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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, August 21, 1973, at 7:30 P. M.

Present:

John H. Leonard, Supervisor  
Robert G. Leonard, Town Justice  
Vincent B. Grodski, Councilman  
George G. Young, Councilman

Also present: Francis J. Yakaboski, Town Attorney  
Alex E. Horton

Absent: Thomas R. Costello, Town Justice

Supervisor Leonard called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 P. M.

Supervisor Leonard announced that Judge Costello's absence is due to a recent eye operation. That the good Judge has returned home from the hospital and is resting comfortably.

Supervisor Leonard announced that Councilman Grodski is conducting funeral services for Lion Member Gerald Mapes and will join the Board shortly.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Town Justice Leonard.

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on August 7, 1973, be approved as submitted.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Absent, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BOARD OF AUDIT

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined the following bills submitted on Abstracts dated August 21, 1973:

Federal Revenue Sharing	\$ 538.40
Special Districts	\$ 7,929.75
General Town	\$11,966.72
Highway Item #1	\$ 2,518.19
Highway Item #3	\$ 1,366.65
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RESOLUTION - continued:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - Tuesday, August 21, 1973

10:00 A. M. - William Esseks, Esq. discussed the adoption of cluster development provisions as set out in Section 281 of the Town Law and parking at the new proposed shopping center at Route 58.

The entire discussion was recorded by the Town Clerk and the tape will remain on file in the Town Clerk's Office for one year.

10:30 A. M. - John J. Munzel, Esq. discussed the matter of subdividing a parcel of land at Hallock Street, Riverhead. Property owned by Mr. A. Siegal. The entire discussion was recorded by the Town Clerk and the tape will remain on file in the Town Clerk's Office for one year.

10:45 A. M. - Edward Kelley, re Program updating properties for insurance purposes.

REPORTS

Supervisor's, month of July, 1973. Filed.

Recreation Department, month of July, 1973. Filed.

OPEN BID - State Mix Blacktop - Highway

After being duly advertised the following bids were opened by the Town Clerk at 7:45 P. M. for State Mix Blacktop requirements for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department.

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Midhampton Asphalt Corporation  
15 Remsen Avenue, Roslyn, New York 11576

Location of Plant: Nugent Drive, Calverton, N. Y. 11933  
Distance in miles from Highway Building, Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, N. Y. is 4.7 miles.

Price per ton for 1-A State Mix Blacktop, picked up at plant of successful bidder: \$10.73 per net ton.

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Rason Asphalt, Inc.  
15 Columbia Street, Port Jefferson Station, N. Y. 11776

Location of Plant: Same as above  
Distance in miles from Highway Building, Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, N. Y. is 23 miles.

Price per ton for 1-A State Mix Blacktop, picked up at plant of successful bidder: \$10.50.

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PETITION

Leonard Realty Investment Co. (to adopt the cluster development provisions as set out in Section 281 of the Town Law) submitted by William Esseks, Esq. for Michael Herzog, President, 163-98th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11209.

Town Clerk directed to refer above matter to Town Planning Board for its recommendation and report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Harold Fanning, R.F.D. #2, Box 290, Riverhead, dated 8/9/73 - making objection to the widening of Northville Turnpike. Is in favor of having the road resurfaced. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Suffolk County Department of Planning, dated 8/13/73 advising that the application of Chemical Compounding Corp. for special permit to conduct a packaging business is a matter for local determination. Filed.

Frank Dolan, Ass't. Commissioner Board of Elections, dated 8/6/73, asking for use of the Wildwood Community Center as a polling place for Election District #10, Town of Riverhead. Heretofore, Election District #1 and #10 used the Wading River Fire House. Effective 10/1/73 Election District #1 will be split and will create new Election District #15. Attorneys for the fire district have advised that the fire house is no longer available as a polling place for District #10, hence this request for Wildwood Community Center. Filed.

Referred to Supervisor Leonard and Stanley Grodski, Recreation Supervisor.

N. Y. Department of Transportation, dated 6/26/73

1. Notice of Order re Section 1247.33 - speed limit reduced to 30 MPH - " 30 MPH within the Wading River area, the boundaries of which are described in paragraph (1), exclusive of the town highway listed in paragraph (2).

(1) Area description: Beginning at the intersection of the Brookhaven-Riverhead town line with the northerly right-of-way line of Route 25A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way lines of Route 25A and Sound Avenue to its intersection with the westerly right-of-way line of Hulse Landing Road; thence northerly along the westerly right-of-way line of Hulse Landing Road to its intersection with the southerly right-of-way line of 21st Street; thence due east on a straight line to its intersection with the easterly right-of-way line of Hulse Landing Road; thence northerly along the easterly right-of-way line of Hulse Landing Road to its intersection with the southerly shoreline of Long Island Sound; thence westerly along the southerly shoreline of Long Island Sound to its intersection with the Brookhaven-Riverhead town line; thence southerly along the Brookhaven-Riverhead town line to the point of beginning.

(2) The following town highway is excluded from above 30 MPH area speed regulation;

(i) Parker Road, a town highway, between Route 25A and Wading River Road.

2. Notice of Order, 6/20/73 Section 1147.33 - Repeals 30 MPH and 25 MPH linear speed limit on highways that will be included in the Wading River area 30 MPH speed limit.

## COMMUNICATIONS - continued:

Kenneth W. Ross, Principal, Central School District #2, dated 8/15/73, advising the Town Board:

"At the meeting of the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District on Tuesday, August 7, 1973, the Board voted to sell to the Town of Riverhead at the legal minimum amount of money the Jamesport School building and property. The deed would contain a reverter clause specifying if and when the Town no longer wanted to use the property for recreational purposes, it would revert to the school district.

We will have the school attorney prepare a contract for sale to be submitted to the School Board and the Town Board for their approval and after doing this we have to put the matter to public referendum.

I would expect that at a subsequent meeting of the Town Board, the Town Board would formally accept this decision. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney and Recreation Department.

State of N. Y. Public Service Commission, re Case 26478, proceeding on motion of the Commission as to the rates, charges and rate structure of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Riverhead Conservation Party Town Committee, dated 8/20/73 - suggesting the following amendment be added to the Town's Ordinance: "It shall be unlawful to destroy more than 10% of the trees three inches or greater at one foot above ground in any area of the Town of Riverhead, and, further it shall be unlawful to destroy any Arbutus, Azalea or Dogwood." Filed.

Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney and Mr. Reuter.

The following letters objecting to proposed condemnation of Wildwood Park were received from the following: Mrs. Louise Vetter, Mrs. Rose Donnly, Mrs. Helen Besold, Troy Tucker, Mrs. Elsa Lauer, Mrs. Beth C. Miles, Mrs. Marie Theisen, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blomberg, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mastrolonardo, Carl Fischer, Florence Kaplan, Gladys Jackson, Isaac Kaplan, Charles P. Hillicke, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lambert, Aurelia Schmidt and Marian Auger. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Susan Keeney, R. R. , Box 287, River Road, Calverton, N. Y. , dated 8/2/73 requesting street light on Pole #64, located on the north side of River Road, Calverton. Filed.

Copy to Lighting Committee.

Donald E. Walsh, 712 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, N. Y. , dated 8/7/73, making application for the job of Driver-Messenger in the Riverhead Town Highway Department, stating he holds a class #1 Chauffeur's License and other qualifications to fill the job. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Supt. of Highways.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Supervisor Leonard asked if anyone wished to be heard and the following responded:

Mrs. Marie Hoff, President of the Wildwood Hills Property Owner's Assoc. , Inc. , Wading River, read a lengthy statement to the Board relating to the proposed condemnation of Wildwood Beach Area.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

(Copies of the statement were submitted to the Town Board and Town Attorney and a copy is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk).

Excerpts from Mrs. Hoff's statement:

"Over 45 members of the Association attended a Special Meeting to discuss the Town's proposal to condemn beach area and most of those in attendance expressed outrage at what appears to be an unconscionable disregard of people and community.

The Association has always concerned itself with conditions on this beach with respect to cleanliness, order, maintenance and safety,

The Association has studied the matter and have many other positive suggestions they would be happy to present to the Board.

Mrs. Hoff made additional comments, giving a short resume of her background as assurance that she is qualified to talk on the subject at hand.

Mrs. Hoff stated that it is a fact that the Wading River Area which at its east end included the Community of Wildwood, already has two Town beaches, Church Camps, Scout Camps and a State Park, and the argument that more public beach is needed at this location is fallacious.

The limited size Town beach at Hulse Landing was not well maintained.

The proposed beach to be condemned has more than 35 years been maintained by the Wildwood Hills people with the assistance of Wildwood Acres. These people paid to have the beach picked up, placed garbage cans on the beach, guarded the entrance and patrolled and lit the beach. On occasion it has been necessary to restore the beach so it would be fit for summer use.

It is not necessary to place a public beach in an area adjacent to established residential property.

Mrs. Hoff displayed pictures showing the orderly condition of the beach.

Asked that the people of Wildwood Hills and the Community be allowed to work with the Town Board in solving the problems and satisfying the needs of the Town and Community. Further, that the proposal be abandoned in favor of some suitable alternative.

Councilman Young said that some years ago the Town Board acquired that beach, and the road going down to the beach was a public right-of-way. It is 50 ft. wide and anybody can go to the beach on a public right-of-way - from New York City or any State in the Country.

So the Wading River people came to us and said they were having all kinds of trouble - there were tin cans left on the beach and the State Park people were using their beach - there were fights and neckers parking and they asked us to help them and we agreed to take over the beach.

After we took over the beach, we could then say, nobody but Town people can use it. We couldn't justify to the taxpayers of Riverhead taking this over as a Town Beach without letting the taxpayers use it. We bought some property - 3 or 4 acres, and we built a parking lot which cost the taxpayers approximately \$30,000.

At that time we leased the property for ten (10) years. We are now talking about condemning it. Nobody has complained about it because they liked that the outsiders were kept out.

You have two alternatives, either the Town take it over or it will go back to the State and everybody can come in. This is the only way I know of that you can make it a private beach, unless you people want to buy the \$30,000 parking lot that we have there and we'll give you the beach - and I don't think we can do that as we invested the taxpayers money up there."

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

"If you people have a good alternative or a solution that will make everybody happy, we will be glad to listen, but we don't want to jeopardize the \$30,000 we have put there and also we would not want to turn it back to the State. "

Mrs. Hoff asked the Board if it will be willing to meet with the Wildwood Area residents to further discuss the matter and the Town Board agreed to do so.

Paul Baker said he was a relatively new member of the Wildwood group. He saw the area that was designated as a Town Beach - the part that was being leased (250 ft. of it). Going to the meetings and talking to his neighbors and finding out the amount of money that was invested over the past 35 years - he was told it was part of the Wildwood Hills Property Assoc. - to maintain the beach and try to keep it up - and being a new resident owner and a new voter he was very impressed by the people of Wildwood Hills for their efforts and moneys put in for maintenance.

Northville Dock Industries:

Dr. Alfred Smith, representing Northville Beach Civic Assoc., said he listened to County Executive John V. N. Klein say that in September he will be host to 13 freshmen Senators or Congressmen from Washington and he will show them Suffolk County and our beaches.

Dr. Smith hopes he will show them Northville Docks, the Levon Property and the condominium place.

Dr. Smith talked about the Northville Docks' appeal to erect one petroleum storage tank 48 ft. high instead of the permitted 35 ft. After the hearing Northville Docks was to come back two weeks later to tell about their fire fighting equipment and Mr. Shaffery stated that they had foam available at the dock and that the Riverhead Fire Department had some foam - also some foam available at Holtsville, at MacArthur Airport, Port Jefferson and several other places.

Mr. Shaffery also stated that he has talked to the Chief of the Fire Department and everything is fine. But what good is this foam going to do us when the place is afire.

Dr. Smith suggested that something as enormous as this should have a written report, but this was not forthcoming.

Dr. Smith read in a newspaper article that the Board of Appeals approved the appeal of Northville Industries allowing them to erect a new oil tank 40 ft. high.

Mrs. Patricia Tormey, Chairman of the Board of Appeals said, "We are concerned with the unrestricted growth of Northville and have suggested to the Town Board a Master Plan for the development of Northville Industries. "

Dr. Smith said this was double talk which he does not understand.

Dr. Smith handed some literature to the Supervisor relating to Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance on flammable and combustible liquids, and said that Suffolk County has nothing like this and we should consider it.

They have a beautiful big tank in Holtsville which has a big metal dike around it.

Dr. Smith said he would like to know what this means about the unrestricted growth of Northville and the suggestion to the Town Board of a Master Plan for the development of Northville Industries. That the Association would like to have the information on this - what does the 25% increase mean - is it 25% now or three years from now?

Dr. Smith asked that this information be given in writing.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:Northville Turnpike:

Harold Fanning spoke to the Board opposing the widening of Northville Turnpike. He said that his house is 21 feet back from the road line and if Northville Turnpike is widened it would be practically on top of the road.

Mr. Fanning read from the letter he submitted to the Board, which is placed on file with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Fanning mentioned the widening from Sound Avenue to Fishel Avenue and then going into the narrow road from Fishel Avenue to Roanoke Avenue.

Dr. Alfred Smith said he does not know where Mr. Fanning got his information but according to the original plan, Fishel Avenue wasn't and isn't suggested at all.

Dr. Smith also said that he would like to know who originally instigated this whole thing and why out of the blue sky somebody is going to widen the Avenue.

Supervisor Leonard said that the Riverhead Town Board had nothing to do with it.

Dr. Caryl Granttham asked what if anything or what conclusion the Town Board has come to on the question of widening of the Turnpike.

Supervisor Leonard said he goes along with a 13 ft. strip each way with an 8ft. shoulder up to Route 58, with resurfacing and taking care of the drainage problem.

Dr. Granttham said that she was quoted by the local Newsday to the effect that what she misunderstood was simply professional jargon and she didn't understand the proposal. She already had in hand a photostatic copy of the proposal.

Now it may be professional jargon, but Mr. Kammerer himself proposed it and signed it in February, 1973, and a four lane highway, plus shoulders and walk ways. The total width of 74 feet.

Dr. Granttham said she was again informed by Klein's Office that the Legislative intent is clear and it would be helpful if this Board would make its position known.

Dr. Granttham said further that as she goes about this community she finds no one in favor of it. But if this goes through we will see what happens to small property owners and established communities when you come in and ruthlessly uproot a community to put this kind of highway in and again Mr. Klein has made it perfectly clear there is no basis in fact for this kind of a proposal. The County Environmental Commission has also said that it has nothing but detrimental effects.

Dr. Granttham suggested that we should let the Legislature know of our facts at hand. There is a meeting in Riverhead at the County Center next Tuesday on August 28th and if the Board does not act on this, the people intend to act. Who it will benefit is not clear but it is perfectly clear who it is going to hurt.

Supervisor Leonard: "Did anyone ever ask Mr. Klein who proposed it?"

Dr. Granttham: "You have as much access to his office as I have. I am only a humble citizen. I have been told that Beecher Halsey is the only one who says, it's too narrow and needs widening.

Three million dollars seems like a terrific amount, but when you destroy so much in terms of people's equities in their homes, in their churches and in their cemeteries, in their trees and in their ecology - it is a small price to pay. And I submit the Master Planner propose that we acquire right-of-ways, certainly in downtown Riverhead which does involve County property.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

There are many viable alternatives, where we can spend this money. Plus the fact we have no objection to the resurfacing, repairing of shoulders and above all handling that drainage problem. I think the people in this Town are opposed to it and if you don't know it, we will show you. Thank you." (followed by applause)

Mrs. Richard Carey: "I understood from last week's paper that you Mr. Leonard and you Mr. Grodski were in favor of the widening of Northville Turnpike. My husband and I measured from the end of Cross River Drive which is going to be a major highway into Sound Avenue and it is exactly a half mile from the end of Cross River Drive into Northville Turnpike. No way can I see how we need two major highways in Riverhead, leading into Sound Avenue, one-half mile apart and they are going into a little narrow country road. The Cross River Drive is already there. It is done and we can't do anything about that." (followed by applause)

Wickham Tyte: said he concurs with what the two ladies have said and asked why this road is advocated. The Cross River Drive must have been in the works for about ten years, and it is just getting going.

Mr. Tyte said he thinks certain proposed roads will go out from the area of where the Northville Dock set-up is - for instance he heard one rumor that they wanted Cross River Drive because ultimately Westhampton Air Base will be an International Jet Port and will get their supply of oil from Northville Docks and the Cross River Drive is a beautiful place to get it over. There have also been thoughts that by widening the road they will have enough right-of-way possibility to run pipe lines down the side and have less trouble to get it. It will be interesting to know when the plans for this road have been drawn up. Another thing, remember former Supervisor Vojvoda had plans for a large seaport that was going to be an industrial park and manufacture perfumes and stuff.

But with some of these things that have fallen away by the wayside, in other words - what is this all about, and I would say as has been mentioned, I go to County meetings frequently but the first I heard about Northville Turnpike is when a representative of the colored Baptist Church got up and mentioned the flooding they had and they desired something be done about it. It was a County Highway and they admitted it was a legitimate gripe. Next thing I heard it snowballed to a four lane super highway from Roanoke Avenue to Northville Turnpike which looks like a public works explosion."

Mr. Tyte suggested the Town Board go to the next County Meeting and get a definite committment as to what is going to be done.

Robert Brown spoke his opposition to the proposed widening of Northville Turnpike and advised that he will be at the County Meeting to speak for the residents of Northville Turnpike.

An Unidentified Man asked the Board's position on the Northville Turnpike proposal.

Supervisor Leonard: "You have mine."

Councilman Young: "Last Friday at 12 o'clock I went up and sat on the corner of Northville Turnpike and Route 58 and I made a survey of traffic. I found that in about 10 minutes 122 cars went up and down Route 58 and didn't turn off. 34 cars turned from Route 58 to Northville or from Northville to 58 and 15 cars went up and down Northville.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

In other words 80% of the traffic is strictly Route 58, 20% of the traffic is mostly Route 58 and turning off into Northville or back in Northville. In other words, 90% of the traffic is Route 58 traffic, 10% of the traffic is Northville Turnpike. It was just this one survey - there may be other times when it is different".

Dr. Smith: "We have no evidence that the County has done that much of a survey!"

Supervisor Leonard: "They had one on Northville Turnpike and Route 58".

Paul Meyer: " Sometime back we had a question come up about housing. A lot of people were opposed to it and I made it my business to get up a petition, went out and got at least 200 signatures. Now, I heard it said to you a little while ago that you have access to Mr. Klein's Office. How about a petition being written up and everybody that is opposed to the Northville Turnpike proposal could stop in here and sign this petition".

Supervisor Leonard: "I will be glad to take a petition over to the County Meeting".

Supervisor Leonard recessed the meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:30 P. M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Notice of Public Hearing Calling Hearing on application of Sam Gershowitz of Gershow's Auto Wreckers for a Special Permit to operate a salvage operation for the purpose of crushing vehicles and various items of metal and conduct a general business of buying, selling and dealing in all kinds, combinations, forms of steel and other metals and products of steel, iron and other metals at the Town Landfill lands. Filed.

The affidavits were ordered filed.

Supervisor Leonard thereupon declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

John J. Munzel, Esq., representing petitioner Sam Gershowitz of Gershow's Auto Wreckers addressed the Board and said:

"This is a proposal for a Special Permit to crush vehicles and they are then sold overseas. This is also in conjunction with a request to purchase property at the Town Landfill for the location of this operation.

Mr. Munzel pointed out the Riverhead Sanitation on a portion of a map, also the Dog Pound and the area of the property involved in this Petition.

Mr. Munzel said there was a survey made and two appraisals were made of the property. What is most important is that the Town Board and the Town people understand the nature of the operation of this proposed use.

Gershow's Auto Wreckers is presently functioning in the Town of Islip and has been for nine years. The procedure is that junked vehicles are purchased at the gate, mainly down there at Young's Avenue. At the present time Mr. Munzel understands that junked vehicles are sold somewhere in the vicinity of from \$15 to \$17 per vehicle. The vehicle is put on the scale and is purchased basically on a pound basis.

PUBLIC HEARING - continued:

The Town of Islip sent a letter to Mr. Gershowitz thanking him for their operation helping clean up the Town.

The Town of Smithtown also praised the way the operation was made. It got rid of all old abandoned vehicles. It's also of assistance that after a vehicle has been stripped of all its saleable items, the vehicle can then be brought to this location where it can be crushed in a crusher and transported out.

The vehicles are crushed to a height of six (6) inches. Twentey cars are piled on a truck and carted out.

This firm is not in the business of selling parts - simply interested in selling gross metal.

The operation in Islip is a neat one, with chain link fencing and the bars running over that, so basically you can't look in.

Mr. Munzel doesn't think you could destroy the environmental beauty of the Town Dump. If fencing is required here, that of course will not be a problem.

Mr. Munzel understands that within two or three years the Town may have a problem regarding temporary storage of lands removed from Town Landfill operation. This problem is of fairly recent vintage and his client has indicated a willingness to cooperate with the Town insofar as an easement of the storage of this land and also the storage of this dirt from the landfill operation until such time when it can be sold by the Town and carted out.

Mr. Munzel said he believes it has been anticipated that a three year easement might be required.

One other piece of information for the Board. The present operation in Islip has some four of these fork-lifts to pick up the cars and carry them off. They also have a crane, a crusher on the premises, ten (10) trailers and tractors.

This is not a speculative move on anyone's part. This is an established business seeking to extend its operation to Riverhead and in order to do so, it needs land for this kind of operation and there is no more logical land than the Town Landfill site. Thank you".

Henry Fioto, Northville Turnpike, spoke and reminded the Town Board that three years ago a man came and asked for a Special Permit to open a junk yard and a crusher where everybody could bring in their cars which would be crushed. The Board granted this Special Permit and the man put the crusher in. The man stayed awhile and discovered he could not make any money and the crusher disappeared, and the people had to revert back to the Town Dump.

Mr. Fioto continued - Right now the prices for cars are high - \$21.00 per ton. With all the licensed junk yards in Town and this man will be competition. We have a man right here from an adjoining Town who just spent \$80,000 of his own money to go into business to crush these cars. He owns the land, he pays taxes on the land - and now here comes a man from Islip and reap the harvest because cars are getting scarce.

These Junk Yard Dealers are paying taxes on their lands - what's going to happen when we had cars and certain guys went digging them out for \$2.00 apiece.

Where was this man from Islip with his beautiful crusher - he didn't come down here and take our cars. But all of a sudden here comes the guy now that the price of cars went up. He's going to do the Town a favor, he's going to take some land, he'll own a business, that's a lot of baloney and hogwash.

We have men here in Town who are in business who are willing to take the cars - they have ads in the papers saying they will pay for them. What's going to happen to people who have been in business for 10 or 15 years? The Town should turn this down flat and not go into business of leasing land. If the price of cars was \$2.00 we would not see the guy. Mr. Fioto said he is against the proposal.

## PUBLIC HEARING - continued:

Supervisor Leonard: "Mr. Fioto, we have an ordinance on abandoned vehicles and outside of Mr. Hawkins, no one else came around to pick up these vehicles and he took them at his own expense. We did not hear from anybody else."

Mr. Fioto repeated his former comments.

Judge Leonard asked where the crusher was located.

Mr. Fioto replied: "In Speonk and the man just paid \$80,000 for it - and there is a problem - the cars are getting scarcer."

Fred Gallo asked how much trouble are we having with abandoned cars - said he would take the motors out of cars and load six or seven on a trailer - he gave away over 600 cars and sometimes the men got nothing for them. Some loads would bring in \$10.00 a load. Now that you can get a good price somebody else is stepping in. Where is there such a problem that needs cleaning out in Riverhead?

Steven Glose said: "I was told that once a junk license was issued the value of your property automatically increased in the neighborhood of \$100,000, because junk licenses are difficult to obtain. If this is the case and I understand the man is going to get the land (5 acres) quite reasonably."

Mr. Munzel: "The two appraisals were \$11,000."

Mr. Glose: "\$11,000 for five acres. From what I can gather here, these men are just beginning to make it here. I think this whole thing should be reconsidered. I am not in favor of it."

Anthony Abbruzzese, Speonk: "My partner and myself just put in the same equipment - it's only two weeks old. We are on five acres and licensed - have had it for the last nine years. We are taking all the bodies from Riverhead through Fred Gallo and Mr. Hawkins, Mike Gallo and Mr. Schwartz and so we are in operation. We can handle all the bodies from Riverhead."

Mr. Munzel: "It is my understanding that the Kroemer Avenue situation was that the machine he had was something like a \$159,000 or \$200,000 machine which was too costly to repair. This machine is \$50,000 which when it does break down can be repaired without dome vast expenses."

Mr. Fioto made a great to do about the existing licensed junk yards. Apparently there is a problem because they are not doing the work. These people are willing to make available to whoever wants to deliver cars the facilities for getting these vehicles off the streets.

Also want to point out that the price of steel and metal is high. This application started a long time ago. The article you have there from Islip and Smithtown relates to the work that Mr. Gershowitz did in times when there wasn't much money. This applicant has been in the business for a substantial period of time. He has a proven track record and wishes to expand his operation in Riverhead.

Apparently people who have spoken against it here are afraid of competition. The more competition the better."

Henry Fioto reiterated his former remarks and asked what about this man putting up a performance bond - all the Town is doing is allowing this man to come

PUBLIC HEARING - continued:

in and reap in the harvest and sell the place and leave. There is a freeze as of September first - there is no steel being sold abroad.

Mr. Fioto, Sr.: "This apparatus is portable. It is put on a truck and taken from one junk yard to another. This proposition involves Town property. If this man wants the business he is welcome to come and buy the business from the junk yards. There is no sense in leasing Town property to this man. He can crush 100 cars in one day. He can clean out one junk yard in three days."

Sam Gershowitz, spoke and said he has been in business for nine years. In the last ten months the price of steel has gone up. We put in our application here about eleven months ago. We have no payments to make on our machine. We could open up in Riverhead and not make any money for two or three years - and added that he doesn't expect to make any money for 2 or 3 years.

Mr. Gershowitz said they have cleaned up the Manorville and all of the Brookhaven Dumps. And if the Town wants a Performance Bond there will be no problem.

If I open up and go broke in three years the Town gets the property back. We don't play around - we run a business - we don't sell parts. That's why we are getting all the cars from Brookhaven and Islip. We are not coming here because the price went up. Prices are going down now and are dropping like crazy.

We just cleaned out 1100 cars in Southampton. Nobody wanted to take them.

Mr. Abbruzzese said he bought this equipment and it is not paid for - we owe a lot of money on it. We did not approach Riverhead because there were other wreckers here. As Mr. Gershowitz said he doesn't know how long he will last - we don't either - but I have had the yard for nine years. I made an investment and plan to be there for a very long time.

Wickham Tyte asked how many acres of land are involved in this proposition.

Mr. Munzel: "5.16 acres and it is the old dump area."

Mr. Tyte: "The Board will have to consider seriously whether it will be disadvantageous to sell that piece of land for that amount of money if it is of use to us and if other lands have to be purchased at perhaps higher prices.

The other point is this, assuming as it came out tonight, I didn't know there were so many people involved, but I would assume that the bulk of all the cars in Riverhead area channel through these particular dealers and if they are going to continue to buy them it would seem to me that they will dispose of them where they desire, and if they back up the man in Speonk - the man in this particular operation is not going to have the volume of business to make it pay."

Mr. Tyte asked the Board to reconsider this proposal.

Henry Fioto; again reiterated his former comments.

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Leonard declared the hearing closed at 9:15 P. M. and re-opened the meeting.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

None.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Police Chief Grodski announced that now that the amendments to Ordinance No. 3 - Traffic Control and Parking have been adopted, 500 "area speed zone" signs and 1000 "no parking signs". Area speed zone signs have been approved by the State Dept. of Transportation in the hamlet of Wading River.

Supt. of Highways Alex E. Horton advised that the signs have been ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

Dr. Smith asked if the Board was still being polled on the Northville Turnpike matter.

Councilman Young: "If the road is 50 ft. wide now it is wide enough. They can resurface it and put in the drainage, but I am against widening it. I think two 13ft. lanes and two 8ft. shoulders is a pretty safe road."

Unidentified Man in audience asked if that was "right-of-way" or "road bed". Some one answered it was "right-of-way".

Dr. Smith: "What they have now is two 10ft. lanes and the shoulders are 4ft. - in some places 5 or 6 ft."

Chris Abernethy: "We have heard from Councilman Young and the Supervisor, but the people in this room are waiting to hear what the Town Board as a Whole is going to do about this at the County Legislative Meeting."

Dr. Caryl Grattham: "The County needs to know. Otherwise it stands as in the material I gave you. That is the Legislative intent and no amount of personal opinion will change it."

Henry Fioto: "You are to go to the County Board and say I am the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead and I am here representing the people of the Town of Riverhead. We do not want this road and we intend to fight this anyway we have to fight it. We want to know if this Board is supporting the people or do we have to go and fight it ourselves."

Councilman Grodski: "I would like to make a comment at this time. As I understood it from the beginning, the intent was to create a better two lane highway, which would include two 13ft. strips, 4ft. medians and two 10ft. shoulders - with the intention of acquiring 12ft. additional each side giving a total of 74ft. - future intentions of putting in sidewalks. As it stands now that is as dangerous a highway as is 58."

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

"When you have two vehicles passing each other going from opposite directions there isn't that much width in between, especially with Hollywood mirrors on trucks.

You can talk about England where the roads are narrow - they have different cars.

Before we go to the Session of the Legislative Board on the 28th, because I intend to go, I suggest we go there solidified and agree on a counter proposal.

I myself do not particularly care for the proposal made by Justice Costello because it is not feasible. I still contend that I would not be against having two 13ft. lanes, 4ft. medians and two 10ft. shoulders.

I am definitely against a four lane highway, and I think the County intends to improve it from 58 north to Sound Avenue correcting a water problem that has been there for years.

That was the intent I feel and we will get a clarification directly from the County when we appear before the Legislative Session.

Now maybe they are using it as a football with Klein putting the kibosh on it, but we are going to be heard and we intend to be heard.

Now as far as I know and I've talked to several people - they don't intend to do anything from 58 to Roanoke Avenue except up to Fishel Avenue as far as widening. And what they mean by widening is by improving which means new surfacing. I am sure they have no intentions of jeopardizing the Cemetery or the Temple or further down in front of the Baptist Church. But they do have a water problem that has to be corrected, and they are killing two birds with one stone and I don't have any objections to that.

Mr. Fioto: " All we are asking for is the way the Town Board stands right now. When they say widen - they widen. When you say improve your house you don't widen it - improving and widening are two different things. "

Supervisor Leonard: "Mr. Kammerer tells me that from Fishel Avenue Extension from there on to Roanoke Avenue all they expect to do is resurface the shoulders and two lanes. They don't say they are widening it. "

Dr. Caryl Granttham: "The Legislative's intent is clear. I have been informed by lawyers and unless and until that is changed and Mr. Grodski and I assume all of you people on the Board got that photostatic copy - I got it - Mr. Costello said he made it - if you didn't get it, I will give it to you. Mr. Kammerer signed it himself and he now says we do not understand professional jargon. I can read. I also have had this confirmed legally. The intent is clear. 74ft. from Roanoke Avenue to Sound Avenue and that includes a four lane highway, I don't know how much clearer I can make it. "

Councilman Grodski: "You are entitled to your opinion, Dr. Granttham. "

Supervisor Leonard: "I don't have a copy of it. "

Jeffrey Carey, speaking for himself, said he cannot understand how the Board Members with an issue which deals with our priceless irreplaceable natural resources can bandy it around as a political issue where candidates will support it so that the other party can't make a point out of it - so that the other candidate will not support the County proposal. This Northville Turnpike issue has been around long enough and why are the Board Members unaware of the details.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

Even though the County is sort of moving away from Riverhead, they still maintain offices here in Riverhead across the River and I don't understand why our elective officials don't get the information for us.

They won't give us the reports because they say it's too many copies. It is disappointing to us that you don't know the details of things that matter to us. (followed by applause)

Harold Fanning said he is concerned as he counted 50 houses north from Route 58 and many of them are close to the road. If they take 74 ft., his front porch will be on top of the road. The noise from the traffic is bad enough and if they are going to widen the road, he will have to move. The 50 ft. right-of-way is sufficient. The drainage problem can be solved without going 74ft. wide.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Board ratifies the action of the Supervisor in purchasing the following Time Certificates of Deposit on August 7, 1973:

Suff. County Nat'l. Bk.	General Town Funds	\$100,000.00	30 Days	10.25%
Security Nat'l. Bank	"	\$100,000.00	60 Days	10.80%
"	"	\$100,000.00	90 Days	10.25%
Franklin Nat'l. Bank	"	\$100,000.00	118 Days	10.125%
Security Nat'l. Bank	Welfare Funds	\$ 25,000.00	90 Days	10.25%
Franklin Nat'l. Bank	Ambulance Funds	\$ 5,027.20	118 Days	10.125%
"	Highway Item #1 (Reserve Funds)	\$ 19,972.80	118 Days	10.125%
Security Nat'l. Bank	Highway Item #1	\$ 50,000.00	60 Days	10.80%

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Grodski offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

WHEREAS, Certain areas of the Town of Riverhead along and near the shores of Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay are subject to periodic flooding causing serious damage to residential properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, Relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as amended, and

WHEREAS, IT is the intent of this Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to comply with the land use and management criteria regulations as required in said Act, and

**RESOLUTION - continued:**

**WHEREAS,** It is also the intent of this Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to recognize and duly evaluate flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood hazards, and

**WHEREAS,** The Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has heretofore adopted the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Riverhead, which prohibits any person from erecting, reconstructing, remodeling or altering any building or structure without first obtaining a building permit for each such building or structure from the Building Inspector; and

**WHEREAS,** The Building Inspector must examine all plans for the proposed construction when application is made to him for a building permit, and

**WHEREAS,** The Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead has the duty of reviewing all subdivision plans and plots when any area is proposed to be subdivided within the Town of Riverhead,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** By the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead desires to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program.
2. That the Building Inspector of the Town of Riverhead, when reviewing applications for building permits, including the plans and specifications for the proposed construction, shall review all building permit applications to determine if the proposed construction is consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
3. That the Building Inspector of the Town of Riverhead shall review all building permit applications to determine if the site of the proposed construction is reasonably safe from flooding and to make recommendations for construction in all locations which have flood hazards.
4. That in reviewing subdivision proposals, the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead shall assure the following:
  - A. That all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
  - B. That all public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems are located, elevated and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
  - C. That adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
5. That in determining what improvements are to be provided incident to a proposed subdivision, the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead shall require that any water supply systems and/or sanitary sewerage which are required to be furnished by the Planning Board be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding.
6. That the Building Inspector of the Town of Riverhead, and the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead shall require applicants to furnish such information in plans and specifications as may be necessary for them to carry out the foregoing provisions.
7. That the Town of Riverhead will recognize and duly evaluate flood hazards in all official actions relative to land use in the areas having special flood hazards, and will take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

RESOLUTION - continued:

8. That the Town of Riverhead will delineate or assist the Federal Insurance Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the flood plain having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.

9. That the Town of Riverhead will provide such information as the Federal Insurance Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain area.

10. That the Town of Riverhead will maintain for public inspection, and furnish upon request, with respect to each area having special flood hazards, information on elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floors of all new or substantially improved structures, and, where there is a basement, the distance between the first floor and the bottom of the lowest opening where water flowing on the ground will enter.

11. That the Town of Riverhead will cooperate with federal, state and local agencies, and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify flood plain areas and will cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

12. That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby appoints EDWARD MUNSON, Building Inspector of the Town of Riverhead, and his successor in office, with the responsibility, authority and means to implement the commitments made herein.

13. That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby designates EDWARD MUNSON, Building Inspector of the Town of Riverhead, and his successor in office, as the official responsible to submit, on each anniversary date of initial eligibility, an annual report to the Federal Insurance Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the Town of Riverhead in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 122-b of the General Municipal Law and related State Comptroller Opinion 71 (1961), State Comptroller Opinion 181 (1959) and State Comptroller Opinion 3 (1957 1st case) the General Ambulance Service by the Riverhead Town Police for residents of an adjoining municipality is hereby terminated, effective September 3rd, 1973, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to municipalities previously provided with such service.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company be and is hereby authorized to make a survey for the installation of a street light on Pole #64 located on the north side of River Road, Calverton.

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RESOLUTION - continued:

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.  
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That one (1) currently Town Owned Police vehicle be and it is hereby declared surplus and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for such surplus vehicle, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Police Chief prepare bid forms, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such bids be returnable on September 4, 1973 at 10:45 A. M. at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.  
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That Lillian Murphy be and is hereby appointed clerk for the Police Department from the Suffolk County Civil Service Department list of eligibles #11-237, dated July 13, 1973, effective August 13, 1973, at the rate of \$5,200.00 per annum, payable bi-weekly and the first 180 days being probationary.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.  
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby requests that the Department of Transportation of the State of New York, establish a 30 MPH speed limit with the Town of Riverhead in the areas described as follows:

1. SHADE TREE LANE, a 3 rod paved highway between its intersection with N. Y. State Route 25 and Hubbard Avenue, a distance of .8 of a mile.

2. LINDA AVENUE, a 3 rod paved highway between its intersection with N. Y. State Route 25 and Cove Street, a distance of .6 of a mile.

3. BROAD AVENUE, a 3 rod paved highway between its intersection with N. Y. State Route 25 and Cove Street, a distance of .6 of a mile.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.  
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids on Snow Fence for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department for the period September 5, 1973 to September 5, 1974, and be it

RESOLVED, That specifications be prepared by the Superintendent of Highways, and bids to be returnable up to 10:45 A. M. on Tuesday, September 4, 1973, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be and hereby is designated to open publicly and read aloud on Tuesday, September 4, 1973, at 10:45 A. M., at the Town Board Meeting Room, Town Hall, 220 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation, "Bid on Snow Fence".

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

WHEREAS, Bids for black top requirements for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department for the period from August 20, 1973 to August 20, 1974, were duly requested pursuant to advertisement for bids dated August 21, 1973, and

WHEREAS, In response to such advertisement, bids for black top requirements in accordance with specifications therefor, were duly received by the Town Clerk on Tuesday, August 21, 1973 at 7:45 P. M., as follows:

Bidder:	Rason Asphalt, Inc. 15 Columbia Street Port Jefferson, N. Y. 11776	Midhampton Asphalt Corp. 15 Remsen Avenue Roslyn, N. Y. 11576
Price per ton for 1-A State Mix Black Top, picked up at plant of successful bidder:	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$10.73</u>
Location of Plant:	<u>Port Jefferson Station, New York</u>	<u>Nugent Drive Calverton, N. Y.</u>
Distance in miles from Highway Building, Riverhead, N. Y.	<u>23 miles</u>	<u>4.7 miles</u>

AND WHEREAS, The Superintendent of Highways has recommended to the Town Board, that it would be in the best interest of the Town to accept the bid of Midhampton Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$10.73 per ton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Board awards the bid for Black Top requirements for use of the Riverhead Town Highway Department for the period from August 20, 1973 to August 20, 1974, to Midhampton Asphalt Corp., 15 Remsen Avenue, Roslyn, N. Y. 11576, at a cost of \$10.73 per ton, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the acceptance of said bid is subject to the bid and specification form submitted by Midhampton Asphalt Corp., and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION - continued:

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby requests that the Department of Transportation of the State of New York, make a survey to replace the existing FLASHING TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTS at the intersection of N. Y. State Route 25 and Edgar Avenue in the Hamlet of Aquebogue, N. Y., to a TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LIGHT.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Board ratifies the action of the Supervisor in redeeming two (2) Time Certificates of Deposit - General Town Funds on August 15, 1973:

Security Nat'l. Bk.	\$100,000.00	Interest	\$3,250.00
"	"	Interest	\$3,250.00

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Grodski offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

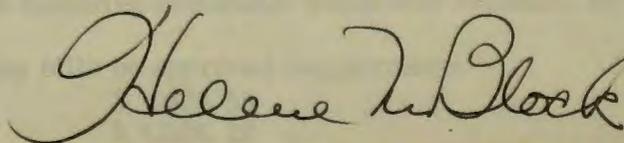
RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby requests that the Department of Transportation of the State of New York, establish a 30 MPH speed limit with the Town of Riverhead in the areas described as follows:

1. VICTOR STREET, a 3 rod paved highway between its intersection with Shade Tree Lane and Linda Avenue, a distance of .1 of a mile.

2. COVE STREET, a 3 rod paved highway between its intersection with Shade Tree Lane and Broad Avenue, a distance of .1 of a mile.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Absent, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M. to meet on Tuesday, September 4, 1973 at 10:30 A. M.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk