

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Friday, August 4, 1939 at 11:00 A.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor

Henry M. Zaleski,
Joseph V. Kelly,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

Lester M. Emmett, Town Attorney was present.

WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO MEETING.

We, the undersigned, being all members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, New York at 10:00 A.M. on the 4th day of August 1939 in the Town Hall, and do consent to the holding of such meeting and to the transaction of any and all business that may come before such meeting.

Dated, Riverhead, N.Y.
August 4, 1939.

Signed: Dennis G. Homan
Joseph V. Kelly
Fred H. Boutcher
Austin H. Warner
Henry M. Zaleski

The Waiver of Notice was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Homan opened the meeting and advised that the Town Board had received a public notice from the War Department of an application by the Friar's Head Land Corporation for a permit to construct two permanent breakwaters and one temporary breakwater for the purpose of dredging in the Long Island Sound at or near Roanoke in the Town of Riverhead and that this special meeting was called to discuss the application as the War Department is to hold a hearing in regard to the matter on Monday August 7, 1939 and the Town Board wished to obtain opinions from the various taxpayers before coming to any conclusion.

Mr. Herman Brandstein, a taxpayer in the vicinity of the application addressed the Board and stated that he questioned what would eventually happen if a dredging concern operated in that region. He objected to the application.

Mr. Stanley Fowler, Attorney representing the Friar's Head Land Corporation appeared in favor of the application. He stated that the intention of this Corporation is to dredge a channel 250 feet wide into the up lands and there to create a harbor for the purpose of making a land development and further that the land cannot be opened for residential purposes unless this is done at the expense of its own natural resources. He explained to the Board that after the land is developed it would be inviting to people who would be a credit to the Town, and further that during the development it would

give employment to at least 60 men and surely we do not want to discourage private enterprise if it is going to help our relief rolls.

Mr. Henry Talmadge addressed the Board, stating that his farm adjoins the property in question and that he did not come to this meeting in a sense of being for or against the proposition, however, he did not hear any of the neighbors express any opposition to this application. He stated that he did not know the persons who made the application, but that a Real Estate man had told him that it was not primarily a sand and gravel concern, but that the dredging is to defray the expense of making a canal and a harbor and later to develop the property. He felt that there was room for a development of this nature and for a harbor where boats could be kept. He further stated that in the event that the project was abandoned after the canal was dredged he believed that there are enough people with sporting blood to continue operating the harbor and consequently he could see no objection to it.

Mr. Alex Bobinski, who is the owner of property in the vicinity stated that he is in favor of the application and felt that it would improve all the surrounding property.

Mr. Harold Griffing who is also a property owner in the vicinity outlined what Sand and Gravel Companies did to the value of properties at Port Jefferson and further stated that there is too much value in sand and gravel to leave any land for development, once dredging begins. He wished to go on record as opposing the application.

Mr. Linn B. Young of Baiting Hollow was called upon for his views, and he stated that he could not say anything at this time because he did not know as yet the real intention of the proposed project and felt that everyone should know more about it before a final conclusion is reached.

No one else wishing to be heard at this time Justice Warner offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Justice Kelly,

WHEREAS, by public notice No. 464 the War Department has advised the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead of an application by the Friar's Head Land Corporation for a permit to construct two permanent breakwaters and one temporary breakwater and to dredge in Long Island Sound at or near Roanoke, Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, and

WHEREAS, by said notice, protests and criticisms are required to be submitted prior to August 7th, 1939, to enable the War Department to act on said application on that date, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has on this 4th day of August 1939, held a Special open hearing with reference to said application from which it appeared that same is being made by a party other than the real party or parties in interest, who have chosen to remain unidentified and whose plans have not been fully disclosed; that the application for dredging and breakwater construction is or may be a subterfuge for the operation of a sand and gravel industry; that no assurance has been made or offered as to the maintenance and upkeep of the proposed breakwaters or that in the course of time they will not become a menace to navigation and that the interests of the Town of Riverhead and the property owners thereof cannot be fully protected, without further consideration and investigation by this Board, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead opposes the granting of the permit involved in this application until such time as it shall have had an opportunity fully to investigate the same and that the War Department be urged and requested to defer action on same for a reasonable time pending such investigation and report and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the District Engineer of the War Department.

The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.