

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead was held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, on March 8, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Allen M. Smith, Supervisor
George G. Young, Councilman
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman
Jessie Tomlinson, Councilwoman

Absent: Peter S. Danowski, Jr., Town Attorney
John Lombardi, Councilman
Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways

Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Smith: "I would make mention that Mr. Lombardi is not with us tonight. He's up in the hospital, we wish him well. He should be coming out again shortly and in a more healthful condition."

BOARD OF AUDIT

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined the following bills submitted on Abstracts dated March 1, 1977:

General Town	\$18,481.13
Highway Item #1	1,710.01
Highway Item #3	1,818.54
Highway Item #4	4,954.60
Special Districts	499.70
Community Development Program	1,000.00
Capital Projects	275.81

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The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith recessed the Meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P.M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of Publishing and Posting Public Notice calling Public Hearing relative to Year Three of the Consortium Agreement, to be held on March 8, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

The affidavits were ordered to be placed on file.

Supervisor Smith: "Gentlemen, you have before you (referring to leaflets explaining the program) what I had hoped would be an explanation of the purpose for which we meet this evening and save us a great deal of explanation for those who didn't quite understand exactly what the procedure was on such matters.

It is a requirement of the Community Development Act that we hold the hearings and that the program of work be put forth, will be subject to public comment."

A recess was called to enable the people to read the typed report explaining the program.

The meeting reconvened and Supervisor Smith asked if anyone wished to address the Town Board on what is proposed.

Mr. Robert L. Tooker: "During your adjournment I had a chance to skim through the program and I want to compliment you on the program that you have suggested for consideration tonight. I think its a bold and imaginative program and I think it would go a long way towards improving our community especially the appearance of our community in the heart of Riverhead on the Main Street area.

I think that the suggestions included in that program are consistent with the comments made at the first meeting and I am particularly interested in #1, in that program which deals with what you call the Colonial Arms and I call the Raspberry Hilton.

I think that the attention to that building is a very important consideration of the Town Board and I believe that's so for five reasons. The first is that the Raspberry Hilton is at one of the principal entrances to our community. As you approach Riverhead from the east you pass a beautiful new Town Hall and then slam you come into the Raspberry Hilton and I think if it was not there that we would have a much more attractive entrance into the heart of our community from the east.

Secondly, it appears to me that the building is unsafe. It has holes in it, it is boarded up, is an attractive nuisance to children. I have had the opportunity to tour

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through the building with several people and the inside is no safer than the appearance of the outside.

Third, I think it's an opportunity if you tend to that building to dramatically initiate this new program. I think that in all likelihood the demolition and recycling of the Raspberry Hilton property back into the commercial sector of our community would be an appropriate way to introduce the program that's suggested of taking these funds and recycling them in order to improve other deteriorated areas of the community.

Fourth, I do not believe that there is any other practical useful purpose for that building. I have inspected it with a lay person, I have inspected it with a contractor and I've inspected it with an architect. Not one of the four of us can see any practical purpose to put the building to.

Lastly, I read in the press which I hope is not the case but the press reports that the purported owner of the building could once again be utilized to house residents in Riverhead.

I think it would be a terrible shame to take the building which is now abandoned and try and put it back into what would have to be low cost, inappropriate, unsafe, and unhealthy housing for the residents of our community. I encourage you to proceed ahead with the program that you've outlined that has been distributed and I am particularly anxious that you should proceed with level one and tend to the problem of the Colonial Arms."

James Ross: "Well I like to lend my concurrence and support to what Mr. Tooker said for a reason that he clearly stated the building has had all service discontinued to it some time ago, and the judgment of professionals that it was unsound to have electrical service and water service and so on. I haven't been through it with professionals but I spend a lot of time looking at it and the back side looks worse than the front side.

The thing that I might suggest to start with is to just put a few men there for a few hours and get the garbage and the debris and the old furniture and the broken down trees and trash and things that exist on the grounds cleared away that would help for a spring clean-up. Maybe by the end of the summer we could have the whole building leveled. I can't think of a better way to start this program and I think you have it well documented and I think you're in the right direction. I like to lend my support to your plans."

Shirely Smith, Calverton: "I think it's a visual blight in the community and I think that the visual effect that would be accomplished by the elimination of this building

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would do a great deal for Riverhead and for Riverheaders.

I would concur with what Mr. Tooker has said about the documentation of your plans and I hate to refer to it as the Colonial Arms but the Raspberry Hilton has been a sore spot and if we could get that red spot out of our eyes it would be very good for the community."

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing closed and re-opened the Meeting.

REPORTSOPEN BID REPORT - SEAT CONSOLES, ACCESSORIES AND
INSTALLATION - POLICE DEPARTMENT

After being duly advertised the following bids for Seat Consoles, Accessories and Installation for the Police Department were opened by the Town Clerk on Monday, March 7, 1977 at 11:00 A.M:

A & M ELECTRONICS, V & C SYS. INC.
56 Riverhead Road
Westhampton Beach, New York 11978

12	Seat Consoles (SC70) @ \$59.00	each	\$708.00	Total
12	Switch Modules (SW70) @ \$13.50	each	162.00	Total
12	Mounting brackets (UB70) @ \$4.50	each	54.00	Total
48	DPDT Rocket switch (SW3) @ \$5.50	each	66.00	Total
24	Momentary Rocket Switch (SW4) @ \$5.50	each	66.00	Total
12	Installation @ \$60.00	each	720.00	Total
12	Flasher Units @ \$24.00	each	288.00	Total
	Electrical Wire (as required) \$2.50	each	31.00	Total

Filed.

EASTERN L.I. ELECTRONICS, INC.
Old Country Road
Quogue, New York 11959

12	Seat Consoles (SW70) @ \$59.00	each	\$708.00	Total
12	Switch Modules (SW70) @ \$13.50	each	162.00	Total
12	Mounting brackets (UB70) @ \$4.50	each	54.00	Total
48	DPDT Rocket switch (SW) @ \$5.50	each	264.00	Total
24	Momentary Rocket Switch (SW) @ \$5.50	each	132.00	Total
12	Installation @ \$60.00	each	960.00	Total
12	Flasher Units @ \$24.00	each	60.00	Total
	Electircal Wire (as required) \$2.50	each	96.00	Total

Filed.

SITE PLAN

Petition of Hugh J. Wallace, Wading River - For
 Accessory Building - Unfurnished Filed.
 Matter deferred to next meeting of the Town Board

PETITIONS

Betty Edwards - Special Permit for Combination
 Business "C" and Residential Use District. Filed.

Maloru Universal, Inc. - Change of Zone from
 Agr. A to Bus. A to construct motel on said premises. Filed.

The above matters referred to Planning Board for
 recommendation and report.

Supervisor Smith: "While we're talking about housing,
 I would call to those present the attention of this application
 Maloru lease of that sterling bunch of abandoned buildings on
 Doctor's Path. I think specifically we should send some copies
 to some of the residents up in that area that this thing is
 coming forward and maybe some of the other civic groups that
 are interested in housing in this community should see this
 one."

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. Murtha, President Wading River Civic
 Association, dated 2/27/77 to Stanley Grodski, Riverhead
 Parks and Recreation. Expressing appreciation to the
 Recreation Department for its cooperation and for a wonder-
 ful job on cleaning up the parking area and distributing
 the wood chips in early Fall. Filed.

Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways, dated 3/1/77,
 listing three complaints on drainage problems as follows:

1. Mr. J. J. White has complained of a drainage
 problem he has in front of his home on Middle
 Road. Water flows along the south side on the
 road in an easterly side. Water from his pro-
 perty also flows into the same location. Some
 sort of sump is needed.
2. Mr. F. Lucas has a drainage problem at the corner
 of Mill Road and Middle Road. He has built a new
 house and has the problem of water flowing across
 his property. Two drains would be needed at a
 cost of \$2,000.00.
3. Mr. Carter of Green Slopes, Wading River has a
 drainage problem. Water floods his front yard
 and next to his home. A pipe of 300 feet is
 needed here, at a cost of \$5.00 per foot. Filed.

The drainage problems as outlined by Mr. Horton will
 be added to the on-going Drainage Program.

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The Assembly, State of New York, Office of Minority Leader, dated 3/1/77, enclosing copy of general permit issued after Mr. Duryea's request, allowing for replacement and repair as necessitated by ice damage, provided the Department of Environmental Conservation is notified at their office in Stony Brook by April 29, 1977. Filed.

Town of Brookhaven, dated 3/3/77, relating to a Public Hearing to be held on March 15th, 1977 at 8:45 P.M. on proposed amendment to Zone Ordinance Code pertaining to certificates of occupancy. Filed.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez,

RESOLVED, That Merrill B. Nelson an employee of the Riverhead Recreation Department be paid time and one-half overtime compensation:

16 Hours @ \$7.88 = \$126.08

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Gustave E. Olson an employee of the Off-Street parking Department be paid time and one-half overtime compensation:

34½ Hours @ \$7.56 = \$260.82

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanatory report relating to aforesaid overtime submitted by the Superintendent of the Recreation Department be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following Police Officers be paid overtime from February 1, 1977 to and including February 28, 1977 as per P.B.A. Contract at time and one-half their regular salary.

1.	A. Densieski	2-11-77	35 min.		\$ 6.48
2.	F. Foote	2-18-77	30 min.	\$ 5.56	
		2-25-77	8½ hrs.	<u>94.48</u>	100.04
3.	J. Hughes	1-25-77	30 min.		5.56
4.	B. Keller	2-27-77	1 hr. 15 min.		13.18
5.	P. Paasch	2-12-77	2 hrs.		22.23

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6.	J. Psaltis	1-28-77	19 min.	\$ 3.34
7.	J. Seaman	2-11-77	1 hr. 15 min.	15.81
8.	P. Troyan	2-25-77	30 min.	5.56
9.	R. VonVoigt	2-26-77	30 min.	5.27
		2-27-77	1 hr.	<u>10.55</u>
				<u>15.82</u>

TOTAL \$188.02

The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following Police Officers be paid recall and/or court pay from February 1, 1977 to and including February 28, 1977, as per P.B.A. Contract:

1.	F. Alexander	2-7-77	4 hrs.	\$44.46
2.	H. Boden	2-7-77	4 hrs.	49.44
3.	T. Dorfer	2-16-77	4 hrs.	44.46
4.	F. Foote	2-25-77	4 hrs.	44.46
5.	J. Pleickhardt	2-28-77	4 hrs.	42.18
6.	A. Summerville	2-11-12-77	4 hrs.	50.10
		2-27-77	4 hrs.	<u>50.10</u>
				100.20
7.	R. Underwood	2-4-77	4 hrs.	55.38
8.	D. Weinand	2-7-77	4 hrs.	42.18
9.	K. Woods	2-2-77	4 hrs.	<u>42.18</u>

TOTAL \$464.94

The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, many sportsmen who engage in saltwater angling, surf casting, and drifting and trolling of live and artificial baits as the means of fishing for bluefish and striped bass, and

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WHEREAS, the area in Long Island Sound from the Brookhaven-Riverhead line to the Riverhead-Southold line has developed into a major sports-fishing area for many, and

WHEREAS, there are about half a dozen commercial fishermen and an equal number of part-time commercial fishermen setting gill nets in the area of Long Island Sound aforementioned, primarily to catch bluefish and striped bass, and

WHEREAS, direct conflicts have arisen between the commercial fishermen and the sports-fishermen with boats becoming entangled in gill nets, and with gill nets set in such a manner as to render all forms of hook-and-line fishing in the area impossible, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have legislation introduced and enacted into law which would amend the NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW in relation to prohibiting the use of gill nets in certain areas of Long Island Sound in much the same manner in which the said law was amended in 1970 for the area of Long Island Sound adjacent to the Town of Brookhaven,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board supports a legislative proposal that would enact an amendment to Paragraph C., Subdivision 15, Section 13-0343 of the ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW to read as follows:

"c. Gill nets shall not be used in Long Island Sound west of an imaginary line extending north from the easterly boundary of the Town of Riverhead on the north shore of Long Island in the County of Suffolk."

The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, The firm of Garafola & Piscitalli, Ltd., have completed a punch list for the one-year retainage on the New Town Hall, on both the Heating and Ventilating and Electrical Contracts, and

WHEREAS, An inspection of the punch list items will be performed by Donald A. Denis, Architect on March 9, 1977,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to release the retainage on the Heating and Ventilating and Electrical Contracts in the total sum of \$3,267.06.

The vote, Lombardi, Absent, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Supervisor Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by the entire Board and unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

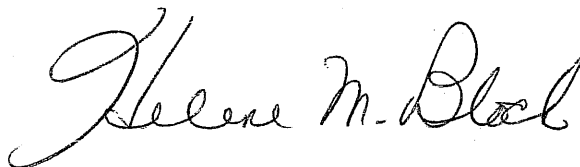
WHEREAS, The death of Joseph H. Coleman, has brought a great sadness to our community, and the town's people recognize the community has suffered a great loss by his passing, and

WHEREAS, He was distinguished by his warm personality, unfailing courtesy and genuine regard for all with whom he was associated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at its meeting assembled this 8th day of March, 1977, that we hereby express our sorrow at the passing of Joseph H. Coleman, and extend to his widow, Helen and daughters Doris and Mary, our most sincere condolences, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable engrossed copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mrs. Joseph Coleman.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the Meeting adjourned to meet March 15, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk

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