been fully expounded on. (inaudible) talks about fire hydrants in front of his house. I got a water main down the front of my house and the hydrant is 750 feet in one direction and 800 feet in the other direction. Fire hydrant is not in front of my house. So having a (inaudible) in front of your house doesn't mean your (inaudible) going to convenient to your place of residence.

So I had no occasion to look at this. Ready to stay in front of the microphone here. Nothing is said about the tie into the main lines that exist. Nothing is said about whether our main network is such that it can take this demand. And if this demand is put on the lines, what's next down the line to meet it. But we have here a Public Hearing to (inaudible) pros and cons (inaudible). At later Town Board meetings I will approach the Town on the quality of the water in the existing water line. They are not as good as they can be and they're more and more people that buy bottled water while they are piped in to municipal water. This concern is not addressed at this meeting. This concern should be addressed prior to the announcement of a Public Hearing. In all the extensions we've done in Riverhead this same comparison of costs of private wells versus town wells. Town well draws good water. It also costs a lot of money because to get the water out of the ground. But then after they do, they introduce a substance (inaudible) with other substances, chemical substances to create carcinogenic substances. This grabs everybody's attention and this was not addressed here. So

once again, the extension as presented to the public with all the information for the Public Hearing is not (inaudible). And above all else keeping this information down to the last minute and having the Supervisor say to us please tell us where this is. That means that you're not paying attention to documents-- legal documents that are necessary to be put out to the public before the Public Hearing."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I didn't say tell us where was, Bill? I said tell the general public and the viewing audience on TV where it is. I know where it is. Thank you."

William Kasperovich: "But this is a Public Hearing, not for your information. But for the public to come and address you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Bill, I'm not going to get in an argument with you."

William Kasperovich: "I'm not arguing with you, I'm telling you what you-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You certainly are. You are saying that I wanted to know where it was. I absolutely know where this extension is. But not everybody in this audience knew where it was. There are still some people here who do not live in this particular area and there are some people maybe viewing on the TV who would like to know where it is, too. And that's exactly what I asked-- "

William Kasperovich: "-- this should be available (inaudible)."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill."

William Kasperovich: "So the people as far as I'm concerned that live here have got to take a hard look at this-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Maybe they want the public water."

William Kasperovich: "I can't say what people want or don't want."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, they asked us to go through this process for a petition."

William Kasperovich: "They also depend on the Town to inform them

in all directions. And since you people pay no attention to the quality of water in the new lines, I feel I have to get up here and say something."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And you have based on scientific evidence? You've had the water analyzed?"

William Kasperovich: "Yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You have?"

William Kasperovich: "Yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You have those reports for us?"

William Kasperovich: "No."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. Well, then-- "

William Kasperovich: "If you had to appear with me before some judicial body, I'll be happy to-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, don't make a statement that we have carcinogens in our water supply unless you can prove it. Okay. That's a statement that I let it pass-- "

William Kasperovich: "But your ignorance-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "No. Your ignorance, because we test our water. We test our water. All the time. We have to. We're required by law. Right, Gary?"

Gary Pendzick: "That's correct."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. So if you have some other evidence and produce it on television so that everybody can know."

William Kasperovich: "No."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No. You make a statement like that and scare a lot of people out of their wits."

William Kasperovich: "For the information-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Because you don't know what you're talking about."

William Kasperovich: "-- of people like you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, don't worry about people like me, okay, because I drink the Town water. I have public water."

William Kasperovich: "-- combined with other chemicals in the flow of the water create carcinogenic substances. This doesn't have to be expounded on. Everybody knows this."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I don't."

William Kasperovich: "And wherever you-- well, that's because you don't belong up there at the podium."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And neither do you as a matter of fact."

William Kasperovich: "Well, I have public-- citizens rights."

Councilman Prusinowski: "So do I. I live in this Town, too."

William Kasperovich: "Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. And I was born in Riverhead and I've lived here my whole life and my family. We worked on a farm. So please, don't tell me about my rights in this Town."

William Kasperovich: "You don't know about carcinogenic matter formed by-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "I never pretended to be a scientist like you, okay. So if you have evidence-- "

William Kasperovich: "-- Councilman (inaudible)."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Bill, we are talking about this extension. Please contain your remarks to the extension."

William Kasperovich: "This extension will have chlorinated water."

Councilman Prusinowski: "All our water is chlorinated. We're required to chlorinate it."

William Kasperovich: "And so circles are round. Is that all you know?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "You're right, Bill. Good night."

William Kasperovich: "Is that all you know?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Bill, I asked you to-- "

William Kasperovich: "There's no point in my talking."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, there really isn't. Because quite honestly, half the time you make outlandish statements you can't back them up with fact."

William Kasperovich: "-- introduce here how the people are going to get water chlorinated to them out to their homes. Do you introduce here to the people how they are going to have this water tested by the authorities that are required by law so that they will be assured of good water? People take you on good faith that such will be done and such is not done enough to avoid bringing it to question. So I say once again to these people, take another hard look and see whether you want this municipal water."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to speak on this particular subject? If not, I will declare the Public Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing closed: 10:55 p.m.

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Public Hearing opened: 10:56 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the hour of 10:26 p.m. has arrived. Would the Town 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, September 5, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Water District including all extensions and the proposed extension No. 47 at a maximum cost of \$273,500."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Dennis, if you would please?"

Dennis Kellner: "I will keep it very short. This is really just an addition to the Hearing which was just held. As I said before, the cost is broken down into two different areas. One is the extension cost of \$820,000. This (inaudible) proceeding is for the \$273,500. Again, that money will be paid out of the District existing funds. Not a bond issue."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody who would like to comment on that? If not, I declare the Hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 10:57 p.m.

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Public Hearing opened: 10:58 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the hour of 10:58 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of the Public Hearing and final Public Hearing of the evening."

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Water District regarding the expenditure of additional funds in the amount of \$110,500 for the extension No. 44, said funds to be available from existing funds."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Dennis? You're getting star billing here tonight."

Dennis Kellner: "Back in October, 1990, H2M prepared an engineering study to evaluate the extension of the Riverhead Water District into

the area which we call South Wading River. This area included homes that were already provided water from the Shorewood Water Company (phonetic) service there as well as some existing homes that used private wells. At that time, it was estimated the total project cost would be \$990,000.

Since this time, the Town has negotiated with the Shorewood Water to purchase the assets of Shorewood Water and that price came out to \$680,000.

On July 6, 1995, bids were taken to install water mains to provide public water to those homes that utilized private wells in that area. A total of five bids were received. The low bid was for \$369,000. Using this \$369,000 plus the negotiated price of \$680,000 for the Shorewood Water piece, plus miscellaneous expenses, the new total project total cost is just over 1.1 million dollars compared to the original estimate five years ago of \$990,000.

So it-- there's an increase of one hundred-- excuse me \$110,500, an 11% increase. We're holding this hearing for the additional cost of \$110,500. Mr. Hansen for the Town has informed the District that there is sufficient funds available in the District fund balance to handle this interest so there will be no additional (inaudible). Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Would anybody like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I declare the Public Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing closed: 11:00 p.m.

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Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let us take up the Resolutions."

Resolution #570

Steve Haizlip: "Aren't you giving anybody the opportunity for anyone wishing to speak?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "About four hours worth tonight. Steve, would you like to speak on something?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. There's just two things that I want to take up. And I'm going to be very short and brief about it. One item that I've seen in the News Review where a Town Attorney has made a comment about the Dunkin Donut shop. Well, if the traffic on 58 can look into that door that was put there for loading and unloading and see what's going on, man, there better have been field glasses to do this. Now, the next thing, Jim, I want to thank you very much for helping us with our blood drive. We had it today. We got 56 pints and, again, thanks for your help and cooperation."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Let us take up the Resolutions, please."

Resolution #570

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a Public Notice to change the time of regular Town Board Meeting. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #572

Councilman Creighton: "This grants a leave of absence for an employee. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #573

Councilwoman Gilliam: "The Resolution proclaiming September 15th through 17th, 1995, at International Costal Cleanup days in the Town of

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Riverhead and commending the volunteers and environmental organizations engaged in this effort. There are a couple of orgnaizations that are looking for volunteers. The Save the Bays and also the North Fork Environmental Council that are going to be cleaning up some of our local bays and beaches on that weekend and if anyone is interested, they should contact those organizations. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #574

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves temporary sign for Toys "R" Us. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #575

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Reduces Suffolk County National Bank letter of credit of 1994 Soundview Golf, Inc. access road construction. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam.

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Consistent with my position on the letter of credits and Soundview, I vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes.

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The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #576

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes to publish a bid for new police car. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #577

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes Town Clerk to publish and post notice of Public Hearing special permit petition of David J. Willmott. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, abstain; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #578

Councilman Prusinowski: "Finally we get to the end, approves site plan of Larry's Lighthouse Marina for a new warehouse. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #579

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Without objection, I'll do 579 through

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583. Appointing fill in lifeguards for those who are leaving for the summer and going back to college, aides, etc. Summer programs are over. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolutions are adopted.

Resolution #584

Councilman Creighton: "This approves application of Aquebogue Farms, Inc. to do hayrides at the Conklin Farm in Aquebogue. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resoution is adopted.

Resolution #585

Councilwoman Gilliam: "This approves the application of Tanger Factory Outlet Center for the purpose of conducting a tent sale in front of Osh Kosh store from September 5th through September 13th, 1995. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #586

Councilman Prusinowski: "Adopts the amendment for Bicycles, Chapter 49. So moved."

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Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #587

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Amends resolution #557. We made a mistake in the original one authorizing some employee so we have amended it. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #588

Councilman Creighton: "This adopts an amendment to Chapter 101 Vehicles in our traffic code. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #589

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the naming of a private road at the end of Silver Beach Lane in Baiting Hollow as Osprey Overlook. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

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The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #590

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes community service program within the Town of Riverhead. So moved. I'll make a motion to table 590."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Motion to table."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Motion to table adopted.

Resolution #591

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I'll ask Councilman Prusinowski to take this one since I'm going to be doing the authorization. Second by somebody else."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, this is not that one. This is the other one. This is just a change order. This is just a change order for the Suffolk Theater. We have to do some-- right. It is self-explanatory. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there a second to this one?"

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #592

Councilman Creighton: "This provides a determination of significance of a special permit petition at the Knolls at Fox Hills. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

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Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #593

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Appoints fill in cook at the Riverhead Nutrition Center. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #594

Councilman Prusinowski: "Grants parentage leave of absence extension. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #595

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Continues retainer with Rains & Pogrebin, our labor counsel. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #596

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Councilman Creighton: "Authorizes the firm of Malcolm Pirnie to prepare a map and plan for chlorine contact tank. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #597

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Consents to laying out of certain Town highway known as Bayberry Road in Wading River, Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #598

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'd like to move 588, 599 and 600. These are all just various transfers. One is a transfer-- they are all budget adjustments. One's for the Water District; one's for community development and one is for Sewer. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "A question on the Resolution. I do have a question with respect to Resolution 598 which represents a transfer of \$150,000 and \$180,000 for consultant expenses. Someone explain what this is for?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Andrea?"

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Councilman Creighton: "The contract for Grumman-- Calverton-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Well, 219 is from the grant that we got from the Defense, the 150 is from New York State Economic Development."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'm asking the consultant fee. What is that for? It's to pay consultant fees of \$150,000 and \$180,000?"

Richard Hanley: "That's part of the grants that are in there. It's not (inaudible)."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "No. I'm asking is it for the HRNA or-- "

Rick Hanley: "Yes."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "All right. Because I have a question. Has that contract been signed?"

Rick Hanley: "Yes."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Because at the Board meeting it was my understanding that the Town Board was to review the contract before authorizing Supervisor to sign it and we've had no discussion of the contract."

Councilman Creighton: "I gave my consent after having reviewed the contract. I don't know what the other Board members did."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Me, too. I missed the last work session so-- "

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Well, I was at the last work session and there was no discussion of it. The last thing I got was a fax of a revised update of the contract, not the final version. I don't have a final version, so I am asking that 598 be pulled from voting from these as a package."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, okay. So we'll do it individually."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We'll do 598 individually."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'll just move 598. So moved."

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Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'm voting no based on the reasons I've just stated that I have not seen a final contract and it's not been specified what the \$150,000 consultant fee represents nor the \$180,000 consultant fee represents."

The Vote (Cont'd): Creighton.

Councilman Creighton: "I have had several versions of the contract including the final one and have reviewed them and we've had this on the table for over a month and had more than adequate opportunity to review it and express our opinion and as I understood it it was left that each Board member would look at it and if acceptable would so inform the Deputy Supervisor and by Resolution we had previously authorized him to sign this when he received a consent of the majority of the Board. I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Prusinowsk.

Councilman Prusinowski: "For the same reasons that Frank's voting yes, I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #599

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "It's a budget adjustment in the Water District. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #600

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Councilman Creighton: "This is a budget adjustment for the Madison Avenue sewer lateral capital project. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #601

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Approves site plan of Edward Clark, gas station and convenience store. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #602 - Resolution to pay bills

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Wait a minute. We've got 602, 603, 604, 605."

Resolution #602

Councilman Prusinowski: "Amends site plan of Knolls at Fox Hill. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #603

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Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Appoints part time police officer. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #604

Councilman Creighton: "This appoints a part time police officer and places them on leaves of absence. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Chief, could you explain this one to us? They are going to the academy. Is that what it is?"

Chief Grattan: "Which Resolution is this?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "604. Appoints part time police officer and places them on leave of absence."

Chief Grattan: "Yes. Until the start of the next academy."

Councilman Creighton: "The above named individuals shall be placed on a leave of absence until such time as they shall successfully complete a Town of Riverhead police department personal investigation."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Okay. No problem. Moved and seconded."

Councilman Creighton: "Et cetera."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Basically handle it the same way you do a-- "

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #605

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Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the attendance of police officer at a New York State Crime Prevention Coalition Conference. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Motion to pay bills."

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #607

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorize the Deputy Supervisor to execute agreement with (inaudible). These are the architects that we originally hired to do the initial phase of the facade improvements of the theater. I've given a copy of a report that the Town Engineer did to me per Deputy Supervisor asking me to follow up on this. I am happy to report that we believe we can bring the interior renovations to a close with the money that's budgeted using staff. It's all in the report. And we want to continue using the same architect that we hired from New York City that we had an extensive process to go out and request for his services, and-- so we want to authorize just the next phase which is phase 2. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam.

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I have no problem with proceeding, but I

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would like-- I think all Board members should have a copy of the agreement that the Deputy Supervisor will be executing."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh yes, sure. Okay."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "So I vote yes with that condition."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes.  
The Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No other further business to be conducted I declare this longest meeting-- wait a minute. No, you wouldn't let us get away with that. Do you want a motion to authorize the bid to send somebody-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right. I make a motion to authorize the Business Improvement District to send Larry Oxman to attend a conference in Nashville, Tennessee, funding not to exceed \$500. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

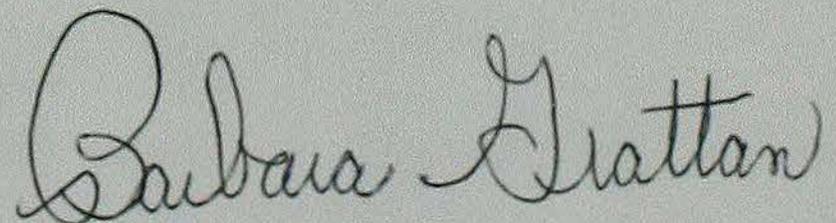
Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes.

Councilman Creighton: "I believe it's a conference regarding factory outlet centers. And their impact on downtowns. I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. And this meeting is adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 11:20 p.m.



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