

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall on Wednesday May 25, 1938 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor

Henry M. Zaleski

Joseph V. Kelly

Austin H. Warner

Fred H. Butcher, Justices of the Peace.

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on May 11, 1938 and minutes of a special meeting held on May 14, 1938 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Mr. J. Harry Saxstien, Attorney addressed the Board in regard to the restriction placed by the N.Y. State Conservation Department from taking shell fish from Reeves Bay, Flanders Bay and part of Peconic Bay. He gave a detailed report on the findings by the Pease Laboratories, Bacteriologists who were retained by the Town Board to take tests of both the water and clams at corresponding points of those taken by the Bacteriologists of the State Conservation Department. He also explained the methods by which Bacteriologists determine their findings and also defined the term B-Coli which is commonly used by all Bacteriologists.

Justice Kelly offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Justice Zaleski,

WHEREAS, by order dated May 13th, 1938, the Superintendent of Marine Fisheries of the New York State Conservation Department, has condemned all of Flanders and Reeve's Bay and all tributaries thereto, and closed the same to the public for the purpose of shellfishing; and

WHEREAS, the shellfishing industry is of vital importance to the Town of Riverhead, and provides the chief means of livelihood for many of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that the aforesaid order of the Superintendent of Marine Fisheries is unwarranted, and that the taking of shellfish from the condemned area would not be detrimental to the public health; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Town Board to protect the rights and interests of the inhabitants of the Town of Riverhead; and

WHEREAS, the inhabitants of the Town have a vital collective interest in this matter; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead be authorized and empowered to retain J. Harry Saxstien, Esq., as Special counsel in the matter, and to agree with such counsel on behalf of the Town to bring such appropriate legal proceedings as may be necessary to remove or attempt to remove in whole or in part the aforesaid restrictions which have been imposed upon the taking of shellfish in

the waters of the Town of Riverhead.

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.

Town Attorney Hubbard reporting on the matter of the legality of placing Parking meters along a State Highway read a portion of the law pertaining thereto and advised the Board that a permit must be obtained from the State Traffic Commission before any meters can be installed.

Mr. Roberts of the meter concern addressed the Board and agreed with the Town Attorney and stated that the permit could be very easily obtained. He outlined a proposition of installing Parking Meters on one block of the business section of the Town for a trial period at no expense to the Town, other than a percentage of the earnings of the meters during a stated period.

Justice Zaleski addressed the Board, stating that he has interviewed many citizens on the matter of "Parking Meters" and found that there was a very definite objection to the matter, giving several reasons. He further stated that in his opinion no doubt "Parking Meters" are a fine thing for different Cities and Towns, but did not think they would work to good advantage in Riverhead.

Mr. Carl Peterson addressed the Board in regard to installing Parking Meters, stating that he did not think the proposition would work in a village the size of Riverhead.

The matter of installing parking meters was deferred for future consideration.

Justice Warner reporting on the matter of the franchise to operate a refreshment stand at Howell M. Reeve Park advised that he has considered very carefully the request of Mr. O'Brien and that he feels that under the existing conditions that it is more or less a question of survival of the fittest and that he recommends that a franchise be granted to Harold Davis to operate a refreshment stand at Howell M. Reeve Park for the summer season.

The matter in regard to the pillars at the entrance to Howell M. Reeve Park was discussed by the Board.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was Resolved that the matter in regard to the Pillars at Howell M. Reeve Park be left to the discretion of the Park Committee with power to act. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The matter of opening Third St. and Willow St., South Jamesport was discussed by the Board and referred to the Town Attorney to search the title and ascertain the ownership.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the bill of Pease Laboratories and all other necessary expenses in

connection with the condemned water of Flanders and Reeve's Bay. 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.

A communication was read from Mr. G. Elliott Morrison, Chairman of the Stamp Committee of the Suffolk County Association respectfully requesting the Town Board to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Poster Stamps for the purpose of publicizing and promoting Suffolk County in connection with the World's Fair. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. J. Harry Brown addressed the Board, stating that he would like to see the Board go on record of approving the poster stamp campaign in lieu of the fact that the Board cannot expend the money as no appropriation was placed in the budget, and further calling attention to the fact that two of the stamps, those depicting the Suffolk County Historical Society Building and the one showing the Hulburt flag on display there, which were designed by Charles Rock of Riverhead and directly related to Riverhead and could not help but call favorable attention to this locality.

Justice Warner offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Justice Zaleski,

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Association is sponsoring a Poster Stamp Campaign to provide funds to advertise, publicize and promote Suffolk County, and,

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Association has requested the Town Board of Riverhead to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of such stamps, and

WHEREAS, no appropriation has been placed in the budget for that purpose and can only be expended when specifically earmarked, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead heartily endorses the movement and at this time can only assure the Association of their fullest cooperation in the matter. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from the United States War Department giving notice of a public hearing on June 23, 1938 to review reports on Peconic River and receive information that will lead to a correct conclusion as to the advisability of further improvement of the waterway by the United States. The Communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Riverhead Yacht Club requesting the Board to take all necessary steps to stop, immediately, any further pollution of the Peconic River. The Communication was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Homan submitted his report for the month of April 1938 pursuant to law and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The bids for a special court docket were opened as follows:

Harry Lee Publishing Company \$45.00 and Riverhead News, \$49.00.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was Resolved that the bid of the Harry Lee Publishing Company for one special court docket for the sum of \$45.00 be accepted. 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.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Louise E. Downs and Sadie Goldberg be continued as clerks to the Receiver of Taxes to July 1, 1938, salary at the rate of \$4.00 per day. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the bills for the month of May 1938.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, June 1, 1938 at 10:00 A.M.

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