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Minutes of a 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 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas,	Town Attorney

ABSENT:

James Wooten,	Councilman
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Supervisor Walter: "-- can you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance? Go ahead."

(At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited)

Supervisor Walter: "Can we all remain standing? Rev. Coverdale, if you would step up, please, assuming that mike works."

Rev. Coverdale: "As we come to gather this evening, most of us remember that Joe Janowski, our former town supervisor for many years, 12 years elected, has passed. And we just want in his honor for the work he has done throughout this town and in our county, pause for a moment in silence and then I'll close with a short prayer."

Oh gracious God of all of us, we come tonight in thanksgiving for life that was dedicated to running and working with people in this town. We thank you for his years of service, his ways in which he shared of himself, his life, his enthusiasm, for being our town supervisor.

After all these years with labor and difficulty in health, we pray that he rest now in peace and we want to thank you for allowing him to be of service to this community.

As ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you very much, Rev. Coverdale. I really appreciate that."

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Okay, I want to say two things. We have two groups of people here and I want to address them first.

For those of you that don't know how a board meeting works, it's unfortunate but the public comment period of the board meeting comes at the very end and you could be here a while. So I want to give you some information and that may change what you want to comment on.

So let's do the Jamesport Community Center. We are not closing it. The Jamesport Community Center is being remediated for mold. We had a- we went for an estimate. We found the estimate to be a little bit too high so we've gone looking for other estimates.

It will be open. It is not going to be razed. It's not going to be a parking lot. You have, I think, our word that we are not doing anything with the Jamesport Community Center.

There is one issue and I'm going to be up front because I want to be up front with everybody with everything that we can. It's a personnel issue. I want you to share Mattie (phonetic) with us.

Here's the issue. Here's the issue. We have such dire financial straits right now that we're not in a position to hire another custodial worker. I have made a commitment to certain people in Jamesport that we will have her there on Fridays for homemakers club.

The board- I do not believe we will have the ability to have Mattie there every day. She is going to be splitting her duties as with other custodial staff. We will do everything we can, including I understand there's a few caretaker residents if you will that may be able to aid us in the opening and closing of the center.

We will do everything we can not to interrupt. It's unfortunate but these are steps that we have to take to get us through this year.

Of course, the next part is the Horton Avenue/Osborne people. And let me just say one last thing. To date before we had the building department fire, my calculation just running numbers is that the last say three weeks has cost us an additional \$400,000.

Folks, we need everybody to chip in. That's why we're asking you to share Mattie. Will not be closed. She'll be there on Fridays. I don't know if there's anything else anybody else wants to say but you have to wait until the end of the meeting because that's the way the meeting goes.

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Horton Avenue and Osborne Avenue. The bad news is FEMA didn't do what we wanted. The good news is this. For owner occupied residents, Frank Rechler (phonetic) has agreed and this is just one individual that we're working on to give five days-- five days of labor for five individuals, two skilled carpenters, a spackler, and a general demolition like laborer.

They're willing to do it for-- because we realize-- he's willing to do it because he's realized what's happened in that area. The FEMA money, we are appealing our FEMA money or we are appealing the FEMA determination.

I'm going to be honest. I'm not that confident that we're going to hit the dollar threshold. It's my opinion that we're going to have to do this with private donations.

There are other people-- I'm going to try to coordinate this through Shirley Coverdale at First Baptist Church because if you let the government coordinate it, forget it.

So as early as Monday we may be able to get in there with some of those laborers. Shirley Coverdale has agreed that she would help us in this area to coordinate this.

There are some other people that we've reached out, including Long Island Builder's Institute and some other avenues and some other contractors that I've reached out to, to see whether we can get help for you.

I will keep you posted. It's unfortunate. The board has been

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working on this and it's very difficult. We will go back to FEMA, but I think our answer is going to be on this issue within.

Okay, so we said that. And, again, you're welcome to stay until the end of the meeting and comment. The only thing I ask is if we don't have repetitive comments. If we are all saying the same thing, maybe you can appoint a spokes-person to say it.

To the Manor Lane people. If any of you are here for that. You know we've pumped the groundwater. We know it's coming back. We've run up a bill of almost \$80,000 to pump groundwater.

The highway superintendent is not going to start the pump again until Manor Lane is impassable. At this point, Manor Lane is not impassable. It's just deep. We ask you to drive through the puddles slowly. Respect your neighbors.

There's nobody on Osborne Avenue between the new traffic circle and 58. It's probably going to be closed. And it's probably going to be closed for an extended period of time. There's no place else for us to pump the water.

Somebody had told me and George Woodson that there was a period of time that Osborne Avenue was closed in one direction for almost a year. I think it was John Reeve, due to flooding. So unfortunately you're going to have to wrap yourselves around there.

We've informed the school district. If it impacts, there's one or two houses there, we will address it. But right now it doesn't.

So there's a lot of people in here. I don't know if that changes anything for you.

I also— before we get started, want to acknowledge Professor DeLuca has 25 students from SUNY Farmingdale. Why don't you students raise your hands? Okay. They're here to see how government works and what you're seeing— what you're seeing, we've had for those— Farmingdale is off the beaten path from Riverhead.

We've had a rain event where we had eight to nine inches of rain in a 24 hour period and it's my estimate that the Horton Avenue area was like six inches in four hours. Thirteen or fourteen houses were completely destroyed. Well, not completely, but very badly damaged.

So they're here to talk to us and that's why we don't normally open with this.

We had tremendous flooding all over which closed the community center. That's why a lot of people are here. Normally we sit here

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and there's only two or three people— well, maybe a half a dozen people. It's not usually as exciting as this.

And on Friday night, the building department had a fairly catastrophic fire, so nobody is really here for that I don't think, but you could be.

So this is government in action. I remember when I was in school one of my professors, like Professor DeLuca, came in and took us to one of these courses and there was an argument, I don't know about a stop sign. I thought what is wrong with these people sitting up there. Don't they have something better to do? Well, here I am; here we are.

All right. We're going to start the board meeting and can we get a motion on the minutes?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we pass the minutes of April 6th meeting. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. I want to invite the youth bureau up. We have some certificates to give out and we're going to appear down in front now."

Donna Lzchowski: "Ladies and gentlemen, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Donna Lzchowski and I'm director of the youth bureau.

And we're here tonight because we have a core group of young people and we had community volunteers that gave up their time to do our first mentoring pilot program in Riverhead.

So what I'd like to do is I'm going to call the names of our students first. One of our mentors is here. And I'd also like to recognize two of the staff people that helped us out.

Theresa Droz (phonetic), would you please come up? She's our violence coordinator from Eastern Suffolk BOCES. And she is based in Pulaski Street School and she is very much an important part of making this happen.

Jennifer Dunleavy, would you come up? Miss Jen, please. Miss Jen is our (inaudible) coordinator for the program.

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And since we only have one of our mentors here, I'm going to ask Laura MacIntyre (phonetic) to come up. She's one of our mentors. Thank you, Laura.

Everybody's very busy and- right here- and having someone give up their time is really something very special.

Okay, our first and I'm going to do you guys in alphabetical order, Gia Bassano Mulgrog (phonetic). Gia, come on up.

Justin Clemente, thanks, Justin.

Xavier Suello (phonetic), did I say your name right?

Jamie Suello (phonetic).

Jessica Diaz.

And Tysheem Hudson (phonetic).

I see one more of our mentor. Come on up. And may I please have Caroline Brunskill?

Did anybody else sneak in the back that I missed and is hiding on me? Okay.

I'd just like to thank all of you very much, our mentors for donating their time, and our mentorees for doing an excellent job completing the program. Nice job, guys."

Supervisor Walter: "-- this is what we want to see as front page on the News Review (inaudible).

Now, ladies and gentlemen, don't you think that's a front page picture?

Thank you very much."

Donna Lzchowski: "I just have one more request. I'd like to mention our other mentors. Derota Wider (phonetic); Judy (inaudible); and Doris Strange, also helped us and Peggy Van deWetering donated flowers for our gardening project. So thank you to the community of Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, now that's the exciting part of the job, that really is.

Town Hall reports."

REPORTS:

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Receiver of Taxes total tax collection dated 4/8/10
\$66,324,023.69

total tax collection dated
4/15/10 - \$66,733,793.70

APPLICATIONS:

Special event Elks Lodge - lawn mower event &
kids bicycle race - May 16

Special event Riverhead Chamber of Commerce
Music festival - July 17 & 18

Special event East End Arts Council - downtown
dance party - May 22

Special event American Heart Association - 5K
run May 16

Special event Wading River/Shoreham Chamber of
Commerce - community day - May 23

Diane Wilhelm: "Is that Duck Pond Day?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vince Taldone letter of resignation from
Riverhead Landmark's Commission

Victoria Vourakis letter of thanks to employees of
the water department and police
department for help in handling
of a water meter situation

Phil Barbato letter regarding public hearing
of April 6th, zoning, site plan
review (De minimis alterations)

Susan Frohnhoefer letter regarding proposed Costco
gas station

Dominique Mendez letter regarding public hearing
of April 6th, zoning, site plan
review (De minimis alterations)

Diane Wilhelm: "And that is it."

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you, Diane. Any other committee reports? No? All right. Well, then we will go to our public hearings."

Public hearing opened: 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "And the first public hearing scheduled published for 7:10 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. having arrived. This is for the consideration of a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning, Article XLVI, destination retail center (DRC) zoning use district Section 108-258 Uses of the Riverhead town code.

And we're going to open that hearing and that's to add warehouse club or wholesale club and fuel facility as an accessory use to the warehouse club or wholesale club located within a minimum of 300 feet from residential land use.

Does anybody wish to be heard on this hearing? Peter, state your name."

Peter Danowski: "Peter Danowski. I do represent the owners of the property which might be the site of a future Costco store and certainly I fully support this proposed amendment to the code and would ask you to promptly adopt it.

However, I am also well aware of the fact and I've had conversations with people in the community, both in the past and in recent times, concerned about where the fuel pumps if this proposed amendment would be adopted would be located on the site. And specifically in reference to the Foxwood community.

And certainly I've listened to those comments and I want to state here right now that we have reconsidered the location of the proposed Costco store. On previous site plans that were submitted, a store was identified on the site to the rear of the property which would be closest to the Foxwood community. That plan has now been flipped, if I could use that word, so that any proposed fuel pumps would be approximately three football fields away from the Foxwood community.

In fact, it would be located and the Costco store would be located immediately behind the car dealership. And for anyone that would like, we have a brief concept sketch. All of this I should say is for another day as far as site plan involvement is concerned and the town of Riverhead planning board will be dealing with the final completed site plan and what they might like to see as opposed to what the developer might like to see.

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So I want to make that comment that we're committed to relocating that store and that the fuel pumps would be approximately 900 feet away from the property line to the back.

And so with that comment, I'm here to listen to others make comment and I presume at the end of this public hearing there will be a 10 day comment period and we'll seek to address any comments made by the public or from the board."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. We will hold the public meeting open for 10 days."

Peter Danowski: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard on this subject? Please step up and state your name and hamlet for the record."

Robert Hall: "My name is Robert Hall- H-A-L-L. And I'm a homeowners in Foxwood Village.

We have about 225 homes there and as Mr. Danowski said, we share the common border with this new development.

This proposal to allow gas stations really has people concerned. The concerns range from noise pollution to air pollution to ground pollution and something jumped out at me when I saw the 300 foot condition in the legal notices.

I was looking around on the internet for comparable oil spills and I saw something that Newsday had reported and it was in Valley Stream a neighbor had been screened by cedars, oaks, and maples 300 feet away but that barrier couldn't keep them from a 2,000 foot long stream of gasoline that seeped into the area from the Mobil Station on Sunrise Highway. They lost sales and it's really bad.

So if-- some people would claim that well, maybe this couldn't happen again with this current technology but nothing is 100% in this world. And if it's only one one-hundredth of a percent chance that the gasoline seepage could occur, I don't believe you should approve this zone change.

I understand that an argument could be made that as a prospective buyer in an area, a person should check out the zoning of any adjacent currently undeveloped property. Fine. Fine and good. But it appears that zoning can be changed at will by town governments.

The original town master plan said retail stores or shops and hotels and along came car dealerships; along came banks; along came

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drive-in windows for banks and pharmacies, and now big box stores with gas stations.

What good would it do to research before you bought a piece of property if the government can change the zoning?

So, Mr. Wooten is not here but I'm not going to ask him this anyway. I'll ask you all. The News Review quotes Mr. Wooten as saying he would support the change because of expected job creation and expected increase taxes, tax collections, that is, for the town.

I understand that you're in sad shape. Well, I don't know anybody who has seen their real estate taxes go down since they started the mega development on Route 58. Developers are given tax abatements and the residential property owners are given tax increases.

As for job creation, who can be against job creation? Right? It's good. But if you approve this store, I don't know whether it's in your department or not but maybe you could make a stipulation that preference be given to people who live in Riverhead for jobs there, rather than a man from up the island.

But, just on the chance that you might think that we're NIMBY, that we don't want anything in our backyard and we're just being obstructionists, many of our homeowners had a very cordial meeting with the developer in May of 2008, that's two years ago, and it was his suggestion our homeowners association submit a letter of issues that we felt could be addressed. That letter was dated May 21, 2008. To date, we have not had a response or even a go jump in a lake. Nothing.

And also to my knowledge, they have not responded to the town planning department's letter of October 31, 2008 containing a summary of the comments to the DEIS that the planning department put in here. And here they are looking for more concessions. Okay.

Riverhead- I'm almost finished folks. Don't give up. The Riverhead News Review of November 12, 2009 states board members- referring to the previous board- have yet to make a decision on the issue which they say is difficult because it would be a change to benefit Costco rather than the public as a whole.

Three of you are new this year but two of you, John Dunleavy and James Wooten, were there in 2009. My question is, what has happened to make- in the interim, what has happened to make this a beneficial move for the public as a whole? It will help the developer, it will help Costco. It's not going to help the general public or the homeowners in Foxwood Village.

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And we're getting to the closing. I know, I feel pretty sure that you're going to give the approval for the store. If you have to. You want to get the jobs, you want to get the increased taxes. But have the developer address our issues that we discussed with him both verbally and by letter two years ago. These issues of safety, we're concerned, safety; sound and site.

Don't give the approval for gas stations.

Over 200 of my neighbors have signed a petition asking that you not change this and one of the other homeowners is here and she'd like to get up and say something, if she may."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely. And Mr. Hall, I'm sure Mr. Danowski will get up and talk about the 2008 letter and if he doesn't have it, I'm sure he'd welcome a new copy of it and we can get those concerns addressed."

Robert Hall: "Okay. Thank you for your consideration. Barbara."

Barbara Ross: "Hi, my name is Barbara Ross. I'm also a homeowner in Foxwood Village. My house is located in the southernmost portion of Foxwood adjacent to the shopping center.

According to the site plan that we had- that was made available to us a while ago, the proposed location of the Costco store was in the northeast corner of the site, with the parking lot directly adjacent to my backyard. Do I even want this shopping center? An emphatic no.

However, I'm aware the owners of this property have a right to develop the site and at one of our Foxwood homeowners meetings that Bob said, a representative expressed their willingness to work with us.

Here we are two years later, not having received a reply to our letter outlining our concerns nor as Mr. Hall has already said, have they replied to the initial environmental impact study and are now here requesting a change to the zoning to allow for gas pumps within 300 feet of our homes.

Are you, our elected town leaders, going to protect the interests of the residents of Foxwood Village, taxpaying citizens of the town of Riverhead or comply with the demands of a corporation not even based in the State of New York?

I have to ask, did Costco also request permission to have gas pumps at any of the other three stores in Suffolk and did their town leaders deny that request as there are no gas pumps at those sites.

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I hereby present to you the petition signed by 208 residents of Foxwood Village requesting that you deny the request from the developer of the shops of Riverhead to change the zoning on that property to allow Costco a prospective tenant to sell gasoline.

I am also including a copy of our 2008 letter which presents our concerns regarding site, sound and in particular safety.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Miss Ross. Anybody else wish to be heard on this subject? Okay, Mr. Danowski, do you want to- "

Peter Danowski: "I would like to comment that these are comments that I don't disagree with as far as the accuracy of earlier meetings in our group, and the owners as well as the tenant continue to be willing to discuss with the neighbors and with the town's planning board the ultimate look of this particular site plan.

We don't take back any of the earlier understandings. We want to continue the discussions. We have been in this process for approximately two years. As members of the town board and I'm sure some members of the public understand things don't happen quickly, both within private industry and also within the town hall.

So the conclusion to the SEQRA process and the ultimate approval of the site plan is something that will involve the neighbors and the developer so we can produce a plan that address some of those concerns.

We certainly understood, still understand the issues they raised. I understood Mr. Hall's comments. I was aware of the letter and we will respond in the SEQRA process in writing back to the town. And I would like to think that at the end of the day, that if we can't satisfy every human being, we will be able to address the concerns that have been raised.

I'd like to also say that the ultimate layout of these fuel pumps will be excess of the 300 feet and we are- as we've said, relocated the proposed store and the fuel pump possibility.

So I would ask for your support.

I will also hand up this evening the Suffolk County Department of Health Services standards with regard to gas tank installations and make that part of the record. I have additional copies both for the public and for the board members.

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I'd also hand up a concept sketch of the location of where the fuel pumps would be located and I'll— as well as a member of the public can go to the town clerk's office and see that particular concept plan.

This, again, is all subject to future actions by town agencies and we'll continue to work with the neighbors in cooperation.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Danowski. Yes, Mr. Hall."

Robert Hall: "With all due respect, Mr. Danowski, I don't know what you mean by continue discussions. We had one meeting at our meeting hall at Foxwood Village and that was it. He asked— the developer asked for a letter stating our issues. We did a letter and that's it. It fell into a hole. There were no discussions."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't know the— probably what happened is your letter triggered a positive declaration under SEQRA which is a good thing because that may have to address your concerns as well as other concerns. And that report takes in government time a long time."

Robert Hall: "No, no, no. The planning department, the planning board issued a letter in October of that same year. So that's still almost two years. Okay. But so be it."

But do I understand this procedure correctly? You are being asked to approve the location of these gas tanks without even knowing where they're going to be?

Mr. Danowski is saying conceptual plan. Well, the concept can be changed on route. So how could you approve something not knowing where it's go in going to be?"

Supervisor Walter: "We're not approving it. We're saying that it's permissible 300 feet from a residential subdivision."

Robert Hall: "It's awfully close."

Supervisor Walter: "We could move it."

Robert Hall: "But if you approve this, then what? That's cut in stone?"

Supervisor Walter: "No. Well, then they have the permission to do it or they have the— it's permitted as an accessory use. Then they have to go to the planning board and get it approved."

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Even though we say 300 feet, the planning board could say well, we really don't like it here, move it here or there or someplace not closer than 300 but further away. They have discretion to do that within reason."

Robert Hall: "Well, I find that an unpleasant possibility because they might just say, okay, 300 feet and that's it. Why don't you make it in this law that you're changing, bigger, 900 feet, as Mr. Danowski said. Three football fields. Isn't that the measurement? I'm not sure.

So anyway I don't want to belabor it."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to ask Mr. Danowski to just step up for one quick question."

Robert Hall: "Okay. Thank you again."

Supervisor Walter: "Peter, what is the distance that your fuel pumps are now?"

Peter Danowski: "What I said is that a concept drawing has been done which would indicate the three football field distance from the back Foxwood community to the other side. There will be ultimately buildings erected and the distance would be in excess of the 300 feet but it certainly wouldn't be 900 feet to that direction, to the east."

Supervisor Walter: "Would it be 400 feet?"

Peter Danowski: "It's approximately but, you know, again as I say and as the community knows, even if the developer were to agree to certain facts, the planning board is the one to finally determine the approved site plan.

I can only suggest to you that the concept plan is what we're willing to move forward with and submit as a further detail in the site plan."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you. Does anybody else wish to be heard on this? Yes, step up, sir, and state your name and hamlet for the record."

Guiseppe Fransella: "Yes, good evening. My name is Guiseppe Fransella. I have no hamlet here although I have certain business interests in the area, do a lot of business out here in Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "Where do you live?"

Guiseppe Fransella: "I'm sorry. I'm in Nassau County."

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Guiseppe Fransella: "My- I guess my issue with the proposed amendment is- goes beyond specifically the Costco application which I've no specific objection to.

I think the broader issue is with the language of the amendment. There's a reason here that and the legislative intent to name this article, the destination retail center zoning use district, was to have destination retail such as the Tanger Outlets.

At this point though when we start expanding it to a Costco, next is a Sam's Club and at that point you're opening it up to several other big box stores, what was the original legislative intent to prohibit and preclude from being in that area. And at this point, I don't think anyone's intent is to visit a retail store such as a Sam's Club or a Wal Mart or a Costco.

I think the intent was to visit the Tanger Outlets, have it be an attraction. At this point, you're opening up I guess the area and you're opening up the permitted uses for really any feasible retail use.

And I think this step just opens up the door for those particular developments so it goes beyond just the fuel issues and gas issues- issues about gas stations being too close to adjacent properties.

I think the residents have to consider what other kinds of stores can be opened up. Once we allow membership clubs, well, then, what's to stop another big box store from being in that area?

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Does anybody else wish to be heard on this? I not, I'll close the public portion of the meeting. I'll hold it open for written comments for 10 days until- what's- Friday, the 30th. Did I do that right? Friday, the 30th. You can submit written comments, 4:30, to the town clerk, Diane Wilhelm."

Public hearing closed: 7:40 p.m.
Left open for written comments to
April 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

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Supervisor Walter: "We're going to move on to the next hearing which is 7:15. It's the community development agency hearing— Dawn do we have to close the Riverhead portion of this?"

Dawn Thomas: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "At this point, we're going to close the Riverhead town portion of this meeting."

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened: 7:45 p.m.

Public hearing opened: 7:45 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "Reopen the town board portion and 7:20 having come and gone, we're going to hear the last public hearing. The consideration of a local law to amend Chapter 48 entitled Beaches and Recreation Centers, Article II, use of recreation centers and public beaches, Section 48-7 application for permit, fees of the Riverhead town code.

And George, do you want to say anything?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes. What this is doing is actually changing the permit, parking permits, from year round to seasonal. And I'll leave this here so everyone understands it.

The recreation department is hereby authorized to issue a seasonal parking permit for use at any public bathing beach or recreation center. Seasonal parking permits for parking vehicles in designated parking areas shall be issued as follows: one would be the seasonal residential permit which is the parking permit shall be issued to all persons who are qualified residents in the town of Riverhead, shall run from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Initially it was January to December. So it's Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The second one would be the senior citizen handicapped seasonal. Once again, it's seasonal. Resident identification permit.

And the third issue would be non-resident seasonal parking permit. And that's the change in the code language. That's all the changes we had."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody wish to be heard on this matter? Please step— sir, please step up and identify your name and hamlet for the record."

Peter Kamaris: "My name is Peter Kamaris— K-A-M-A-R-I-E-S. I live in Reeves Park and I don't like to change the rules and the

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guidelines. I like an annual permit as it is now. You collect more money that way and you collect from the fines from people parking illegal down there.

If you start and make it seasonal, the police will stop policing the area, the off season. We year round residents, we pay our taxes and we pay also for the parking permits. I don't think it's fair to the community to make it only semi-annual."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you."

Peter Kamaries: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else wish to be heard on the matter? Please- I think we have- good evening. State your name and hamlet."

Janine Nebbons: "Good evening. My name is Janine Nebbons and I'm here tonight representing both Tanger Outlets as well as the East End Tourism Alliance on the subject of beach access for our visitors.

I'm confident that we all would agree that one of our town's most important attributes is the beauty and serenity of our beaches. In both Tanger and East End Getaway marketing materials, we rely on beach imagery to entice visitors to visit.

Too often the only pride of Riverhead that some of our visitors see is the name on every sign leading onto the Long Island Expressway. Most of us that are in the tourism industry encourage our guests to stay by promoting lots of activities and destinations that we think are worth the trip from anywhere, including the magnificent and colorful vistas from our beaches, sights and sounds that can't be replicated on any digital photo.

We hope that the Riverhead town board can find a way to welcome out of town visitors to the beaches while at the same time be respectful of the citizens.

As tourism destination operators, we recognize the town's need to balance both the security and the beauty of the beaches with public access. All of the major attractions spend millions of dollars advertising Riverhead. Many of us work collaboratively with our local partners, the Long Island Wine Council, the Long Island Farm Bureau, to help stimulate year round business.

It's important that we are able to offer our visitors a place to stop and take in the beauty of our shorelines. We encourage the board to adopt a commonsense visitor policy that allows visitors beach access during the off peak seasons.

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Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you very much. Would anybody else like to be hard on this? Miss Gabrielsen. It's a race. Ladies first. Miss Gabrielsen."

Janice Gabrielsen: "I'm Janice Gabrielsen from Jamesport."

Supervisor Walter: "Janice, you can pull that right down."

Janice Gabrielsen: "Okay. Well, I've lived in Jamesport for about 35 years and this past winter I got harassed sitting in the parking lot reading my newspaper. I wasn't too happy about that. So, you know, I think, people should, you know, I don't think you should have a year round permit. That's kind of ridiculous especially when I am the only car in the parking lot.

So you should really consider this. It means a lot."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you very much. Mr. Gallo, would you like to step up?"

John Gallo: "Thank you. John Gallo, 30 year resident of Wading River, town of Riverhead.

Tonight I'm here on behalf of the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce and I speak to you tonight on their behalf with representing over 200 very active members.

We thank the board for this opportunity to voice our strong support of narrowing the time period on beach and park stickers from Memorial Day to Labor Day only rather than year round.

I'm kind of fond of saying that our local economy, our local environment is the economy. For taxpayer and tourist alike indeed our environment is our local economy. As we've all witnessed in recent years, autumn in Riverhead has become an all important second season, again, for our local families and for the tourist families that travel here for their pumpkins, their cornstalks and a great day out in the fresh air in the country.

Mild autumn and spring weather draws them to our shopping meccas, our golf courses, our aquarium, our restaurants and perhaps some time for a family to walk along the beach.

Outside of June, July and August, our beaches and parks don't have attendants to check stickers or even issue them. Why should we penalize those who briefly stop by a beach on an Indian Summer day in early October?

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I've never known this great town of Riverhead not to roll out a welcome mat for each other or anybody from out of town or some guest.

And as far as those wrongdoers are concerned at our beaches and parks, wrongdoers are going to do wrong if they have a sticker or if they don't have a sticker. That's up to the police.

The environment is the economy. Your Riverhead Chamber of Commerce supports both and we strongly support this measure to narrow the time period for beach parking permits from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

And I thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Gallo. Anybody else want to be heard on this matter? Step up, sir. Just state your name and hamlet for the record."

Eric Beagler: "Eric Beagler, Reeves Park. In looking at the proposed legislation to restrict the access to the beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day, I bring up two interesting points.

One is our beaches are very isolated in segregated areas. Very poorly lit, very poorly maintained, and very poorly patrolled. By opening them up to the general public, you're going to find people who want to find isolated places that are poorly lit, finding them and staying there, and hanging out and doing things that they should not be doing.

The slight amount of discouragement that this permit requirement does put in front of them makes them aware that there is a police patrol, there is a presence, there is something that's down there to prevent them from doing something that they shouldn't be able to do.

I'm not sure our economy increases by people going to our beaches in January and February. If they're there, they're not spending money at our stores; they're not spending money at our restaurants. There are very few restaurants that are located near the beaches that are open in January and February.

I think there may be some other ways of looking at this regulation. I believe expanding the permitting to where it's run from June to June as opposed to January to December. That gives you a year round permit but accessible by the beach attendants when they're on duty.

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I also believe that if that's not an acceptable solution, we have another opportunity where we can extend it beyond Labor Day. My concern is that come September immediately after Labor Day the beaches start getting occupied again by people who haven't paid the taxes, don't pay to maintain the beaches. They haven't put that money out there.

I pay a lot of money in taxes, so does everybody in this room. In addition, we pay for the permits. I don't think opening it up to the general public that soon after the summer is really what we need to do.

So I offer you two other solutions to take a look at. I know many people in my community have written letters and correspondence to the board. They've all talked to several of you. Mr. Gabrielsen has contacted many of my members and talked and talked about different things and different opportunities.

I think there's different ways of approaching this instead of opening it up immediately after the summer."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Biegler. Is there anybody else who wishes to be heard on this matter? We have two."

Dominique Mendez: "Just something quick. I wanted to check- once- "

Supervisor Walter: "Name, Dominique."

Dominique Mendez: "What? Oh, sorry. Dominique Mendez, Wading River."

Supervisor Walter: "We know who you are, but- "

Dominique Mendez: "Sorry. Quick question and it's also for you, John. Was this change, I think I was under the impression that it had been seasonal before but changed to annual and, if so, why was it changed in the past to be annual?"

Supervisor Walter: "It was seasonal- season before. It was changed to annual and I don't know why it was changed, but that's what it was."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Because we were getting a lot of complaints from the residents."

Dominique Mendez: "Right. That's what we want to understand why was that changed. Maybe they were good reasons for that change."

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Supervisor Walter: "From what the town attorney is saying, it's bookkeeping. And I do remember this. You never knew when your sticker was good because it went half the year or something- "

Dominique Mendez: "No. It used to be annual for the whole year. So- "

Supervisor Walter: "No. It used to be just like we're putting it back- "

Dominique Mendez: "Right. So it was seasonal, went to annual, and so it was just a bookkeeping reason? It wasn't- "

Dawn Thomas: "As I recall it was bookkeeping and there was a lot of confusion on the part of residents in terms of knowing when to buy the sticker and the signage wasn't as clear as it could have been. So it seemed simpler, I think. I can't remember who initiated the change- "

Unidentified: "Can you speak a little louder? We can't hear."

Dawn Thomas: "Sorry. I think it was, you know, to eliminate confusion and for bookkeeping purposes."

Dominique Mendez: "But John did you say that there were also complaints?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yeah. We had a lot of complaints from the residents because they didn't know when their stickers were good and when the stickers weren't good with the seasonal. So we went to annual."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay. I just wanted to understand the history. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Miss, step up and state your name and hamlet for the record."

Amanda Fermature: "Good evening. Amanda Fermature and I do also live in the Reeves Park area. F-E-R-M-A-T-U-R-E."

I too want to reiterate what Eric has said. You know, security is a very important aspect on everyone's life down there in Reeves Park. It's a very quiet desolate place. You're letting more people go down there. They're meandering around the streets. I wouldn't want to be one of those homeowners that has vandalism or any of my property destroyed.

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I took over a lovely piece of property with a small little cottage which was a general store. Every day I get beautiful comments on how my property looks and I'd like to keep it that way.

As for the payment of a very nominal fee of \$15.00 for a year, I think we can agree that that's quite okay for the residents to pay and know that a full year's worth is getting their \$15.00 value.

I personally go down to the beach with a plastic bag. I pick up the debris every time I go for a walk. It's not debris that floats on. I've been a beach goer for 45 years, I know what that looks like. It's around— around a bonfire, it's around in other people's trash that has been left there.

If pumpkin pickers are going to do that, then there better be avid pickup of it, not left for me who's the taxpayer.

Also I kind of think you want the pumpkin pickers to be eating at the restaurants. I think you want them back in town. That's where you should really be generating most of the celebrations for, you know, that time of harvest festival atmosphere. There are plenty of restaurants that offer that. The beach does not offer that. There's nothing there.

There's no other restaurants or highlights that are going on except, yes, a nice beautiful walk. I support that. But I don't support the litter or the security issue that might arise from more population using our beaches.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. I truly appreciate it."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Would anybody else like to be heard on this subject? Mr. Mastropaolo."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Sal Mastropaolo, Calverton. I just want to add a couple points.

One is flounder season starts April 1st so you have people using the beaches from April 1st thru Memorial Day. And striped bass season runs all through the fall, okay, which goes beyond Labor Day. All right?

The intent of the permit is to keep out of towners away from our beaches. Okay? Unless they pay for parking stickers. By changing it to Memorial Day to Labor Day, you're going to eliminate any requirement to have a parking sticker during all the flounder season and all the striped bass season.

I suggest you keep it the way it is."

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Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Mastropaolo. Does anybody else wish to be heard on this subject?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes, I just want to make one, for the record."

For the record, I think that a compromise could be made. I think we do need it longer than season. I was down at Iron Pier. Last weekend there was a bus camper camped down at Iron Pier. I don't know- we won't be able to stop this if we don't have a year pass. It could be June to June. It would make it easier for people to buy their passes. But I think we do or else we're going to have all campers on our beaches all winter long and we'll come back with the complaints from residents again next year.

So I think a compromise could be made for a longer period of time."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I just want to- I appreciate that, John. But I want to make something clear. Campers cannot stay there. Right now we have a code, 10:00 you can't be on the beach so no one is staying overnight. That's not changing."

And another point is you still have to have a year round permit to go 4 by 4'ing on the beach. If you drive on the beach, you still need a year round permit. That's not changed."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. All right. We'll close the public portion of this meeting and we'll leave it open for written comments until April- Friday, April 30th, 4:30 p.m. Submit your comments to the town clerk's office."

Public hearing closed: 8:02 p.m.
Left open for written comment for
10 days to Friday, April 30, 2010
4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "We are going to go to the resolutions for public comment. We have one that is coming off the floor. It was an emergency resolution. We did leave it out there so it's actually commenting- the beginning of it says it's coming off the floor so feel free to comment on that as well. Sal?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Resolution #291. Section 92-17 penalty for offenses, B. It's very confusing because in earlier sections they talk about \$250 a day and in A they say each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation."

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And then right after that, you say a violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.00."

Supervisor Walter: "Say that one more time for those of us flipping."

Sal Mastropaolo: "It says a violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Which section are you on?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Oh, 92-17."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Sal Mastropaolo: "I don't understand why B is in there since it contradicts a lot of the statements before it."

Supervisor Walter: "It looks like it limits the violation did not exceed \$250.00."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Yeah. But it's \$250.00 a day for every day that you're in violation."

Supervisor Walter: "We should increase it to \$1,000 or something?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "I would just take B out. Because for every day you're in violation, it's a \$250.00 fine."

Supervisor Walter: "That's a fair comment. So if the board wants to amend that, we could strike that before we take it to public hearing. Is that the words desired? Yes, no? Yes? Okay.

For those of you in government-- the government class, he just effected government right there. Just in case you were asleep. Take it out, Sal."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Resolution #293."

Supervisor Walter: "Go ahead."

Sal Mastropaolo: "293 the first be it further resolved. Given the current financial situation of the town, why are spending up to \$80,000 to-- "

Supervisor Walter: "We have no choice."

Sal Mastropaolo: "We can't do it within our highway department?"

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Supervisor Walter: "There is- this is- there is- we have several resolutions that are costing us money due to the storm. This section of road washed out and it's not passable. There are two four inch high pressure gas mains in this road. One of the gas mains goes straight- it's connected to Texas. We have a very talented highway superintendent-- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "So it's not worth the liability involved."

Supervisor Walter: "He is not taking this project."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay, that's a good enough reason."

Supervisor Walter: "In fact, I think I'm going to- when they start working on it, I'm going to go out to Southold myself."

Sal Mastropaolo: "302. There's no attached contract. Just make sure that there is one when you file it."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. I have the attached contract."

Sal Mastropaolo: "304. Just an editorial comment. Erase the "d" from the fifth word in the first whereas."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you want the contract? Hold on a second, Sal, I'm going to give it to the clerk now. Okay, Sal, what was the next one?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "304, the first whereas, the fifth word should be an not and. It just makes it a little bit confusing."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you have that, Diane? What else have you got?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "308, the now, therefore, be it resolved. Can you tell me what the current hourly rate of pay is for Mr. Cullen?"

Supervisor Walter: "This is another storm related- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "I know. But generally- "

Supervisor Walter: "Can we find that out?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "The reason I bring it up is usually hourly rates for part timers reflect the fact that it's a part time position and the hourly rates are usually a little bit higher.

If you make him full time at his hourly rate, he could well be making more than you and the police chief."

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Supervisor Walter: "No, no, no."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. Well, that's why I asked the question."

Supervisor Walter: "We can tell you exactly what it is and this is just so the people understand. We're not looking to add staff here. We've got a huge problem between the fires, the floods, the roads, the relocation. Our engineering staff— Ms. Giglio came to me the other day and asked, you know, we have to get Calverton— she's working diligently to get the Calverton ballfields open. I said we don't have anybody that can do anything right now because we're responding."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. Do we have a date that he reverts back to part time or is this open ended?"

Supervisor Walter: "It's open ended but it won't be forever."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. That's it."

Supervisor Walter: "And we'll get you the information. Good. Well, that wasn't too bad. Anybody else wish to be heard on resolutions? Okay. That being said, boy, it's hot in here. I apologize. I guess we haven't turned the air conditioning on for this season.

We're going to start with Resolution 290."

Resolution #290

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to execute amended agreement with Delta Computer Group. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Gigio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I was told that we don't have any staff in house that can do this type of work. So, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Okay. That would be as amended. Okay. Rescinds Resolution 263 of 2010 and authorizes the town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 92 entitled Highways, Streets and Sidewalks to ensure the timely removal of damaged utility poles on town highways. So moved as amended."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #292

Councilwoman Giglio: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles & Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Section 101-10 Parking Prohibited - Ravine Road, Wading River. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #293

Councilman Dunleavy: "Declares public emergency regarding failed culverts on River Road, Riverhead, New York. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #294

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Article XXXIV - multifamily residential professional office zone. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #295

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes execution of contract with seed clam administrator. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #296

Councilman Dunleavy: "Supports the installation of a traffic signal - site plan of Lowe's Home Center. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #297

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes attendance of four police department employees to the Marine Law Enforcement Training. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #298

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post notice to bidders for annual diesel/generator maintenance. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #299

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes submission of Long Island Sound Futures fund grant application. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #300

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize retainer agreement with the law firm of Mark A. Cuthbertson, Esq. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #301

Councilwoman Giglio: "Budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is the first time that I'm seeing this and I'm not really familiar with it so I abstain."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #302

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to execute a contract with the County of Suffolk Youth Bureau Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #303

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorization to republish advertisement for snack vendors to be utilized by the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #304

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute an easement with SUNY Stony Brook for EPCAL walking trails. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. This is great. If you haven't been out here yet, EPCAL, we now have the trail, the walking trail that goes around the outer boundaries of EPCAL along Route 25 and now this agreement with SUNY Stony Brook will allow us to extend it into the Stony Brook property that was given to them years ago.

So get out there and get walking. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'd also like to point out that it isn't only walking, it's biking. So you can take your bikes out there also. And second. That's a yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #305

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid for diesel fuel. So moved."

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #306

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize the supervisor to execute a grant extension agreement. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #307

Councilwoman Giglio: "Awards bid interim treatment at Well No. 16 Riverhead water district. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #308

Councilman Dunleavy: "Approves temporary change of status for part time legislative secretary, David Cullen. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This resolution I'm seeing it for the first time five minutes before the meeting. It was put on my desk at 4:00 this afternoon so I will abstain."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I would just like to point out that this change of status continues until all emergency issues are

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resolved pending further town board meeting. It's temporary. And seconded. And it's a yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. We need a person to-- because of the building department fire and all our emergencies, we need a point person to direct all these repairs that we had. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #309

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, you know what? I have the-- it's \$38.00 an hour, Sal, for (inaudible)."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Thank you."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "309 approves Chapter 90 application of East End Arts & Humanities Council, Inc. for a downtown dance party. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Jodi, I see you there at that dance party. Me, not so much. I totally blew it."

Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #310

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the filing of an application for New York State Assistance from the household hazardous waste (HHW) state assistance program and signing of the associated state contract, under the appropriate laws of New York State. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #311

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Councilman Dunleavy: "2010 Law Department server budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And this is another one that I was told that we have to go out of our employees within the town to do. So, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #312

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Approves temporary sign permit of Mattituck Lions Club for the strawberry festival. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. We do this every year. This is for the strawberry festival and they put signs up on 58 and 25. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #313

Councilwoman Giglio: "Awards bid on arched steel building. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilman Giglio: "This is something, a building that the highway superintendent as an elected official has indicated that he needs in order to keep his equipment free from the weather. So as an elected official and respect for that office, I vote yes."

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The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And also this building I think we are buying it and we're going to probably put it up ourselves."

Supervisor Walter: "The highway department is putting it up."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "We're putting it up ourselves. We're going to save on labor."

Supervisor Walter: "That's a yes?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "That's a yes. Thank you."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "This was the single most (inaudible) resolution there was probably in the packet. George Woodson worked hard to get it. He's putting the building up himself with his own labor so I vote yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #314

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute grant extension (downtown beautification grant program). So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #315

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Approves Chapter 90 application of Peconic Bay Medical Center for the 15th annual East End Garden Festival. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #316

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Councilwoman Giglio: "Order calling for a public hearing, lateral extension within Riverhead Sewer District - Best Western Hotel complex. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted as amended."

Resolution #317

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid for corrosion control chemical for use by the Riverhead Water District. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #318

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Approves the transfer of a public safety dispatcher I to the police department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. And welcome back, Tanya."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #319

Councilwoman Giglio: "Extends the bid contract for quick lube maintenance for the Riverhead Water District. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Resolution #320

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the town clerk to publish and post a help wanted ad for pump out boat personnel. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #321

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Resolution supporting New York State Department of Environmental Protection efforts to remediate public and private lands along Horton Avenue in proximity to Middle Road roundabout, Riverhead, New York. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This is so the DEC is going to clean up the oil that's around Osborne Avenue and Horton Avenue in our traffic circle. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. It's a-- the DEC is-- we're doing a combined effort with the-- so that the Horton Avenue, Osborne Avenue people-- the town highway workers under the supervision of the DEC will dig up the soil. The DEC will supervise staging it and pay to remove it. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #322

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appointing the firm of Smith, Finkelstein, Lundberg, Isler & Yakaboski, LLP special counsel with respect to complaints brought by Henry Silverman and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #323

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize attendance of four police department employees to Marine Accident Investigation Level I training. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #324

Councilwoman Giglio: "Pays bills. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "And we have the resolution off the floor. Do you want me to call it off the floor or do you want to— John, you want to call this one off the floor?"

The resolution that we're calling, because the building department burned down, we're relocating to the building that we've now leased across the street, temporarily.

In order to make that move, we have to put in the phone system. The insurance company has indicated they would make payment to do that. It is a \$16,000 bill but it's part of keeping the building department open and so we got the approval from the insurance company very shortly before the board meeting. So, John, if you want to offer it?"

Resolution #325

Councilman Dunleavy: "Taking Resolution #325 off the floor. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Let's take it off the floor."

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is another resolution that was put on my desk before the meeting and I have questions and I would like to table it but I realize it's an emergency. Therefore, I'll abstain."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is taken off the floor."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Resolution 325 authorizes a professional services agreement with Black Box for fiber optic work at 755 East Main Street. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, abstain; Gabrielsen, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This is actually going to be paid we think by our insurance company because of the fire. We have to move the building department across the street. They need a computer system so we have to re-route our fiber optics for our computer system. This will be given to our insurance company for payment. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "That closes our resolutions. I would like— just a show of hands. How many people want to talk to us about Horton Avenue/Osborne Avenue? Midway Drive, okay. Why don't we— and how many people want to talk to us about separate things?"

Okay, let's talk about— because Sal is up— that's a seasoned veteran right there."

Sal Mastropaolo: "I have a quick question. It won't take but a minute."

Supervisor Walter: "Let's do this. So we keep everything going in a logical order, let's do the things that are not flood related first and then we'll deal with the flood, Osborne/Midway thing."

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Sound reasonable everybody? Okay."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Quick question. Do you have a status on the bowling alley? Is the town doing anything to hold it up or do they have full approval?"

Supervisor Walter: "They are-- it's an internal problem among their-- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. So there's nothing that we're doing that's stopping them."

Supervisor Walter: "I met with them not too long ago, maybe a month ago, and the problems they have cannot be solved by the town of Riverhead."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We've extended all possibles that we could."

Angela DeVito: "Angela DeVito, South Jamesport. I just need some clarification on the announcement that you made at the beginning of tonight's meeting regarding the George M. Young community center with regard to the fact that you are accommodating the homemakers for Fridays but essentially staffing which would keep that place open for other community uses, the staff has now been relocated for other needs within the town."

My question and the clarification that I need is how are you going to accommodate all of the programming and community groups that rely upon that community center for their meetings, their activities?

I mean it actually is a center that until it just got flooded and I know it's flood related-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Not really."

Angela DeVito: "-- was operated seven days a week."

Supervisor Walter: "It-- "

Angela DeVito: "You know. Until 9:30 at night, most nights. So I just-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Well, Mattie didn't work until 9:30 at night. The issue is this."

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Angela DeVito: "No. You had another. There was another staff person that came in that opened and closed the building for the evening event."

Supervisor Walter: "We are— we are as a board in an uncomfortable position that everybody is going to wind up sharing some of the burden here and we need residents to step up."

The homemakers are 75 strong, every Friday. So it appeared to me based on my conversations with Mattie and a lot of the homemakers that the need was there. We're not saying we're going to close it. We just can't staff it with a person full time all the time.

Ray Coyne from the recreation department, as there's recreation programs coming, they're going to have their personnel there. For other programs that we can't get opened and closed, we're going to ask the residents to use other town centers.

I mean the senior center is only right down the road. We feel it's going to be a short term thing but when you're faced with the kind of budget deficit that we inherited and the natural disasters and things that have happened this year, it is not even feasible for us to be hiring additional personnel for this at the moment.

We are committed to change that and we are having an issue we're discussing different personnel on a rotating basis. We will do everything— I assure you, everything we can do to keep it open for as long as we can. But we are also asking you to look at maybe utilizing some of the other centers for the moment."

Angela DeVito: "I would agree, I have no problem with going out and using or asking to use the senior center in Aquebogue for some of the activities, but I'd also like to know is, does your office or does the town board have plans to inform all of those organizations that do rely upon that? Is there going to be some type of press release that says, you know, these are the other places you can go?"

And another— getting along with another government agency. Has the town sort of reached out to the Jamesport Fire Department in terms of saying you guys have this big meeting room."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes and yes."

Angela DeVito: "Can groups that we have here be able to use that there, to ease that way because they're very tight with sharing their space. Very, very— okay, good."

You know, essentially I understand and appreciate your hardships here but it is something that, you know, within that

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community, it has— it's always been a mainstay for us to be able to have access to that building there.

So another question is does that affect the ability of community families to use the playground that's associated with the center? Is that just still going to be an ad hoc event there?"

Supervisor Walter: "No. There's no— it's open to what?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Ten o'clock. Yeah, it's open to 10:00 and that will remain opened."

Angela DeVito: "Thank you very much."

Steve Romano: "Good evening, Steve Romano, Riverhead. Question as far as the website and the agenda. It's still not on there and what has me concerned is Miss Giglio made a point that two or three things were dumped on her desk today. I would assume that any board that I've been on, you get your agenda package at least a week ahead of the meeting so you can digest it, ask some intelligent questions.

I don't know what's happening. I think it used to be on the agenda, at least a couple days ahead so you may not have to make a meeting if there's nothing on there and I think I spoke to you, Sean, or I got an e-mail that you said you guys were working on it.

Do you know when it's going to be up?"

Supervisor Walter: "It's up right now. The town attorney is looking at it. The issue is this, Mr. Romano. There are several things put in this packet. We discuss resolutions. The cut off is Wednesday for resolutions. And I'm pretty strict about that. I don't let people put resolutions in after Wednesday.

But the option for us, because then we have our work session on Thursday. The option for us and I'm willing to bend as we can get the board members, we try to reach out. When we have an emergency most of the resolutions that were put in here were emergency related. We either have to hold a special board meeting, which is not really cost effective for anybody, or wait to the following meeting. And that's not business friendly.

So again Wednesday is the cut off. Tara works with that. She tells everybody. But if there's something that has to be put on, it doesn't get in by Wednesday, I don't want to arbitrarily say no. We do the best we can to get it to everybody and, you know, we do put it up on the website.

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But the resolutions don't normally get finalized. Diane, maybe you can speak to that."

Diane Wilhelm: "My office is the one that does the Agenda and we usually get the resolutions the day of the meeting because sometimes it takes that long for them to be finalized. So we work as fast as we can.

Today we didn't get the resolutions until about noon so as soon as we get the Agenda done, we pass it onto the IT department and then they put it on the website.

I wish I could have it sooner."

Steve Romano: "Yeah, but that's my question. Doesn't anybody see that as a problem? Because if you go onto the website for the school board, and I think other town boards, and I think prior this town board, you know, I'm not saying you have to have it on Wednesday but probably Monday if you're going to meet on Tuesday so people could look at it.

I mean, I'm being honest with you. I checked at 12:00 today and it was not on there."

Diane Wilhelm: "No, it wasn't on at 12."

Steve Romano: "But, Sean, if you're saying that you start on Wednesday, I mean I can see you're going to have some add ons."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll make a commitment to you that we will try to get them done for Monday for a Tuesday meeting."

Steve Romano: "That would be appreciated."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll make a commitment to you to do it. We can do that, Tara, for the most part? We'll make a commitment. You have to understand with the things that we're dealing with right now, we are spread very thin and I understand the concern. We will get them on. We will try to get everything that we have on to the clerk by Monday but don't be surprised if something gets put in as an emergency.

The previous administration just probably wouldn't look at it and that's a problem, too."

Steve Romano: "No. Like I said, I understand emergency. If you read the Agenda on the website and things change on Tuesday, that's acceptable. I don't have any issue with that. I don't want to belabor the point."

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Supervisor Walter: "All right. We will do our best to get the resolutions done by Monday and that's it."

Diane Wilhelm: "The public hearings are there at least a week or two ahead of time. I don't know if you're aware of that."

Steve Romano: "The public hearings. Okay."

Diane Wilhelm: "The public hearings are there. It's the resolutions that we sometimes stumble with."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Just to let you know, I knew this morning that these were coming on and I asked questions about them and got my answers this morning."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And they weren't put on my desk until 4:00 which is when I got a phone call and I was in and out of town hall all day. So- "

Supervisor Walter: "All right. We will do our best to do this."

Steve Romano: "You ran on (inaudible) or efficient government. That's why I'm bringing it to your attention."

Supervisor Walter: "I tell you we will try to do this."

Steve Romano: "I only know it's four months into this, you know, into your time, but just- you know, you said to pester you- "

Supervisor Walter: "We will- a point taken. I'm not going to cut everything off and we will have the stuff on Monday and then we just- we're not only doing that but we are also working to increase our Agendas. Our work session Agendas are going to have more information. Our resolution headings are going to have more information. That's something we looked at on Monday. So there's going to be some changes where we're going to publish more information, but given the circumstances of what happened, this was not even an option for us."

Monday we spent the entire day Monday relocating staff and working with the building department. So on days like we had this past Monday, don't expect anything before 12:00 on Thursday."

Steve Romano: "I wasn't aware of the fire so you get an excuse for this one."

Just a comment because, again, as a resident of Riverhead for only five years, I know some of you guys have lived here your whole life.

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I read recent in the News Review, that editorial by the chairman of the Vail Leavitt. It was pretty articulate. It was pretty impressive.

I've been to the Blues Festival last four or five years. I don't know really how it works, how the town's involved or the Chamber of Commerce. But it seemed to be a pretty good function. I don't know if there's some compelling reason that the Chamber wants to run it. I'm just making a comment as a citizen. It seems to be running pretty smoothly and usually with all the other problems you have, I'm not sure what's happening with that."

Supervisor Walter: "Exactly and I spent an hour working on that. It's interesting because we met with the Chamber of Commerce, we met with the president of the Chamber, the president for Vail, the president of the BID with the deputy supervisor.

We can up- we came to an agreement as to how this would work with revenue sharing, pretty much guaranteeing the Vail Leavitt whatever profits they normally receive. The Chamber had some really fantastic ideas to make the Blues Festival better.

The board is hearing this for the first time because we've just been going flat out. We had some fantastic ideas from the Chamber. We're just really- between corporate sponsorship and some other things they could bring to the table, we thought we had an agreement.

Bob Barder (phonetic) went out, shook our hands, said he was going to have a board meeting. I found out while I was inhaling dinner that the Vail board has decided to do it on their own. They don't want any help. They're going to do it.

I said to the BID member, I said okay, well, my next meeting that now is- I'm going to request a meeting with the Vail Leavitt. This is on behalf of the town board, to try to see what the stumbling blocks are.

It is the commitment of the town to have the Blues Festival here and it's a commitment I think of this town board for there to be a joint combined effort so that- because the people that we've put in the BID and the people that are on the Chamber are among the best and brightest in Riverhead and I think the board kind of agrees that a joint effort between the three parties will be the best outcome and not only we were doing resolutions on Monday or Tuesday, but we were meeting with the Vail Leavitt. Because we have to keep our Agenda on track and we're endeavoring to do that.

I'll keep you posted."

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Steve Romano: "Okay, last comment because I know probably my time is up and I mean this in an respectful way so if it comes out disrespectful, please.

I know you guys have a tough job. But it seems like every now and then when I catch channel 22, that you guys just seem that you can't pull the trigger. Your heartstrings get the best of you. For instance, the Showmobile. I saw a thing it's \$1,200 but we're only charge a hundred.

These are unprecedented times. Forty thousand to water flowers on Main Street. They're beautiful but that's crazy. My point being that I'm pretty sure that this is the accurate information that we heard over the campaign.

Eighty percent of the town's budget is staff and benefits; 10% is debt; the other 10% is discretionary and you hear these kind of crazy things, why we can't do the nice things and they're a fraction of the budget.

I don't know if you've sat down with the union. I don't know if anyone read that Senator Flanagan's editorial. As a quasi-governmental employee we're taking a wage freeze this year. Last year I got a percent and a half. You have to sit down with the union and honestly all the governmental employees, I think he's right. We do have to sacrifice for the good of the public.

This is unprecedented. This is not like a regular recession. With the debt load on the federal government, the state and the county and I don't know if you're at that point. But I think that's the only way you're going to able to really efficiently run the town."

Supervisor Walter: "Not only are we at that point. We have basically said that any expenditure over \$2,000 does not get approved, anything over \$2,000 gets scrutinized. The town department heads know this. We are cutting in unprecedented ways just to get through the flood and the budget deficit that we inherited.

Witness the Jamesport Community center. There is nothing left unturned but you have flowers on Main Street. It's a staple. It's something that Supervisor Janowski— I'm not saying \$40,000. I'm not discussing the amount. It's something that Supervisor Janowski started years ago.

It's something that draws businesses into the town."

Steve Romano: "It's fantastic."

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Supervisor Walter: "So it is something that I'm sure the board- I know we're going to make every effort to continue it but you don't know the half of the cuts and as for with everything else that's going on, I had a meeting with one of the union presidents today and we're looking at some issues with them. So we're working on it."

Steve Romano: "Thank you."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'd like to make a comment. You bring up a good point. I think we all have to understand, whether it's the board, everyone in town, we have got to shrink government. Expenditures are up here, our revenue is down here. We've got to bring it down. And Councilwoman Giglio and myself had attempted this a while back but we've got to understand that and make that a priority and then after that, everything works."

Steve Romano: "Thank you. I know you guys got a tough job. Thanks."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Next comment."

Ed Purcell: "Ed Purcell, from East Main Street. I basically just have a couple of questions.

What's the timeframe of the completion of Grangebél Park because it's been going on and on and on."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, there's tremendous things happening in Grangebél Park. You know, I honestly don't- Chris, do you have the answer?"

Chris Kempner: "By September, October. But the construction you're referring to was (inaudible)."

Ed Purcell: "No. But I mean partially the fish passage. But I know they had to redo one of the dumps- one of the falls before they could do the fish passage."

Chris Kempner: It was (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "Chris, why don't you step up to the microphone. Our community development director-- agency director, Chris Kempner."

Chris Kempner: "Actually Ken Testa would have more details but we've been working on the fish passage project for probably about eight years. There was a lot of technical permitting, structural analysis and watershed studies that had to be prepared

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before we could even get to construction. And construction started probably last September or October.

We had to reinforce— there's two spillways in Grangebél dam. We had to reinforce the north spillway before we could work on the fish passage. So that was actually a very quick construction.

It started, even despite the heavy winter that we had, Terry Contracting was out there I think in either September or October and they completed by February. So we just had a ribbon cutting but it was actually completed maybe six weeks ago, a month and a half ago.

And then we started the Grangebél project, maybe in the last month and it will be a longer term project. There is pedestrian improvements, landscaping, lighting, bulkheading, and that should be complete by I think September or October."

Ed Purcell: "Now is there any way that maybe part of it would be opened this summer?"

Chris Kempner: "That would be something, you know, (inaudible) contractor and Ken Testa would have the logistics."

Ed Purcell: "Especially because like during the Blues Festival and that it might be advantageous if they could route the work, is possible, so that part of the park could be open and it would be advantageous to the town if they did— if they can do it. If they can't, you can't. But I mean— "

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think most of the construction is going to happen within the park, so I don't know with all the construction equipment there, if we could open that park for safety reasons because they have large equipment there.

Don't forget we had— we have to do one complete bridge over again that was destroyed years ago to the north."

Ed Purcell: "No, no, I understand it's going to be in the park.

No, but that's what I mean. The park, if it could be done so that part that has to say the southern part, there's no way that would be done but maybe the part over by Peconic Avenue so that they could— people that come in could use it."

Councilman Dunleavy: "No. The problem is you open up Peconic Avenue, then you're opening where they can get into the bridges and go into the park. Don't forget, an amphitheater is going to be put in there, too, so these things are all major constructions projects."

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Supervisor Walter: "Why don't we do this, Mr. Purcell. Tara, can you ask Ken Testa what the-- the contractor's anticipated date is?"

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, that's all."

Supervisor Walter: "And if you call my office, we'll get you the date. We'll get you the what we anticipate the end date."

Ed Purcell: "Also, I haven't seen anything or heard anything about the building that was going to go up on Peconic Avenue."

Supervisor Walter: "The Summer Wind?"

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, the Summer Wind."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, there are things happening with that. It's interesting because somehow the town of Riverhead is intertwined with this and we have really no interest in it other than it's in our town and we gave them some relief on some of the permitting fees.

We pulled ourselves out and the county is dealing directly with the Summer Wind project sponsors and I've spoken to Ray (inaudible) a couple days ago and he says everything is on track."

Ed Purcell: "That's still on track to be done because you know it just looks like nothing is being done.

Also, I know we got a grant a number of years ago on redoing the sidewalks in town."

Supervisor Walter: "You're hitting everything, aren't you today?"

Ed Purcell: "Well, you know what it is? My job has changed and I don't get a chance to come to town hall because every-- I'm upstate New York now about every other week almost, every two to three weeks, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, so I don't have the opportunity. I just-- this happened to be-- it worked out so I could stop by and say hello."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Hello, we're glad you're here."

Ed Purcell: "Ah, yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Lou Calgeris (phonetic) was here. He-- we have an engineer that volunteered to do the design. There were some issues with street trees and everything. We worked them out. He's

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working on the design. We have to submit that design to the state DOT and in the meantime, we— every elected official that will listen to us on the state and the federal level, we always bring that up.

That by the way, we don't want to do a wholesale replacement. We're doing more of a repair of the sidewalks."

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, because there's a lot of them and the club I belong to owns the building on Peconic— on Roanoke Avenue and there's some sidewalks that are— "

Supervisor Walter: "Ed, I'm going to be honest with you. I don't know (inaudible)."

Ed Purcell: "I don't know if it's part of it, but that's just— "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'd also just like to point out that once the sidewalk is completed, we have benches already donated by Tanger."

Ed Purcell: "Oh, I know, they're sitting— "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "So that won't cost us anything. So we're ready to go on that."

Supervisor Walter: "Ready to get the box truck and go. What else have you got?"

Ed Purcell: "Yeah— "

Councilwoman Giglio: "We're looking for volunteers so if you happen to be in town that day."

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, well we'll see."

Supervisor Walter: "What else have you got, Ed?"

Ed Purcell: "And something I spoke to John about in the past about a new welcome sign. Yeah, because there's a lot of fraternal organizations and— "

Supervisor Walter: "Rotary mentions this to us all the time and— "

Ed Purcell: "-- I brought it up to John in the past and it's just something that maybe you could get somebody to donate the sign."

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Supervisor Walter: "There you go, Ed. You're thinking like me."

Ed Purcell: "Right. But I mean the idea is so that when people do come to town, you know you have the Masons; you have the Moose; you have this, you have that. Because most towns, every place I go and I travel to Rochester and- "

Supervisor Walter: "That's really upstate."

Ed Purcell: "-- yeah, I know. Well, it's part of the job. Anyway and most towns have welcome signs and saying what's in the community because I'm sure a lot of people don't know."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Most of those signs, the (inaudible), the Kiwanas and the Rotary donate those signs years ago and as the years progressed the one on Sound Avenue got knocked down by an accident and they have never been replaced by those organizations.

If the organizations could get together like the Masons to join them and put new signs up."

Ed Purcell: "Well, it would primarily be an entrance sign or a few entrance signs. Yeah."

Councilman Dunleavy: "They had them on Peconic Avenue by the library, by River Road, there's one still up by River Road and on Sound Avenue and Route 25 in Jamesport."

Supervisor Walter: "We will keep it in the back of our minds. I'm a Rotarian, I- "

Ed Purcell: "That's the whole point because I haven't been the pest to you. John knows but nobody else does."

Supervisor Walter: "Talk to John with all of this. What else have you got, Ed?"

Ed Purcell: "And how did our 911 system work during the storm. Because I know Suffolk County had dumping."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely excellent. I don't think we had one complaint. I mean there were a lot of calls but I don't think we had one complaint dialing 911."

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, I know, that's what I was wondering. And are you working with Southampton town because really downtown Riverhead is not going to get- - "

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

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Ed Purcell: "-- improved until that area across the river."

Supervisor Walter: "Well I don't necessarily agree with that but Supervisor Throne-Hulse (phonetic) and I met several times. I've asked her to put a proposal together. She'd like to see some sewer capacity on the other side of the river. I don't know if we can do it. It may not be cost effective. I've asked her to put a proposal together to submit to the board and I think that her economic development people are working on it because I spoke to our sewer people. It's going to be an \$18 million dollar upgrade (inaudible) into their capacity is just going to blow the budget."

Ed Purcell: "No. I understand that kind of stuff. But in the past I've asked and it's been nothing."

Supervisor Walter: "We have a very good relationship with Supervisor Throne-Hulse, Supervisor Lesko and Russel. So we're-- "

Ed Purcell: "Yeah, well, that was a question. Also did we get anything, any interest after that meeting you had downtown with-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. In fact, I met with Shelly Gordon today-- I have a lot of meetings, and Shelly Gordon and there are some interesting prospects and it's my job not only to do other things but ferret out these prospects."

Ed Purcell: "And remind that, you know, the town still has that baseball bat of eminent domain if he gets a little crazy."

Supervisor Walter: "Ed, we're working-- we have a lot of things in the works and-- "

Ed Purcell: "Oh, I understand you do."

Supervisor Walter: "-- I'm hoping and positive is going to happen. Is that it?"

Ed Purcell: "That's enough."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else-- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "I just want to go back on what the Supervisor said. We're working with Southampton. They want to buy the canoe rental establishment and knock it down and they asked us if they did that would we include it with our park, Grangebelle Park, and take care of that area when we take care of the park. And we told them we would. I mean we do work together."

Supervisor Walter: "Hello."

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Georgette Keller: "Hi. Georgette Keller. I live in South Jamesport. I am also president of the Jamesport/South Jamesport Civic Association.

Just a few short comments. One, there are a number of issues that the Civic would like to be able to discuss with the Supervisor and I would like to ask you, Mr. Walter, to continue a tradition that Mr. Cardinale started which was a roundtable with all of the neighborhood civic associations in the town which happened bi-annually."

Supervisor Walter: "Set it up, give me- "

Georgette Keller: "Well, usually your office sets it up. They send out the invitation whenever you're free and whoever can come can come and sometimes other board members are around and that way there isn't as much of this going on."

Supervisor Walter: "Actually there's very- usually very- we communicate with just about everybody on a regular basis. We return every phone call. I can't say that I return every e-mail, I'm woefully behind on e-mails."

Georgette Keller: "It was just a really nice way of being able to communicate back and forth with the town and with the other neighborhoods, so we would like to see if maybe you could consider to continue."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely not a problem. If you have a date in mind and you want me to come and I can fit it in, I will. If not, we will set it up."

Georgette Keller: "It usually takes place right here around that table."

Supervisor Walter: "That table is boring. Let's go someplace more exciting."

Georgette Keller: "Well, that's up to you."

Supervisor Walter: "Jamesport Community Center. Oh, that's right."

Georgette Keller: "Well, that would be great. And speaking of the Community Center, I would just like to remind this board because Mr. Dunleavy I believe is the only one on the board when Jamesport Business Hamlet became a historic district.

The number one anchor of that district of course is the meeting house. The second most significant structure is George Young

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community center and as such the town should always be held as the highest exemplar of what we want our historic district to be.

That being said, I understand the floods and the damage and the work that needs to be done and would ask that once it is done and it is scheduled to be used on Fridays by the homemakers and I'm glad that that's been able to be accommodated, that all of the community centers take equal cuts or shifting, however you need to shift it, but if there's a 25% closure at one, that it's across the board so that it is fair across the town and whatever shifts need to be made need to be made."

Supervisor Walter: "Some of you are sweating here in this room because of those cuts."

Georgette Keller: "Well, I understand. I understand those cuts and if you need some assistance from the Jamesport Civic Association-- "

Supervisor Walter: "We do."

Georgette Keller: "-- then please make sure you reach out to us and let us know."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll set the meeting up. Thank you."

Georgette Keller: "And just one other comment and, Mr. Dunleavy, that RV that you saw last weekend, was there last weekend and was also there on March 31st, the day after the storm. So you might want to have law enforcement check on how long they've been camping there."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Georgette, the police chief is writing it down. He's got it. Thank you."

Anybody else un-flood related? Okay, let's start the flood."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And, Jill, if you could just let the rest of the board members know when that roundtable is set up, I'd like to sit back and listen. Thanks."

Supervisor Walter: "Step up, give your name and hamlet for the record."

Sarah Bullock: "At last. Good evening, town officials, everyone included here. I'm very happy to have a chance to come tonight and speak."

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Diane Wilhelm: "State your name."

Sarah Bullock: "Oh, my name is Sarah Bullock, not Sandra, Sarah. I remind them of that because last time I came down and put my name for FEMA, the lady says Sandra Bullock, I said no, Sarah. I said no leave it as Sandra, maybe they'll come down and see what I need."

But anyway I haven't been here in a very long time and I'm a homeowner here in Riverhead and taxpayer for 28 years. And usually I don't want to fight a battle. I just don't fight a battle for every little thing. But I think this is really important what is happening at this time.

And in the 28 years that I've lived here in Riverhead on Northville Turnpike, now they talk about all the devastation on Horton Avenue and Midway Drive, but on my street, on Northville Turnpike, my neighbors there and some others down the road, down at Hubbard Avenue, we are still pumping 24/7 with two pumps going 24 and it hasn't stopped.

Now I am a widow and it's very hard for me to do some things and if it wasn't for a couple friends of mine who came to my house to help me, I would probably have been electrocuted by now because the fire department came, I called them, and before he even got to the door, the first thing that he said when I opened the door, we'll come here, we'll pump one time but if it come back, we're not coming again. Okay fine.

I go around the corner of the house, this is the second thing they said to me. Well, we're here one time but if it's another time we'll can't come back no more. I said do what you have to do. They pump but as soon as they pump it's coming back just as fast.

So I don't know what to do but he said to me, he says you know what? That water is dangerously close to your fuse box and you better do something about it. Well, now what I say to that is I might not be smarter than a 5th grader because I say foundation, he says your foundation, there's something wrong with it.

I would say foundation is something that women put on their face and make them pretty. I don't know what he was talking about, the foundation is something under there but now they kind of like scared me.

So I came here to the town hall to try to get some answers. So I went across the hall there to try to find some numbers, well, we don't know what you're talking about. But go down there. No, we don't know any numbers.

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I go across the street to that big white house and I went over there, it was Bagshaw Realty. He didn't know what I was talking about but at least they did get on the computer and get a number for me for FEMA which I called and they told me, well, it hasn't been declared yet so you know we can't do anything.

Okay. So I came back here to speak to the Supervisor who I've never met before and I got to speak to his secretary who is very nice and she really didn't have too much answers but she did say, you know, well, yeah FEMA came and this that and the other, and well, you know, it's going to be a couple months, this that and whatever.

Okay, so then I left and I went and called Mr. Bishop's office to no avail. Nobody called me back. I called Southampton and I called Coram, nobody called. So then one day I called back again and I spoke with someone named Rick and I explained the problem that I had. And he said to me, call town hall. I said I did, I went there already.

I said because I tried to explain to him what happened. It said a devastation here, water is coming up 24/7, I don't know what to do. He says, well, miss- I said I think someone really should just come out and look, I said. I mean I don't know what to do. I said water is near the thing there, maybe I'm afraid it's going to electrocute, whatever."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Let's, wait. The building department might be able to and I'm not sure. I see the building department administrator back there. They may be able to come in but- and give you an assessment but you have to be careful when you invite the town into your house."

Sarah Bullock: "Well, you know what? At this point, you know, I have to do something and rather than the house crumble down and I don't know what's going on. I go out there and I disconnect the pump when I go to work and I don't know that I'm doing the wrong thing. When I come back the water is all up again.

So he said to me, the man from Mr. Bishop's office, he said, well, you know miss, I said I think someone should at least, you know, I'm a taxpayer in this town and like I say I'm a widow here. I patronize most of the stuff in this community and I would think there would be somebody here who could come out. He say you know what, Mrs. Bullock? We will come out and at least look and tell you something, if no more than oh, boy, have a good day, we can't do anything.

But he said to me we can't come to every residence and do anything, you know, we just can't do it. I say you know what?

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Maybe that's so but you know what? I didn't invite anyone to my house either, my yard, to see my car in there that had no plate on there. They gave me a \$100 fine and I dragged down go the thing and I had to pay it. I didn't invite anybody for that either. So I wish somebody would drag them self down to my house and look at the devastation down there and see if they can help me, at least.

I'm a taxpayer here. I'm a taxpayer here. My taxes are up to date. Well, just about anyway. But I want- I'm not looking for a handout. I'm just looking for a hand is what I'm looking for. I'm looking for a hand. Somebody that's can give me some reassurance that I don't know about FEMA, I don't know- "

Supervisor Walter: "I think that if- we have done that. The building department has gone out to people on Horton and Osborne. They know this. We've looked at them. If you give Tara your name and information, I don't necessarily want you to do it on the public record. I will see if the building department can come out and take a look at it to see if, you know, give you some idea of what's going on.

But we have done that. And we have done it over and over. That's- "

Sarah Bullock: "I just want to be directed to someone that maybe can help."

Supervisor Walter: "We can- Tara is right there. Give her the information. We don't want anybody going to your house so just don't give it to us on the air."

Sara Bullock: "Okay. And now I don't know if you can do anything about LIPA or not but since these pumps have been going 24/7 and I mean these electric bills are out of sight as it is and I did go to LIPA to see if they could do anything. Same thing again, I don't know and so we don't- what are we to do?"

Supervisor Walter: "We met with LIPA today. Four people from LIPA today on this very issue and I'm going to be honest with you. They're not sending Leroy Barnes down to help you. They're not doing anything and I don't know what to say to you other than you're going to have to- LIPA is governed by a board of trustees.

The issue came up at the Jamesport Community- or the Jamesport Fire Department meeting so we set this meeting up and they didn't have an answer. They said you could try to grieve it but that's not going to get you anywhere is more or less what I heard. But LIPA, the residents, you're not alone and you need to talk to LIPA.

I can't do anything about that, unfortunately. We did try."

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Sara Bullock: "Okay, that's it. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Thank you."

Robert Brown: "Robert Brown, Riverside and I'm representing Long Island Organizing Network, LIONS."

Dear Riverhead town officials: We need your assistance concerning the recent flooding in Riverhead, New York. On Tuesday, March 30, 2010 and Wednesday March 31, 2010, Riverhead received approximately nine inches of torrential rain in thirty six hours causing many areas within the town to flood.

Horton Avenue received the most damage from the flood waters that primarily ran from the higher elevations of farmland to the lower areas inhabited by people on Horton and Osborne Avenues. The damage sustained by Horton Avenue was the worst in the entire northeastern corridor according to FEMA.

On Monday, April 5, 2010, Ms. Barbara Lynch from FEMA (212-680-8516) came to assess the damage to approximately 15 homes, 13 of which still remain uninhabitable.

Despite the overwhelming agreement of the FEMA team during their evaluation, that the devastation was the worst in the entire northeast and the worst they had seen since hurricane Katrina, the residents of Horton Avenue are being denied federal FEMA aid.

The denial we are told is due to the technicality that according to them the number of affected dwellings in the Suffolk County area is fewer than 100.

In view of the following facts, we believe advocacy must be pursued by your board and other elected officials:

Given Governor Patterson's actions, we have been told that remedies must be sought from the local level up.

Although there are pockets of severe devastation in Riverhead, there is also damage in other areas of our town and other areas of Long Island's East End.

We have documented damage in the Flanders area of Southampton town which shares our Riverhead zip code. There is damage in Calverton and Wading River, as well as severe damage in Shirley.

We are still in the process of collecting data. Given the closeness of Long Island's ground water to the surface, we expect to

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find additional incidents as well as worsening conditions in incidents already reported.

The National Weather Service has published data which show that the worst damage wrought by the storm crossed waterways and state lines, cutting a swath of devastation across eastern Long Island, parts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Both of those states were given Federal disaster designation, but we were not, even though we are shown clearly by the data to have been in the same storm area.

In previous storms where there was far less devastation, the few homes on Dune Road in Westhampton received millions of dollars of government aid to replace sand and remedy the beach erosion.

We have been given contradictory information by FEMA and the Suffolk County Emergency Management authorities; FEMA has told us they will accept additional damage reports and add them to their original assessment. The county office, on the other hand, insists that no complaints will be added to the preliminary FEMA damage assessment.

People's ability to get to and from work have been affected as numerous vehicles were completely ruined, exacerbating the already serious pressure on the jobs available to Riverhead's residents.

The runoff that left our neighborhoods under six to eight feet of water for 11 days contained contaminants including fertilizer, oil and pesticides.

People are still pumping out as of this writing.

Our recently built catch basin and underground drainage was proven to be inadequate for the torrential storm that occurred.

Congressman Tim Bishop, Senator La Valle, Assemblyman Marc Alessi and Sean Walter, our town supervisor, and all of our town council members agree that something must be done to assist the people displaced by the storm. At the same time FEMA is saying there is no money to fund the much needed effort.

Many of the hard working people in Riverhead have spent their lives working to share in the American dream. Now that their homes are paid for and they are older, how are they supposed to start over?

This is simply unacceptable and unfair. The problems have been known. Remedial action was attempted previously. Now FEMA expects Riverhead and other areas of Suffolk County to bear the cost of so

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called low interest loans, when most of those affected are homeless and trying not to become unemployed as well.

If ever there was a time for elected officials to collaborate across party lines and town boundaries, the time is now. It is not the banks that need to be bailed out. We the people are requesting that you take the following actions:

Advocate on behalf of the people of our town that federal disaster funds be directed to Riverhead and other areas of eastern Long Island to permanently remedy the chronic flooding and make reparations to those of us who have been so severely affected.

Publicly encourage those persons and businesses who have suffered severe and catastrophic loss to report it.

Attend a public meeting within the next two weeks with our organization so that together we can help frame workable and fair solutions for affected residents in Suffolk County.

Sincerely, The Officers and Members of Long Island Organizing Network."

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Brown, stay up there. I agree with you 110%. I and this board have done everything we can and I took it one step further. I'm not relying on FEMA. We're not done- I, personally, am done with FEMA. Our police chief is making a new application or amending the application to add new damage.

I have started to make phone calls. We got, as I said, Greg Rechler is going to donate five men for five days and they're construction contractors at his cost. There are- I'm reaching out to other organizations. I think we may have something- I don't want to put names out there. There's some organizations that may be willing to donate sheet rock, spackle, tape. That's what we're doing at this point.

I need help in that, if you leave it to me to organize it with all the meetings we had, it's not going to happen. Shirley Coverdale and I have had two or three conversations and I'm hoping that some of it can be done through First Baptist Church coordinating with Greg Rechler stuff.

There are other phone calls I'm going to make and I think Councilwoman Giglio probably has some contractors that we'll be talking to jointly to see if we can get them to come in and I'm looking at a sort of a- I don't think you're going to get an extreme make over, but I'm looking at the private world to do this now."

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Robert Brown: "I think that there is definitely something wrong with the system that when you see it work in some areas and then in other areas it falls short. There's something definitely wrong and I also believe that if- I don't think- when you say that you're done with FEMA. I don't think we should close any door. If there's a possibility of getting help from anywhere I think we should pursue that avenue."

Supervisor Walter: "No, it's not closed. I agree. It's the wrong way to say it. I'm personally looking to other places. We waited long enough. We sort of knew that FEMA wasn't going to do- all indications were that they weren't going to do what we expected them to do or what we wanted them to do. So I'm not going to sit back and wait anymore."

I will do everything I can. I will go through the rolodex of people who want to do things in business- in Riverhead- that do business in Riverhead. I'm not asking them for signs anymore. I'm asking them for some things that really touch people. So we're doing it and maybe your group is the one that coordinates it. I don't know. I'm going to try to put the people on the ground and somebody is going to have to say go here."

Robert Brown: "I think that everybody that has any kind of inkling of damage, they should call FEMA. They should let FEMA know. I don't care if you're in Riverhead, Flanders, Southampton. If you're in this eastern corridor you should let FEMA know that you've got- "

Supervisor Walter: "You let us know. We let FEMA know."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And I agree with you. I think the federal government has their priorities in the wrong direction. The east end, the south shore gets everything they want and us over here on the north shore which need the money, really don't get anything. All we get is you don't have enough homes damaged and with those million dollar homes, they sure get their ocean repaired, their dunes repaired every time something happens over there. Or new roads built. So I agree with you."

Robert Brown: "And they've done it time and time again."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And hopefully, the FEMA money that we do receive, we'll use towards preventative measures so that we can eliminate this type of mishap in the future. So hopefully we'll be able to alleviate and redirect the water so that the damage and the flooding should not be as bad if we should have this type of storm again."

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Supervisor Walter: "All right. Well said, Mr. Brown. Could you, Mr. Brown, do you have a business card for that organization or could you give Tara the contact information for that organization?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Leroy, don't leave until you see me."

Supervisor Walter: "Looks like the college students have had enough. The bus has left."

Councilwoman Giglio: "We need volunteers. Come back."

Supervisor Walter: "Do you know how to swing a hammer? We'll teach you. Okay. Yes, step up."

Joy Anderson: "My name is Joy Anderson. I'm one of the Horton Avenue victims. It was devastating. But the other night-- my oil burner in my basement is damaged. It was under water. I had someone from Mattituck Plumbing and Heating come in and try to fix it. They tried to repair it a little. They got it running and the other night, 5:00 in the morning, me and my family sleeping, we hear all this rattling. We run downstairs. My basement is completely filled with smoke, water is shooting out of my oil burner. I'm like we're going to die in here. Something needs to be done.

Right now, I don't have no hot water, I have no heat. This is-- I don't know what to do. I have no money to replace my oil burner and if I do dish out the money to replace my oil burner, maybe you guys have someone or you know someone who could, you know, donate an oil burner. I'm at my wit's end. I don't know what to do."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm really putting too much on First Baptist. Are you a member of First Baptist?"

Joy Anderson: "No, I'm not. But-- "

Supervisor Walter: "I won't even say. I was looking for something-- "

Joy Anderson: "I know Rev. Coverdale though. I know him."

Supervisor Walter: "If you could speak-- what I've asked Mrs. Coverdale to do if she could because she has been doing this to some extent, is to prepare lists of people and their needs.

We have sort of a generic list for FEMA purposes. And their not specific as to I need an oil burner at this house. If you could coordinate, maybe Mr. Brown-- I'm not sure, maybe Mr. Brown, maybe Rev. Coverdale is sitting over there. If you could get that information to them. I will make a call to Blackman Plumbing. I don't know that it will work. I will make a call."

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Joy Anderson: "It's worth a try. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "There's- the town attorney has mentioned something. Joy, the town attorney has mentioned something and I- the Community Development Agency does have low interest- not low interest, we have grants if we receive the money. We haven't received the money yet."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. If you- an oil burner. Flooding- that's bad. No oil burner, no heat, that's worse. I promise you nothing but I will say talk to Chris' staff Wednesday morning and see if there's a way to move you up on this. The list is growing as you know. But there is a limited amount of money there. And a finite thing like an oil burner, we might be able to do."

The larger issues like remediate mold, that's something that probably- "

Joy Anderson: "No one's been to my house to check for mold yet. Okay. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "How are you doing, sir?"

Brandon Spellman: "I'm Brandon Spellman. I'm from Midway Drive. S-P-E-L-L-M-A-N. Yes, ma'am."

Our house hasn't been as devastated as everyone else on Horton Avenue and such, but we've been going through this since I've been a kid and I've been remembering riding on an inner tube from Midway Drive through the woods to Doctor's Path where the sump is built right there on Oakland. And to this day when the rains happen, I sat and watched the water rush, you could hear it, it moved 4 by 4's that we had set up that was a barrier from the grass to the woods. It moved it and it went to the people across the street, filled up their basement. They had like three feet, we had like a foot and a half, two feet. And we were all running pumps, maybe three or four days straight, you know. The back door wide open.

You know, I don't know what the electric bill is going to be. We watched it go through the woods, through First Baptist. The first entrance if you're coming from Midway Drive, the water rushed there, went across the street, went down to the sump which is not maintained because there is trees and everything. There's overgrowth there. So there's no where for the water to go except to the house that was very next to it and they had water, I guess, they could take three steps down into the basement and they were full."

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Supervisor Walter: "Tara, could you— Tara's my appoint person. Can you— when he leaves, just get the information where that sump is. George Woodson, you want to talk about a man. He might have had hair before he started this job. He needs to know about the sump."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think that's a county sump. You're talking about the sump on Middle Road?"

Brandon Spellman: "It's directly across from First Baptist Church."

Councilman Dunleavy: "By Middle Road?"

Brandon Spellman: "Yes, sir."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yeah, I think that's a county sump. Yeah, it is."

Brandon Spellman: "Yes, and it's overgrown. It has trees growing in there."

Councilman Dunleavy: "You have to contact the county DOT."

Brandon Spellman: "And it's the same with the one on Oakland Drive also. Now what's there is on Doctor's Path is the sod farm so there's no water that's going to sit there at all. It's just going to all rush down anywhere. And it's been, like I said, I'm 42. I've been watching this since I was a kid and they've put things up and put things up and there's nothing changing. It's still the same things.

I'm concerned with my parents who've been there and you know they're worried. They were on vacation when this all happened and I had to take care of this and calm them from a different state. And they come and there's water still there like I didn't do anything, you know. And they were gone a whole week.

The water just is seeping and the table is still high to this point. And we just want to know, you know, what are you guys going to do? I mean we're not really asking for help. We're— what's going on. We just don't want to keep going through this, you know."

Supervisor Walter: "We're— I mean we can't do anything about obviously the high ground water table, except hope the sod— they have a bumper crop this year and pump ground water like crazy."

Brandon Spellman: "Yeah, they overflow it. So what are you going to do?"

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Soon as irrigation season starts, we can pull it, pull it out."

Councilman Dunleavy: "The problem is it's the farm fields to the north of you. And they're- there's nothing that we can do because the state has- gave them permission to let the water pass over their property and enter our property. There's mitigation that we can do with them except talk to them and see if they'll help us."

Supervisor Walter: "Geo had one, Superintendent Woodson had one plan. When the town gets itself back on its financial feet, one of the plants that George, Superintendent Woodson, was putting forward was drainage swells along the farm- between the farm and the road in the (inaudible) area."

Brandon Spellman: "Rabbit Run."

Supervisor Walter: "He thought that would work."

Brandon Spellman: "Before Rabbit Run was built."

Supervisor Walter: "That's what you had?"

Brandon Spelling: "That's where all the water went. Where all those houses are right now."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And our engineering department has also indicated that there may be a (inaudible) so she was looking to maybe put in some monitoring wells to see when the ground water went down because if you can break through that clay (inaudible) when the water table is lower beneath the clay (inaudible) the water won't shoot up like a volcano. You have to wait until the pressure goes down before you can test to make sure the water level is lower and then break through that clay (inaudible) so that the water that's sitting on top of the clay (inaudible) will drain down into the lower layers."

Brandon Spellman: "Well, that's what we're fighting. We're having water come up and water come down and seep also through the walls."

Councilwoman Giglio: "So we have some great people working in the town that are coming up with some innovative ways to look into how to get the water table down and you know we're going to do everything we can to try and help you."

Brandon Spellman: "That we appreciate. We just don't want you to forget Midway Drive. I can- everybody there can tell you."

Supervisor Walter: "We have the sump. Normally we don't go into a county sump. The county did lend us quite a hand here,

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County Executive Levy through the Commissioner Anderson sent pumps to the town of Riverhead. So I don't know- when George Woodson gets back on his feet, maybe we can tell the county, listen, we'll go and clean up that sump. That's up to- "

Brandon Spellman: "Okay. I know he's very familiar with Midway. He knows exactly where- he actually has seen it himself. I know he has."

Supervisor Walter: "We have to work together, the county- as long as the county doesn't send us a bill for what they did, maybe we can go in there and help them out and take care- that's something we may be able to do."

If you talk to Superintendent Woodson, you might want to mention that to him. I will try to remember the same and now that Tara has it, it will probably get done."

Brandon Spellman: "That I appreciate."

Marie Trent: "I'm Marie Trent. I'm a resident of Horton Avenue also."

Supervisor Walter: "What was your last name?"

Marie Trent: "And in the 50 years that I've been there, I have never seen the water like this because in the past we maybe got a couple inches of water, this time my basement flooded to the ceiling. Everything that I had in the basement is completely lost, the furnace, oil burner and stored air conditioners. Whatever we had in the basement is completely lost."

The guy, he said a lot of things that I was concerned about but now I'm also concerned about the pesticides, oil that was (inaudible).

For the first two weeks every time my husband and I went up there, I would get headaches and you know I'm concerned about the air quality up there now. Is it safe for us to be there?

My husband and I are retired. Our home is paid for. And they're saying about condemning the home. The homes are not the problem. The problem is this water coming off the farm land and if FEMA doesn't do something about it, I'm wondering if the town of Riverhead is willing to step up to the plate and do something that could protect the residents of Horton Avenue from this water and pesticides and stuff that's washing down, you know, and cesspools that's overflowing.

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And I'm just really sort of concerned about, you know, cancer causing agents, you know, in the land and stuff. Did anybody test the air quality around us? Is everything all right?"

Supervisor Walter: "I don't know- the DEC has been there. There has not been any to my knowledge documented pesticide issues. I understand the water washing off the farm fields, the DEC was dealing with the oil and we just passed a resolution to dig up the contaminated soil.

As far as air quality is concerned, I don't- I honestly don't have an answer for you. We are- Dave Cullen, one of the gentlemen that we actually bumped up to work a little more for the town, he's bidding some air contracts in the town, you know. I can ask him if he knows a contractor that- I can only ask people to donate time and resources. That doesn't mean that they're going to be willing to do it, for sampling for that type of stuff."

Marie Trent: "Because as of right now, we're still pumping. If my husband doesn't keep those pumps going, the water comes up."

Supervisor Walter: "The ground water table- and we could do everything in our power to try to stop that water from coming off the farm fields. If you're sitting in ground water, it won't matter if we try to capture the water up by Reeves Avenue and we do capture it in a sump, that's only temporary. Once that sump drains, it goes to the ground water.

I know you've lived in that area. Did I speak to your husband? I might have spoken to your husband, I'm not sure."

Marie Trent: "Yeah, you probably have."

Supervisor Walter: "I did. It's because it's a low lying area and I don't know- I don't have an answer for you with FEMA. Keep up the pressure. We certainly have with Bishop. And it goes across party lines because if you don't- I'm not a Democrat and I've been in and out of Bishop's office left and right on this issue. So it- we'll do what we can with the FEMA."

Marie Trent: "All right. Thanks for listening to me."

Supervisor Walter: "With the oil burners and stuff, again, you can talk to- "

Marie Trent: "Yeah, we're trying to move everything over to the garage."

Supervisor Walter: "I did offer to somebody- well, I won't say it."

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Marie Trent: "Okay. Thank you."

Jackie Tapley: "Hi. My name is Jackie Tapley, T-A-P-L-E-Y. I'm echoing my neighbor, Sarah Bullock. I live on Northville Turnpike and my husband and myself, we've been pumping for 23 days straight now, 24/7.

Like my neighbor, we're not turning the pumps off because the minute we turn the pumps off the water just rises. We've been— my house was built five years ago so you know basically you know without sounding disrespectful my builder actually lied to me because he told— he knew that historically that particular area would flood. But he told us that he went through the town building department. He did all the things that the town required him to do, build a retaining wall, etc., etc.

There's a cement apron on my driveway. All of these things he said the town required him to do when he built the house, to no avail.

I understand the water table goes up, there's nothing we can do about that. This is just a natural disaster. The sump, Northville Turnpike, I understand is a county road so I've been mailing— talking to the county.

I've spoken to the County Highway Maintenance, the Engineering Department and the Highway Design Department. They didn't even know there was a sump there and it's their sump."

Supervisor Walter: "As I said, I will check. Tara, let's— I will call George Woodson, I will talk to him. The county was very good to us and if the Superintendent is willing to free up an excavator, if it's something he can take on, you know, as sort of a— we're trying to work— we have a— we're building a good relationship with Suffolk County. If it's something the Highway Superintendent can take on and try to clear out that sump, I will see if he'll do it."

Jackie Tapley: "Well, we took pictures of the sump. The sump is in— we've looked at other sumps. This sump, it's been neglected. And I've lived there for five years. I didn't even know there was a sump there."

Supervisor Walter: "Your representative— you know Ed Romaine, County Legislator Romaine?"

Jackie Tapley: "Yes, I do."

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Supervisor Walter: "He is fantastic with constituent issues. So what I would suggest to those of you who are on Northville Turnpike, is contact Ed Romaine and tell him about the sump. I would not be surprised if you got better— because we're a little behind the eight ball, you might get a faster response contacting Legislator Romaine."

Jackie Tapley: "Well the design, the street design, people are coming out tomorrow. They said they're going to do— they're going to examine the street. I'm just north of Middle Road. The water drains are just there. If you go further up Northville Turnpike, there are no water drains. All the roads are eaten away because the water is just pouring down with no drain and there's about four or five drains closer to Middle Road. And, again, the sump and behind my house it's a wildlife preserve. We have every kind of duck and it's just a swamp."

Supervisor Walter: "That's not a good thing?"

Jackie Tapley: "No, it's not. Because we're going to have a mosquito problem if that's not cleaned up, which borders the water department. Riverhead water department has a little— right behind that water department, that— it's a big swamp. I don't know if the water department can do anything to clean that up."

Supervisor Walter: "That I don't know. Tara— we have a department head meeting on Mondays. I will talk to Gary. All the water department can do is pump like crazy, so— "

Jackie Tapley: "Well, they can pump it out. That's just going to— "

Supervisor Walter: "No, pump the ground water. But you all have to use it. If you don't need it right now, it doesn't help."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I think that land behind the water district pumping station, I think that's owned by the county too. I think the county owns all that land over there."

Jackie Tapley: "Well, you know, like I said. I've been on the phone with the county numerous times. I have to say they've been very helpful. They did specifically say to me that the town has to authorize them to do anything. You know. Whether that's true or not, I don't know. But if you are willing to work with the county to get it cleaned up— "

Supervisor Walter: "Contact Ed Romaine. I don't have his number."

Jackie Tapley: "I have it."

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Supervisor Walter: "He is a very good individual and as I said, if it's something that Superintendent Woodson can do, as sort of a thank you to the county for what Commissioner Anderson did for us, I think that, you know, we'll look into that."

Jackie Tapley: "Okay. In addition, I know the hour is growing late, the weather patterns seem to be more erratic. If we have a rain like this again, my husband and I, you know, we're barely making our mortgage payment, honestly. Okay? We pay- our taxes are paid in full. We had to pay 1750 to have our burner raised and to have hot water. Money that we did not have.

If we get another rain like this, I don't know what we're going to do. So, you know, we have to deal with the water now but something has to be done to improve the road so we don't have four feet of water in our basement again.

So if the town has to work with the county, the county has to work with the town, we need sewer drains, we need that sump cleaned out, we need- actually the highway guy said the sump could be enlarged and it could hold more water."

Supervisor Walter: "Is there standing water in the sump roughly at the same elevation as the water in your basement in height if you guesstimated it?"

Jackie Tapley: "I really don't know honestly. But there's not as much water as there could be. That sump should be full and it's just full of trees."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, what happens is the water eventually goes down in the sump and if the elevation in the sump is roughly the same as the elevation in-- and your basement is in ground water there's- all you can do is maintenance, pump for maintenance to try to keep it down."

Jackie Tapley: "Yeah. And we're committed to do that. We understand there's nothing we can do about the water. We have to wait for the table to go down.

Do we have any idea when the table will go down? Will it be the end of August- "

Supervisor Walter: "Probably in the summer when the town starts pumping like crazy to water all- everybody's lawns and the farmers start pumping- "

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yeah, some of the farmers actually started up on- near the Sound started pumping water. That will pull the table right down."

Jackie Tapley: "And another- he said the sump- there's nothing they can do with the sump until the summer, he said. But I would assume that something could be cleaned out of there."

Supervisor Walter: "Right. You're talking to the county. If they were going to do it, then I guess they'll do it."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "They're probably waiting for the water table in the sump to dry out."

Jackie Tapley: "Will you- I know you just said that you're going to work with the county as well, too."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to talk to our highway superintendent, ask him to look at the sump and see if there's a way as sort of a mutual aid thing that he'd be willing to send a couple guys over there to do it. We can coordinate with Gil Anderson but your real relief is with Legislator Romaine and tell him what we've sort of tried to offer up and you know he might be able to get something out there quick."

Jackie Tapley: "Okay. And just one last comment with Councilwoman Giglio. We do need preventative measures taken and quickly."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. And if your name is not on the list in the Supervisor's office as having suffered damage from the flood, please call the Supervisor's office and get your name on the list. We have a running list. I know that the chief is updating it regularly and, you know, because there's a lot of houses that were affected after the storm, not necessarily during the storm. So please make sure that your names are put on that list."

Jackie Tapley: "Yes. My name is on a county list and it's on the town list."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Good."

Jackie Tapley: "Which list should it be on?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Both."

Jackie Tapley: "Both lists? Okay. This list is needed for FEMA? And is it a fact that it's 100 families that need to be affected?"

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Councilwoman Giglio: "It was 400, wasn't it?"

Jackie Tapley: "Is it 100 families; 400 families?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "In Suffolk County, I think it was 400 houses and then \$40 million dollars or something like that."

Jackie Tapley: "I'm sorry?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "The News Review reported on it."

Councilman Dunleavy: "These are homes- I think, chief, it's homes that are destroyed. Correct? Yes. It's homes that are destroyed. Destroyed."

Jackie Tapley: "Okay. So you mean a home that has to be completely rebuilt will get help? Oh, okay. Do we have 100 destroyed homes? Wow."

Unidentified: "Is destroyed and uninhabitable the same thing?"

Jackie Tapley: "We certainly need clarification."

Supervisor Walter: "It's not our definition."

Jackie Tapley: "Okay, thank you for your time."

Supervisor Walter: "You're welcome."

Supervisor Walter: "Good evening."

Shawanna Childress: "Good evening. My name is Shawanna Childress. I'm a resident of Horton Avenue."

Supervisor Walter: "Childress?"

Shawanna Childress: "Childress. My house wasn't destroyed in the storm but my car was and I just wanted to know how can I go about getting help with that. Because I talked to FEMA and FEMA said the most important thing right now are the homes and I talked to somebody else and they told me that they were doing maybe loans.

Now I understand that, you know, people that lost their homes are very important. But I'm without transportation. Now I have to find ways to get around. In case anything happens to my son while he's at school, I have to find somebody to come get me to go do that and, you know, it's just- it's taken a toll on me, too, having to come out of my pocket either paying somebody to take me somewhere or doing other things for me.

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I lost my car and that's basically my life, too, to get around and do things that I need to do. So I'm just basically trying to find out what way can I go to find out as far as with transportation."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't- chief, is- "

(Inaudible comment)

Shawanna Childress: "Yeah, I did that already. I don't know, I don't think so."

(Inaudible comment)

Shawanna Childress: "All right. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else? Step up, sir."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Well, I think that the ones that we took notes on we're going to- sump and were you making the application for the oil burner? No. The- well, it depends on what the issue was, the feedback. You call our office and we'll let you know, tell them you spoke at the town board meeting. We're looking for the private contractors to come in and hopefully you'll see some stuff through First Baptist and maybe Mr. Brown's group. But we don't have all the answers if that's what- I don't have all the answers."

Ulysses Tapley: "Good evening. My name is Ulysses Tapley. I live on Northville Turnpike. My wife, Jackie, just spoke.

Is there a way that the town of Riverhead could have somebody here from the state, the county and FEMA so that they can hear about the devastation that people have suffered here in the town of Riverhead and the east end of Long Island? Is that possible?"

Supervisor Walter: "We could make a request. Chief is writing this down. We could make a- oh, we could make a request. We have been going out on your behalf and meeting with these people and discussing it with these people. We could make a request to see if FEMA or the (inaudible) people will come in to speak to the residents.

I don't have an answer. I can make a request."

Ulysses Tapley: "I think it's very important that they see faces of the people that have been affected by this flooding and this tremendous rain in a matter of a couple days.

I think it would be very, you know- "

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Supervisor Walter: "That's a very good idea."

Ulysses Tapley: "-- constructive. Also, in my basement, I talked to two plumbers, licensed plumbers, and there's an irrigation pipe that comes up about four feet in my basement and that's where the water-- the ground water is coming through that pipe. Both of the plumbers said they don't know how this person was able to put something like that in a basement and get approved from the town."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't have an answer, sir. I-- what's the irrigation pipe?"

Ulysses Tapley: "It's a four inch irrigation pipe. It's perforated. It's a flex pipe. It's very flexible."

Supervisor Walter: "And it's in your basement going out into the ground?"

Ulysses Tapley: "It's in my basement and the water is coming through this pipe into my basement from the ground water coming up through my-- "

Supervisor Walter: "I'm thinking that might have been some sort of drain. I don't know how they design drains or what-- it might have been some sort of drain that was designed to take the water out of your house should it flood. How far up from the floor is it?"

Ulysses Tapley: "About four feet."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm wondering if it's some type of a drain. Without engineering plans I really-- "

Ulysses Tapley: "Because my property-- in our backyard there's-- it was a retaining wall was required and from what I've been told years ago, that used to be a flood area and this water which we cannot stop because it's ground water has an entrance right into our basement, is flooding our basement. I have three pumps running. I've got two sump pumps and another heavy duty pump that a friend that I know that owns a pool business was able to loan me. I don't know how long he's going to be able to loan me that pump.

But that's why I'm saying the county needs to be here, the state needs to be here. Somebody, a representative and somebody from FEMA so they can understand the devastation that we are suffering."

Councilman Dunleavy: "To speak for these people, they were here. They were on Horton Avenue. FEMA was here, the state was here, the county was here and they did tour Horton Avenue after the

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floods. So they were here. We'll try to get them to come back but they were here and they did- "

Ulysses Tapley: "At the town hall meeting. I'm just saying not just sporadic going street by street, but I'm talking at the town hall meeting."

Supervisor Walter: "It's a good idea. What I'll do is I will contact- well I can contact Legislator Romaine. I can contact the county executive's office and have your local representative and maybe somebody from the executive's office. Chief Hagermiller will see if somebody- it's SEMO (phonetic) at the state, see if somebody is available to come to speak to you, to the residents, and then we can put out a press release, put it on channel 22, you know, get the word out there we're going to do this."

Ulysses Tapley: "Right. And I also wanted to speak to somebody from the building department, anybody that approves from the building department plans that were submitted from a builder because he needs to see this so not only that it doesn't happen to me again, but it doesn't happen to somebody else again when they buy a new house or something like that and we have faulty work in the basement."

Supervisor Walter: "Did you cap it? Were you able to cap it?"

Ulysses Tapley: "No. You can't cap it. It's perforated."

Supervisor Walter: "The bad side of this and this is terrible to say this to you but when the building department burned, not down but it's pretty bad, we lost documents. I don't know- and we can't get to those documents and it's going to be our estimate we're hoping to be fully functional in four months."

Ulysses Tapley: "Well if you lost documents, we have plenty of pictures."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh I'm saying for the design. Any way there was a reason that was done."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And these might have been put in after the house was built. So, you know, you don't know when it was put in."

Ulysses Tapley: "The house is five years old the most. That's a new foundation and my wife and I we're new homeowners, we didn't know."

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Supervisor Walter: "I've never heard of such a thing. It sounds to me like it's a drain out to drain the basement because they knew it was going to fill with water and this was to drain out. That's what it sounds to me- "

Ulysses Tapley: "And the unfortunate thing it's not draining out. It's draining inside my basement."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. I- when the building department is up and running and I don't have a timeframe other than we're assuming four months, maybe we can take a look at it, the plans, and see if it's actually on the plans."

Ulysses Tapley: "And the name of the person I need to talk to?"

Supervisor Walter: "You can speak to anyone of the clerks in the building department. The building department administrator is Leroy Barnes but you could speak to one of the clerks, tell them you came to the board meeting, you want to look at the plans for your house and they'll be very-- if there's any issue about pulling the plans, just give us a call. We'll get the plans pulled assuming we have them. And I say that, I don't know."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "The building department administrator was asking for money for a long time. There's about \$80,000 to back up everything on CD disk and everything and for six or more years the money was never provided (inaudible)."

We are trying to do the- we are trying to do that as far as the remediation if we can."

Ulysses Tapley: "Okay. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "The problem is nobody ever wanted to spend any money on infrastructure for the town so this is why our infrastructure in our computerization is behind times. Nobody wanted to raise taxes to get that money and that's where we're in. So, you know, we're in that predicament."

Supervisor Walter: "Sir, can you state your name?"

Ray Janice: "My name is Ray Janice. I'm from South Jamesport. I only came here for the community center but I've been listening tonight to all this and I sympathize with all the people that are here complaining about the flood because my boots are up to here and the water was up to here so I was very cold in the water."

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Going back five years ago, because you're talking about FEMA, I just went and they said, no. The water came up this way in my cellar, I wasn't covered by flood. Now the people in Horton Avenue, it goes through the window that's a flood and that's just how it was explained to me. You get covered for that. It comes up, you don't get (inaudible).

The other thing I wanted to bring up is the gentleman was talking, I'm a builder for 47 years, an ex now, I hope I'm an ex. That perforated pipe he's talking about. In building houses I have put that perforated pipe in. It is— usually when you run into clay spots, you know you've got a clay and if the water is coming down this way into your house, what you do is you put the perforated pipe around the outside of the foundation by the footdown and rock and sand and it is designed so you can run it off into the street somewhere. That's— I don't know how it ever got up four feet, that I cannot understand. I have sympathy for him. I mean whatever the guy did I don't understand and then like people talking about their cellars.

I'm an ex chief in the fire department. I was on the radio when the people— I'm listening to all these people talking and I know what it is with water. It was in my furnace, my stove— I mean my dryer and I was working on the radio in the fire department. A lady calls up, I've got four inches of water. It's going to go in my heater; it's going to go in my heater. I said, lady, now this is the second or third day, I said would you please look at the Newsday, the two pictures on the front page. You think you've got a problem. Well you look at them people.

So I just wanted to, you know, sympathize with the people that are here but the main thing I got up here for because I've been in Jamesport for 41 years. I've had water in my cellar three times and I have a store also in Jamesport. And right now it's like five feet, I just leave it there, you know. With George, the farmers have got to start irrigating and the people— "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "You know, in defense of the farmers, you know Mother Nature, the water table was high, but now we look at the farmers for salvation."

Ray Janice: "Now the only thing I want to explain to the people that are here. I get this thrown into my face. They pumped on Manor Lane and I told those guy I'm coming back, they left Saturday. I said I'm coming back Saturday afternoon. Now I guarantee you that water is going to be up.

People don't realize. In Jamesport, it is eight feet to water. I don't know if anybody knows it but when you get to Sound Avenue, it's 120 feet to water. So where do you think the water is coming people? And you people on Horton Avenue, you're six feet to water.

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Do you know what it is up on Horton? It's 160. I've built a couple of houses. That's how far I had to drop the pipe for them people for water. All that water is in the ground coming down and when the ground water- it's from the ground water.

Everybody thinks it's the water that came from the rain. It ain't coming from the rain. Yes. But it's pushing down on the water table and it's pushing the water table up. And I'm going to tell you, on Manor Lane, it will be another three or four weeks because my cellar is finally going down like an inch a day and it's getting back to the water table.

The water table controls it. That's all I've got to say. But I just sympathize with the people from Horton Avenue."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Does anybody else again like to be heard? If not then I'll say just in closing, the CDA may have some limited pot of money. I am going to reach out to some contractors and I'm going to probably coordinate with First Baptist Church with some of this stuff because I know they've taken sort of a lead in this and if we don't answer your question, make sure you ask for me and leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you for coming.

Do I have a motion to close the meeting?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Make a motion to close."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor?"

Collective response: "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming out."

Meeting closed: 9:45 p.m.