

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 20, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Thomas M. Stark

Otis G. Pike

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Also Present: Jacob Harding, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on August 6, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Stark, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated August 19, 1957 from the Town of Riverhead Planning Board, containing the following resolution, was read to the Board as follows:

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has referred to this Board for consideration the request of Roanoke Heights Development Corporation for abandonment of a part of Merritts Pond Road, namely the turn-around at the end of Merritts Pond Road located in the area known as Roanoke Heights and

WHEREAS this Board has inspected and has studied maps of this area and finds that this section has never been used and is overgrown, and

WHEREAS this Board, studying the topography of this area, finds that a drainage easement will be necessary to properly drain Merritts Pond Road and Ostrander Avenue, and

WHEREAS this Board, upon further study of the development of the area as a whole finds that Ostrander Avenue is approximately 400 feet east of the Roanoke Heights area and there is no cross street for a length of about 2600 feet from Robinson Parkway north, a situation deemed neither proper nor desirable, and

WHEREAS, this Board, cognizant of the principles of good planning, for the convenience of the local residents and the community in traveling to schools and shopping districts, for the relief of traffic should a highway be blocked by fire, accidents, or being repaired,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board recommends to the Town Board that the abandonment of the turn-around section of Merritts Pond Road be adopted providing a proper way

is given to drain Ostrander Avenue and Merritts Pond Road, preferably by a cross street as recommended by the Planning Board of 1950 due to the length of block in this area, and if not the drainage easement be so arranged that a walkway be provided between said roads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead. End. Communication ordered filed.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Stark.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead approve the abandonment of the unused portion of Merritts Pond Road, lying southerly of a continuation of the southerly line of Northern Parkway, which part was shaded red on the map, submitted with the application for such abandonment, said abandonment to become effective only on the delivery of a deed from the Roanoke Heights Development Corporation to the Town of Riverhead granting to the Town of Riverhead, a 10 foot easement for purposes of drainage from Merritts Pond Road to Merritts Pond, together with the right to enter thereon for purposes of maintenance and repairs.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

RESOLVED that Frances Jehle, Wading River, New York, be and she is hereby appointed School Attendance Officer for the Common School District No. 1, Wading River, in the Town of Riverhead for the year 1957-58, and further resolved

THAT her compensation be fixed at the rate of \$350.00 per school year, payable in ten monthly payments commencing September 1957, which compensation shall include all expenses other than those incurred when attending meetings outside of the Town of Riverhead called by the District Superintendent of Schools, at which time actual expenses are to be paid. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Communications were read to the Board from Representative Stuyvesant Wainwright, Senator Irving M. Ives and Senator Jacob K. Javits, whereby they acknowledged receipt of the recent resolution forwarded to them regarding the taking of additional land by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation at Calverton, New York. Communications ordered filed.

A letter dated August 13, 1957 from the State Traffic Commission, was read to the Board as follows:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 6, 1957, requesting the installation of a traffic signal on Route 25 at its intersection with Marcy Avenue, in the Town of Riverhead. A Study of conditions is being initiated and I will advise you at a later date of the Commission's conclusion. End. Letter ordered filed.

A letter dated August 8, 1957 from the Wading River Civic Association was read to the Board as follows:

We are requesting that a telephone be installed at the public beach in Wading River, for the use of the lifeguard or the police officer on duty in the vicinity, in cases of emergency. End.

It was the consensus of the Board that due to the fact that the bathing season for this year was nearing its end, and due to the accessibility of a telephone at this beach if required, that this request be again reconsidered at an early date in the summer of 1958.

Letter ordered filed.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict.

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead has been asked to cooperate, through their police and courts, in a concerted effort by the State Charities Aid Association to investigate, in Suffolk County, the roots and causes of juvenile and youthful crime and delinquency in this County, and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead is aware of the magnitude of the problem and the desirability of cooperating with all efforts to reduce the problem, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, on behalf of its courts and its police, offers its fullest cooperation to the State Charities Aid Association during the period of their investigation, August 15 - October 15, 1957.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A discussion was held relative to the appointment of a special policeman for the Oak Hills Civic Association. Town Attorney Harding reported that under the Membership Corporations Law such a policeman could be appointed by the Oak Hills Civic Association. This policeman's jurisdiction is limited to the property of the Oak Hills Association and his salary is paid by the Association.

The Oath can be signed and administered before the Town Clerk, who will furnish the form. Then the oath should be filed with the County Clerk.

The Town Board is merely being informed of this policeman and finds no objection.

In behalf of Edwin S. Lapham, Isidore Scheinberg, Esq. informally presented to the Town Board for its consideration, a plan for the formation of a special improvement district, for highways known as Industrial Blvd. and Hinda Blvd. Under such a plan, the financing could be paid for by the owners of property in the District over a period of years under a Bond issue.

Since the plan, besides calling for the construction of curbs and gutters, also eventually would require taking over and maintenance of highways, the Board took the plan under advisement and referred the matter to the Planning Board.

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A letter dated August 16, 1957 from Grace E. Kaelin was read to the Board as follows:

"Due to a sudden drop in the highway, I am constantly building up my property near the road as it washes away with storms. I am willing to pay for material if the Town would put in a gutter and curb. I believe this would remedy this situation. Hoping you will give this matter your kind consideration." End. Communication ordered filed.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

RESOLVED that the Town Superintendent of Highways be authorized to install a curb and gutter in front of the home of Grace E. Kaelin, subject to rules and regulations for the installation of curbs and gutters as adopted on June 11, 1957.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Stark offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

RESOLVED that the Town Board meetings during the month of September 1957 be held on September 10th and September 24th at 9:30 A.M.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Acting on the request of the First Congregational Church, Riverhead, N.Y., Justice Stark reported that he had requested the Long Island Lighting Company to make a survey for street lighting on Benjamin Place in the Riverhead Light District.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$7,308.38 from the General Town Current Surplus Account to the following Accounts:

Town Board/Other Expenses	\$6,558.83
Town Board/Purchase of furniture and Equipment	276.55
Dog Warden-Compensation	473.00
	<u>\$7,308.38</u>

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution thereupon was declared duly adopted.

A notice of hearing dated August 6, 1957, before the State of New York Public Service Commission relative to additional protection at the grade crossing of tracks of the Long Island Railroad at Washington Avenue, Jamesport, was referred to the Board. This hearing was set for 11 A.M. on August 27, 1957.

A copy of a letter dated August 14, 1957, from the Long Island Railroad to the Public Service Commission was also referred to the Board whereby the Railroad asked for an adjournment of this hearing to a later date.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Town Attorney and any other interested parties attend this hearing when a final date has been set by the Public Service Commission.

Communication ordered filed.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict.

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a tractor shovel on rubber tires for use of the Town Highway Dept. at a cost no to exceed \$19,000.,

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on this proposition at 9:45 A.M. on September 10, 1957, further that sealed bids for this tractor shovel be returnable up to 10 A.M. on September 10, 1957, further that the Town Clerk duly have published the notice of public hearing and the notice to bidders.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town---\$16,400.97, Machinery Fund---\$754.19, and Town Highway Garage---\$99.84. On motion and vote, it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 10, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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