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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 Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

Supervisor Walter: "Now can everybody hear us? Nice. Well, it's 7:00."

(Supervisor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.)

Supervisor Walter: "I guess we'll open the town board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. I'd like to welcome you here tonight.

Dominique Mendez, would you come up and lead us in the Pledge? Just start it loudly."

(At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Dominique Mendez).

Supervisor Walter: "I'd like to thank you all for coming to the January 20, 2010 board meeting, I got that right on the first board meeting I announced it was 2005.

Can I have approval of the minutes, please?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I move we approve January 5, 2010 minutes. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Second."

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

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

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Before we get started, we have two things we're going to do at the board meeting tonight. Larry Williams, if you'd come up. Larry's going to say a few things about Martin Luther King Day and I want to say something. Come on up.

I attended with the rest of the board, Rev. Coverdale had a Martin Luther King celebration on Monday. It really was fantastic and fantastic speakers and so it's a privilege to have you here, Mr. Williams and the microphone is yours."

Larry Williams: "Thank you. I think it's only appropriate that words are spoken about the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King because we've been celebrating his birthday this week and indeed he was a great man. Very inspirational.

You probably all know or heard of his very-- some of his great speeches. One that comes into mind is the I have a dream speech but I'm not going to do that because we'll be here for another half hour.

But what I would like to do is I want to share with you some of his lesser known words that he spoke. And he spoke this on mankind. And he said, love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. Many people feel nothing more terrible than to take a position which stands out sharply and clearly from the prevailing opinion. The tendency of most is to adopt the view that is so ambiguous that would include everything and so popular that it will include everybody.

Now the few men who cherish lofty and noble ideas hide them under a bushel for fear of being called different. All too many of those who live in affluent America ignore those who exist in poor America and doing so that affluent American have to face themselves with the question that (inaudible) chose to ignore. How responsible am I for the well being of my fellows? To ignore evil is to become an accomplice to it.

Those words were written and spoken by Dr. King.

To the town board this evening, I wish you God speed in all that you do over the next few years and to all assembled may God bless you and may God bless America."

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Williams, may God bless you as well. Thank you."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'd just like to point something out. I was on the rec advisory committee for many years and I worked with Larry probably the last eight years and Larry always looked for the best of the community. He's a great guy.

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Thank you, Larry."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. We're going to have a presentation of plaques to the winners of the fall 2010 photo contest and the theme was it's all about autumn in Riverhead and, Ray, if you want to get started we'll call the people up."

Ray Coyne: "Good evening, everybody. My name is Ray Coyne. I'm from the recreation department. I'm here with Danielle Doll from our cultural affairs department.

Can you hear me all right? Okay.

We're here to present the awards for our 2009 photo contest. We held a contest this past fall from September through December with the theme of all about autumn in Riverhead. And the only rules were you had to take the picture, it had to be within Riverhead town limits.

And I could tell you from the entries we received, we received close to 100 entries in the few months that we had and I have winners, the top three in five different categories, and we are-- yeah, we will be hanging these in the S. Jamesport Community Center and they will stay there permanently.

Here to announce-- we'll start with the 12 and under division, we'll start with third place, Devyn Hoffman, the Mighty Oak. That will look good in your office actually. And Devyn you might as well stay up here because you won second place as well with Back to School. And this I'm going to put in my office actually, if that's

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okay. And congratulations Devyn and thank you very much for participating and very good job. And within a few weeks, you can go to the Jamesport Community Center, they'll be hung up on the wall there.

Okay. For first place in our 12 and under division, Mallory Hinchy for The Scarecrow. Come on up Mallory, you there? There she is. Congratulations. That's for George's farm, right? It looks good there, right in the office there. Well, congratulations, Mallory. Very, great job. This is Mallory's plaque for first place.

We also have an honorable mention in this division, the 12 and under received many photos in the 12 and under. It was very hard to select. I thank Danielle and her team for all the hard work that they did.

Alicia Corteras (phonetic) for Coming and Going. Is she here for honorable mention? Actually Alicia we do have your plaque but it's back in the office. Something happened to it. But we will get it to you, okay, we promise. We apologize for that. Congratulations. Where was that?"

Supervisor Walter: "The lesson here is this is how we decorate town hall by having students take these beautiful pictures."

Ray Coyne: "Where was that taken?"

Alicia Corteras: "I think in Smithaven Park."

Supervisor Walter: "Southaven Park? Indian Island."

Ray Coyne: "Indian Island, okay. Great job, great job. We're going to hire you to do some of our photos in recreation. Thank you.

Okay, now we're going to go to- oh, this will be easy. Thirteen to eighteen division, third place, Kaitlyn Ferris for Autumn. Congratulations, Kaitlyn."

Supervisor Walter: "Kaitlyn, is that your sister or is that you?"

Kaitlyn Ferris: "No, it's my friend."

Ray Coyne: "And where is that?"

Kaitlyn Ferris: "It's kind of near Tanger Mall on the side of the road."

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Ray Coyne: "Very creative. That's what we wanted, creativity in the town of Riverhead. This is great.

Kaitlyn, you might as well stay up here because you had second place and first place. Benjamin Edmund was the second place winner."

(Inaudible discussion)

Ray Coyne: "And Life Ahead was first place. I think we know what your calling is. And where was that picture?"

Kaitlyn Ferris: "Um, no, it's Peconic Bay."

Ray Coyne: "It's a beautiful picture. Thank you very much for participating, Kaitlyn. Congratulations. This is everything right here. You get all three of them.

Okay, we're going to do the 19 to 40 category and in third place for Sunrise Over the Peconic River, Jennifer Intravia. I take it, it was at the Peconic River there. Where- by the- "

Jennifer Intravia: "Right behind Barbara and Garret Moore's house."

Ray Coyne: "Okay. Very good. I love those pictures. I love that. Congratulations.

Okay, for second place, for Daddy and Me, Katie Bogdanski. Okay, which farm was that taken at?"

Katie Bogdanski: "Helen's."

Ray Coyne: "Okay. Helen's Farm. Might as well stay up here, Katie. Old Fall Road won first place as well. All right, where was that?"

Katie Bogdanski: "That was at Van derWetering Greenhouses."

Ray Coyne: "Very nice. Well, congratulations.

Okay, the 41 thru 60 category, in third place Mike McLaughlin for Pumpkin Picking. Okay, Mike, where was that? Where was that?"

Mike McLaughlin: "Bayview farmstand."

Ray Coyne: "Bayview farmstand. Stay up here, Mike. You actually came in first place as well with Harvest. This is Harvest,

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this is the first place photo. I didn't want to have you sit down and come back up."

Supervisor Walter: "That's great. Where was that taken?"

Mike McLaughlin: "The farm on Sound Avenue, just east of Penny's Lane."

Ray Coyne: "Congratulations, Mike."

Supervisor Walter: "Mike, thank you very much for participating."

Ray Coyne: "I'm sorry I went out of order. I didn't want Mike to sit down and come back up. But second place in the 41 to 60 category was Diane Woodcheke for Fall Harvest in Jamesport. Congratulations.

Sorry, that was my fault."

Supervisor Walter: "This is for you. Congratulations."

Ray Coyne: "Now where was your photo taken?"

Diane Woodcheke: "That was taken in Jamesport, at Harbes in Jamesport."

Ray Coyne: "Very good. Perfect for the Jamesport Community Center. There you go. Thank you.

Third place for the 61 and over division, for Colors of Autumn, Alexander Ott."

Alexander Ott: "It was taken at Ford's Pond."

Ray Coyne: "Ford's Pond. Love that picture, very nice. Thank you very much for participating.

Second place for Fall of Plenty, Linda Nemeth. Where was that taken?"

Linda Nemeth: "That's at Helen's."

Ray Coyne: "Helen's Farm. Linda, you might as well stay up here. You won the first place prize as well for Last One. And that was taken at?"

Linda Nemeth: "That's the last farm left on Mill Road, just north of Home Depot."

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Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Well, thank you very much for participating in our contest."

Linda Nemeth: "Thank you very much."

Ray Coyne: "Okay, that's everybody. And I'd like to thank everybody who participated in the contest. Again, we had close to 100 participants. The next theme would be— what is it— the inter-generational theme. That's our next theme for 2010 so we hope everybody here participates in that."

And you can see how beautiful Riverhead is by the photos and, again, it will be in Jamesport Community Center.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you everybody. You know, that's the fun part of this job."

Okay. We have correspondence, Diane."

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Wes Ackley, Baiting letter regarding skate park at Hollow Stotzky Park

Diane Wilhelm: "I believe Sean is going to read that for us."

Supervisor Walter: "No. Wes is here. Wes, come on up. Would you like to read this? Do you have a copy? Well, let me bring it down to you."

Wes, we had a conversation about two weeks ago about the skate park losing money and it's really comforting to know that, Wes, what grade are you in?"

Wes Ackley: "Ninth."

Supervisor Walter: "Ninth grade, he's watching channel 22 so our audience is expanding."

Councilman Wooten: "Actually, I think there was a letter in the paper, right?"

Wes Ackley: "Yeah."

Supervisor Walter: "And he wrote a letter to the town board and as correspondence and he's going to read it here today to us. It's so well written that I really— if he didn't read it, I would have read it. Go ahead, Wes."

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Wes Ackley: "Thank you. I am writing this letter concerning the article about the Riverhead skate park, titled Little used skate park losing big bucks.

I strongly disagree with Mr. Ray Coyne's statement saying that skateboarding definitely was fad. The population of skateboarders has only been increasing since 1995.

The skateboarding business is also doing better than ever.

I'm a ninth grader at Riverhead High School and own a season pass at the skate park. I have been going since sixth grade and still love it.

Leasing it to a private company with higher fees would mean less kids going because of the increased prices, and more kids on the street skateboarding. The town can profit from the skate park, they just might have to change a few things.

The hockey rink is another story though, over the summer I went to the skate park just about every day with my friends, (and I'm serious, every day). We see maybe two or eight people in there a month.

A suggestion to making the skate park more profitable would be to make the hockey rink an addition to the skate park. Maybe an indoor section to use on rainy days? Maybe adding a bowl like the one at Red Creek skate park in Hampton Bays? Or maybe a vert ramp like the one at Inline I skate park in Mt. Sinai.

I understand building more ramps would be expensive and costly to the town but that is what would make the skate park more popular and attract more skaters.

When it comes to the prices for a daily fee and season pass, I think it would be better that it go back to the previous prices. The price I was most concerned about was \$100.00 for out of town residents for a season pass. Honestly, myself as a skateboarder would not want to drive out of town to pay \$100.00 for a season pass and continue to go. Our skate park is decent, but not \$100.00 worth.

Other ways to improve profits at the skate park would be to maybe start clubs at the local schools (skateboard club, skate park club skaters club, etc), sell products that go towards the skate park like shirts, hats, sweatshirts and stickers.

And, yes, competitions at the skate park would help extremely. In the past years, the skate park has had only three or four competitions, when there is competitions at the skate park kids from

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all over Suffolk County come to participate. I strongly advise you hold more competitions at the skate park.

My last thought on increasing profits at the skate park will be frowned upon. I believe that back in 2002 to 2004 it was not required to wear elbow and knee pads, only helmets. Although this keeps us safe from injuries, most skaters don't like to wear pads because it decreases mobility and kills style when skating.

Parks like Red Creek only require helmets and hold competitions once a month. I know tons of kids go there.

I am hoping you take some of my suggestions and turn them into actions.

From a local Riverhead student and skater, Wes Ackley, 75 Oak Drive, Baiting Hollow, New York."

Supervisor Walter: "Wes, that is fantastic."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I would like to comment. Wes, that was really good and we'll take your recommendations into consideration. And the timing is great because today we had a resolution that was going to set the fees for recreation at the town facilities, the use of.

And one of the things that we were actually looking at was to waive the resident fees who use the skate park which is \$5.00. The 12 year old, 14 year old, whatever is going to go use the skate park after school where you have something to do. We don't want to charge you \$5.00 every time you go there. That's, you know, that's not the way it's going to be and even a \$30.00 fee is, you know, toward local residents is not a thing.

We've got to understand everybody, a fee is really a tax. And if we've got to the point in this town that we're going to tax our 12 year old children to use our facilities, something is wrong and it will end here.

So we're looking to waive the fees to all residents and we'll probably look at the non resident fee, too. I think you're right, \$100.00 maybe a \$50.00 fee would be more reasonable.

So we really appreciate your input. It's perfect. We're going to table this resolution today."

Wes Ackley: "Me and my friend, we have a whole folder advertisements and ideas so if you'd like to have- "

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes. Bring it to Calverton. I would like to see it. Councilman Gabrielsen said yes."

Councilman Wooten: "And, Wes, I can tell you now that you'll get a letter from me. I wrote a letter to you yesterday but I won't go in a skate park without more than just knee pads and elbow pads. I need pillows wrapped around me and everything else."

Supervisor Walter: "We can arrange that."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "But you're right. I think the other skate parks, you don't have all that extra gear you have to wear because my son's involved. And I think most, you know, people in skate parks, these kids are tough guys. They never complain. You never see them crying about anything. They just- a bruise or two along the way, that's part of it."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And we're also going to extend the hours to 9:00."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, Wes, see what one letter did? One well written letter. Your parents should be very proud. Your English teacher should be very proud. You did a fantastic job and you actually did something today. I don't know that you know this."

George Gabrielsen- Councilman Gabrielsen told you but you changed the legislation that we were going to pass today because of this letter and we thank you for that."

Wes Ackley: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Any Reports, Diane?"

**REPORTS:**

Sewer District	Influent gallonage report 2009
Police Department	Monthly report December, 2009
Receiver of Taxes	Total tax collections dated January 14, 2010 - \$57,867,769.65

Diane Wilhelm: "And that is it."

Supervisor Walter: "Great, thank you."

Diane Wilhelm: "You're welcome."

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Supervisor Walter: "Are there any reports from committees?  
No. Okay.

We have three public hearings today. The first one being starting at 7:05 and having- 7:05 having arrived and left a few minutes ago, we can start the first one."

Public hearing opened: 7:25 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "And that's the consideration of a local law to amend Chapter 108 of the Riverhead town law entitled Zoning, Article XIII supplementary use regulations, Section 108-56 Signs of the Riverhead town code.

Dawn, can you give us a little excerpt on that?"

Dawn Thomas: "Sure. There is one small error on this public hearing notice. There is a provision A8 which requires that all temporary special event signs be removed within five days of the conclusion of the event.

The reason that we were removing the C section was because it was duplicative. So the number 8 under A should have been printed. It doesn't compromise the public hearing notice because the only thing we're really changing is the C but it's really a housekeeping matter. We were doing it do eliminate- "

Councilman Wooten: "It's five days after the completion?"

Dawn Thomas: "Correct. So we stuck with- I know. It should have been in the notice but it wasn't. It's not a fatal flaw. We usually include extra information in the notice just to orient the reader. In this particular case-- technically all we need to include is what we're removing or adding.

What we are removing is that duplicative 90 day, you know, removal requirement for signs."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Is there anybody to be heard on this issue? There being nobody to be heard, we will close the meeting and leave it open for public comment until Friday, all right, give me the date of next Friday, 10 days, the 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> for written comment."

Public hearing closed 7:26 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days to January 30,  
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Public hearing opened: 7:27 p.m.

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Supervisor Walter: "Then we'll move onto the second public hearing which again 7:10 having arrived, this is the consideration of a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning, Article XXXIV multifamily residential professional office zone, Section 108-169 Uses of the Riverhead town code. Dawn?"

Dawn Thomas: "Again, this is a housekeeping matter. We're removing the reference to the Residence E zoning use district which no longer exists."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Is there anybody to be heard on this matter? There being nobody to be heard, we'll leave this open for public comment. This is great. We'll leave it open for public comment until Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and we'll close the public hearing."

Public hearing closed: 7:27 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days to January 30,  
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Public hearing opened: 7:28 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "And the third public hearing having been scheduled for 7:15 and 7:15 having arrived, is 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. Dawn?"

Dawn Thomas: "This public hearing notice is proposing a change to 108-258 which is destination retail center. It proposes to remove a reference to specially permitted uses because within that district there are not specially permitted uses currently. I understand the board has some concerns about that."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

Dawn Thomas: "This is for public hearing. If you elect not to adopt it after comment, then you can always do that. And that's it."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Does anybody wish to be heard on this issue? All right. There being nobody that wishes to be heard on this issue, we'll leave this open for written comment until January- Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and we'll close the hearing."

Public hearing closed: 7:28 p.m.  
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Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. It's always easy when you're positive."

We're going to move onto public comment period on the resolutions. Does anybody have a comment on the resolutions? I love this audience. Okay, there being no public comments on the resolutions, I guess we'll start to go through the resolutions. Diane, if you'd call."

Resolution #32

Councilman Dunleavy: "Sets salaries for various recreation employees for the year 2010. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #33

Councilman Wooten: "Number 33 sets salaries for 2010 part time call in recreation positions for the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #34

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Accepts 100% site plan security of Broadview Ventures Inc. a/k/a JR Irrigation. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #35

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Councilwoman Giglio : "Adopts a local law amending Chapter 98 entitled Littering of the Riverhead town code, Section 98-10 penalties for offenses. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #36

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ratifies appointment of a part time legal secretary to the town supervisor's office. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "That's legislative secretary. Seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I would just like to say I want to welcome Dave on board. Dave has done a lot in the past for the previous administration to save the taxpayers a lot of money in his efforts to review the individual departments and how they're functioning. And I want to welcome him to our staff and know that he will be an asset to the taxpayers of the town of Riverhead. Yes."

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And I welcome Dave to our staff."

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

Resolution #37

Councilman Wooten: "37 sets the terms and conditions of employment for legislative secretary David Cullen. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #38

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Approves extension of security posted by Gruhill Construction Corp. in connection with the subdivision entitled Gateway East LLC, road and drainage improvements. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Ah yes. I just wanted to ask Rick a question because this was an extension request for a performance bond for a subdivision for road and drainage."

I wanted to make sure that there were no houses within this subdivision that were not receiving services from the town of Riverhead with snow removal and road repair and what have you since 2006 before we extended this bond."

Rick Hanley: "I inspected the site this evening. There are no buildings within the subdivision. There is improvements for curbing, first (inaudible) of asphalt, and recharge basin and street lighting but there's been no building permits issued."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Very good. Thank you. So I will vote yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "I have to recuse myself. My wife used to own this piece of property."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #39

Councilwoman Gabrielsen: "Ratifies the supervisor's execution of a lease agreement for the armory drill hall. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

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Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And we've been using this armory for 25 years and they're going to get rid of it because the troop is leaving Riverhead and this maybe our last lease agreement with the armory. I vote yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. But I'm hoping for big things at that armory for the town of Riverhead. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #40

Councilman Dunleavy: "The increase and improvement of the facilities of the Riverhead water district for the town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York. And this is-- we're going to do about \$1.5 million dollars worth of work on the water district. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #41

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Booster pump station at Dogwood water capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #42

Councilwoman Giglio: "Ratifies the appointment of a call in assistant recreation leader to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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

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Resolution #43

Councilman Dunleavy: "Consents to a curb cut on Riverhead water district property off of County Road 58. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #44

Councilman Wooten: "Extends bid contract for disposal of demolition and construction debris. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #45

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Amends Resolution #4-2010. Wait a second. I'm just reading what it is. Okay. That's amending salaries for the town of Riverhead for the detectives. Right. It's \$80.00 so you have to amend that. Okay. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #46

Councilwoman Giglio: "Resolution of support and concurrence with the Suffolk County/Town of Riverhead Empire Zone (formerly Economic Development Zone) regionally significant project application. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I just want to say I had checked with Tracy Stark who is out empire zone coordinator and there is RSP money that we received from all the townships that participate in the empire zone program.

I had asked her in the future if we are going to extend the boundaries to other townships, that we should also ask them to pay an RSP fee which the town of Smithtown is not.

I have also confirmed with her that this would not prohibit us from extending our boundary to West Main Street now that the wild scenic recreation rivers act has been changed to community rivers and she has assured me that we can still do that now that we have extended the boundaries into Smithtown.

So I will vote yes."

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

Resolution #47

Councilman Dunleavy: "G&Z Riverhead community water extension capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

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

Resolution #48

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post a help wanted ad for laborers. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "I vote yes. What we're doing is replacing two higher paid salaried employees who retired with two lesser paid laborers. So moved. Yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. This is keeping with trying to reduce our overall budget by 5%. So, yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #49

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Appoints a call in recreation specialist lifeguard training to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #50

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorization to publish advertisement for fertilizer and lawn chemicals for the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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

Supervisor Walter: "Lawn fertilizers, now that's exciting stuff. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #51

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to enter into an agreement with New York State. They pay for one of our boats and if we ever sell it, we have to give it back to New York State. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

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Resolution #52

Councilman Wooten: "52 resolution authorizing the issuance of \$1,580,000 bonds of the town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York to pay the cost of the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Riverhead water district in the town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York. So moved."

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

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, I'm sorry. He was so long with that explanation as to what it was. Did we have a second?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yes."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten seconded, no, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #53

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Ratifies the appointment of an intern to the police department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #54

Councilwoman Giglio: "Sets the fees for usage of recreation and other town facilities. And I wish to table this application as per our friend Wes' request that we take a look at these fees for residents of the town of Riverhead.

So I make a motion to table this resolution."

Supervisor Walter: "Is there a second?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Discussion. Can't we just amend this because George already stated that we're going- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "Because we want to look into the- "

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Well I don't know if we can amend it now. I think we've got to- we'll table it."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll table it. Put it over to work session. So do we have a second on the table?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and second. Vote please for the table."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution has been tabled."

Resolution #55

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the town supervisor to execute release of claims - Riverhead Sewer District. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #56

Councilman Wooten: "It accepts the resignation of a deputy town attorney. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Councilman Wooten: "Yes. And we thank Harold Steuerwald for his years of work. Yes."

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And, again, I thank Harold for his duties for the last two years. Yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. I'd like to thank Harold. I wish him much success."

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Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #57

Councilman Wooten: "Accepts the retirement of a maintenance mechanic II. And this is the retirement of- application of Frederick Smith and we want to thank Fred for his many years of service to the town. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "He'll be sorely missed because the town supervisor actually had to set this up this afternoon."

Councilman Wooten: "So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes, and he will be very missed. He was a very good employee of the town of Riverhead. I vote yes."

Supervisor Walter: "I worked with him for six years in the town attorney's- you know, when I was in the town attorney's office. I vote yes. He was tremendous. Always with a smile, always pleasant to talk to. I wish him much success in his retirement."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #58

Councilwoman Giglio: "Grants special use permit petition of Little Flower Children and Family Services. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #59

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ratifies the appointment of a call in recreation aide to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #60

Councilman Wooten: "Appoints a part time deputy town attorney to the town attorney's office. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I would just like to welcome for resolutions #60 and 61, James Saladino and Bob Kozakiewicz back. This is not costing the taxpayers any additional money. The resignation that we received from Harold Steuerwald his pay and retirement or benefits will be divided amongst these two part time employees we are hiring and it will not cost the taxpayers any additional money.

I vote yes."

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

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Yeah. These two excellent attorneys that it's an asset to the town of Riverhead, James Saladino and Bob Kozakiewicz. So I vote yes."

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "Again, I also go along with what everybody said. I vote yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And not only is it saving the town money, Harold Steuerwald worked 35 hours a week and each one of these individual gentlemen will work 20 hours a week so it's a win for the town attorney's office. I vote yes."

Councilwoman Giglio: "It really is."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #61

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Councilman Gabrielsen: "Setting the terms and conditions of employment for deputy town attorney James Saladino. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #62

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appoints a part time deputy town attorney to the town attorney's office, Robert Kozakiewicz, our former supervisor and we are very fortunate to have him back. So I vote yes. Oh, I moved it."

Supervisor Walter: "Can we have a second?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Oh, second. I'm waiting for her to keep talking. Yes. Second."

Supervisor Walter: "We're having a good time, folks. You always have to have a good time. Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Welcome Bob Kozakiewicz. That's a yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten, so moved. Yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And welcome, Bob."

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

Resolution #63

Councilman Dunleavy: "Sets terms and conditions of employment for deputy town attorney, Robert Kozakiewicz. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #64

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Councilman Wooten: "It authorizes the supervisor to execute agreements in connection with the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #65

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Resolution authorizing the town to retain the services of a land surveyor to prepare the necessary maps required to complete application for land division for property described as SCTM# 0600-125-1-4.2. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This is water district property that we're exchanging with the Riverhead fire department for a well that they have. So I vote yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And we're going to- this is also ties into the YMCA project and we're going to be meeting with- asking to meet with the fire commissioners shortly to determine the final details of what we're trading. So, yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #66

Councilwoman Giglio: "Extends bid contract for disposal of municipal solid waste. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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

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Resolution #67

Councilman Dunleavy: "Extends bid contract for removal of household hazardous waste. These are the two STOP programs that we have. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

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

Resolution #68

Councilman Wooten: "Ratifies the reappointment of registrar, deputy registrar and sub-registrar of vital statistics. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

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

Resolution #69

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize attendance at the 2010 training school and annual meeting held by the Association of Towns. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. And I would like to say that I commend the supervisor for asking all of the attendees to limit their hotel stay to one night which will be approximately a \$700.00 savings per person to the taxpayers in the town of Riverhead.

So, yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And thank you."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

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Resolution #70

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the town clerk to post display advertisement. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Moved and seconded- "

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

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

Councilman Wooten: "Yes. This is for candidates for the ZBA. Yes."

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

Resolution #71

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the town clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a local law for the addition of a new Chapter 111 entitled registered sex offenders of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I just wanted to make one comment and the legislative intent here is the town board finds that sex offenders pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the community especially the children whose age and inexperience makes them particularly vulnerable to the heinous and reprehensible acts of these offenders. So we're looking to head this off. Yes."

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

Supervisor Walter: "All right, before I vote I want to thank county executive Steve Levy for moving the trailer on, actually it's in the town of Southampton, closing it and moving it where the sex offenders are."

We've been pushing for that. The town attorney's office has been pushing for that for a long time.

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There's a sense and the public should know this, that some of the west end legislators think it's a good idea to have this trailer on the east end and we are trying to tighten our code up to stop that from happening. So this is going to be a public hearing to do that. So I vote yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #72

Councilman Wooten: "Motion to pay bills. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Is that the bills?"

Councilman Wooten: "Do you want to pay the bills?"

Supervisor Walter: "Is there any money in the checking account? Oh, that's right, we have 57 million."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "He's made the motion. And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, no- yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Well now the official portion of the town business being done, we'd like to open the meeting up for public comment.

Would anybody like to speak? Well, there's two."

Dominique Mendez: "Oh, Dominique Mendez, Wading River."

Supervisor Walter: "Good evening, Miss Menendez."

Domonique Mendez: "Mendez. I did not kill my parents.

First I wanted to ask about Resolution 58. Can you just clarify what that was for? Special use permit. Was that for the cell tower?"

Councilman Wooten: "No."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay. What was that for?"

Councilman Wooten: "That was for storage, record storage."

Domminique Mendez: "Oh, okay."

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Councilman Wooten: "They had to increase their— they needed a bigger garage."

Dominique Mendez: "All right. Can you hear me?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay, because I have a tendency to be kind of quiet and it's not often low enough for me."

So there are two things I wanted to just talk to you guys about today. The first is an idea I'm hoping that you'll consider and I want to propose the idea of requiring as part of the site plan application process and the special permit process that those seeking to create a cell tower, to build a cell tower, would be required to put up a bond as part of that process, a bond for its removal.

Because basically, obviously as we know, a lot, you know, there are a lot of cell tower propositions, we have a lot of cell towers, there are more proposed in commercial and residential areas.

There are also in Europe and Asia, they don't really use that technology so much, they rely on satellite and other. It's probably just a matter of time before these cell towers become obsolete. Right now they're needed, I guess, but you know eventually who knows when, five, ten years, maybe sooner, they'll be obsolete.

I know there's something in the code that mentions that they should be taken down. That it's— you have a— it's after a year or a certain period that it sits, there's 90 days or something the town, you know, can give them say you need to take it down and they're supposed to take it down within 90 days. Whether they do that or not, I guess the town attorney's office or someone would have to follow up.

If the bond's there, I think it will just simplify it. It's not a burden on the town attorney's office or the town or the residents. And so to me it's something that should be considered.

It may sound like a little bit of a crazy idea but actually there are places in New York like Orchard Park in (inaudible), New York that are already doing that. There are places across the country and I've done a bit of research that I want to hand to you just as examples of what some other towns have done."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh absolutely, if you could hand it to our town clerk that would be fine and what we can do is we can bring this before the code committee that is— "

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Councilman Wooten: "Is this already what you sent me?"

Dominique Mendez: "It is a little bit more though."

Councilman Wooten: "Okay. Because I forwarded that to Dawn already."

Supervisor Walter: "It doesn't seem like an unreasonable request but we'll give it to the code committee and have them take a look at it."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay, great. The other thing I wanted to touch base on is the idea of expediting site plans and building permits and the like. Now that's something you guys mentioned during the campaign and I think it's something that you're still talking about. I know that it came up at a work session about a meeting with businesses in February. I don't know if it was solely on this topic but at least in good part on this topic and now I'm speaking on behalf of the coalition. Actually I was kind of before, the Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Coalition.

We don't necessarily agree that it needs to be expedited though we do agree that the process probably needs to be improved. When you improve the process, if you made it more transparent, made it more predictable, all these things would-- should really expedite it. It should make the approval or denial go quicker and that's good for everyone.

But we don't believe that you should just set a time limit without doing a bunch of things first. And so those things that we think should be done would be first to-- well, one, significantly improve that process. I know that actually during the campaign Rose Sanders mentioned something. It was about posting some more things on line, forms and processes so the businesses would have that available, even more than is done now.

That would be one way to improve the process and of course there are plenty of others.

Another thing I think would be important before you considered expediting is to improve the information that is out there for the public. We don't necessarily know about things. We don't know when a site plan is into the building department. If you expedite it and it's approved or denied in six months and people don't find out about it until they read it on a planning board work session four months after it's been, you know, submitted there's not a lot of time left for public discourse for people, you know, to get involved if they so choose or if they have an issue or you know, plenty of time (inaudible). But we should still be able to be part of the process.

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The other thing is I hope that you'd also consider if you're going to expedite, that I mean you have a building department staff. I've been in there plenty, it's not a huge staff in this poor, little cramped spot.

If you're going to ask them to do it quicker, they may need more resources."

Supervisor Walter: "That's like the Taj Mahal, if you look at the rest- "

Domonique Mendez: "It's like papers all over the place piled on top of each other and I don't think they're around there twiddling their thumbs. I'm not sure how they necessarily get it done quicker without some changes and maybe some additional staff.

So I wanted to ask you a few quick questions. First is, are you, one, if you are going forward and thinking about expediting or improving the process which would expedite, are you thinking about making changes to the process?"

Supervisor Walter: "This is just for the downtown Riverhead area."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "It is not for the whole town. And what we're- my concept of it and we have not- I know Rick Hanley is working on it, is for the couple blocks that is downtown that we would set a date certain that if you submitted a fully engineered, fully compliant site plan, that we would render a decision in six months.

And basically what we're saying is we're putting the burden on us to do what we should be doing. If you have a fully engineered site plan and a fully compliant site plan, building is almost a matter of right. It's just a question of going through the process. Probably very few engineers- site plans are fully engineered but what we're saying is making a commitment to the people that want to construct down there, that the minute they're fully engineered and fully compliant, we will review it and render a decision in six months.

We're not changing anything for the rest of the town. I know that the code revision committee is looking to do some changes to expedite things. At a meeting with Michael White from the regional planning board and he had a wonderful idea that we should have a universal building permit application that flows from the county executive's web site and that would be a fantastic thing.

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That every town would use the same building permit application. You know, these are things that we're dealing with on a larger level. But for what we're talking about is downtown.

And I'm going to take it one step further. I want to have a sunset provision in it. I want to try to create a clamor to come downtown and say in two years the expedited process is over so, you know, it's not forever."

Dominique Mendez: "Well one thing though is fully compliant is sometimes— most businesses when they submit it will tell you— would say it was fully compliant. It doesn't mean that every one else would think it fully compliant so that can be a judgment call and like I said, businesses will always say they're in full compliance.

So that sometimes takes some investigation in time."

Councilman Wooten: "Sometimes the site plan takes months and months to finally get correct."

Dominique Mendez: "Right. And so that would be my concern, that they would, you know— and how would— also, how would you limit it to the downtown area? How would that be— "

Supervisor Walter: "The way we zone, we have special— different zoning districts downtown as DC1, DC2, 3 and 4. We would probably limit it to the DC1, DC2; I don't know about the 3 and 4. So we'd limit it to those zoning districts and the town board does the site plan review. So you're going to have input because it's going to be at a public meeting on TV. Either it's here or— "

Dominique Mendez: "The town board does the site plan? I thought the planning board— "

Councilman Wooten: "For downtown and EPCAL."

Councilwoman Giglio: "It's actually state law that properties that are within an empire zone receive the expeditious review process. So it's state legislation when they created the empire zone law that said that those types of applications, which downtown is, receive the expeditious treatment.

But we are going to be looking to expedite all the applications throughout the town, of course, keeping all safeguards in place and public hearings when necessary.

I am the liaison to the planning department and the building department and I am looking and working very closely with Rick

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Hanley who has been very helpful in identifying problems that are within his department and actually he's making his own corrections along the way and I would like to see a computer available at the counter that has all correspondence that have come in and all correspondence- the latest correspondence that have gone out accessible to the public, that would print out behind the counter and then you would just pay a \$.25 per page fee for the information. But the information would be accessible to anybody that wanted it without taking staff time so that they could continue reviewing site plans."

Dominique Mendez: "Yeah, and we're also coming up with some ideas on things that we think the town might be able to adopt to help the public have, you know, access to information that we would need. Also which would make it less burdensome.

I mean there are plenty of times you have to call up the planning department, what does this mean, what does that mean. Ideally I wouldn't be doing that so much because the information would be more available.

And that's the other thing I was hoping- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "Just so you know. The town board handles all empire zone site plans."

Dominique Mendez: "Right. So if- when it's that area, it's something that you handle, the downtown.

But you did say that you want to expedite- Sean, you did say that you're just talking about the downtown area to expedite but then Jodi you did say that you're looking to expedite all site plans."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Well, just by making the process more efficient by putting guidelines in place for staff upon the review of applications so that everybody is clear exactly what we should be looking at and making sure that the Riverhead town code is priority number one in that when we're reviewing site plans that we're identifying what is compatible and consistent with the Riverhead town code and basically leaving the review of New York State DOT, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, New York State DEC up to those jurisdictional agencies."

Councilman Wooten: "And basically by changing the process, it's going to be more expeditious."

Dominique Mendez: "Right. You don't set a limit necessarily on the town and say it has to- but if you improve the process it

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would be approved or denied or revised quicker. Which is good for everyone."

Councilwoman Giglio: "But we thank you for any input that you have and that you can identify."

Dominique Mendez: "And that's something- hoping you can be open to that and in the future we're working on that, on some ideas that we think from a public perspective that would help us."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Certainly we welcome it."

Dominique Mendez: "Great. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "I'll be the first to admit that I don't know everything so you guys, if you've got good ideas, come tell us."

Dominique Mendez: "Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Dominique."

Dominique Mendez: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, I'm sorry, Miss Menendez."

Dominique Mendez: "No, Mendez."

Supervisor Walter: "Mendez. Put it in my head. Now I'm thinking about the wrong thing."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Gail Waller: "Hello. My name is Gail Waller and I'm not a resident here. However, I'm a large financial contributor to your community, to your shelter dogs.

About a year ago I came here. I had something I was going to read and I've changed my mind. I told Supervisor Walter that I would meet with him and discuss this further. However, I would like to reach out to all of you about a problem here.

This has nothing to do with airing one's dirty laundry or whom do I like, who don't I like. This one caused a problem with this one. This is about the law.

And, Jodi, I heard you say there is state laws- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

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Gail Waller: "-- and I FOIL'd- I'm in real estate so I'd rather be here talking about special use permits and zoning because that's my forte. However, my passion are animals and I do a lot of rescue work and I tried to embrace your community. It didn't go so well."

Supervisor Walter: "It's going to be better. It's going to be positive."

Gail Waller: "I'm very positive. However, I'm here to deal with the law and I'm here to deal with numerous improprieties and irregularities according to state law on Article VII.

And what concerns me is I put a FOIL request in for 253 documents from your community and I spent 35 hours going over them to find a pattern of inconsistencies including violations of state law, violations of adoptions, gifts being given to your residents for medical care, unnoticed and no oversight by people approving these bills. I have cremation records.

This started off as a happy occasion. This is not something I want to talk about but it has to be. I've gotten nowhere. It has been reported to New York State, the shelter is under investigation with the inspector general's office right now. And moreover I don't like contributing money where I have residents calling me and they're feeling so intimidated because they don't have a voice, and there's a group of people running or overseeing who feel well, somebody just doesn't like somebody.

I deal with the law and violations of the law punishable with the penal code. And dogs are being released in violation of the law. I sat and I called Councilman Wooten. I showed him a lot of this paperwork. I'm not going to tell you how he felt; he was pretty shocked. He asked me to meet with you. I don't know how to get any further. This is a year now that it's gone on."

Supervisor Walter: "It's a new day and what I'm going to say is rather than discuss this in this very generic or general sense, why don't we have the meeting. I'll have the town attorney with us so we can go through the documents. I think Councilman Wooten is the liaison to the animal shelter and we'll sit down and we'll work on it.

And at the end of that meeting if we can't resolve it satisfactorily, then by all means come up and- "

Gail Waller: "Well, I just want you to know I have spoken to the Suffolk County district attorney. They're well aware, they have everything. The inspector general's office has also a criminal

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record on one of the employees. So I would like to share all of this with you and I do appreciate it, the sooner, the better.

Unfortunately my lawyer couldn't make it because he's not sure, he's a judge. It's conflicting. So he has to make sure."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, the best way to handle this is not at- obviously the public board meeting."

Gail Waller: "I don't know what else to do though. It's urgent."

Supervisor Walter: "If you speak to Jill Lewis who is sitting in the back, the deputy supervisor, we'll see if we can set up an appointment that's mutually convenient for everybody and let's look at it."

Gail Waller: "And you do have a lovely community and you seem like you're a lovely board."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you very much."

Gail Waller: "And I'm really looking forward to working with you, Supervisor Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "We look forward to working with you."

Gail Waller: "Congratulations."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard?"

Peter Danowski: "I think there is one thing you should do is recognize the town clerk and sing her happy birthday."

Supervisor Walter: "Is it- Diane, is it your birthday today? All right. Now, I'm not going to do this well."

(At this time, the town board sang Happy Birthday to Diane Wilhelm, the town clerk)

Diane Wilhelm: "Thank you."

Councilman Wooten: "Who said Republicans are all together? We were all over the place with that song."

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Supervisor Walter: "I only know how to sing that way. That was my best rendition."

Diane Wilhelm: "Thanks, Peter."

Supervisor Walter: "Twenty-nine again, right?"

Diane Wilhelm: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Hattorff, what can we do for you, sir?"

Matt Hattorff: "Maatt Hattorff, Riverhead. When you have that meeting in reference to the dog pound, animal shelter, maybe you should have the department head there, too."

Supervisor Walter: "It's a good idea."

Matt Hattorff: "I think that would be a good idea. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thanks. Anything else— anybody else wish to be heard this actually pretty warm January evening? No. Well, then can I have a— well actually we don't do a motion— do a motion to adjourn."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Motion to adjourn."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor."

(Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "There you go."

Councilman Wooten: "Can I comment before I say yes?"

Supervisor Walter: "No."

Councilman Wooten: "I don't want to comment anyway."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming."

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m.