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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, November 17, 1992, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
James Stark,	Councilman
Harriet Gilliam,	Councilwoman
Frank Creighton,	Councilman

Also Present:

Monique Gablenz,	Deputy Supervisor
Patricia Moore,	Town Attorney
Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk

Absent:

Joseph F. Janoski,	Town Supervisor
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Deputy Supervisor Gablenz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Unfortunately, Supervisor Janoski is not feeling well tonight, so it's my turn. I'll try to make it as painless as possible. The hour for the first Public Hearing has not yet arrived. I'd like to ask the Board if they would consider approving the minutes of the Public Hearing that was held on August 24th with regard to 25 Terry Place and the location of a group home as proposed by the State of New York at such location."

Councilman Stark: "So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Would the Town Clerk please

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read the reports."

REPORTS:

TOWN CLERK:

Report for the month of October, 1992

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Report for the month of October, 1992

OPEN BID REPORT

Report for Building and Grounds open on November 4, 1992 for a 1993 4 x 4 pickup with plow. Only one bid was received and that was from Buzz Chew Chevrolet Olds, Inc. and it was for \$19,941.00

RIVERHEAD SEWER DISTRICT

Discharge Monitoring Report for October, 1992

APPLICATIONS:

CHANGE OF ZONE

Change of zone for Stanley K. Tanger & Co. for the south side of Old Country Road. Property to be developed for the manufacture of the Manufacturers Outlet Center use.

SITE PLAN

NYNEX Cell Site - Antenna on water tower on Gerald Street in Wading River

CORRESPONDENCE:

TOWN OF SOUTHOLD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution stating the Andros Patent

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN CLERK

Sends notice of Public Hearing A Local Law amending Chapter 235 (Noise)

Sends a Notice of Adoption of Local Law No. 43 amending Chapter 295 (Trails)

Sending a Notice of Adoption of Local Law No. 44 amending Sections 23-7B and C (Code of Ethics)

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Sends Notice of Public Hearing regarding A Local Law amending Chapter 330 (Zoning) of the code of the Town of Southampton in relation to the height of buildings.

WILLIAM SHARKEY

He is asking the Town Board to consider adding the following requirement to the Peddlers Law: That a New York State Sales Tax Certificate be required.

Barbara Grattan: "That concludes Correspondence."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. As the hour for the first Public Hearing has not yet arrived, is there anybody who wishes to address the Town Board on any matter? Kathy?"

Kathy Casey: "Kathy Casey, Wading River. With regards to the shopping center that has been proposed east of King Kullen on the south side of 25A. The gentleman brought his proposal to the Wading River Civic Association, as you are all I am sure well aware of, part of the property that he owns is currently zoned business and the piece behind it is zoned residential and he is looking to expand into the residentially zoned area and, therefore, get a zoning change. We told him at the Wading River Civic Association that we do not want residentially zoned areas changed, and just to back up and go over this again, I am getting very annoying I am sure with that, but the Wading River Civic Association has gone before the Brookhaven Town Board and the Riverhead Town Board on numerous occasions advising them that we totally oppose changing residentially zoned areas. Therefore, I am coming here tonight on behalf of the Wading River Civic Association, again to reiterate our stand that we do not want residentially zoned areas changed. So just as a reminder, in the Hamlet Study which, again, I'm repeating myself, but a lot of time and effort and a lot of money was spent on to assess Wading River and come up with the help of professionals and the residential community and the business community to find out what we wanted done, and one of the determinations that was made was that we already had too much business zoned area in Wading River and, therefore, some recommendations were made to change one area that is currently east of the Ice Cream Factory, which is now in part zoned professional buildings. Okay. It is my understanding, according to

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an article also in the newspaper, that this particular proposal, should it not be allowed to expand to the residential part of the parcel, that he is permitted, and I would like clarification on this, to build a two story building, according to the article."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Up to 35 feet."

Kathy Casey: "Okay. In that vein, it is to the best of my recollection, behind Wading River Square, there has already been a proposal to build or to add to that shopping center, by building a two story building. On a personal level, while I would not really like to see a two story building, I personally believe it is the lesser of the two evils then to let a residentially zoned area be changed and, there again, on behalf of the Wading River Civic Association, we strongly request that this Town Board deny any request to change that residential section and if it becomes necessary, to perhaps have him submit a plan to develop (inaudible) the use of a two story building. We are having our meeting tomorrow night. I am going to ask Sid to bring up and get a consensus at the meeting as to whether or not we would favor, if you will for lack of a better word, the building of a two story building. I can assure you, we will not favor changing of the zone in the residential area. Also, just as another quick mention to you, we have a very, very serious concern that if this Town Board were to allow him to change the residential zoned area, that piece continues not in terms of the same owner, but it goes-- all that is all vacant land behind the existing shopping center and King Kullen also. That is also zoned residential. Across the street on the west side, you have May's Farm in which the first 500 feet on that portion, is currently zoned business. If we-- we sincerely believe that if this Town opens the door for someone to go in and make one, get one zoning change, the Town is leaving the Town of Wading River wide open for other people to come in and ask for other residential sections to be zoned both on the south side of 25A as well as there is a parcel on the north side that could be requested. So, again, we very firmly ask that you do not allow any zoning change into the residential section. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you, Kathy. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on any matter?"
"Yes, sir."

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Richard Mowdy: "My name is Richard Mowdy. I live on South Jamesport Avenue in Jamesport. My problem is, and if I sound angry or upset, I hope you don't think that it's directed at the Board. It's these bells that they've installed in the Community Center. It has become a loose cannon. I have to go back a little bit in time because when they were first installed two years ago, these things went off from nine in the morning 'til nine at night. And in between there would be a song. And after the song, they would play Ding-dong, Ding-dong, It's Time to Shine, twice. And after that, they would chime the hour. Now, I felt this-- if you think you're dealing with reasonable people here, who would ever want to hear 26 times a day, It's Time to Shine? After numerous complaints, they finally got it down, right now, we listen to it seven times a day. Right now, it's just a song. But it's loud. It's an intrusion. I don't think anybody has the right to tell me I have to listen to a sound at a certain time, for a certain length of time, and so many times a day. I feel it is an intrusion on my civil rights. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "I know somebody had called with regard to that."

Richard Mowdy: "Probably me. I've been all around the Town."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "-- probably yesterday or Friday and we were going to try to adjust the volume. Has there been any adjustment?"

Richard Mowdy: I don't think that's enough because there's only a switch on there and, evidently, whoever wants to hear it, wants to hear it down in South Jamesport. And I'm 150 feet away. In order to hear it down in South Jamesport, that thing has to be quite loud, to hear it three-quarters of a mile, a mile away. I don't think that's enough. This has been going on for two years and I, you get shifted around from one person to another, I don't want to live the rest of my life fighting noise."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "And you live right next door to the Jamesport Community Center?"

Richard Mowdy: "I'm 150 feet away."

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Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay."

Richard Mowdy: "No more. And when that thing goes off, it vibrates through my house, my yard, it's an intrusion. Noise is an intrusion. I thought we were getting away with this-- from this. I think I'm entitled to peace and quiet."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay. Certainly, I think the Town Board will certainly take a look at it, sir. It's something that the Jamesport Civic Association had an anonymous donor for, to place those chimes at the Jamesport Community Center."

Richard Mowdy: "Well, maybe, (inaudible)."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "So, we will certainly take a look at it. Let the record show that the hour of 7:11 has arrived. Will the Town Clerk please read the Notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have Affidavits of Publishing and Posting of a Public Notice for a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, at 7:10 p.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 1992, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the demolition of the Rimland Building pursuant to Chapter 54, Unsafe Building and Collapsed Structures of the Riverhead Town Code."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Pat, did you want to make a brief statement as to the purpose of the Public Hearing?"

Patricia Moore: "The purpose of this Public Hearing is that there is a provision in our ordinance that if a building is permitted to become deteriorated and in a dangerous condition, the Building Inspector will go and inspect the building and prepare a report of the structural soundness of the building, and the violations which may or may not exist. We obtained that report from the Building Department and we notified Rimland, who is the property owner. We are having this Hearing tonight to hear any comments anyone wishes to make including the opportunity for Mr. Rimland to present his case on the condition of the building and what he chooses or intends to do about it."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone who wishes to address the Board on this matter? Mr. Goodale?"

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Robert Goodale: "Yes. I doubt if the Board members can remember the number of times that this building and its condition and what it's doing to Main Street, that have been commented upon at this podium. It's probably more than the hands and toes of all of you put together. Before, and over these many years that that has stayed empty, it has been an economic blight on downtown Riverhead. For whatever reasons that they were not able to make use of that building, it has had the effect because of its size and location, of becoming a symbol, an untrue symbol, of downtown Riverhead. And now we move beyond the economic blight that it has been to a physical and safety blight. There are representatives of businesses, downtown businesses, who have businesses next to it and near it, and I'm sure they will testify to the dangers faced by their customers, if not to their own building, by this structure. I believe, I'm not an expert in this matter, I believe that it is irreparable. I believe we have to find a way and now's the time, if we can do it, is to get that building down, clear it out of there so that we can move on and make that an economic useful place. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this matter? Mr. Barth?"

Barry Barth: "My name is Barry Barth. I own the property on 32 East Main Street in Riverhead, and just to give you a little background information, on my dealings with the Rimland brothers, 13 years ago this December 15th, my family pharmacy burned down. When it burnt down, it burnt down two other buildings with it. After we cleared the property, we went to the Town to see about rebuilding our buildings, and we were told that we couldn't build a building 100 feet deep, which is what we had before without a right of way to a street or a municipal parking lot. At that time, Myers Department Stores warehouse was located behind the property where Barth's Drug Store is currently located. We went to the Rimlands to request of them a right of way across their property so I could rebuild my building. They refused to give me the right of way. We offered to purchase the right of way and they refused to sell me a right of way. Allen Smith was the Supervisor at the time and he called the Rimland brothers into his office, and shut the door, and explained to them that he would condemn their building if they didn't find some way of giving Barry Barth and Carl Austin, the owner of the other property, the right of way. The door opened and amazingly enough

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I was told that if I took down the existing barn that Myers had used for storage, filled in the tremendous hole that they had, and provided a million dollar liability policy, that the Rimlands would then give me the right of way. Mr. Austin at the time became disgusted and threw up his hands and said some unpleasant things to the Town Board and the Supervisor of the Town and walked away from the project. I spent the money, the Town helped me fill in the property. I provided the insurance. I got the right of way. I rebuilt my building. The reason the lot stands empty today is because Carl Austin couldn't battle with the Rimlands. It's been my experience that the Rimlands don't care about Riverhead, don't care about downtown Riverhead. They, historically, wouldn't take care of buildings that they had and were viable businesses, and that I think that it's just come time now for us to take them in the office, shut the door, and tell them it's time, it's over. The building was built in 1910, hasn't been maintained, it hasn't been an active business for probably seven or eight years, and I went around the building myself a couple of days ago and took some pictures that I would like to enter into the file of major structural cracks in the sides of the building which potentially could fill with water and ice could freeze, and these brick facades could fall off and injure pedestrians and my customers that use the walkway to come up to the rear entrances of my store. There's also pictures of windows that are still remaining open after the Rimlands were instructed to block up the windows. The back door is back again open and is able to allow people to go in there and walk around. There's electrical boxes which I am sure are not live at this particular moment, but they're exposed and maybe there's a potential for some kind of hazard there. I went inside the building with the Town, Ken Testa. There's animal feces in the building. There's walls collapsed and are coming down. I also have a picture of the facade of Barth's Drug Store and Acard's Jewelry Store. Both Andrew Acard and myself, with the help of the Community Development facade program, spent quite a bit of money to fix up the front of our buildings. Our front of the buildings stand next to this mess that was once Myers Department Store, and now is Rimlands. I would hope that the Town at this time would follow through with declaring this an unsafe structure and make every effort to have it removed and the lot cleared and possibly we can look for a new, energetic person to rehabilitate that piece of property. Thank you."

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Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board on this particular subject? Yes, Pat?"

Pat Frankenbach: "Yes, Pat Frankenbach. I have a business across the street from the Rimland building. Barry's pretty much said it all. The only thing I'd wish to add is recently, prior to the bicentennial parade, we had a problem with two broken windows, one on the second floor, the glass being about three-quarters of an inch thick. It took me approximately six to eight phone calls to not only Mr. Rimland and the real estate broker whose name is on the building, but also to the person who is supposed to be fixing this, to get this fixed. This was an absolute atrocity because if any of this glass would have fallen out of this window, we would have had dead people on the streets. The only thing, speaking for Andy Acard, he has the building right next door. He has told me that he has bricks popping out of the Rimland building, damage his roof, doing actual physical damage to his roof, causing him to have had the roof repaired several times in the last six months. And with winter coming again, it's only going to get worse. So I think this is something that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this subject? Mr. Kasperovich?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. What these people before me spoke of, some of the things that they have presented about physical appearance and condition are very well true. On the other hand, this is still private property. This is still property that is owned by somebody in this country. Not a Japanese or some other foreign country, but an American gentleman. And, consequently, he's entitled to own property regardless of its condition. You cannot call my house unsafe and collapsing because you don't like its appearance. The line I believe that should be drawn that the Town Board is ignoring is that they have to look after the public. Not within the man's property, but on the public right of ways and where the public by allowance or by usage have come close to the property. This has not been done for the past two years. Not just two months ago, but years ago. The Town did nothing and this building didn't deteriorate over night. And so the Town

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looked the other way for the longest possible time, and now they, all of a sudden, became conscious of an empty building. The Town has been delinquent in protecting the public for a long time. By the grace of God, we have had no personal injuries, but at the same time, we can't ignore the fact that the public has to be protected. Now, there is no public within the building. There is no usage of the building. And as long as there's no inhabitants in the building other than rodents, as Mr. Wiwczar reports, it's not the right of the Town to so label the building and try to do something which perplexes me. The purpose of this ordinance that we have on the books for unsafe buildings and collapsed structures has not been followed. There has been no report of structural integrity. Without a report for structural integrity, you cannot say that this building is going to collapse. And as long as there is nobody in the building, you can't say that it's an unsafe building. And where the public is endangered close to the perimeter of the property, the responsibility falls on the Town Board to take care of the public. Now, to my surprise, when I started to go through some of my papers, is that back on October 6th, we passed a resolution on a motion made by Councilwoman Gilliam and seconded by Councilman Creighton, and then on a meeting of October 20th by resolution 630C, on a motion by Mr. Prusinowski, seconded by Mr. Stark, well, now we got the whole Town Board involved. And, yet, with five people sitting up there, nobody but nobody paid attention that 55-7 of this ordinance states Section 546 hereof may be filed in the County Clerk's Office of the County. Nobody filed anything with the County. They sent a letter to the Town Clerk. Now, good Lord, if you don't know that much, you certainly don't know enough to call this an unsafe building."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Kasperovich, you're past the five minutes speaking limit. Is it possible for you to bring your comments to a conclusion?"

William Kasperovich: "Why didn't you say this to the other speakers?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "They didn't exceed five minutes."

William Kasperovich: "That's so you say."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "I've been keeping track of when

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everybody starts, Mr. Kasperovich."

William Kasperovich: "All right, then I'll come back after everybody is finished."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone else-- "

William Kasperovich: "I won't be harassed like your Supervisor, by interrupting me and telling me that I can't speak at a Public Hearing. If you want to limit me to this point in time, I'll wait until everybody is finished and then I will continue."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Kasperovich, we have a room full of people here tonight that apparently wants to make some statement to the Town Board. We wish for them all to be able to make those statements to the Town Board and, therefore, we ask the speakers to recognize the five minute limit on their speaking. That's what I'm asking you to do. I'm asking you politely, I'm not harassing you."

William Kasperovich: "Well, the last time you did this politely, you called the police."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Because you didn't-- "

William Kasperovich: "Now, where do you get off conducting yourself this way? You're chairing this meeting and you are not our elected Supervisor. You're representing him."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "That's right, I am appointed by the Supervisor, Mr. Kasperovich."

William Kasperovich: "Now the Supervisor for the past two years has allowed people to speak here not only five minutes, but 50 minutes. And now you're going to sit there and say five minutes and you're through, because we've got a room full of people. Well maybe this room full of people is interested in what I have to say."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Kasperovich, if you want to speak to the Town Board again, you may do so, but please allow some other people to make their points."

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William Kasperovich: "All right. I'll wait until everybody has had their say."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this particular subject? Great. Why don't you stay at the microphone Mr. Kasperovich for five more minutes."

Councilman Stark: "The only thing I can say, Mr. Kasperovich, is be a little bit more polite."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And, you've always had the opportunity to address this Board. You've only one time and that was an individual incident I remember that time, and Monique was not involved. But any time you've had the opportunity, you've always been given the courtesy to address the Board, even beyond the five minutes. Honestly. So please, don't say that again because all the years I've been here, you've had ample opportunity to address the Board. Seriously."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay, let's not take any more time-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "In fact, I go around Town, and people comment how much they see you on television, so I know you get your fair share in speaking. So make your comments and let's proceed."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Please go forward."

William Kasperovich: "Okay."

Councilman Creighton: "Are you in favor of the demolition or against it?"

William Kasperovich: "Nobody with any reasonable knowledge that qualifies them to form an opinion, nor has anybody looked at the supporting structure, has reported to the Town that this is an unsafe building. Consequently, there's no way that I could say that I am for it or against it. From outward appearances, this building looks like it will stand there after we are all dead and gone. Now, the economic feasibility for the future use of this building, is a horse of another color. And the owner

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hasn't had anybody around to ride this horse to make some use of the building. Now, what I am against is that you single out this piece of property after two years and yet the other unsafe buildings and unsafe conditions in Riverhead that are on the books of the Building Department, you are paying no attention to."

Councilman Stark: "Would you like to specifically say which those buildings are Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "And have myself dragged into Court? No."

Councilman Stark: "Oh."

William Kasperovich: "I'm not an elected official. I'm a private citizen and I cannot accuse anybody-- "

Councilman Stark: "You're sitting here talking about unsafe buildings in the Town of Riverhead other than the Rimland building or, as I knew it when I grew up, the Myers Building, and unfortunately, if you're going to refer to other unsafe buildings in the Town of Riverhead, please tell me. As an elected official, I have a responsibility and so does this whole entire Board to protect the safety and the welfare of the citizens of the Town of Riverhead. And if it's in your expertise as a PE engineer in all your years, and you and I have had many conversations about this and actually interviewed you for a job in the Building Department here. And was very impressed by your credentials. But if you have knowledge of unsafe buildings in the Town of Riverhead, don't say it on TV. Don't say it in front of this. Come to my office tomorrow and tell me personally, and I will follow up on it. Don't sit up here and make a speech like there's a hundred unsafe buildings in the downtown area. Because that's false, Bill, and you know it as well as I do. If you want to have an unsafe building inspected, please, contact me, and I will make sure that the proper people in the Town of Riverhead do it. If you want to go along with them and give them your advice and counsel, I am sure that they would be happy to have you. Don't make unfounded statements and then say you can't tell me who it is. This is a public forum."

William Kasperovich: "All right. You have a Building Department. You have a Senior Building Inspector."

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Councilman Stark: "Now, we're talking about the Rimland Building as to whether to rip it down or not rip it down. Not (inaudible) if the Building Department right now."

William Kasperovich: "You go through the Building Department and look at all the building permits that have not been completed and you'll find a large percentage is due to the owner or the controlling people are not completing to have a safe completion of the permit."

Councilman Stark: "Bill, frankly, I think you're reaching for straws."

William Kasperovich: "You go through Mr. Kukla's reports as Fire Marshall and you will find violations, citations, that you people have done nothing about for going on two years this January, and you want me to name specific instances?"

Councilman Stark: "You evidently have knowledge of it, but you won't do it. If you would like to do it in private, with me personally, fine. Give me a list. I'll follow up on it as your elected official."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Kasperovich, if you could just keep your comments to the Rimlands Building for the purpose of this Public Hearing, I'd appreciate it."

William Kasperovich: "All right, I bring the other subjects to a parallel to show that the Rimland Building does not stand alone in its condition or in its unkempt or unsafe condition. This condition has been pretty much the way it exists today and it is about the same as it was two years ago. A little more shabby, maybe one or two more joists broke loose, but there's nobody been in the building. I cannot go in the building and look at it because I would be trespassing. And the other people who say they went into the building, they did so without the consent or knowledge of the owner."

Patricia Moore: "I make an objection to that. Mr. Rimland gave his consent to enter the building on more than one occasion, and I have documents in my file and correspondence back and forth that gave us that written permission. So, please, don't make allegations that you can't substantiate."

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William Kasperovich: "Well, then why are there no such reports after these people went in and looked at the building filed with the County, with the Town Clerk?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Kasperovich, I think we have another speaker with regard to this particular Public Hearing. I think that the Board understands that you don't necessarily agree with the declaration of this building as an unsafe building, and we certainly have your comments on the record."

William Kasperovich: "All right, I would like to add one more point if I may and then I'll relinquish the podium here. Public Hearing was announced not to act but to consider. We are here by public announcement for you to consider. Well, this is contrary to the Town ordinance for unsafe buildings and collapsed structures. You have not acted for two years, you are, therefore, a party to the building being unsafe to the public as it stands today."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Joe, did you wish to make a comment?"

Joe Fischer: "Good evening. My name is Joe Fischer. I am represented here as a business owner downtown and I'm also here as the President of the Riverhead Merchants Association. The Riverhead Merchants Association applauds the Board for taking action against this building. It goes far beyond our feelings that this has been a scar against Riverhead for years, but the building, in our opinion, is in an unsafe condition. Although we're not structurally-- we don't have the educational basis to make any structural determinations, it is obvious to the naked eye if one looks down the side of the building, that the walls are coming down. The wall is separating from the building. We know of specific instances, although I don't have the dates, where portions of the building have fallen on the adjacent structure, namely Acard's Jewelry Store. I know Andy Acard had intended to come to this Hearing tonight, I don't know why he couldn't make it. He had more specific evidence to present. But the walls are falling down. There was an incident approximately a year ago and I apologize for not having the specific date, where windows were broken on Roanoke Avenue. This building was left unmaintained and there was no effort put forth by the owners that anybody can tell, to correct the situation. There was jagged, broken glass

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sticking in the window. There was broken glass on the sidewalk and it wasn't until some good Samaritans came along and repaired this structure by boarding it up, that this unsafe condition was removed. I have no problems with the building and anyone that wants to correct the structural problems that apparently are there. But I would hate to see a situation where a wall falls down totally and crushes some buildings and people get hurt. I think that's a situation that we're heading for, that we have a disaster waiting in the motions. I thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you, Joe. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this particular subject? Pat?"

Pat Frankenbach: "The only other thing I want to say is that there has been evidence of people being in the building. The building has been vandalized from the inside, not from the outside, and there are up in the second and third floor, graffiti on the windows. The windowsills are not safe. The fellow who boarded up the windows said that the frames of the windows are rotting and despite the fact that they are trespassing, any of these kids go in that building and lean against one of those windows, they're out of there. We cannot control the trespassing. The trespassing happens and again that is due to the neglect of the building by the owner. It's an unsafe condition whether they're trespassing or not and, you know, despite the fact that they are breaking the law, you don't want to see somebody lose their life."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this matter? That being the case and without objection, I declare the Hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 7:44 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Will the Town Clerk please read the Notice of Public Hearing for the Hearing of 7:15?"

Barbara Grattan: "I have Affidavits of Publishing and Posting of a Public Notice for a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, at 7:15 p.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 1992, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the development of the Town of Riverhead's Community

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Development Bloc Grant application for the fiscal year 1993."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Andrea, if you could make a brief statement and describe some of the projects that the Town could support and endorse in the application?"

Andrea Lohneiss: "Okay. The Town of Riverhead is preparing this application for community development funds for 1993. Proposed activities must meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons or elimination of (inaudible), and also be eligible for community development funding. The Town's estimated allocation for 1993 is \$190,000, of which \$150,000 has been appropriated for construction of a building to be owned by the Town and operated as a day care center. In addition, Riverhead is eligible to apply for funds competitively. In 1992, a total of \$290,000 was received for a total of eight different projects. The applications must be submitted to Suffolk County by December 1st and anyone wishing to comment on the proposed application or upon any active community development project is welcome to do so."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone who wishes to address the Board on this matter? Yes, sir?"

David Wellen: "Hi. My name is David Wellen, I'm Chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Riverhead Music Hall. The reason I'm here is to say that a grant would really be good because we have a major problem there. We need a sprinkler system to preserve the building because it is in danger of-- a threat of a fire. And another thing I wanted to bring up is I think in light of the situation of downtown Riverhead with so many businesses leaving, I think it would be a great idea to get the theater open and it could help restaurants and stores and things. And I know we had some problems in the past, but we have a lot of new blood on the Council and we really want to get this place open. And, \$50,000 would probably take care of the sprinkler system and the heating system and we would be on the way to getting the place open. If we get some corporate grants and private funding, I think that something really could be done there."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "So \$50,000 is for the sprinkler and the heating system?"

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David Wellen: "And various other items. I have a list here of things that could be-- "

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "And you'll submit that to the Town Clerk?"

David Wellen: "Yeah, right."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this matter? Yes, sir."

Courtney Burns: "My name is Courtney Burns. I'm the Director of the Hallockville Museum Farm on Sound Avenue in Northville. Last week I submitted to you packets of materials about Hallockville and our activities as well as a proposal to include in this application \$25,000 for historic preservation of the historic Hallock homestead. As you may know, Hallockville is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1975. In 1982, we began work on the complex of buildings that is the Hallockville Museum Farm. We've done substantial restoration to all of the buildings including moving two buildings to the site, one of which we've restored as an educational and administrative center for Hallockville with support from HUD monies in 1990. The proposed \$25,000 would now address issues specifically related to the structural integrity of the homestead, which dates from 1765 and was lived in by the Hallock family until 1979. Specifically, we had a 1987 structural survey done and the assessment noted some rotted and inadequate supporting members in the basement. Presently there's other exterior elements that have been rotted and need attention and if these features and hazards are left untreated, they can threaten to undermine the entire integrity of the building as well as undermine all the restoration efforts that we've put in to this date. I think Hallockville, being representative of the agricultural heritage of Riverhead and Northville specifically, is an important architectural monument to this Town and I think that it's worth investing in. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes-- yes, Mrs. Mack?"

Bernice Mack: "Good evening. I'm Bernice Mack, the Director of the Riverhead/Southampton Community Center. Supervisor

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Joseph Janoski, Riverhead Town Board, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York. Dear Supervisor Janoski and Board Members: The Riverhead/Southampton Community Center, Inc. Board and I wish to express our appreciation for the past support we have received from the Town of Riverhead. As a result of your support and that of others, the Riverhead/Southampton Community Center has been able to continue to provide numerous basic services and advocacy for the poor and disadvantaged of this area.

We are requesting consideration for inclusion in the Town's request for community development bloc grant monies. With the poor economic climate, our clientele is including a larger number of families who were once part of the middle class. In order that we may continue to help the residents of our community we need your help. We are asking that you place \$25,000 in the budget for the center. Since approximately 97% of our clientele are divided equally between the two Towns, we are making an identical request of monies to Southampton Town.

It has been a financial miracle that we have been able to remain open. We have received a number of private donations. We have held several fundraisers, and continually seek financial assistance from various sources to supplement our current budget and to pay off \$4,000 in 1991 rent debts. Funding from Suffolk County for 1992 was cut from \$15,000 to zero, and it is hoped that Riverhead will urge the county to reinstate support for the Riverhead/Southampton Community Center, as well as continue its support.

Attached please find a copy of the Riverhead/Southampton Community Center proposed 1992 budget, a program narrative, and the stats for 1991. We would also be more than willing to provide stats for the first nine months of 1992, if needed. For any additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Riverhead/Southampton Community Center would appreciate your assistance in gaining funding for our programs. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Mrs. Mack."

Bernice Mack: "And I have one for each Board member."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone else who wishes

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to address the Board on this subject? Mr. Johnson?"

Michael Johnson: "My name is Michael Johnson, Co-Chairman of the African-American Leadership Council. I have a proposal for matching funds for a multi-cultural learning center in Riverhead. The overall objective of this proposed center is to provide a means to bring progressive elements of the African-American community together. To provide cultural and self-awareness, to provide a vehicle by which talent can be developed and expressed. To raise the political economic health and moral consciousness of the African-American community and to provide the central location for African-American organizations to give pride and hope to all of the people. At present, no facility exists on eastern Long Island capable of addressing the problems of the African-American community. There is a void that must be filled. We, the AALC, have a vision of total healthy African-American community in Riverhead. We believe that the multi-cultural learning center is an answer toward bringing about the new vitality in the community. Also, this type of center will generate capital once it is operational. We will be able to offer plays, entertainment from around the world. We will be able to host seminars, conventions, weddings and other ceremonies. We will be able to hold festivals, carnivals, black rodeo on an annual basis. Also, our match program will become a reality. The match program entails matching a child with a particular talent and an adult who has developed the talent. The objective here is to develop the child's talent until it can become marketable. Once marketable, we will provide means where the family, neighborhood, etc., can invest financially into their child. We will be able to develop competitively youth teams, chess teams, track teams, art exhibition, local musicians, etc. The potential of this great and the benefits unfathomable that not to develop this center is to turn your backs on the best plan and opportunity to date. Now, to develop this cultural learning center, the AALC proposes that to lease 6,000 square feet of office space at 49 West Main Street in Riverhead, to be used as a multi-use, multi-cultural learning center in the Town. We envision this center to become the hub of the multi-cultural activity in the Town of Riverhead; by offering the means of change it becomes possible to change. This center will become the nerve center and the heart of the African-American community on Long Island. This center will be financed primarily by grants from the Town of Riverhead, Southampton, Suffolk County, federal

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and state budgets. Additional funding will come from the community groups from the surrounding areas. Local and Long Island business district, BOCES, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead School District, Spacerunners, and memberships and activity fees. It will be staffed primarily by African-Americans from the Riverhead and surrounding area. This does not mean the exclusion of white workers. This means that those young African-Americans who are hanging out, living in crime, living in destruction, will be the target of rehabilitation through hard work and responsibility. Young white men and women living in destruction will also be considered a target. All of our programs and activities serve to accomplish one primary objective - to help save our people from destruction by offering them a healthy new self and community. We intend to save our people by offering them a powerful vision stimulating their imagination, raising their political and economical cultural consciousness, unlocking their genius upon the problems. Programs and activities - we believe that programs should be alive and vibrant and carried to the people with love. Life and love is what the world cries for, this is what the AALC offers our people. Multi-cultural learning center will offer plays, lectures, live entertainment, meetings, seminars, cultural arts development, musical theatrical productions, civil service test training classes, annual African Native American Day parade and festival, annual black rodeo, honor they mother and father, a tribute to family achievement. Community wide African-American Council - will coordinate the information, resources, major decisions, develop the overall strategy, overall responsibility and accountability, and rebuilding of a people. The ministry of health will offer life giving information, preventative nutrition mediation, prenatal nutrition mediation, enhancement of the immune system, Aids awareness, and drug prevention. The community newsletter will offer dissemination of vital information, honor members of the community, important announcements, employment information, and training information. The sisters portion of this center will offer organization to unwed mothers and welfare recipients, welfare and workfare reforms and develop support systems. Ministry of education, that's where we, if you change the way we think, you changet he things that you do, will give you knowledge of self, the principle of life, the principle of love, and know how to think of yourself. We will also have a living library where we will have oral histories, welcome of newborns, speeches, seminars, ceremonies, and movies. The ministry of economic and

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finance will offer budgeting, community investments, small business training, import/export, and development of a bank. The competitive sports and games, we will offer a winter and summer basketball, softball, tennis. We would like to support the track - winter and summer, darts, chess and checkers. The purpose and goals. Our objective of this program and activities serve to accomplish one priority objective, to help save our people from destruction by offering them a healthy new self and community. We intend to save our people by offering them a powerful vision, stimulating their imagination, raising their political, economical and cultural consciousness, locking their genius upon the problems. The cost and expenses. Note that all of these are expenses that are listed on a yearly basis. The rent will be approximately \$30,000 for that particular building for a year. The heat, \$3,000. Water, \$1,000. Electric, \$6,000. Insurance, \$4,000. Equipment start up will be \$7,000. Supplies, \$4,000. Programs start up will be \$6,000. Staffing, \$15,000 because we are using a lot of volunteers. Postage, \$1,000. Telephone, \$3,000. Total yearly cost of these expenses are \$80,000. Source of Funding. The Town of Riverhead matching funds will provide \$40,000. Riverhead Town would be required to provide half of the funding needed to support this program. We believe the requested funds can come from the federally funded Riverhead Town Community Bloc Grant earmarked for low income families, whereas seventy-five per cent of the teens and adults that will benefit from this program, will easily fit the HUD guidelines for low income community residents. A portion of the funding should also come from the Riverhead teen center which might not have a building to complete this year's session based on the planned closing of the armory. That information came from Supervisor Janoski at the School Board meeting last Tuesday. At present, the teen center operates only three nights a week for a total of thirteen hours and services an average of thirty African American children and no real average of white teens with an annual budget of \$61,800, which equates to \$2,060 per teen. We believe that the multi-cultural learning will service five to six times as many teens than the present town sponsored teen center at a cost to the town of \$222 per teen, not to mention the adults that we plan to service. To support this statement, we look at the after school program that the African American Leadership Council ran in 1989 and 1990 at the Pulaski Street School where without any funding at all, we had an average attendance of one hundred and thirty teens with a high of one

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hundred and eighty nine teens. A portion of the funding also should come from the Riverhead police budget for overtime expenses. We believe that if the overtime is due to the police action for teens, this need will greatly be reduced by our efforts. Source of matching funds from other organizations listed below, \$40,000. We have Images program, which is an after school tutorial program - space rental. EOC of Suffolk - space rental. NAACP - space rental. BOCES - space rental. Suffolk County Community College - space rental. Meeting room space for rental. Program fees. General membership. Local business donations. Community Leadership Council - space rental. Other grants still in processing, those are still pending right now. The principle of life: That life begets life, is the thread by which we have begun to sew the fabric of life itself. The principle of love is embodied in all of our programs. I must comment on the use of funds that we are presently doing with the present budget that probably will be approved this evening. We're spending \$61,800 at the present teen center. If that teen center, if it's like what we've experienced in the past with the Reagan administration and with the Bush administration, well we have a failed policy. We're only reaching twenty-five to thirty kids on a nightly basis and that's three nights a week. We will be operating six days a week, seventy-two hours a week, and we plan to reach over two hundred people in that period of time. If it's a fail program, recognize and admit that it's a fail program and transfer those funds to a program that will address the needs of the community. Because if the police or anyone say that it is not good and in our best interest to take away from the police overtime budget to support this type of a program, they should embrace it and be happy that we're going to work with our teens and the adults to enhance them in this manner so that we don't have to worry about the overtime, and we do not have to put their lives at risk. We can make this a safer Town if you embrace this project. We need \$40,000 from the Town. We respectfully request that amount of money. If not, we would like to negotiate and have a program that grows in stages and steps. If there are any questions, I would like anybody to bring them up now, because I do have to go to a School Board meeting tonight which is extremely important to me also."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "I am sure, Mike, if the Town Board has any questions, they will be in contact with you. Is it possible for you to submit a copy of that proposal to the

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Town Clerk?"

Mike Johnson: "Absolutely."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board? Mr. Hill?"

Councilman Creighton: "Just a-- I'd just like to point out. Mr. Fadar who is the Superintendent of the Armory in Riverhead, and I believe he's in charge of a couple of others, Patchogue and others, has indicated that to his knowledge, there is no plan to shut down the Armory or to change the configuration currently here with the National Guard in Riverhead. So you don't want to accept that as a given in your plans."

Mike Johnson: "No, I won't. But that information came from the present Town Supervisor, Joe Janoski, at the special School Board meeting last Tuesday, and it's information. Only thing I can use is information that I receive from you and that I pick out, I get from-- "

Councilman Creighton: "I think it's reasonable that over time, the state will have to phase down its National Guard strength because of the cut back in defense. But at the present time, the people in charge say that they're not aware of any cutbacks here in Riverhead. So it will be at least a year I think is what, before any changes are made in that program."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Hill, why don't you please state your name and-- "

Michael Hill: "My name is Michael Hill and I'm also the Co-Chairman of the African-American Leadership Council here in Riverhead, and I hold in my hand a separate proposal for an African Community Newsletter."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Could you just give us your address for the record in case we need to communicate with you further, Mr. Hill."

Michael Hill: "60 West Main Street, Riverhead. This will be brief. The African-American Leadership Council submits this request to the Town of Riverhead for a grant of \$10,000 towards

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the establishment of a Newsletter to serve the African-American population in Riverhead and the immediate surrounding areas. The purpose of this Newsletter, well the primary purpose of the community Newsletter, is to raise the political, economic and historical and moral consciousness of the black community in Riverhead, Long Island. The secondary purpose is to provide a means to centralize certain information vital to the black community such as announcements of upcoming events, meetings, seminars, and other community activities. This Newsletter will serve as a means by which all other African-American groups and organizations in Riverhead can express their views and opinions concerning the African-American community here. What we believe, we, the AALC, believe that this Newsletter will provide a voice for our people. This is a means towards establishing a new way of thinking as well as bringing groups together. This Newsletter will be of no cost to the public. I request the \$10,000 is a modest request considering its need and potential. Our intent is to secure a computerized printer by means of public auction. We have attended such auctions and know that this can be easily done. With this \$10,000, we will also be able to acquire the materials needed to initially begin the printing such as layout tables, paper, ink, cutting tools, etc. We will also use the actual publication of this Newsletter as an ongoing educational tool for training youth in printing. Because of the conditioning and condition of the black community, this Newsletter can become a vital resource for a positive change. In conclusion, please be advised that the AALC does not make this request for funds for its own benefit nor for its sole use. This request is based upon the needs and desires of the African community at large in Riverhead. This Newsletter is a tool which will be used at the disposal of all our people and all of the organizations in Riverhead. So in essence, the request for a \$10,000 grant is not for the AALC, but for the entire African-American community in Riverhead. And, I might just add in closing, that you do not see a voice of the African-American community in the form of a Newsletter, a paper, a radio station, a TV station. Nothing. The African community here in Riverhead has no centralized voice. There is no way that the organizations can come together and express themselves or to educate or to bring information to the people. We have a crisis, a Aids crisis. We have a crime crisis. We have all kinds of crisis. The infant mortality crisis. But the information that's coming to the people, they're coming through brochures handed out by Suffolk County. Handed

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out by New York State. Handed out by whoever. The only way that our community, which is not a community and I have to say this, that is not a reading community in the sense that if you hand them a leaflet or a brochure, they're not going to sit down with their families, read the information, discuss the information and determine how this information can bring about a change in their lives or protect them against crime or Aids. We have to have something that will belong to the people. We believe that by creating, where we are willing to do the work, we're willing to get the people, we're willing to go to the auction and get the quipment. Do all the work. What we're asking the Town of Riverhead is to help us establish the paper. We will not come back again for more money for the paper. We are asking you to help us establish the paper for the black community. Thank you."

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

Barry Birnstein: "My name is Barry Birnstein. I'm in Two Bears Estates. We just want to get some information from the Town if we could as far as what's going on with the drainage problem that we-- "

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay. We're still in the process of conducting this Public Hearing. We can accept comment only on this particular matter. We will ask you to come back to the microphone after we have concluded this Public Hearing."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "You're welcome. Is there anyone else? Yes, Mr. Kestling."

Rolph Kestling: "My name is Rolph Kestling. I live in Wading River. I just spoke to Miss Lohneiss 10 or 15 minutes ago and I asked her this \$193,000, do you have it in your pocket? She says no. It's a request. We can expect it. I said maybe you can get less. She says yes. I think Miss Gilliam's prophecy what she made about a year ago about the nursery school may come true. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Anyone else? Yes, Mr. Pfeiffer."

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Henry Pfeiffer: "Henry Pfeiffer, Wading River. I have a very modest request, and that is to continue the refurbishing of the Senior Citizens Community Center across the street by making accessible to the handicapped the two bathrooms there, and to make accessible to the handicapped, the downstairs level by either constructing a ramp or an elevator. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board? Joe?"

Joe Fischer: "We have a request from the Riverhead Merchants Association in conjunction with the downtown parking district whereby we'd like the allocation of fundings in an approximate amount of \$12,000 for the acquisition and implementation and installation of 14 new parking signs, identifying where municipal parking is in the downtown Riverhead area. We'd like to replace some of the existing signs with signs approximately double the size. Our proposal includes the utilization of synthetic materials which will, therefore, be impervious to the weather. They won't wear out. They won't require placement. They're not going to rot, they're not going to crack. They're not going to chip."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "You said \$12,000?"

Joe Fischer: "\$12,000 for 14 signs."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this particular matter? Gwen?"

Gwen Branch: "Gwen Branch, Riverhead. Number one, at the last Board meeting, the Board invited my executive director, Linda Fleming, to present a proposal at this time. I'm the Clinical Director for Alternatives Counseling here in Riverhead, and the request is as such. Project summary. Community development funds will enable Alternatives Riverhead office to expand services to substance abuse women with school age children. This project meets guidelines in providing services for an unmet need in a low income population. Target population. Riverhead Town women who have substance abuse problems, have school age children, are low income, who do not have access to affordable and accessible substance abuse services. A minimum of 15 women

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would be served during the contract period. (Inaudible)-- our application for service in our referral and community contact sources, we are aware of an unmet need for intervention services for low income substance abusing mothers. Their involvement creates multiple problems in their own lives and that of their children, other family members, the school, the criminal justice system and the community. Appropriate intervention and services will decrease these problems. Method. Alternatives will expand services to these women initiated in 1992. Evaluation counseling, referral and support service will be made more comprehensive by increasing inter-agency support network with Social Services Riverhead Health, Probation and other agencies. Budget. Alternatives request \$5,000 to use to support counseling staff, and the agency will add \$35,000 to that for that position. Secondly, I would like to add my support to the Riverhead-Southampton Community Center and there is one portion of the budget that, or the proposal, that was not read. And that's in terms of its Youth Enrichment Project. It may be ascertained from any observation of youth today that there may be increasing problems which need our immediate attention. With increasing conflicts of social and moral values, there appears to be a paralleling rise in violence, teenage pregnancy, undereducated youth, drug use, and sales. Although the greatest number of our youth are participating in their education and striving toward positive goals, many of our youth are undisciplined, undereducated and misguided. We cannot afford to ignore these problems because these problems affect us all. But in this area and in particular, Riverhead, there are few programs which address and support the needs of our youth. Many of us have grown up with less stresses than those of our youth today. Many of us have had less negative choices and more positive support from parents, relatives, and neighbors that have kept eyes on others' children. It is not certain in many situations, there are more incidences of physical and sexual abuse or if these cases have been reported. But it is certain that our children are suffering from the ills of society. It is at least part our responsibility to provide a safe and nurturing fortress where our youth can attempt to obtain some of the things they need in order to become successful and productive members of our community. It is important to remember that these children will one day be responsible for us in our old age. Whether that is reassuring or frightening it is up to us. It is proposed that the Youth Enrichment Project be developed to address some of the problems

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of youth and their families in this community. The Youth Enrichment Project will target young people primarily between the ages of two and eighteen, with particular emphasis on eight to thirteen year olds during this initial development. This Project will support and/or implement five areas, parent advocacy and support, positive self-esteem, tutoring, positive alternative activities and a newsletter. Parent-advocacy support - it is important to assist parents in their attempt to gain a positive education for their children as well as assisting them in securing appropriate services when there are problems beyond their understanding or resources. This part of the project will provide ongoing parent support to address parenting needs through support groups, workshops and community agencies. In addition, the project will provide parents with appropriate advocates who will give support and positive intervention on request. Positive self-esteem - research will show that children who possess a positive self-identification are more likely to make good choices in their lives. In contrast, those who have a negative sense of themselves are more likely to make poor choices and to be more influenced by negative peer pressure. The project will address positive self-esteem by providing positive role models, self-esteem building workshops, positive cultural and ethnic presentations, and field trips. Tutoring - tutoring will be provided after school for elementary children and during the evening for older youth on both an individual and group basis dependent on student need. Alternative Positive Activities - the project will provide recreational activities to provide positive alternatives to youth involvement to negative activities. These activities will provide positive play, increase skill level, promote good sportsmanship, and promote and develop good role models. Newsletter - a newsletter will be provided to parents to help make them aware of important events within the community as well as to salute the positive achievements of the youth involved in the project. In order that this project be successful and cost efficient three things must occur in addition to receiving funding: competent individuals to establish and oversee the program, networking amongst community groups and individuals and a good and caring group of volunteers. Through the sponsorship of the Riverhead-Southampton Community Center, Inc., a beginning parent group has already begun. Arnold Brunskill and Donald Owens have founded the Riverhead Striders Track Team which has already provided one positive alternative activity for approximately 35 young people who have already won a number of

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awards. The center also provides a place where the project can meet with youth and their families. Additionally, the center has run a very successful afternoon tutorial program with the cooperation of the Riverhead School District. In order to provide good programs, we need funds to provide tutors, transportation and uniforms, supplies, etc. We are requesting support of \$5,000 from the Community Development Grant to help to subsidize these items."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Gwen, so that \$5,000 is separate then the request for the-- "

Gwen Branch: "Yes."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this particular subject? Yes, sir."

Arnold Brunskill: "My name is Arnold Brunskill and I just want to speak in support of the Youth Enhancement Program that Gwen was talking about. I'm the founder of the Riverhead Striders Track Club and I'd like to say that each week that I work with the young people, we have about 30 to 35 young people, and it's not until you see their dedication of showing up for the practices that we have. The last two weeks, it was very cold, yet they still showed up to practice, and that any support that you would be able to give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this matter? Mr. Schmelzer?"

George Schmelzer: "I'd like to see the whole country become 'moochocracy', federal, state, local, town. Everybody wants to mooch off the government for something they should do themselves that they can't handle themselves. They got big money going to schools and the parents can't run their own kids. I don't know what we're coming to."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Schmelzer, is there a requested amount of money that you wanted to ask of the Town Board for any particular project?"

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George Schmelzer: "Of course, you don't do it, most of it. Why should you help establish a newspaper? Anybody can establish a newspaper on their own. More papers have started on their own. They can have advertising and make a go. Some make a go of it, some don't."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Schmelzer."

George Schmelzer: "I thank you. What are you trying to knock the whole Town down, building by building? It looks it, knock buildings down. Are you going to start at Roanoke Avenue and go east to the railroad? One by one."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you, Mr. Schmelzer."

George Schmelzer: "Okay, thank you for listening."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "You're welcome."

George Schmelzer: "The rest of it isn't worth listening to. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay, if you said it, I'll agree. Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this subject? That being the case, and without objection, I declare the Hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 8:20 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Pat, if we could get back to the gentleman's question who's a resident of Two Bears. Can you give-- Pat Moore-- can you provide an update to the residents of Two Bears as to the progress made with regard to some of their concerns in that area?"

Patricia Moore: "Sure. There was a very general question of what's been going on with the drainage. I was going back through my file and back in September, shortly after the residents came to the meeting and voiced their concerns, we met with Two Bears, the various engineers and came up with a plan on trying to avoid-- back in September, we met with the Two Bears people, the engineers and the various Town Departments to

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discuss some of the problems that were addressed before the Town Board at a meeting when the Two Bears people came in and complained about the drainage. We sat down at the table and worked on a plan that we hoped would resolve any future problems on the excess drainage-- the overflow of the drainage system. And we, the Planning Engineer, approved a plan which it's a piping that would connect the southerly drainage basin to the northerly drainage basin, resulting in overflow. So when one drainage basin would overflow, there would be a overflow into the other drainage basin. That was constructed through the month of October. I believe it was completed before the end of October. It was approved. It was inspected by the engineers for the Planning Board and that is in place and, hopefully, it's working. As far as certain-- there were certain lots that were subject to drainage problems and they had installed, unbeknowst to the Town, they had made separate arrangements with Two Bears to install drainage systems or catch basins, I'm using the wrong term, I'm sorry, drywells, on their properties. We were not aware of these drywells. We asked, since they were becoming an issue we asked that the surveyor for the developer, for Al Tuff, provide a survey showing where those drywells were and to now bring it before the Town. So since you were complaining to us, we wanted to know exactly what was there. Four or five of the, I have specifically which ones we have already received or the Planning Board's Engineer has received. They were the original complaints and the ones that were prepared relatively quickly. Since that time, there have been-- part of the correspondence that's been going on-- I sent a letter to all the property owners in Two Bears. You should have received a letter as well as all your neighbors, telling you what the progress was, what we were doing to solve the drainage problem, and also that if you had specific complaints, because some people had voiced their concerns about their house, construction problems or other problems that they had encountered in their homes since they were living there, to put it in writing rather than verbal, over the telephone, or whatever else had been going on in the meantime. Put it in writing, send the letter to Two Bears attorney because now they had an attorney there that was going to be receiving all the complaints, and we were working through their attorney. In all of the correspondence that came in, we noted that there were some additional catch basins on other properties that we were not aware of and that were creating some problems, some drainage problems. So we asked the surveyor for Al Tuff to give us surveys,

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what's called 'as built', to show what's been built and how the property looks, actual survey properties going out to the property right now, as built, for those properties that had additional drainage structures on them that we were not aware of and that were having some problems. So those additional lots are, my understanding is, that Mr. Minto, who's the surveyor, has prepared them but I'm not sure where they are. Whether they've been sent to the Planning Board's Engineer or not. I should be hearing in the next week at what point, if they have been completed, and if they have not been completed, when they will be sent to us."

Barry Birnstein: "We know that the as built were requested in the middle of August, towards the end of August."

Patricia Moore: "No, the as built were requested in the end of September. It was after the initial meeting with Al Tuff and all the engineers, where we sat down at the table and went over all the drainage problems. And at that point, we decided, and it was agreed to, that they were going to submit as built. And there were certain as built, and I have the name of the different property owners, if you want to know, I'll tell you. But for you, what is your name?"

Barry Birnstein: "Barry Birnstein."

Patricia Moore: "Birnstein. I don't recall your name being one of the as built."

Barry Birnstein: "It may not be. It's just that it was mentioned by Richard Hanley at the September 15th meeting that the as built were requested three or four weeks before the meeting, which would make it towards the end of August."

Patricia Moore: "It would have been only as to maybe two or three properties, Terchunian and Miller and, one more, Marks. There were only three properties of as built that were requested because those were the ones that we knew of that were encountering some drainage problems. As to all the others, there were maybe-- and since then-- there were maybe five more as built that have been requested. Those are, we're getting them as we ask for them."

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Barry Birnstein: "Okay. In the playground, the original concept of fixing the playground drainage, was to have positive drainage into the recharge basin. At the same meeting, it was changed to a drywell of three 12 by 10 and a silt basin which has no positive drainage into the recharge basin. We were wondering why there's no positive drainage into the recharge basin."

Patricia Moore: "You know, I don't recall and I don't have that information--"

Barry Birnstein: "It was at the September 23rd meeting, there was, you mentioned that you were afraid the Town had liability on-- you were afraid of--"

Patricia Moore: "No, there was-- at one point we were talking about how we were going to use a collection system and there was going to be-- I'm not an engineer. As layman, I will explain. There was going to be some openings for the water to enter and that would then be piped, as you describe it, as a positive system into the recharge basin. My concern was that, as a parent, I don't like seeing a lot of catch basin lids there, even though 90 out of 100 times there would be no problem. I wouldn't feel comfortable, so I said, and there was a general feeling that we should try to limit the number of openings and get them out of the general vicinity of where the children are actually playing. Move them to the side or whatever. So that the number of actual openings, the engineers gave us the expertise so we wouldn't eliminate resolving the drainage problem, but we were moving them out of the way. And to my knowledge, I don't believe that it's a catch system. I think it's a positive drainage."

Barry Birnstein: "Yes. These three 10 by 12 drainage pools are connected to a silt box which doesn't say that it's-- I'm wondering whether it's positive drainage into the--"

Patricia Moore: "To my knowledge, it is. I'd be happy to meet with you at another time and go over the specific plans. Actually, I would recommend that you meet with an engineer who will explain it to you and go over it with you."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay. On the drainage though, the

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drainage map approved, well, last meeting Rick Hanley said that the drainage design was based on data from soil borings. But the (inaudible) of the runoff is not consistent with the type of soil, the grade of the lands, or the ground vegetation which exist today, because of the topsoil that was stripped off the land."

Patricia Moore: "Well, that's your position. Obviously, we've had engineers along every step of this process and the Planning Board and their engineers review the details that you're describing. If you have disputes as to the test samples, I would suggest that you discuss it with an engineer and if you have your own test borings that you would compare them to, we would be happy to look at it."

Barry Birnstein: "Would it be possible to take a look at the drainage map of the subdivision?"

Patricia Moore: "That's already been reviewed by various people in your community and you'd be welcome to review it. You just come to the Planning Board Office and review it."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay. We would also like to know what is going on with the performance bond, we are concerned that it will be released."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We said we're not going to release the bond until we're satisfied. We've said that 10 times, we are going to say it 20 times. Don't ask that question again. We, in fact, we're going to be calling bonds in some subdivisions. We're going to review them with the Superintendent of Highways. I'll say it again. If it's not done the right way, we're going to call the bond. Okay, now. There's another rumor going around this community that that's not the case. The Town Board is not going to do that. All right. Now, I can't say it again. Please. I don't want to say read my lips. Because it got somebody else in trouble. Okay. Seriously, that's our ace in the hole. We certainly want to fix this thing, get it done right. And believe me. We could ruin this guy by calling the performance bond. He'll never be able to get another bond again. And, that's our last resort. That's really drastic and he knows that. And I hope and as you know, the Board members themselves are not part of the day to day negotiations here. But I would

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urge him strongly, all parties involved, to resolve this thing as soon as possible. Because the Board is watching, and we're waiting and we want to see this thing rectified as soon as possible."

Patricia Moore: "Just so you're aware, there has been complete co-operation. In fact, when we were sitting at the table and there was a back and forth, there was never the attempt to nickel and dime us down to a less than adequate job. We required them to go with whatever it was that the engineers believed would solve the problem and it was not-- we wouldn't give them a break. We don't do that."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay, my only point would be--

Councilman Stark: "Could I ask you a question. The middle sump."

Barry Birnstein: "The northerly sump?"

Councilman Stark: "I believe the day that Vic and I were up there you walked around with us. I know we have had no major rains like we had this past spring, but for the few rains that we have had, is that working now?"

Barry Birnstein: "As far as I can see, but like you said, we haven't had a severe rain like we had in the past."

Patricia Moore: "We had probably one about a week ago and I remember that I didn't have time to go over there, but it was not compared to the other storms that we had, but it was probably the first significant rain that we had. And was it working then?"

Barry Birnstein: "As far as I saw. We do appreciate the Town helping us."

Councilman Stark: "Is it draining away? In other words, since the silt-- originally from when all of the lots were bare, without grass. A lot of the rains came and a lot of that silt was washed down into the drainage, into the drywells which drain off and ultimately end up in the main sump. And when you get silt on the bottom of the sump, of course, you seal it, and

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then, just like a bathtub. But I was wondering, I was going to take a ride up there that night it was raining, but I never did get there. I don't know whether there were enough lights to see whether that stuff was draining away or not."

Barry Birnstein: "It appears to be working thus far."

Councilman Stark: "Okay, good. At least that's some progress right there."

Patricia Moore: "As part of the drainage project that was undertaken, there was also the cleaning out of the sumps."

Barry Birnstein: "Scraping the bottoms, get rid of the--"

Patricia Moore: "Mr. Stark I think was, or Mr. Prusinowski was commenting that it had silted over so that was done part of the installing of the piping."

Councilman Stark: "There is one house on the east side from that middle road that runs alongside of the sump or to the south of the sump, there was a young woman that owned that house that had water up to almost her floorboard."

Barry Birnstein: "Yes."

Councilman Stark: "What was her name?"

Barry Birnstein: "Miller."

Councilman Stark: "And I think we called for a as built survey on that. I got a letter on that. I requested that. So that's in the works right now."

Patricia Moore: "Yes, right."

Barry Birnstein: "My only other question then would be the letters that we've been sending to the attorney, the builder's attorney, and to the Town, the only response that we've received, personally, is the builder called and all they said was that they were going to put a strip of heating in the room upstairs. In the Hitchcock model, which is the prevalent model in the subdivision, the problem with the heating in that room

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is that there is no sheathing on the exterior wall. There's an opening under the floor, so what's happening is where the soffit vents are in the back of the house and the porch, the wind is going underneath this floor and exiting on the other side of the house. That's one problem. The second problem is that there is no sheathing and the third problem is that the piping, the supply pipes going to the upstairs bathroom, were supposed to be routed inside the kitchen instead of--

Patricia Moore: "Slow down a bit. I'm not in the trade, and I'm trying to keep track of what you are talking about."

Barry Birnstein: "This is a slanted roof, you have two-- you know, the walls on either side of the room. On the exterior side of these walls, all you have on those walls is loose insulation, and on the other side of that insulation, are the soffit vents where all your air is coming through."

Patricia Moore: "Okay. Let me just interrupt you at this point. The reason why I ask that you put all your complaints or your comments on the problems you had with the house or what you felt needed to be corrected, like a punchlist, is that the disputes that each individual property owner has with the contractor, doesn't involve the Town. And I said that before and I'll say it again. That these are-- it's no different then if you were to buy a lot in anywhere else and contract with a builder to build the house. He has to provide a certain quality house and you have warranties and you have the specs that you got on your house. But this is your negotiation with him. The reason why I wanted to put it in writing is because some people have more experience then others on dealing with contractors, and if you don't put it in writing, then they may not pay attention. Okay. But the Town has done what they can do which is the drainage. That's within our control and certainly our responsibility to make sure that it meets the Town specs."

Barry Birnstein: "One of my concerns with that room also is that the supply pipes going up to the upstairs bathroom were originally supposed to be routed inside the house between the kitchen and the diningroom. Instead of that, that wall was ripped out, those supply pipes are being run through an exterior wall and they're freezing. Now, this winter, they did come and try to repair it. Last winter they were personally at our house

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twice. We're concerned if this happens again, and I'm fairly sure that it's going to happen again, who do we call at that point? We can't get the builder back."

Patricia Moore: "You have to contact the builder and if you have problems that ultimately result in you having to go to Justice Court and bringing a small claims action against him, so be it. And if he's faced with 125 small claims actions, well, maybe that's what it's going to have to take to get some action out of him. But he knows it's his responsibility. There are warranties-- that's your recourse. The Town is not the builder here."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay. There may be other people from Two Bears who may want to make a comment, if they would be allowed to do that also. Okay. Thank you."

Patricia Moore: "Yes, ma'am, in the back of the room."

Eileen Mangano: "I'm Eileen Mangano, a Two Bears resident. I have a question. Who is the engineer representing the Town in the work with Two Bears?"

Councilman Stark: "John Johnson."

Patricia Moore: "John Johnson."

Eileen Mangano: "I just read in the paper recently that he was convicted of conspiracy and this was two days ago, and my thought on the matter would be, shouldn't somebody, maybe some other engineer maybe be involved in this project?"

Patricia Moore: "Well, yes, we have had the Town Engineer and Mr. Prusinowski."

Eileen Mangano: "Is that Ken Testa?"

Patricia Moore: "Ken Testa has been involved in this. We, I, we've spoken to John Johnson's office today to find out if there is someone in the office that is going to be taking over. We're going to be finding out that within the next couple of days. If we have to, and it's very likely that this will be transferred to the Planning Board's current engineer, which is

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Mr. Raynor-- "

Eileen Mangano: "That's someone on staff with the Town?"

Patricia Moore: "No, no. The Planning Board-- well, he's a consultant to the Planning Board. He's hired as the Planning Board's engineer."

Eileen Mangano: "As well as John Johnson. He's another parallel?"

Patricia Moore: "Well, John Johnson, the policy of the Planning Board, I guess was that until such time as his trial occurred, innocent until proven guilty, that he would be permitted to finish up those projects that he was involved in to the extent that we didn't want to pay the cost of getting somebody else educated on this."

Eileen Mangano: "Now, what is the status then?"

Patricia Moore: "Well, as I don't know, I can't answer for the Planning Board, but-- "

Eileen Mangano: "Well, you know, I'll leave it to you. I just want to say-- "

Patricia Moore: "Yes, we will be taking care of it."

Eileen Mangano: "I hope you will watch because clearly he could have, you know, done something wrong in our development. It's possible since he did it-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well that's why we asked the Town engineer who is very capable and qualified in this matter to review the entire situation."

Eileen Mangano: "Yes, I appreciate it. We all do."

Patricia Moore: "We've also scrutinized his involvement here, so to any extent that you-- that assures you that there was no hanky-panky here, we don't believe so. And we've been-- we're watching it."

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Eileen Mangano: "Well, that's good, and I appreciate it. Looking at all the problems we've had and then seeing his name associated with the project, I started to say to myself, uh-oh. Okay, good. Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "It should be-- let me make something clear on that-- just to be clear on what was just discussed. When there were allegations that the engineer worked for the Planning Board, Mr. Johnson was being indicted, the Planning Board took immediate action to terminate using him on any new project. A new engineer was hired by the Planning Board, and he's handling all new projects. Because of complications with projects such as yours, they decided that it would be best to keep Johnson on 'til the trial at least, to follow through with those projects that were existing. The Planning Board has a new engineer. I don't know what the status is and I don't think anybody is here from the Planning Board who can answer the question whether or not Mr. Johnson will stay on now that he's been convicted."

Patricia Moore: "My guess is that he probably won't."

Councilman Creighton: "On the old project."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "If you could just state your name and address for the record, please."

Natalie Alenski: "My name is Natalie Alenski, and I live at 32 Roan Lane, Lot No. 70, Two Bears."

Patricia Moore: "70 did you say?"

Natalie Alenski: "Lot No. 70, yes. It's funny how this gentleman over here was talking about the destruction of Rimland, or the Town was, and there's two buildings in front of Two Bears Development that make the Rimland building look like the White House. I mean if you go there, you will notice clearly that that is a playground for children. That there is a hole in which Two Bears have left their garbage and dumped-- and this has not been resolved yet. This building is clearly dangerous."

Patricia Moore: "Well, my understanding is that those

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buildings are not owned by Al Tuff or the Two Bears. It's a separate piece of property that's owned by someone else."

Natalie Alenski: "Was Al Tuff leasing that building then?"

Patricia Moore: "No."

Natalie Alenski: "Why is his garbage there then?"

Patricia Moore: "It shouldn't be there."

Natalie Alenski: "It should not be there, but what is the Town doing?"

Patricia Moore: "I will investigate, I can promise that. We'll investigate if there is garbage."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We have another ordinance-- "

Natalie Alenski: "I think this is more important then Rimland right now."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. We have another ordinance on the books. We can have another Public Hearing and, similar to that, we have the right to go on property such as that after proper notification, clean it up, and attach the property owner's tax bill. If Mr. Tuff is responsible again, the Town Attorney will investigate that for the garbage, because he could have dumped the garbage there illegally."

Natalie Alenski: "When I spoke to Mr. Tuff before even moving in, he assured me that that old house up front would be refinished by him. Before he left that development, and that is clearly an attachment to him, you know, that I see."

Patricia Moore: "Well, I know that's not part of his property."

Natalie Alenski: "No, that should be-- maybe we can have a fire drill over there."

Patricia Moore: "Well, I think that there may have been some discussions of acquiring that piece, but I don't think it

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ever came about, so maybe when he spoke to you he had high hopes of acquiring it."

Natalie Alenski: "Okay, I hope the Town should resolve this and make in our community, Two Bears, more presentable to Riverhead community."

Councilman Prusinowski: "As Councilman Stark said, you have a request to us. We will send out the engineer and the Building Inspector to look at those facilities. Similar to our 7:10 Public Hearing, we can conduct another Public Hearing if the engineering report shows those buildings are hazardous or unsafe. That's the purpose of the ordinance. It's been a good ordinance over the years because, also it has prodded property owners to take action on those buildings and we've really never had to demolish a building yet, okay, to my knowledge, I don't recall. There was a couple of years I wasn't on the Board here that could have happened. But it has prodded property owners to take action, so it is a good ordinance and it's something we passed many years ago similar to the litter ordinance which, I know we have done even to some shopping centers where we have gone there and cleaned up and charged them off on their property tax. So we'll investigate it for you."

Natalie Alenski: "Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board? Mr. Haizlip."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. On September the 15th, when I mentioned about the veracity of these gentlemen over there, I had it in my mind at the time to bring up the subject and it slipped. So now that the opportunity prevails again, I want to bring it up. And I'm pretty sure Vic and (inaudible) picked up on it. And I mentioned it to Councilwoman Gilliam in the hall after the meeting was over. So then, I couldn't come back with it. But now that it prevails now that this subject has been brought up, I can put it in. I remember one time Mrs. Graff here stated up on Edwards Avenue when they built the houses, they were in there taking topsoil like mad. It was really trucking right on down the avenue. Now, Mr. Divan -- the Town Constable?"

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Councilman Stark: "James Divan. And he's sitting right back there, so be careful, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "No, I'm just saying what he put in the paper and what he said right up here. So, sorry, Mr. Divan, you didn't put it in the paper. The reporters put it in the paper. You made the statement up here."

Councilman Stark: "And Cheryl is sitting right there, so behave, too."

Councilman Stark: "She's a reporter?"

Councilman Creighton: "I don't think it was Jimmy. I think it was one of the building inspectors, but go ahead."

Patricia Moore: "Go ahead. Why don't you make the point, Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "That the wire was only three or four inches in the ground, the service wire, the electrical wire that goes into the house. I guess in that particular section over there, the requirement was to put the wires under. Now, here's the point. I have a feeling that the electrical contractor put those wires down the 18 inches approximately that was required, but as Mrs. Graff said, after the houses were built, it rained like a son of a gun, and they forgot about it and that had bought the wire level only three or four inches in the ground. Somebody pick up on that long as we're going to pick up on other stuff."

Councilman Stark: "Steve, I think really what the residents of Two Bears are alluding to that prior to even a foundation going into the ground, that topsoil was taken off of the property as they started to grade within the confines of the roads or the lots. Not after the houses were built did bulldozers come in and take all the topsoil off. It was gone before the foundations were built. So any electrical lines were put down three to four inches, just weren't put down deep enough. Am I wrong, in saying that?"

Steve Haizlip: "It's a possibility, Jim, I said. All right, it's a possibility. Okay."

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Councilman Stark: "In my travels in Two Bears during the construction, I didn't see topsoil being taken off. I saw piles of topsoil or loam of some sort being spread around. I would only differ to you on there; it's very easy to take topsoil off before foundations are in, such as Alice alluded to up on Edwards Avenue. On Edwards Avenue, there were no buildings there and topsoil was going out. Topsoil is a very profitable product right now."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, I'm only concerned as the one lady said, about children playing. Now children will play in a yard and they have toys and trucks and little metal shovels and what have you. (Inaudible) -- if it's not encased, good-bye. I mean if it's encased, that's a different story, I don't know. We'll get over that subject. At the last meeting, October the 20th, I mentioned about this Long Island Lighting and the tax (inaudible) case. And Mr. Sherman out in Shelter Island stepped out, and he still stepped out. I made the statement that as bad off as my company is right now with unemployment, no contracts, work and suffering through these hard times, Mr. Rinzo Corporelli made a \$20,000 donation to the community. It didn't take Suzy Halpin long to let me know as soon as she picked up on it, that Mr. Catasenos, is that the way you pronounce the name-- made donations to students of Stony Brook. But the only thing is, he didn't make it in the favor of the company. In other words, he didn't make it on behalf of the company. He made it out of his \$500,000 that he gets a year salary."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Plus stock options."

Steve Haizlip: "Because it states right here in the paper that Florence and William Catasenos made this award, not on the company's behalf."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Steve, do you own any Lilco stock?"

Steve Haizlip: "Nope."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You should buy one share so you can go to the next shareholder's meeting and make that statement. All you need is one share and you can go to the stockholders meeting."

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Steve Haizlip: "Oh, you can't attend the meeting without a certificate of stock?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, you can, but it's better-- "

Steve Haizlip: "But you're not allowed to have a voice."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You have to be a stockholder. In fact, a lot of groups buy one share just so they can show up."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Did you have anything else, Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Yes. I'm just trying to find it if you'll just be patient. Well anyway, Suzie and I we had another subject and that was that she's going to get in touch with me as soon as they can make some kind of resolution to the promise they made to the Supervisor of Shelter Island. And I said when I talked to his secretary, he had stepped out and he still stepped out and I don't think that that's very nice when a citizen of the community is trying to work on his behalf. Now, if he don't get all the money for that project out there that they promised him, I guess he's got an alternative like all the other governments do. We'll just hit the taxpayer a little bit more and let him ante up from there. So, now, in closing, November 9th, 1989, you write these people about this nineteen billion dollars, you don't ever get an answer back. All you do is get acknowledgments of the receipt of your letter. That's all. So I say that a company as big as they are operating in a community, and when you try correspond with them, they don't want to get back to you. They want to bury everything and keep everything hidden and by the way, shall I say we have a first AD in this Town that does the same thing. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to-- yes sir?"

Joe Calaeo: "Good evening. I didn't expect to speak tonight. My name is Joe Calaeo. I live at 237 Lake Road in Riverhead. I don't even know where Two Bears is located, but I just want to voice my concerns about the direction in where, the Town Board, where I see it going. It seems to me that the Town

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Board is very concerned about protecting the rights of those people that come and hit and run on our community. And I get concerned when I hear words like protecting the guy, you know the guys from his-- defaulting on his performance bond, at the expense of the people that live in Two Bears."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, that's not what I'm saying, Mr. Calaeo. What I'm saying is that is our ultimate weapon and I'm not trying to protect him. I'm trying to force him to get the job done right and if we call his bond, we will ruin him and I don't care if we ruin him or not because, quite honestly, we want the job to be done correctly. Okay. Now, complicating this issue, this is unlike any other project--"

Joe Calaeo: "Let me continue with what I'm going to say. I'm very familiar with performance bonds. I'd like to continue. You're taking it as a-- what I'm saying, as a hostility. It is not. I want you to know I understand the function of performance bonds. I have them myself. Okay. My concern is that it appears to me that your concern is about this guy's defaulting on the performance bond as opposed to the work being performed by the bonding company which will help get this thing expedited and get these people back on their feet."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right and I knew you were going to say that, and what I'm saying is-- "

Joe Calaeo: "Now, I want to voice my next concern."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay, but that's not why-- "

Joe Calaeo: "My next concern is with the-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Can I just answer that one point though?"

Joe Calaeo: "No. I'd be more than glad to listen to you. I'd appreciate if you would listen to me. Okay. My next concern is with the Adele property, the property by King Kullen that was negative dec as recommended by your planner. I think that's a terrible idea, negative dec it. It's in hydrological zone 3. It's going to have a tremendous impact on the community. It's adverse to what the Hamlet Study, these people worked hard

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for years on the Hamlet Study. It's adverse to what their concerns, they're not being met by negative dec this property and I don't understand why that property should be zoned in such a way to make the property more valuable to the guy that again is going to hit and run on our community, as opposed to what the Hamlet Study is recommending. My next concern is about the outlet overlay district. Now, again, here we have economic generators, we have downtown Riverhead fighting for its survival, and now we're considering putting an outlet overlay district, okay, which will kill our downtown area, despite what some experts and planners have said. They've been wrong in the past and I think they're wrong about that. And next, I think that the gentleman that was told about the piping in his home in Two Bears that that's the builder's concern about warranties, I think that information is incorrect. I think that the builder puts in an application to build a building in a certain way and designs it a certain way, and it's to be built that way. And what he's talking about is it was not built that way. And those are clear functions of the Building Department and the code, the zoning code, that is has not been maintained. And I think that gentleman might have gotten wrong information. And I just want you to know, I'm willing to listen to you, but I'm just sitting in here as an observer and had no intention to comment about Two Bears or any of these other projects. But I think that I don't like the way I see this Board moving in a direction of protecting the people that come and hit on our community as opposed to protecting the people that live here and are here. And I just wanted to make those comments."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. In regard to Wading River, the developer applied to the Town to change the zone. The Town Board already told him one time, many years ago, to forget it. He came back a second time. He wants to put an application in. He's claiming that it's unfair that the property was rezoned for the new classification during the Hamlet Study. The Board, this is the applicant now. That's his case. The Board has not made a determination either way whether we're going to approve his application. Quite honestly, we neg dec it to kind of short change the approval process because not too many people on the Town Board are crazy about his idea. We we're not trying to have people come into the Town, hit on us, and run away. What I was trying to say about the performance bond, you're absolutely correct. The big confusion with this project is that the Town

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of Riverhead built these houses. The Town of Riverhead was the conduit for the state grant which is really a New York state project. Our leverage to help the homeowners get the cooperation from the builder for non-building code violations, is the hammer to tell him, if you don't cooperate with this community, we will call the performance bond. We have a lot of latitude in doing that. In most normal subdivisions, the Town Board or the Planning Department or Planning Board, we're not involved with the construction other than the Building Inspector making sure each-- which are correct-- complies with New York state energy and building code. A lot of the problems that have been cited from the cases that we can review are non-building code violations of their individual contracts with the builder. I can tell you right now, he is cooperating, in my opinion, only because we're holding the hammer over his head. Now, he's saying now he wants to cooperate and blah, blah, blah. So, what I was saying before, it's not going to create some (inaudible). Yeah, we can call the bond to fix the drainage. We can make sure that the bonding company can come in there and perform the drainage specifications the way we want it. But it doesn't help the people have the leverage on the builder to do work on their individual homes. You're absolutely right. We can call the bond tonight. We'll fix the drainage and they still have a problem. But this is a little bit different than we've ever had before, because we want this project to work. We want them to get their money's worth. Plus the state of New York taxpayers, which we all pay state income tax and sales tax. They have a stake in this project, too. Because the taxpayers have subsidized this project."

Joe Calaeo: "The impact on these poor people that are living there is far greater than the impact on the taxpayers of all of us of New York state. That's one thing. The other thing is again, I still don't understand or agree with your issues about the calling in of the performance bond. In my opinion, that performance bond should be called in as quickly as possible, get the bonding company in there to knock out that work so as to prevent these people from enduring any more problems than they have and from taking up the time of this precious Town Board. Let's get it done."

Patricia Moore: "I think you're under a misunderstanding. The drainage has been resolved. There was a problem with the catch basin overflowing, and that has been resolved additional

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drainage and that's what we were talking about, and I didn't think I had to go into great detail because the property owners that are affected have lived through this. So they know all the details. So there is no question that the drainage is working. It has been corrected, so I'm not sure where you're going with this, but I think you need some more information."

Joe Calaeo: "Well, what about somebody made mention to a vacant building or an unattractive nuisance where children are playing in it, a building with a hole. You know, I don't know if that's covered by the performance bond, but I'm certain, you know-- "

Patricia Moore: "No. It's-- I've said on the record that it was not his property. So, it's a separate property."

Councilman Stark: "I thought you were familiar with performance bonds."

Joe Calaeo: "No, I'm familiar with performance bonds, but I'm not familiar with this project, as I stated earlier. I know exactly how performance bonds work."

Councilman Stark: "So you can flip a coin on either side then."

Joe Calaeo: "What do you mean by that? I don't understand your comment."

Councilman Stark: "Well, you're talking about a project which you say you don't know anything about, and you're making some accusations or innuendos, but in the same instance, you really don't know what you're talking about because you haven't been in the project."

Joe Calaeo: "I'm sorry. I differ with you. I'm going by accounts that people made here at this Public Meeting tonight and I'm just referring to them. So I understand-- "

Councilman Stark: "Well I don't think that's in depth enough for you to make a total conclusion like you're making right now."

Joe Calaeo: "You don't? I didn't make a total-- we're

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here talking. Isn't that what we're supposed to do here?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "And follow-up like I told you--"

Councilman Stark: "Now, we've been talking quite longer than you have."

Joe Calaeo: "Well, maybe you should do something instead of talking."

Councilman Stark: "We have been doing something."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on any matter?"

Councilman Stark: "I don't take lightly to statements like that either."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Mr. Birnstein."

Barry Birnstein: "The statement that was made that the drainage is solved, the drainage does appear to be solved with the help of the Town at the northerly sump with the overflow correction, the playground does appear to be solved. The individual homeowner's drainage problems, some of which are very, very severe, are not solved. Those are some of the most severe problems I've ever seen, and those need to be solved."

Patricia Moore: "There's no question that we're going to try to solve those problems. The kind of statements he was making about calling the performance bond, I thought were completely inaccurate and considering we have it taped on television, I don't want the public to misunderstand what's going on here. And for those kind of statements to be made, makes the public misunderstand the whole process and what we're doing. So, I understand that we're going to treat the individual problems that the specific lots have on a case by case basis, and we're trying to do that professionally with engineering background and surveys, so that we're not guessing what the problem is, we have actual data to come to a conclusion."

Barry Birnstein: "Oh, okay. When I was talking before, earlier, about the co-efficient or the runoff, the point I was

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getting at is the original drainage map where the drainage system was based on, shows a layer of topsoil on the entire subdivision, which is one to two feet thick. Since the builder stripped the topsoil from the subdivision, all calculations that are based on those test holes are now false, so that map is also false. The only way to know for sure is if those same test holes are reinspected and redug and we were wondering if it's possible to have those same test holes re-examined and see what the actual strata is on those test holes."

Patricia Moore: "I'll pass on that recommendation to the engineers and I'll see what their response is."

Barry Birnstein: "Okay. I appreciate it. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board? Mr. Kasperovich?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I would like to bring you people back onto Main Street to the location what I refer to as the M & W monument."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "I'm sorry, Mr. Kasperovich. What did you say?"

William Kasperovich: "The M & W Monument. Men and women. The brick faced structure that stands unused now for over a decade. In case you don't know where you're at, it is the public toilet facilities that were built and only opened for, I think a week, closed forever, and stands there. Now, in this area which has been a problem area for quite a while, we had troubles with the benches where bus riders could rest. The Town took the benches away. When I brought it up before the Town Board here, they said we will build the benches when we get the new bus terminal located. The bus terminal was never relocated and the benches are not there. Now, on occasion, I have to use the bus. So I've conceded that there's no place to sit down unless I go into some establishment. All right? To make matters worse, we had a place where we could get out from the rain by getting to the store-- by the storefronts where the building has an overhang and you could protect yourself from the rain or the wind. This is disappearing as of now. The building face is going right to the property line and there

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will be no overhang. Okay. So what am I after? The people that have to use the bus, don't have a place to sit down, they haven't got a place to protect themselves from the rain, they have no wind shelter and, from what I could see, the Town is doing nothing about it. I wish somebody would show some concern and interest on behalf of the people that have to use the bus. They don't use the bus because their Mercedes is in the garage. They use the bus because they have no other means of transportation, and for them, I'm speaking up. We need a weather shelter in the location of the bus terminal. There's nothing wrong with that. The only thing wrong, is that we're not doing anything about it. And I would like to see some interest and some action by the Town Board to provide some means of or whatever you want to call it, in some way that we could have protection from the elements while waiting for a bus. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you. Mr. Haizlip?"

Steve Haizlip: "If you don't mind, I'd like to come back-- "

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Why don't you come up to the microphone and then the Town Board will be taking up the Resolutions."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip from Calverton. Deputy Supervisor. On January 17th, I think of this past year, we get our tax bill, and I brought this up to you before, and I've got a change of address. Now, the last time that I talked to you, you said that we were going to get official notification. That's in the process and still being worked on."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "That's correct. We had a first draft of a-- "

Steve Haizlip: "The EMS people's the one that made the change or requested the change and you're going along with them. Is that it?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Well, the Emergency Response people as well as the Post Office requested house numbering and a specific house numbering system where each residence has a house number would allow the Town Board to consider the

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adoption of a E-911 system in the future."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Now, I might be able to help Mr. (inaudible) out about this, having a shelter. Why don't you be nice enough to write a letter to the Long Island Railroad Company or Long Island Railroad, and say, hey, as long as that there station is sitting up there in Calverton and doing nothing and weeds growing up around it, would you be kind enough to move it down to my bus station, so it can give the people protection? That way it would be going to use."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Thank you, Steve. I would ask the Town Clerk to read the first Resolution."

Resolution #669

Councilman Prusinowski: "Establishing a lateral sewer main in Madison Street pursuant to Section 199 of the Town Law. So moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #670

Councilman Stark: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post notice to bidders re abandoned and junk vehicles. These are vehicles which we impound and place up at the municipal garage impound area. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #671

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Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes a budget transfer within the bicentennial budget. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #672

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I would like to present an amendment to this language, a motion on that. First, based on the conversation I had with Rick Hanley at the Planning Department. The resolve clause, I am proposing that it be changed to indicate that the Planning Director be authorized and directed to arrange a scoping meeting and to personally contact agencies and parties of interest in order to set forth the relevant and environmental issues to be considered within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement."

Councilman Creighton: "This is the second resolve from the bottom?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Yes. To ensure that there are positive steps taken to notify those parties of interest because of the magnitude and scope of this proposal."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Do I have a second on the amendment?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'll second it, sure."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay, moved and seconded. Vote on the amendment to Resolution."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski. 4 Yes, 1 Absent on the amendment.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Now, we have to take a vote on the Resolution."

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The Vote on Resolution #672: "Gilliam, yes."

Councilman Creighton: "This declares the environmental significance regarding the change of zone for the petition in order to have a factory outlet at the end of the expressway in the name of Stanley K. Tanger and company. It considers the action to be a type 1 and requires that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement be prepared. This is step one in the process. I vote yes."

The Vote: Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #673

Councilman Prusinowski: "Declares lead agency and determines environmental significance of the preliminary site plan application application of Clete Galasso. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Do I have a second on this resolution?"

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes, Stark, abstain; Prusinowski, yes. 3 Yes, 1 Abstention, 1 Absent.

Resolution #674

Councilman Stark: "This is a budget adjustment to the general fund. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #675

Councilman Creighton: "This established a petty cash fund

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of \$100.00 for the Labor-Management Committee. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #676

Councilwoman Gilliam: "This resolution authorizes submission of the applications. Specifically it authorizes the Supervisor to execute and submit a grant application to Suffolk County Department of Community Development as grantee of Community Development Bloc Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #677

Councilman Prusinowski: "Appoints Judy Doll to the position of Administrative Assistant. So moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I have a question on the resolution regarding the effective date of September 7, 1992, just to clarify that."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Yes, sure. That was the change from the original resolution that was submitted which had stated September 29th. What we had stated to the Board was that we were going to make it effective the same date that the other promotion in the Senior Citizens Program occurred, which was

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August 29th. Unfortunately though, we could not make it August 29th, because the list was not produced until September 1st. So we can't make the promotion effective until after the time of the production of the list, so we made it September 7th, which was the Monday following, which is the start of a pay period."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "You're welcome."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #678

Councilman Stark: "This authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider an amendment to Chapter 84, Peddling and Soliciting, in the Riverhead Town. This past week, we got a suggestion that all peddlers must produce in the process of their application for a peddlers license, a copy of their New York State Sales Tax Resale Certificate. Many of our-- all of our businesses pay real estate taxes, sales taxes and what have you. And we want to make sure that our peddlers do the same. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #679

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law amending Chapter 103, Solid Waste Management, of the Riverhead Town Code at Section 103-40 regarding licenses or permits for businesses going to the landfill. And what this public hearing is about extending the, we were closing the landfill and, therefore, the business people were notified their permits would be terminated at the end of this year. What this hearing is about, is extending

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that to the end of 1993. So that the businesses with business permits could go to the landfill can continue to do so during that period of time. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #680

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider the establishment of a community residential facility operated by the Long Island Developmentally Disabled Services Office. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #681

Councilman Prusinowski: "Transfer of funds from various departments in the Highway Department. So moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #682

Councilman Stark: "Reduces performance bond for Landworks Partnership, Tullio Bertoli. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

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The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #683

Councilman Creighton: "This appoints a representative of the Town of Riverhead to the Long Island Ferry Steering Committee. This is for the high speed ferry study committee and it appoints Bruce Stuke of Sound Road, Wading River, to that committee. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Initially I believe the Wading River Civic Association had made a request for representation on the Steering Committee and had submitted the name of an individual for consideration by the Town and because the name of the individual submitted by the Wading River Civic Association is different from that which is recommended by the Board, I vote no."

Councilman Creighton: "Of course, knowing that the President of the Wading River Civic Association as I understand it is also a member of this Steering Committee, aside from our nominee here who is also a member of the Wading River Civic Association, I vote yes."

The Vote: Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent.

Resolution #684

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Waives parking meter fees for holiday season. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #685

Councilman Prusinowski: "Appoints clerks to the office of

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Receiver of Taxes. So moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "A question on the resolution. With regard to the wording, whether this is for a full-- a permanent part time, or for a temporary employee. There is no time fixed in terms of the appointment."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "This is to be a temporary full time employee for a period of how many weeks, Diane?"

Diane Koroleski: "A maximum of six."

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's only during tax season."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "We can certainly make the amendment to reflect that it's a temporary full time."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Then I would make a motion to amend the resolution to reflect that this is for a temporary part time clerk during the tax season within the Tax Receivers Office."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Well, it is going to be full time. I think she's going to have them working the same hours of the other staff members in that office."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "A temporary full time during the tax season."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Do I have a second on the motion to amend?"

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded." Please call the roll on the amendment."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, no; Prusinowski, yes. 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent.

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Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Now, can you call the roll on the resolution?"

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #686

Councilman Stark: "686 adopts the Town of Riverhead 1993 budget. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "A question on the motion. Again, during a work session there was a discussion about revising the budget to fund some agencies that had been cut from the budget and I'm questioning whether this resolution reflects that."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We had a meeting this afternoon and nothing was changed from the previous-- the funding for the East End Arts and for the women's group has been, still-- "

Councilwoman Gilliam: "It's not the women's group, it's Alternatives."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Alternatives Counseling, I'm sorry. Alternatives Counseling and I think for part time help for the tax receiver's office which was taken out of another line item. And that, right Jack, that's right. He didn't have a chance to type up the preliminary budget for tonight."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "But it does reflect the \$9,000 for the East End Arts Council and the \$3,500 for the Alternatives Counseling."

Councilman Prusinowski: "But we did not increase spending though. We took it from another line item within the budget."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Okay. Did I have a motion and a second and we're on the roll call."

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Councilwoman Gilliam: "Let me just say that I still believe that there were a number of areas where there could have been some additional cuts in terms of overtime and with regard to personnel in terms of salaries and some of the consulting fees, but I realize that the alternative would be the adoption of the Supervisor's recommended budget which would have not had any funding for East End Arts or Alternatives. So in light of that, I vote yes."

Councilman Creighton: "It should be noted this resolution also sets our salaries. So, I'll vote yes."

Councilman Stark: "You know, three years ago we were elected, Vic and I, to bring back teamwork to the Town Hall. In 1990, we took over a budget that had a 9% increase in spending over the previous year. The next year, we reduced spending down to a 2.3. The following year, we decreased spending by 4.75, and we have guts. This year, we're reducing spending by \$1,200,000.00. We have fulfilled our promise as candidates for elected office to stabilize taxes. Most people in the Town of Riverhead will realize a decrease in the actual amount that they have to spend out for taxes. We got a landfill problem. We had guts enough to take on the DEC. We had guts enough to spend approximately, maybe, to this date, \$75,000, which has saved the Town of Riverhead and the residents of the Town of Riverhead, probably to date, five, six, seven million dollars. Somebody would have had to pay for long haulage. That took guts. This budget represents as far as I'm concerned, the best possible use of public funds in today's economy. I think the Supervisor and his staff and our Accounting Department did a superb job. But this budget represents a very tight (inaudible) situation. We will have surplus in this budget, surplus for a rainy day. Just like we have in our own household. Any Town our size is very foolish not to travel with a surplus. Problems happen. Unforeseen problems happen. Litigation, and Lord knows, what our pal, Ken LaValle and the boys upstate are going to do to us next. So it does take guts to reduce spending. We have not laid a soul off. We have eliminated one job in three years. When somebody retires, quits, we ask those sitting alongside to pick up the slack. In some instances, we give them a boost in salary to pick up a little more of that slack. We are like the federal government in many ways, but I truly believe that we have to step backwards slowly and not all at once. With that in mind, really accomplishing, and I hope that we can do more next year, I vote yes on this budget."

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Councilman Prusinowski: "Fifty percent of the budget is payroll of any Town, County, municipal government. I do want to say that I want to thank some of the Department Heads who have already voluntarily signed contracts for next year for a wage freeze. This budget calls for a wage freeze, I want to thank especially the CSEA union which since 1983 have been the only work unit that I know of in Suffolk County and in Nassau, that have helped the Town of Riverhead remain fiscally responsible. Many people in this Town don't realize, they share their medical cost now. Practically eighty percent of the workforce, the CSEA non-police, have medical premiums deducted from their paycheck as some of the elected officials do who are recently elected. This has helped hold the line on spending in the Town and was something negotiated in many years ago, and I want to thank them. Our police department works more days per year then any other police department on Long Island. That saves us a lot of money. I want to point out, I want them to continue working the 238 days per year, too. I would ask the unions this year to understand that we're trying to do our part in this Town to keep taxes down. I'm quite honestly dismayed at the school budget. Again, I understand that new administrators have been hired, secretarial personnel, and, yes, people have told me it's not my business. But today I get frustrated looking at these tax rate (inaudible) that we're going to have, and we hold our line here. We do not give out raises. We're cutting back and yet I look at that and we're trying to achieve something for the people who are struggling every day, to help pay their mortgages and their bills, and I see these warrants going up. So I call on the fire districts and the school board to start doing their share in this Town. Let's spread the sacrifice evenly in the community. Because in the private sector, people are sacrificing. Our unions in the Town of Riverhead who are employed by the general Town taxpayers are doing their share, and I think it's time for other employees who are on the public payroll, do the same and I call on the school board when putting their budget together next year, to keep that in mind. Unless we all work together, we're never going to control the taxes on Long Island. We're trying to do our part and again I would ask that the unions be understanding when we come to the negotiating table this year and try to work out this wage freeze. I vote yes."

Barbara Grattan: "4 Yes, 1 Absent."

Resolution #687

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Councilman Creighton: "This awards a bid for the water main installation on Wildwood Road and Sound Avenue, so moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #688

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute lease agreement with NYNEX Mobile Communications. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Resolution #689

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves site plan of NYNEX Cell Site. So moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Alice, did you wish to make brief statement?"

Alice Graff: "I have a request. Alice Graff, Riverhead. I know that the Town Board has no control over any of the elected officials that we have in the Town, but I have a specific request. We know-- the visibility of the Town Board is very obvious and the time that they put into this effort. Is there any way we can determine the hours of stuff that we pay for on the other, I don't

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want to sound like I'm knocking you. I don't mean that. But there are some things that I've noticed and I think it's sort of unfair the salaries for some of the work that's put out-- time put in, whatever you want to call it. Is there any way that you can monitor this or something?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Are you talking about the elected officials?"

Alice Graff: "Yeah. Because you have no control over them."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The ballot box."

Alice Graff: "But, but, people don't realize that you don't have the control. They think that you can tell the whole place what to do. That's one of the misconceptions that's out there."

Councilman Prusinowski: "If any elected official is not performing, you can bring them up on impeachment charges for non-feasance."

Alice Graff: "Yeah, but you know where we'd be, up in the creek without the paddle. That's the big problem."

Councilman Prusinowski: "In a public democracy, it's your right as a citizen to come up to the microphone at a public forum and voice your criticism as the gentleman did tonight, of the Town Board, which is his absolute right to do."

Councilman Stark: "Is there any particular department you are talking about, Alice?"

Alice Graff: "Yeah."

Councilman Stark: "Would you like to make known what that department is?"

Alice Graff: (inaudible) -- like Mr. Kasperovich, I'll come to you personally and tell you."

Councilman Stark: "Would you?"

Alice Graff: "I will. Right after the meeting. I'll tell

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you. I'll tell the whole Board, but not on the microphone. If you don't mind."

Councilman Stark: "It takes courage."

Alice Graff: "It takes courage and I haven't got that kind of courage. I haven't got that kind of power behind me. I'm sorry."

Councilman Stark: "We have control over them because we approve their budget and we hold their pursestrings."

Alice Graff: "I'll tell you after the meeting."

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

Councilman Stark: "So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes. 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz: "Let the record show that 9:36 has arrived. This meeting is adjourned. Thank you."

Meeting adjourned: 9:36 p.m.

*Barbara Hutton
Town Clerk*