

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

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

On roll call the following were:

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

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

Absent:	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney
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Approval of Minutes

Trustee Keator moved to adopt the minutes of February 8, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes with the exception of Mayor Pellegrino abstaining. Minutes adopted.

Public Comments

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street asked if there was a reason why when the village gets three inches of snow the village salts the roads even before they plow.

Manager Politi stated that it depends on the type of snow and temperature.

Ms. Pearson stated that Wooster's Grove is on the agenda and she has a comment on that, her thoughts on the process, she knows a lot of the board members want a bandstand which she agrees with, a bandstand would be great in that area and maybe they would be willing to put the picnic pavilion somewhere else on the property, if that is possible. She doesn't know why two things can't be done instead of just one and combining it together. Has anyone approached Rotary to see if it can be worked out?

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop indicated that it has been worked out.

Manager Politi stated that it's come to the conclusion that it will be a band shell rather than a pavilion and it might be cost prohibitive to do both.

Ms. Pearson indicated that the village has wanted to build a bandstand for a long time, so she didn't know if that has been in the budget at some time.

Manager Politi stated that the village got a grant. The Rotary and the village didn't budget for two items.

Ms. Pearson asked what the cost of the pavilion would be.

Manager Politi stated that they did preliminary cost and for the pavilion it would be \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Ms. Pearson stated that you couldn't do a smaller pavilion with the village's grant and the Rotary money which would pay for it and then do the bandstand separately by yourselves.

Manager Politi stated no, because there is a lot of site work.

Mary Ellen Matisse, 21 Clinton Street stated that she is glad to see that the grant request for the quality communities funding is on the agenda tonight. She is appreciative that the Village Manager has worked so hard on it. She further stated that on March 14th the town hall will be having the continuation hearing on Cranesville Block at 7:30 or 8pm. So far the village engineer has sent three letters regarding the issues he sees affecting the village. His last letter in January stated that he still hasn't received any answers from the applicant. A lot of people have been asking the town board to declare a positive declaration so they can do a full environmental impact assessment and the town is dragging their heels. She would like to petition the village board to send a letter to the town planning board saying that you support what the engineer has said and ask them to issue a positive declaration so we can get to the bottom of what this application is all about. Also, last Thursday night at the town board meeting Richard Hoyt informed everyone that he had received the draft plan on the Rail Trail and the Village Manager hasn't received a copy as of yet.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that they are the lead agent on the trail.

Manager Politi stated that Jan Eull who is with the town highway is the coordinator and she isn't in on Friday's and that was received on Thursday. She is back in so copies are on their way.

Mary Ellen Matisse asked what is next.

Manager Politi explained that the draft plan was sent to the state and the state then sent back the things they wanted changed or added. Those were done. They want to go to the full SEQRA so there are no missed steps on the way.

Ms. Matisse asked for the time frame.

Manager Politi indicated that it will be let out to bid late spring, early summer.

Ms. Matisse asked if there were going to be anymore public hearings.

Manager Politi stated that he believes so.

Patricia Heneghan, 22 East Avenue stated that the Friends of Olley Park were waiting for a letter from the board because they were invited to join the parks and recreation committee and they still haven't received it. She wanted to know if that was forthcoming. She further stated that they want to make sure there would be no problem using Olley Park in their title because they are incorporating as a non profit group and they would like to use that name in brochures and other materials. They are interested in applying for a Greenway Convergences Grant for \$2500-\$3000 to propose having a trail go around the back of Olley Park with several rest areas along the trail. It would include a sign identifying the trail and dos and don'ts of its use. They would like a letter of support from the village.

Manager Politi stated that it will depend on the requirements in the grant, whether an independent group can apply.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that the board will have to confer with the village attorney.

Audited Bills

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of February 22, 2005. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-04-05, Authorizing the Village Manager to Apply for a Grant up to \$25,000 from the New York State Department of State Quality Communities Program to Assist in the Completion and Implementation of the Village's Comprehensive Plan

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop declared the Board of Trustees lead agency and declared a negative declaration under SEQRA. Seconded by Trustee Raymondo. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-04-05, Authorizing the Village Manager to Apply for a Grant up to \$25,000 From the New York State Department of State Quality Communities Program to Assist in the Completion and Implementation of the Village's Comprehensive Plan, (attached). Seconded by Trustee Raymondo. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 14-04-05, Amending Resolution No. 12-04-05 Appointing Election Inspectors

Trustee Norman moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-04-05, Amending Resolution No. 12-04-05 Appointing Election Inspectors, (attached). Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Resolution carried.

Wooster Grove & Rotary Club Project

Manager Politi stated that he's been in discussion with the Rotary Club Membership and the project has gone back to a band shell.

Bill Schimpf from the Rotary Club thanked the board for their perseverance and enthusiasm regarding this project. They have reached common ground as of this point. He was always in favor of the bandstand. He's been in communication with the Village Manager and they would like to get this off the ground sometime in May.

Mayor Pellegrino thanked the Rotary for their efforts. He spoke to the community council and got some input and it seems that there are a lot of performers in the village and the concert series is something that has been going on for a couple of years and its been very successful. He is in favor of the bandstand now. At first he wasn't because of the park being the head of the Rail trail and he's changed his mind since.

The Board agreed too.

Trustee Raymondo moved to authorize the Village Manager to get scaled drawings of the band shell. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Review Calendar

Manager Politi indicated that he is preparing the budget and he will be filing it with the Village Clerk on March 18th. The budget review dates will be between March 23 and April 11.

Trustee Keator indicated that Thursdays are okay along as it 7pm.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold budget reviews on Mondays and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.

Church Street

Mayor Pellegrino indicated that Helen McKay wants to have Church Street named as a historic district. He will contact Alan Sorensen to see what will change. After he receives the information he will have it on a work session.

Trustee DeJesus stated that would have to be incorporated in the comprehensive plan.

Informational Items-Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Wagemann has cleaned up the car so he won't be back to a meeting.

Manager Politi stated that the department reports are in the packets and he's given the board information about the property on Sherman Avenue.

Board's Comments

Trustee Keator asked about 61 Second Street subordination.

Manager Politi stated that it has been resolved and the board won't have to go through that process.

Trustee Keator thanked those involved with the Snowflake Ball, it was a nice evening.

Trustee Norman also thanked everyone.

Mayor Pellegrino further thanked everyone for their work on Snowflake Ball.

Adjournment

Trustee Keator moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk