

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

Mayor Rocco Pellegrino called the 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
		Greg Raymondo
		Jose DeJesus

Also Present:	James Politi, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk

Absent:	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney
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Public Hearing-Introductory Local Law I-2 of 2004, “Vehicles and Traffic”

Mayor Pellegrino presented the affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting notice and notice of hearing.

Becky Pearson, 162 Walnut Street stated the there is twenty feet from corner where you’re not allowed to park, how many more feet are they taking away from public parking.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that it would be seventy-three feet total, which would include the twenty feet.

Manager Politi stated that you put a parking space from the edge of the driveway, twenty feet, that’s handicapped, and everything after that is no parking.

Mary Ellen Matisse asked if there was a request for a spot in that location or we just need to provide more handicapped parking spots.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that there was a handicapped space there but also there is a traffic problem with turning.

Ms. Matisse stated that if you had to get out of a car on the drivers side and you are handicapped you would hold up a lot of traffic. She’s wondering if that’s really a good location.

Manager Politi stated that they feel it was.

Maryanne Landolina asked if there was any kind ordinance as to what signifies a handicapped spot. With her experiences with a handicapped person with a wheelchair, if there is no ramp to go down, trying to get a truly handicapped person out of their car it's very difficult with the curb.

Manager Politi stated that the access would be at the driveway.

Trustee DeJesus indicated that this is more for people who have mobility problems outside of wheelchairs.

Becky Pearson asked if this was asked for by some person or was it just because you wanted to put a handicapped parking space in.

Manager Politi stated that it was to get another handicapped space in the square, because you only have the one.

Ms. Pearson asked if that might want it closer to the municipal building.

Manager Politi stated that it wasn't just for the municipal building; it was for the businesses in the square.

Trustee Raymondo moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to declare the Board of Trustees lead agency and declare a negative declaration under SEQRA. Seconded by Trustee Raymondo. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Raymondo moved to adopt Introductory Local Law I-2 of 2004, "Vehicles and Traffic" as Local Law No. 2 of 2004. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the minutes of September 14, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street asked about Main Street, when will it be completed.

Manager Politi stated that they are going to pave this week, after they pave they will remove the sidewalks, after that another company will come in to do the brick work. Mid October the trees will go in. The bridge will be opening the end of October beginning of November.

Ms. Pearson stated that businesses on Main Street are struggling. The hair place just gets walk-ins.

Manager Politi stated that he talked to the owner of the hair place today and that wasn't part of the conversation, she had other issues.

Ms. Pearson asked that the village keep an eye on this.

Ms. Matisse stated that at the last meeting the manager was going to refer to the village engineer.

Manager Politi stated that he sent all the information and they are going over it.

Ms. Matisse stated that the town is engaging the services of a hydro geologist, Sterling Environmental. Karen Schneller McDonald is being funded by the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program. She will be contacting the village for their input about being a river community. Also, she would like a water committee set up to study the ways that we can protect our well field. There is no zoning in the town that would allow the village to protect it. Setting up a water protection plan sits in the Department of Health in Albany for years. As a board and citizens we really need to get together and study all the different impacts that are threatening our water and see what we can do to be pro active. Crane Concrete Plant bought the property on Stone Castle Road August 19th which will drain into the Tinbrook. Their record in Fishkill is terrible as far as runoff. We also have the DEC mining application in Shawangunk which is in the aquifer. Now last night there was a presentation at the town planning board from Shanti Mandir and the town told them that they want an option to get water from your site. What does that do to our wells? It's really close. The village has to start working with other government agencies.

Becky Pearson asked where the blacktop was taken after it was milled, besides the Oak Street parking lot.

Manager Politi stated that there is some down by the garage.

Ms. Pearson asked if they dumped on the well field.

Manager Politi stated no.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the last time the board asked the manager to look into that plant situation.

Manager Politi stated that the information was given to Ron Gainer.

Audited Bills

Trustee Keator moved to pay the audited bills of September 23, 2004. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Introductory Local Law I-3 of 2004, A Local Law Amending Chapter 68 Of The Code Of The Village of Walden Entitled “Dogs And Other Animals” To Require Owners Of Dogs To Clean Up Their Pets Waste On Any Public Property In The Village

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop introduced Introductory Local Law I-3 of 2004.

Trustee Keator moved to set a public hearing on Introductory Local Law I-3 of 2004, “Dogs and Other Animals” for October 12, 2004 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Appointments – Residency Time Requirements

Mayor Pellegrino stated that the manager put together a few things for the appointments. In the past he has spoken to the manager about appointments. The Village Attorney mentioned that it was taking away some of the manager’s powers.

Trustee Norman stated that she doesn’t feel it would take away any power from the manager, but she does feel if someone wants to be on a board they should have a couple years living in the village.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he agrees with Trustee Norman, at least a year. Also, you should look at the expertise the person has. A year is not unreasonable.

Trustee Keator stated that she also feels a year is a good idea.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop also feels a year is a good idea.

It was the consensus of the board that the manager’s appointments shall have at least one year of residency in the village.

Informational Items – Village Manager’s Report

Manager Politi stated that as a result of the parking requests that have started to come in, he is researching marking out the road. He has sent out letters to the business owners along Main Street, Orchard Street and the municipal square to meet tomorrow morning at 9am.

Trustee DeJesus stated that this has to be looked at closely.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that he applauds the manager for doing this. It upset him when the board turned down the request of the bakery to have 15 minute parking spaces. He felt the two spots were a great idea in a business he knows very well. It's much needed to help him move forward with his business.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that would be alright as long as they established a time frame, such as 6-9am.

Trustee Keator stated she felt they needed more information.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they should have it sunset to see how it works. He's concerned about having all these parking spaces around the village set aside for this one, the other and the other.

Trustee Raymondo stated that he feels all the parking spaces on Main Street should have a time limit.

Trustee Keator stated that a time limit is a good idea but be reasonable when you do it. She also feels that the request for two 15 minute parking spaces for the bakery, there should be one on each side of West Main Street.

Trustee Raymondo asked that the Oak Street parking lot be put on the next work session agenda.

Manager Politi indicated that the department reports are in their packets.

Board Comments

Trustee DeJesus stated that the mini harvest fest went very well on Saturday night. Maryanne and the community council did a great job.

Trustee Raymondo stated that there are two receptacles in the square and every time they need lights or sound they have a problem. There is room for extra receptacles.

Trustee Keator also thanked the harvest fest committee. It was great.

Trustee Norman also stated that she had a good time. It was nice for the people in the village.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that he enjoyed the harvest fest too. There was a lot of confusion. He would like to discuss with the board that requests should be put in writing. The board should get a list of what they need and the village should reply in writing what we will give.

Maryanne Landolina stated that there was definitely a lack of communication.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that he would like to discuss this at a work session.

Manager Politi suggested that the request be given sixty days in advance.

Ms. Landolina stated that this is a long time in planning. There are meetings once a month and there is time for all of this to be put together so the cooperation has to be there. October 6th is the first meeting for next year's fest.

Trustee Raymondo recommended the Mayor appoint a liaison to the harvest fest committee.

Ms. Landolina stated that she would personally like to meet with the board herself.

Mayor Pellegrino thanked the community council and all the other community groups for all they do for the village. The manager, Carl Winum and he had a sit down meeting last week.

Mayor Pellegrino also thanked GT Construction who volunteered their time to install the equipment at the Alfred Place Park.

Executive Session

Trustee Keator moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), Personal Finances of an individual pertaining to the Village, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus was excused.

Trustee Keator moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Trustee Hurd moved to authorize the review of the personal finances of an individual pertaining to Village documents. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Norman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk