

Minutes of the Town of Riverhead Board meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten	Councilman
George Gabrielsen	Councilman
Jodi Giglio	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane Wilhelm	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz	Town Attorney

The meeting was officially opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Walter with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Invocation given by Reverend Dr. Enrique Lebron from the Riverhead United Methodist Church.

Councilman Wooten presented Vincent Cangiano, retiring Vice President from the Suffolk County National Bank, with a Proclamation for his services to the Town of Riverhead and its many residents. Councilman Wooten wished Vinny many years of happiness in his retirement.

Mr. Cangiano thanked the community for opening their hearts to him during his years of employment.

Upon their retirement, Supervisor Walter, presented Building Inspector, Jack Wheary and Riverhead Senior Department Bus Driver, David Murphy with a proclamation and an Acrylic Seal of Retirement for their many years of employment with the Town of Riverhead. Retiree Donald Zlatniski who was a Public Safety Dispatcher was unable to attend the meeting. He also will be presented with an Acrylic Seal of Retirement. Supervisor Walter thanked all three gentlemen for their many years of employment and wished them many years of enjoyment.

In celebration of Earth Day 2015 proclamations were presented to Ray Pickersgill, from BIDMA, Bobby Hartmann from Mainstream House and Steve Shauger from Hyatt Place East for their efforts in cleaning up the roads and streets of Riverhead.

Councilman Dunleavy made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Gabrielsen that the minutes from March 18 and April 7, 2015 Town Board Meetings be approved. Councilman Kozakiewicz asked that Tom Kruger's name, which was missing, be added to the minutes of April 7th. Minutes were approved as amended.

REPORTS

- Tax Receiver - Total Tax Collection to date as of April 8, 2015 - \$74,421,687.09

- Tax Receiver - Total Tax Collection to date as of April 15, 2015 - \$74,846,353.15
- Sewer District – Discharge Monitoring Report March 2015
- IDA – Annual Audited Financial Report
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CORRESPONDENCE

- 5 letters of opposition and/or concern regarding the Special Permit Petition of United Riverhead Terminal (URT); Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, Christian H. Lavoie, Vincent P. Lyons, William & Catherine Welsh, Albert & Elaine Scalone, Mary-Veronica McKinnon
- Brian Curtin, President Chamber of Commerce – letter of support for the Riverhead Cider Company
- North Fork Environmental Council – letter expressing concerns with regard to the proposed Special Permit application for Cider Mill and Tasting Room at Grapes and Green

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Dunleavy thanked Mustache Brewery for their concern in protecting the teens of Riverhead during their recent event at the Polish Pavilion. Two security people were at the door checking ID's on everyone who entered. If you were twenty-one or older you were given a green badge to wear indicating that you were of age to drink.

Councilman Wooten reminded everyone of National Town Cleanup Day May 23, 2015. He said more information will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Walter: “7:05, the first public hearing is scheduled for 7:05 and this is a consideration of a Local Law to amend Chapter 86 of the Riverhead Town Code entitled “Rental Dwelling Units” (Section 86-3 Definitions Rental Dwelling Units and Section 86-6 Fees) and what we’re doing really is cleaning up the definition of a rental dwelling unit. As I recall this originally also applied to things like hotels and it was never the intention of the Town to make hotels get rental permits for transient stays for less than thirty days and the other aspect of the code is it’s an increase in fees and much to my chagrin the Town Board does need to increase the fees because what we found is that it costs us more than we were collecting just to implement the rental dwelling law. So does anybody wish to be heard on this matter? “

Councilwoman Giglio: “This also includes where the language and the definition of the structure it specified one, two or three family dwelling, apartments, multiunit apartments, apartment houses, condominiums, co-operatives, garden apartments or town houses occupied by or be occupied by one or more persons as a home or residence. So that part of the code has been stricken and a dwelling unit is now a single unit within a building or structure providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. So this new definition does not exclude manufactured home parks even though it doesn’t call them out specifically and the owners of several manufactured home parks within our community they are now aware of the fact that they will now

have to come in and take out rental permits if they're not owner occupied for these manufactured homes within the parks. So that is in the works and hopefully it will help the quality of life within these parks."

Supervisor Walter: "Angela."

Angela DeVito: "Good evening. With regard to the change in the rental Chapter 86 Rental Dwelling Units; just some questions. How many rental units to you think we have in the Town and the sort of income that you believe this is going to generate biennially every other year, ok?"

Supervisor Walter: "The rental income is about a hundred thousand dollars a year. I don't know how many units we have. We'd have to get back to you on that."

Angela DeVito: "Have we done a, is there an inventory of such that we know of?"

Supervisor Walter: "Oh yeah, of course."

Angela DeVito: "With regard to raising the fees; actually it looks as if you are but you're going from biannual fees to biennial which is every other year rather than twice a year so if you really look at the figures it's a reduction in the fees that they'll be paying."

Supervisor Walter: "It's always been every other year."

Angela DeVito: "It says bi-annual there. Well I'm just looking at what you have on your books here."

Supervisor Walter: "We didn't write the original one."

Angela DeVito: "And in terms of how does this money get dedicated? If you're collecting it every other year as it comes into the Town budget is there a particular unit that this is dedicated for?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes, General Fund."

Angela DeVito: "Just your General Fund?"

Supervisor Walter: "All the employees of Code Enforcement that administer this program are general fund employees."

Angela DeVito: "And on Part A just on the bottom there, the last sentence of the paragraph actually the third sentence there where it says *a rental dwelling unit per structure*, if we could add or building just to be consistent with your definition of a dwelling unit is a single unit within a building or structure if you can add that there. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can you repeat that please?"

Angela DeVito: “In your definition you say that a dwelling unit is a single unit within a building or structure and then you have on 86-6 fees Part A; go down to the last part of that sentence there and you have *it will be in accordance with the following schedule of rental dwelling units per structure*. I’m just saying for consistency it should be building or structure to be in line with your definition.”

Supervisor Walter: “I don’t think it’s a problem though?”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Thank you Angela.”

Supervisor Walter: “Yes? Just state your name and hamlet for the record.”

Susan Carlsen: “It’s Susan Carlsen just local member of the Town of Riverhead, resident. I don’t have the law in front of me. I’m really not too sure of what all the instances are but just to go back on the one where you were talking about the mobile home units. So what you’re saying just from what I understand is that a mobile home corporation now has to come to you and get a permit before they can rent out a mobile home within the park. Is that what I’m?”

Supervisor Walter: “That’s correct. They’ve always had to do that.”

Susan Carlsen: “Instead of like say I own a mobile home I could just get Mary, Joe and Jane to sign a rental, you know and get them in, that’s not supposed to be?”

Supervisor Walter: “And that’s the way it was when this was first enacted however ten years ago.”

Susan Carlsen: “Ok but they’re not adhering to it.”

Supervisor Walter: “You always had to and what happens unfortunately for the Town is you don’t find these things out until residents complains and.”

Susan Carlsen: “Because people are in there that shouldn’t be in there?”

Supervisor Walter: “Right and then Code Enforcement will go out. They’ve always had to get rental permits.”

Susan Carlsen: “They always had to get, so they.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Yeah but they’ve never gotten.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And it makes them go out and inspect the unit too.”

Susan Carlsen: “It makes who go out inspect the rental unit, the corporation or the town?”

Councilman Dunleavy: “No, no, the town.”

Susan Carlsen: “So you’re saying if we see someone who lives within a mobile home park, a manufactured home, if we feel that someone is in there that shouldn’t be and doesn’t have a rental agreement we should be; go to the corporation first or come to you?”

Supervisor Walter: “You could come to the Town. If you come to the Town it’s anonymous. We don’t let anybody know, we don’t let the corporation know and then we will investigate and see if we could figure out what’s going on. What happens is you have two options. If you’re the owner whether you’re the corporation or you own the mobile home yourself.”

Susan Carlsen: “Right but say just a regular resident within the mobile home corporation that you see something going on that.”

Supervisor Walter: “You can always call Code Enforcement.”

Susan Carlsen: “Code Enforcement.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And Code Enforcement, when you apply for the permit you have one or two options. You can either have a professional engineer or registered architect certify that the unit is habitable by the New York State Building Code or the Town will come in and do an inspection.”

Susan Carlsen: “That person will come to the Town and say that place is habitable and apply for a rental permit?”

Supervisor Walter: “That is correct. They don’t come to us they come to the Building Department, downtown Attorney’s office.”

Susan Carlsen: “That’s what I meant. Ok, ok, thank you very much.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “We’re also going to be revising the permit applications. We’ve been discussing it in policy decisions for the Town Attorneys and Code Enforcement to include the renters names and their license plate numbers so we can see what cars are in the driveways and make sure those are the same people. Also the manufacture parks have to report, give a census report to the DHCR Department of Housing and Community Renewal on an annual basis so we’ll be able to match the names and the census up to the names on the rental permits so that we can double check on that and make sure the right people are in there are supposed to be in there.”

Susan Carlsen: “Alright, so it will be the Town Code Enforcement is who you would put a complaint into.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Or the Town Attorney’s office.”

Susan Carlsen: “Or the Town Attorney’s office. Ok, thank you very much for explaining that.”

Supervisor Walter: “You’re welcome. How are you doing Sir?”

Garrett Moore: “Garrett Moore, Jamesport. I have cottages in Jamesport. I read this over and it really looks like a pretty steep increase for the rental permits.”

Supervisor Walter: “I agree with you.”

Garrett Moore: “For a small business especially mine which is seasonal, six to seven months. I’ll give you a rundown just on my fees and taxes to rent for one year. The Town rental permit for one year is a hundred and fifty dollars. The increase is going to be five hundred and twenty-five dollars.”

Supervisor Walter: “It’s a two year permit.”

Garrett Moore: “I’m talking about one year. It will be double that for two years. My fees for the health department is four hundred.”

Supervisor Walter: “I’m not following you Sir. The permit is required every other year for a rental permit so why are you saying?”

(Inaudible)

Councilman Dunleavy: “You’re looking at more than four units.”

Garrett Moore: “On one parcel I have six cottages.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Ok.

Garrett Moore: “That’s a thousand fifty. Break it down to one year that’s five twenty-five. My health department fee is four hundred.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “A year or every other year?”

Garrett Moore: “A year, one year and at the end I get the motel tax which averages out about twenty-eight hundred dollars a year so my taxes and fees is thirty-four hundred dollars for one year just to be a legal resident, rental permits to do it legally. I would kind of have you consider that landlords who run a good business and have no problems with the neighbors and they’re buildings are taken care of have Nicole refer back to the code informant, enforcement that the permit fee could be for two years increase it to three years for someone who doesn’t abuse the privilege and this would possibly be a help for a small business. I hope you give this some serious thought.”

Supervisor Walter: “Thank you. Does anyone else wish to be heard on this matter, Mr. Reeve?”

John Reeve: “Good evening, John Reeve, Aquebogue. Along with Mr. Moore my wife and I own cottages in Aquebogue. We have a few more on one parcel than Garrett. Our biggest concern is the rental increasing rates. We unfortunately have to pass that on to our customers. We also have long term rental. We have retired people we have young people, middle aged people

renting. They're going to have to assume this increase. We will let them know it's not our decision to do that; it will be the Board's decision to increase their rent. On the other hand the Code Enforcement officers that do the inspection do a very, very good job as far as that goes, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "You know John and I'll be honest with you. I was opposed to this and there was at least one other Board member that was opposed to this and we kind of blocked it for a long time, for a couple of years so I asked a very telling question of the Town Attorney's office. I said tabulate the cost of the program to the residents and unfortunately it cuts both ways. If you have Nicole or Richie Downs come inspect it they're telling us it's costing us with the Town employee benefits processing paper work it's costing us two hundred and fifty dollars a unit just to have the employees do the inspections and as much as it; really I'm not happy about raising these fees, we can't run a program where it's costing the rest of the residents money to run it. The folks that are getting where we make money if you will is if somebody gets an engineer's or a registered architect but you know that's a mixed bag if they do that and we don't come in and do the inspections."

John Reeve: "Well as Garrett mentioned there could be an incentive program for the people who do a real good job and pass with flying colors, give us a break. I mean I'm sure there are people out there that don't pass with flying colors and when we do our best to make people come back, we have people from all over the world come back every year that says something and they like Riverhead so I try and make it happen too. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Anyone else wish to be heard?"

Doug Rosenbrock: "Good evening Council members. My name is Doug Rosenbrock. I live in a manufactured home community that is also very well run but only because I had to physically move my home out of a community where the quality of live was crushed in a stunningly rapid period of time due to an overwhelming amount of rental units where we had predominately resident owned homes in the community we had a new company come to town and they really became very aggressive in subletting and renting out homes so I really support very much this type of change in the town code that brings manufactured housing more in line with all of the other guidelines for stick built homes. It's really not that much different and we definitely need this type of protection so I applaud the town for really, for bringing manufactured housing more into line with the rest of the code. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you Sir."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard? Not seeing anybody we'll close the public comment portion and leave it open for written comment until May 1st, 4:30 in the Town Clerk's office. Thank you."

**Public Hearing Closed at 7:40 p.m.
Left Open for Written Comment until May 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

Supervisor Walter: “The second public hearing was scheduled for 7:10. It is now 7:40 and we’re going to open up the public hearing in consideration of a Local Law to Amend Chapter 113 of the Riverhead Town Hunting Code, or Chapter 113 entitled “Hunting”. George do you want to?”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Yes. This is a product of the state DEC in December of 2014. There’s a one dollar permit that you have to get from the state when you hunt in the Town of Riverhead and what’s happened is administrative burden in the towns is just too great to just spend the one dollar so this allows any town to opt out and not charge the one dollar fee. Like I say, the administrative cost just for us was way above that so this will eliminate that.”

Supervisor Walter: “Ok, does anybody wish to be heard on this matter?”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “Just to clarify we’re adding a chapter not amending.”

Supervisor Walter: “Did I say amending?”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “Yes.”

Supervisor Walter: “I apologize. Alright what we’ll do is close the public comment portion because we’re not seeing anyone who wants to make a comment and leave it open for written comment until May 1st 4:30 p.m. in the Town Clerk’s office”

**Public Hearing Closed at 7:42 p.m.
Left Open for Written Comment until May 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

Supervisor Walter: “Moving right along this third public hearing is scheduled for 7:15. It is now 7:42 and we open the third public hearing. This is for the consideration of an Amendment to the Town of Riverhead 2003 Comprehensive Master Plan as it pertains to part of East Main Street. Jim, this is something you brought forward?”

Councilman Wooten: “Yes it is. This basically takes a small section of East Main Street which is predominately from Hubbard Avenue to areas along I guess it would be on the north side of the roadway. There are about seven or eight parcels which are already RA-40 but I think there’s only one residential unit there. It’s really restricted to those businesses like (inaudible) Agency and the Girl Scout Agency and there’s (inaudible) Realty. There’s a lot of buildings there being used other than residential so it’s prohibitive for some of these parcels to come in and clean up their property because they’re not performing so what this does is it creates a DC-5 zone in that area. DC-5 is a downtown center zone which allows for single family and two-family housing units as well as townhouses, places of worship, schools, professional offices under regular permitted uses. Special permitted uses are daycare facilities, bed and breakfast establishments, artist studios, home occupations, home professional services so it’s pretty much part and parcel of exactly what’s going on there. Prohibited uses are apartment buildings, residential healthcare, dormitories. What this does is it now enables those parcel owners that live along that corridor to

go ahead and invest in their property and to really clean that area up into our Main Street area. It's been long neglected and a lot of neglect came because of the zoning that was there, the uses that were there prior to (inaudible) try and clean that up and give an avenue, an give an ability to those property owners to go ahead and clean their property up (inaudible) loans they need to (inaudible) their establishment."

Supervisor Walter: "Alright Jeff you're going to give us a report from the Planning Department?"

Jefferson Murphree: "Good evening Jefferson Murphree Building and Planning Administrator. Actually Councilman Wooten stole a lot of my thunder and addressed most of the things I was going to say this evening. So I'm basically here to answer any questions the Board or the public may have on it.

We're looking at only eight lots with a total acreage of five point three, three acres. They range in size from point two acres up to one point seven, seven acres. Rezoning of this achieves a lot of goals that are addressed in the Town's master plan. It improves the opportunity for housing quality, increase income potential, help with neighborhood revitalizations. Rezoning to DC-5 is more consistent with some of the more varied zoning that you see in the area. As you can see by the map we're seeing way to the wetlands to the east so we achieved a lot of the goals by doing this and we think this is a good shot in the arm economically for the area."

Supervisor Walter: "Alright, thank you."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Has CGRA been done?"

Jefferson Murphree: "Yes (inaudible) our new (inaudible) planner has completed the assessment forms. If the Board so chooses we can issue a negative declaration on this and we can do it at the time of adoption."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Ok, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Do any of the residents wish to be heard on this matter? Yes, Angela."

Angela DeVito: "Thank you. As I understand we're going from an RA-40 to a DC-5. We're going from a TDR-Receiving Area to a Non-Receiving Area. Correct?"

Supervisor Walter: "Jeff you'd have to answer that question."

Jefferson Murphree and Angela DeVito conversing

Angela DeVito: "The DC-5 on your list, there seems to be some inconsistency here. The DC-5 is not on the receiving list but the RA-40 is."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll get a written response to you Angela."

Angela DeVito: “It’s just, you know and it’s just the other things that given are not necessarily the incentive to clean up your property and do something with it will come from a change in zoning however even given that how does this fit into what you are looking at for overall development and revitalization of the entire stretch of East Main Street, not just the downtown area but within this area here because the RA-40 permits housing and because it’s a receiving zone you can have cluster subdivision in the area there. You would be allowed to do that so in terms of bringing people to the downtown area on a more permanent basis into new housing and perhaps having more affordable housing in this area even though it’s a little bit removed from the actual downtown area it’s still within that same, you know you can walk from there to downtown. I’m just curious as to where you think there is a greater benefit or incentive with the DC-5 over an RA-40.”

Supervisor Walter: “I think, I’m going to let Jeff weigh in on this but I think when the presentation was made and my personal opinion is this fits quite nicely in the master plan that the master plan kind of missed the boat on this zoning district because the DC-5 if I’m not mistaken Jeff, is more of a commercial district than the RA-40 which is residential and I don’t want to put, I think the bulk of these are commercial or quasi commercial and they’re not really conducive to further subdivision so we’ll let Jeff weigh in on that for us.”

Angela DeVito: “Just before that, the entire area with the exception of one parcel to the west and a small one to the east is RA-40, all of it, the entire area, above it and to the east and west.”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “Just to respond to one part of Ms. DeVito’s question, 108-7 which is the RA-40 zoning used district, does indicate that it’s designed to provide for the transfer of development rights TDR so it is a receiving zone.”

Supervisor Walter: “That would not be a good receiving zone because those lots are pretty small.

Jefferson Murphree: “You could not do a cluster subdivision here. The lot sizes are zero point two acres. Only one lot is capable of; questionably the subdivision is one point seven, seven acres so it would need two nonconforming lots. All the other lots are less than an acre in size so they could not be further subdivided.

Supervisor Walter: “Interesting I think this might be the first rezoning of our administration.”

(Inaudible)

Councilman Wooten: “Actually when we looked (inaudible) it fit the master plan actually it supports it in a variety of different areas, the master plan for the DC-5 to maintain a (inaudible) residential neighborhoods.

Angela DeVito: “I understand what the master plan says about DC-5 zoning, I mean I read it before I came here tonight and the thing is that even though any particular parcel that’s here

could not obviously be a cluster subdivision ok, someone wishing to buy out or purchase all of those could easily then have as you said what, this is over five to seven acres.”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “Five point three, three acres.”

Angela DeVito: “Ok five acres there as well with some surrounding lands. That’s just one use. I mean there are many other uses. You could have single family dwellings. You can have specially permitted uses by the Town Board. You can have a dwelling; two family with transfer development rights and this is something also with looking at when we created the transfer development rights program with the master plan was looking at our agricultural community to be able to assist them in some way. So I look at anything that diminishes where we can transfer in rights or something that is hurting that particular plan and I understand the DC-5. Perhaps it will incentivize the current owners of those properties to care for them a little bit better and not have then quite as in disarray as they appear as you go by but at the same time I don’t see the balance here. I mean if you’re removing areas that where you can transfer rights in are you providing for other areas where that will still be so you have within the master plan the balance of what could have been in the total receiving areas.”

Supervisor Walter: “But then Angela you really have to weigh that, I mean it’s almost incomprehensible to me that somebody’s going to go and buy all those properties just to do something with them.

Angela DeVito: “You never know”.

Supervisor Walter: “It’s more likely that you would have individual owners improving the property for commercial benefit as East Main Street progresses which it’s doing quite nicely with medical offices and things so you’ve got to look at what’s the more likely, what’s the better outcome and what is more likely and I think a commercial district on a main street like this is a far more likely outcome.”

Angela DeVito: “I don’t offer this for the traffic in that area there. I mean you’re talking about now coming into the downtown area and such where there’s parking. Given the size of these parcels and you’re talking about the people will not buy up more than one parcel where with commercial development how are they going to do allow for parking, sufficient parking and traffic moving in and out of the street there. I mean I think there’s a lot of pros and cons here and it might be something where some of the form based zoning that you’re using out at EPCAL might be something that would be appropriate here rather than taking an existing zone use district and consider that for this area here as a way to improve that. Thank you.”

Supervisor Walter: “Thank you. Anyone else wish to be heard on this matter? Not seeing anybody we’ll close the public comment portion, thank you Jeff and leave it open for written comment until May 1st.”

**Public Hearing Closed at 7:54 p.m.
Left Open for Written Comment Until May 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Walter: “We’re going to take up Resolutions. Does anybody wish to be heard on Resolutions? Sal, how did we do?”

Sal Mastropaolo: Sal Mastropaolo, Calverton. Resolution 279. The first *whereas* talks about three parcels of land and then from that point on it’s always talked about as a single parcel. I think you either need to change parcel to parcels ok and make it clear that you’re talking about all three parcels in all of the *whereases*.”

Supervisor Walter: “I see what you’re saying. *The parcels should be surplus.*”

Sal Mastropaolo: “I’m assuming that everything that you want to do here you do for all three, right? Well that’s not the way it reads.”

Supervisor Walter: “Bob, I hate to do it to you. Can you fix that for us on the fly? Yes you’re right, good, we’ll take care of that. Does anybody else wish to be heard on Resolutions?”

Angela DeVito: “Two Resolutions I wish to comment on. Resolution 285 which amends the health insurance policy for elected officials and non-union personnel. It’s my understanding that within the Resolution you allow after, people who have come on board after November of 2009 to be vested with the benefits upon retirement.”

Supervisor Walter: “Actually we haven’t amended that date. That’s the date Supervisor Cardinalli had put in. What’s happened is our language didn’t comply with NYSOH’s language so the intention has never changed from the 2009 Resolution to today. We had to change it in the PBA contract, Tara and if I’m not mistaken we did the PBA contract and when the CSEA contract comes up for negotiations we have to change it because the language doesn’t comply with NYSOH and we realized that the language for elected officials didn’t comply with NYSOH’s so it’s a NYSOH’s change but the intention has been the same.”

Angela DeVito: “I believe NYSOH also refers to those sort of benefits that are being provided to full-time employees. The vesting is full-time and that is not indicated in the correction that you’re making.”

Supervisor Walter: “This was done by our personnel director and then handed off to our personnel, Richard Zuckerman’s office, our personnel lawyer and all the changes were done pursuant to.”

Angela DeVito: “I think you really need to check into. If you’re looking for conformity and compliance with NYSOH I believe they do say its full-time employees. Vesting for five years is full time.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “I think you’re right. I think that the legislature that was adopted in 2009 did not indicate whether it was part-time or full-time employees but I think that the intent.”

Angela DeVito: “But what you have before you this evening doesn’t indicate that either.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Yeah interesting, thank you.”

Supervisor Walter: “Even if you’re part-time for those purposes if you work half-time you only get half credit for the year.”

Angela DeVito: “(inaudible) the five year vesting period is intent and your legislature isn’t clear on that Sean, that’s all. You’re saying you just allow for that you are in service for five years.”

Supervisor Walter: “I’m going to say this went through our Personnel Attorney, our personnel officer.”

Angela DeVito: “Maybe they need to look at it a little bit closer, that’s all.”

Supervisor Walter: “It complies with NYSOH.”

Angelo DeVito: “It’s a very costly thing. Resolution 297. Is this Temporary Substitute Custodial Work I actually a leave replacement for someone who has unfortunately become ill and unable to?”

Supervisor Walter: “Yes, yes.”

Angela DeVito: “Can you call it a leave replacement because I don’t believe that is an appropriate Civil Service designation, a temporary substitute and how long is this term of office, is this appointment going to be?”

Supervisor Walter: “I’m going to tell you this was done through the Personnel Officer and this is the way we’ve done this since before.”

Angela DeVito: “You know Sean even though we’ve always done things in certain ways there are times when we can do them better.”

Supervisor Walter: “The person is coming back as a leave replacement and if, and if the other employee doesn’t come back, if the other employee comes back this position will end. If the other employee doesn’t come back then ultimately either the position, the job could be potentially eliminated through budget cuts or a full-time position will be offered.”

Angela DeVito: “But I think that the designation of, the status of this individual needs to be clear. A leave replacement individual is, although it is actually a temporary position it’s not really because it’s a replacement it’s very different from a civil service temporary appointment to a job.”

Supervisor Walter: “And I would defer that. Since you’re not a Personnel Officer I would defer to the Town’s Personnel Officer on that issue and, so thank you for your comments.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “But I was told it was for a six month period and then that person is expected to come back after being out on worker’s comp so in October I was told when that person would be coming back or that person would no longer be here and then we would either post or eliminate the position.”

Supervisor Walter: “Ok, anyone else wish to be heard? Not seeing anyone Diane?”

Councilman Dunleavy: “I make a motion that we close the Town Board meeting and open the Community Development Meeting, so moved.

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The CDA meeting is now opened.”

Town Board Meeting is Closed

Town Board Meeting is Reopened

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 265

Councilman Wooten: “Calverton Industrial Park Water Extension Capital Project Budget Adoption, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution 266

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Amend 2013 CDBG Consortium, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #267

Councilwoman Giglio: “CDBG Recovery Aid Project 16915 Budget Adoption, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #268

Councilman Dunleavy “2014 Capital Project Closure CP 40186 – Grangebel Park. In this we’re returning money from the general fund back to recreation.”

Supervisor Walter: “We’re paying for it out of the General Fund, last year’s budget. This was money that was not allowed from the Federal government. They disallowed it as part of the Grant so that the general fund has to pay for it.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “So moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “Second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #269

Councilman Wooten: “General Fund Budget Adjustment for the Justice Court, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #270

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Riverhead Highway District Equipment Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #271

Councilwoman Giglio: “Appoints Student Intern to the Accounting Department (Kate Boden), so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #272

Councilman Dunleavy: “Appoints Student Intern to the Accounting Department (Autumn Harris), so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second that.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Both these interns go around counting equipment and make sure we have all the equipment we’re supposed to have; they’re doing an inventory. So I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #273

Councilman Wooten: “Residential Rehab Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #274

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Restore Grant Program Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #275

Councilwoman Giglio: “Riverhead Sewer District Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #276

Councilman Dunleavy: “Stoneleigh Retirement Community – Phase IV Water Extension Capital Project Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #277

Councilman Wooten: “2013 Stotzky Park Playground Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes.
“Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #278

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Youth Court Scholarship Budget Adjustment, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes.
Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #279

Councilwoman Giglio: “Requesting the Conveyance of Parcels from Suffolk County to the Town of Riverhead Affordable Housing Program. Moving as amended.”

Supervisor Walter: “Do you have the amended one?”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “What I did was, I don’t know if you want to go through this line by line?”

Supervisor Walter: “Did you amend them to make them plural?”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “This parcel becomes these parcels. Wherever property is indicated it becomes properties. Wherever parcel is indicated becomes parcels. The quick claim deed becomes quick claim deeds and I think there’s one instance where property is should be properties are.”

Supervisor Walter: “Perfect, as amended.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “I second it as amended.”

Robert Kozakiewicz: “There’s one other change I just put Town Board of the Town of Riverhead instead of Town of Riverhead Board.”

Supervisor Walter: “Sounds good to us.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded as amended. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes each one of these properties is going to be affordable houses. We’re going to get an affordable house builder to join with us and he will build affordable housing on each of these properties. It’s good because we’re giving housing to people who can’t afford these big houses so I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #280

Councilman Dunleavy: “Authorizes Payment to Suffolk County Treasurer Regarding State Land Water Arrears, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #281

Councilman Wooten: “Rejects Bid for Corrosion Control Chemical (PO4) and Authorizes Town Clerk to Publish and Post Notice to Bidders, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #282

Councilman Gabrielsen: Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Automotive Parts for the Town of Riverhead, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #283

Councilwoman Giglio: “Ratifies a Call-in Seasonal Clerk to the Recreation Department (Mary Flood), so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #284

Councilman Dunleavy: “Authorizes the Acceptance of Donation from John Deere Landscapes, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “Second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “They donated a wireless weather station and removed a squat line modular. The value was seven thousand dollars. I’d like to thank them and I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #285

Councilman Wooten: “Amends Health Insurance Policy for Elected Officials and Non-union Personnel, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “I think we should be getting clarity as to whether or not this should be full-time or part-time so I’m going to vote no.”

Vote Continued: “Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution Adopted.”

Resolution #286

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Authorization for Supervisor to Execute a License Agreement with Bishop McGann Mercy High School for Temporary Use of Property at 127 McDermott Avenue for Outside Storage of Rowing Boats and Authorizes Location of Temporary Fencing to be used for Storage of Rowing Boats in Ammerman Park Subject to Conditions Including Permit Requirements, Set Forth in Detail Below, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “I think this is going to be a great attraction to downtown where we’re going to have the crew teams from Mercy High School and we have the East End Rowing Association. I think we’re going to have a lot more people downtown by the docks watching these crew guys go out and do what they do. It’s a beautiful sport to watch so yes.”

Vote Continued: “Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Councilman Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes, it’s a great thing. We’re helping the teens on the East End that go to Mercy and East End Rowing Association on practice and compete so I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #287

Councilwoman Giglio: “Authorizes the Town of Riverhead Purchasing Department and/or Department Heads to Utilize the Cost Saving Measure in Sharing Purchase Contracts Let by the United States or any Agency Thereof, any State or any Other Political Subdivision or District Therein Pursuant to General Municipals Law Section 103(16), so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “This allows us to get the lowest price on State and Federal contracts so yes.”

Vote Continued: “Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten.”

Councilman Wooten: “Now we have a chance to piggyback on a very good (inaudible), yes.”

Vote Continued: “Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes, I say yes. We can jump on a school; we can jump on any municipal or bid contract out there so yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #288

Councilman Dunleavy: “Awards Bid for Annual Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #289

Councilman Wooten: “Awards Bid for Disposal and Recycling of Municipal Solid Waste, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #290

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Extends Contract for Youngs Avenue Landfill Post Closure Inspections, Testing and Reporting Activities and Authorizes Supervisor to Execute an Agreement for such Services, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #291

Councilwoman Giglio: “Approves the Chapter 90 Application of Hallockville Inc. (Country Style Fair, May 16-17, 2015), so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #292

Councilman Dunleavy: “Ratifies the Approval of the Chapter 90 Application of Home Depot Development of Maryland, Inc. (Plants, Annuals & Tree Sale – April 15, 2015 through May 30, 2015), so moved.’

Councilman Wooten: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #293

Councilman Wooten: “Approves the Chapter 90 Application of Long Island Antique Power Association (Antique Tractor Show & Pull – May 16th and 17th, 2015, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #294

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Approves the Chapter 90 Applications of the Long Island Moose Classic Car Club (Car Show for the Wounded Warriors of Long Island – Saturday, May 16, 2015), so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #295

Councilwoman Giglio: “Approves Chapter 90 Application of Native Events Inc. ((Country Festival – July 25th and 26th, 2015), and that’s at Cornell Cooperative Extension, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #296

Councilman Dunleavy: “Ratifies the Approval of the Chapter 90 Application of Riverhead Elks Lodge #2044 (Lawn Mower Races and Children’s Bicycle Races Sunday, April 19, 2015), so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #297

Councilman Wooten: “Appoints a Temporary Substitute Custodial Worker I to the Building and Grounds Division of the Town Engineer’s Department (Ricky Muller), so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #298

Councilman Gabrielsen: “Appoints William M. Duffy, Esq. as Counsel to the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead, so moved.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #299

Councilwoman Giglio: “Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Qualified Municipal Advisor to Prepare Town of Riverhead Official Statements and Annual Statement of Financial and Operation Information in Accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15C2-12 and Services Necessary to Evaluate and Assist with Bond Indebtedness, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Water: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #300

Councilman Dunleavy: “Authorizes Town Clerk to Publish and Post a Public Notice to Consider a Local Law to Update and Adopt Procurement Policy Pursuant to General Municipal Law, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “Second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes.; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #301

Councilman Wooten: “Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Snack Vendors for the Town of Riverhead, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #302

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Resolution to Oppose Suffolk County Introductory Resolution #1152-2015 Seeking to Adopt Local Law to Authorizes the Sale and Use of Sparkling Devises, so moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. I understand Suffolk County has withdrawn this application but this is a sense resolution of the Board opposing that. Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I just want to thank the Chiefs and Fire Marshall Association and the local newspaper the Riverhead Local, for bringing this to my attention so that we could get this resolution adopted and send it over to the County. This would require a significant time amount of our Fire Marshalls to inspect these types of popup facilities before sales of these devices and when the sales conclude and it would be twice a year so we're having a hard time keeping up with the inspections that we have to now and this would just over burden our Fire Marshall's office so I want to thank the Board for joining, for adopting this resolution so we can give it over to the County. Hopefully it won't end up on the table again by the County. Thank you, yes"

Vote Continued: "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "At first I was going to vote No on this. After the County withdrew this there's a lot of; actually the way the County Law is written there's a lot of loopholes in there. There's a lot of inconsistencies and not a lot to deal with the safety so I'm going to support this so yes."

Vote Continued: "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I wholeheartedly support this yes."

Vote Continued: "Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #303

Councilwoman Giglio: “Sets the Fee for Drop-Off Bin Permit Pursuant to Chapter 98A of the Code of the Town of Riverhead, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Yes, you now have to come in and take out permits for the drop-off bins for the clothing and the things that you see in the parking lot so this is just establishing the fee, that the time period has lapsed and now everybody has to come in and get the permits so please do that. Thank you, yes.”

Vote Continued: “Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes. If you go around to our shopping centers you’ll see a lot of these drop-offs. Some company just came and dropped red bins off made of wood and they really look disgusting so I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #304

Councilman Dunleavy: “Appoints a Member to the Riverhead Industrial Development Agency (Robert Kern), so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second that.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes. They’ve had two members who left this Board; they’re down to three. It’s hard to get a quorum so we’re appointing one. We’re having another interview in a few days for another person so I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #305

Councilman Wooten: “Pays Bills, so moved.”

Councilman Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded to pay the bills. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Walter: “Now we open it up for public comment on anything that might be before the Board or not before the Board. We ask that you limit your comments to five minutes. Yes, Sir. Just state your name and affiliation that would be great.”

Chip Brankroft from the Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council came forward to speak. He stated he was here on behalf of Riverhead Town’s Fire Chiefs Council and wanted to discuss the Fire Marshall situation. He said as per New York State’s Division of Buildings and Standard Codes, Fire Marshalls are to inspect annually all permanent properties, public places of assembly, restaurants, etc. and he feels with Riverhead’s current staff this is an impossibility. He continued by saying there are approximately one thousand eight hundred twenty-nine properties to inspect and according to a report the Fire Marshalls completed only two hundred and thirty eight were inspected last year.

Supervisor Walter responded by saying that the Fire Marshalls meet with him on a regular bases and according to the reports being given to him there are far less inspections needed to be made than the eighteen hundred Chief Brankroft was indicating. Supervisor Walter said he felt the best way to discuss this situation would be at a Thursday work session. He continued by saying he called twice and sent a letter to the Fire Chief who wrote the open letter to the public inviting him to attend a work session. To date he has not received a reply. The Supervisor feels it would be much more productive if Chief Brankroft attended a work session with the Board members and Riverhead’s Fire Marshalls.

Supervisor Walter said he is anxious for Chief Brankroft to sit at a Town Board work session with the town’s Fire Marshalls so they can explain the discrepancy between what they are reporting to him and what they are reporting to the Chief. He added that the town is hoping to hire a part-time Fire Inspector first and at a later date possibly a Fire Marshall.

Councilman Dunleavy said he thought a Fire Marshall should be hired and will bring up that suggestion at a work session. He added that the salary between a Fire Inspector and a Fire Marshall is not that different and that a Fire Marshall can do much more than an Inspector.

In closing, Chief Brankroft said public safety is what is utmost important.

Barbara Guerin came forward and wanted to know how often the Fire Marshall’s checked out Gershow. She continued by saying she and the other residents are very nervous due to the chemical odors. She said almost everyone either cooks or heats with propane and they fear a spark from the plant could cause a fire. Supervisor Walter said he did not know how often the Fire Marshall inspected the recycling facility. Councilman Dunleavy said anything pertaining to Gershow cannot be discussed as they are in litigation.

Bruce Johnson a former Fire Marshall from the Town of Riverhead came forward to speak. He said the problem the Town has with balancing the budget and having enough staff is a nationwide problem. He said the Town has to work with the Fire Chiefs who have to work with district who have to work with the staff to address the problems. He continued by saying you

cannot put a cost on life and an investment in the safety of the residents of Riverhead, the businesses and the volunteer firefighters who serve the community is of great importance. Mr. Johnson said he would be happy to help in any way he can to reach a solution to this matter.

Supervisor Walter said an additional three hundred and fifty thousand dollars was allotted and he hoped with those funds to open up the existing fire roads in the pine barons and possibly add new fire roads. He also said he hopes to have the water company put in more fire wells in the pine barons. He's hoping to convince the Suffolk County Water Authority to put some wells in along with a new well station.

Councilman Dunleavy said he and Councilman Wooten met with the Manorville Fire Department today and were told that they (Manorville Fire Department) and eight of their stations will be having a training session in May with their stump jumpers.

Councilman Wooten thanked Bruce for his comments and his offer to help the town in solving this problem.

Supervisor Walter: "Does anyone else wish to be heard? Can I get a motion?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we close the Town Board meeting."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor, aye?"

Collective ayes, meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.