

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2004**

Mayor Pellegrino called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Rocco Pellegrino
	Deputy Mayor	Roy Wynkoop
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Lauren Keator
		Jose DeJesus
		Greg Raymondo

Also Present:	James Politi, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

**Public Hearing – Orange County Community Development Program**

Mayor Pellegrino opened the public hearing and asked for public comments or suggestions.

Keith Millspaugh asked for the board's suggestions before the public is heard.

The mayor explained that it's a public hearing and it's open now.

Althea Mullarky asked what real property was.

Mr. Dowd explained that it is buying land.

Mrs. Mullarky suggested the village buy the gateways so strip malls won't be along Route 208.

Mr. Dowd stated that would be acquiring land for public use.

Mrs. Mullarkys stated that is one thing Mr. Sorensen has talked about what should be done by acquiring the property.

Mr. Barnes stated that explained the program criteria.

Becky Pearson suggested developing the park at the end of Rifton Place.

Manager Politi stated that project is already funded through the Land Trust. They had a meeting not too long ago to get that back on track.

Mrs. Pearson asked about park rehabilitation.

Mr. Barnes stated that routine maintenance is not eligible. New roof on a building, yes, painting a building, no.

Mrs. Pearson indicated that the house at Olley Park needs new sheetrock and new walls, is that part of that.

Mr. Barnes stated that structural, major work would be eligible.

Mrs. Pearson asked if planting trees is that eligible.

Mr. Barnes stated only if its incidental to a whole renovation. Planting trees down Main Street would be marginal, but planting trees as part of relandscaping would be different. It wouldn't be a high priority.

Mrs. Pearson asked if the money could be used for the current site of DPW. She doesn't know if there is still an issue about it, whether the village needs another place. Also, fixing the house in the back here for offices. She knows that's slated for the knife museum, but you could put the museum at Olley Park, that would be a perfect spot.

Manager Politi stated that one of the issues with the Olley Park building is security.

Trustee Raymondo stated that they want the museum in the middle of town.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that they have a difficult time hearing in the meeting room, so he suggested an audio system for this particular room.

Trustee Raymondo asked if they could use the money to finish this room.

Mr. Barnes stated no, no buildings that are used for the general population.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the house at Olley Park could be covered under this plan.

Mr. Barnes stated that you have to justify as serving the low income population and the problem is it serves beyond the Village of Walden. They could consider it and try to make a case for it.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it looks bad and he wouldn't guarantee the safety of it.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he came to this meeting tonight and he didn't know there was a public hearing on anything. He asked if notice was given to the various organizations.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that it was published in the Wallkill Valley Times.

Manager Politi stated that it was discussed at the last meeting.

Mrs. Mullarky stated that public works site improvement is part of the list, could the current location of the DPW be included in site improvement.

Mr. Barnes stated he doubted it. That is general government purpose. Site improvements would be for affordable housing or a new shopping center. You do site improvements so the developer has a better advantage financially.

Mrs. Pearson asked what the relationship with public works.

Mr. Barnes indicated that public works would be water and sewer infrastructure, streets and sidewalks.

Trustee Keator moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Public hearing closed.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that he thinks it would be best used for the most precious resource we have, which would be a new well. He suggested to look for a well on the west side of the village.

Manager Politi stated that would be eligible.

Mayor Pellegrino asked what the cost would be for a well.

Manager Politi stated that it would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. It's not just the well, it would be a building.

Trustee Hurd asked what the upper level of the grant was.

Manager Politi stated that one year is \$125,000. You have the option with a new program to take three years of that and push it into one project and you would have access to \$375,000. Those following two years you would not be eligible.

Trustee DeJesus asked if you could use the \$375,00 for more than one project.

Manager Politi stated that it would be for one specific project.

Trustee Hurd asked if they could take the \$125,000 the first and say we find appropriate water and its sufficient enough, in the second year can we go out for the additional monies.

Mr. Barnes stated that they did a well project in the Village of Maybrook and Montgomery and it worked that way. The multi year projects are competitive.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Public Comment**

**Audited Bills**

**Introductory Local Law – Zone Line Change**

**Approve Bid Release for Foot Bride at Boulevard (East Main Street)**

**Property Maintenance Review**