

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2005**

Mayor Becky Pearson called the Village of Walden Board of Trustees work session Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matise
	Trustees	Roy Wynkoop
		Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Jose DeJesus
		Lauren Keator

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

In honor of Flag Day Girl Scout Troop 53 lead the pledge and Trustee Wynkoop, veteran of Vietnam War and Cuban crisis recited the meaning of the folding of the flag while Daniel Cocks and Dominick Delcorso folded the flag.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Norman moved to adopt the minutes of May 24, 2005. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street asked about the retaining wall at Jacobs Ridge, who put the huge cement blocks up and who approved them.

Marcus Millspaugh, 10 Jessup Street commented on the 2005 Annual Water Report.

Manager Politi indicated that the Village does leak detection annually. They have found major leaks and fixed them. With the new meters they hope to get a better understanding.

Mike McCollough, 20 High Street expressed his concerns regarding the condition of the apartment dwelling at 34 Capron Street. He is also concerned with the drug activity going on there. They have called the police several times.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the Building Inspector has been there.

Manager Politi indicated that the Building Inspector has been there.

Mr. Iovino, 12 High Street also complained about the drug traffic at 34 Capron Street. He's concerned that nothing is getting done.

Manager Politi explained that a tenant can invite the Building Inspector into their apartment and the common areas.

Jeannette Sholov, 34 Capron Street also complained about drugs in the apartments.

Tract Ludlow stated that she is a recovering addict and she can smell the drugs.

Mark Marrero, 40 Capron Street has worked in narcotics for 12 years and he would gladly work with the Walden Police Department.

Mr. Doherty, 17 High Street stated that he has put up a fence and got two big dogs.

Rick Penney, 52 Capron Street stated that numerous times the Building Inspector has been called to 34 Capron Street along with the Fire Department. He is very familiar with the fire codes, property maintenance codes and the Village code. The Building Inspector is required by State law to inspect multiple dwellings. He further stated that Orange County Narcotics Department and the Police Department have done raids at that location. This landlord prays on low income families. He also indicated that Walden has gangs.

Angie Marrero stated that she is very concerned because she has small children and she doesn't want them exposed to this.

Town Supervisor, Sue Cockburn indicated that she has met with Marco and his wife. They came to her to see if there was anything she could do. She has had complaints about this landlord in the town. If there is anything the Town can do let her know.

Manager Politi stated that he will meet with the Building Inspector and Police Chief and begin to react.

Mayor Pearson read a letter from Mark and Victoria Berti of 16 High Street regarding the unsightliness and drug dealings at 34 Capron Street.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village should make sure all multi dwellings are looked at once a year.

If was the consensus of the Board to put this on the next work session agenda.

Trustee DeJesus stated that in regard to Mr. Millspaugh's comments on the annual water report he'd like Walt to look into this.

Manager Politi stated that he will have Ron Gainer, Village Engineer look at it.

Audited Bills

Trustee Keator moved to pay the audited bills of June 14, 2005. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1-05-06 – Community Development

Trustee Matise moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-05-06, Authorizing the Village of Walden enter into an Amendment to the Existing Cooperation Agreement Dated July 8, 1993, As Amended, With the County of Orange for the Purpose of Undertaking Community Development and Home Programs for the Program Year Commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2006-2008 (and Successive Three Year Qualification Periods) Pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, As Amended, (attached). Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 2-05-06 – Orange County Youth Bureau

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-05-06, Authorizing the Village of Walden Recreation Department to Apply for \$2000 for the "Solution to Teen Violence" Program. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Designation of Lead Agency Under SEQRA –Comprehensive Plan

Trustee DeJesus moved to declare the Village of Walden Board of Trustees lead agency under SEQRA for the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Meter Replacement Project

Trustee Keator moved to award the bid for the water meter replacement project to In-Line Services for \$537,804.00. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Meter Supply

Trustee Hurd moved to award the bid for the water meter supply to E.J. Prescott for \$119,121.60. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request for Block Party

A written request was received from the residents of Ayr Court and Berwick Avenue to hold a block party on July 16th from 12 noon – 8pm, and to close Ayr Court and Berwick Avenue for the party.

Trustee Keator moved to grant permission to the residents of Ayr Court and Berwick Avenue to hold their 2nd annual block party on July 16th from 12 noon – 8pm and to close Ayr Court and Berwick Avenue for the party. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parking Update

Manager Politi reviewed the parking changes; two hour parking from Bank Street to the bridge, loading zone on West Main Street by Ciardullo Printing, 2 thirty minute parking spaces by the bakery, one 15 minute parking space for Lillos, one handicapped parking space in front he Dr. Guneratne's, 3 hour parking in the Orchard Street parking lot and two hour parking in the Municipal Square. This is for a three month trial period.

Manager Politi further indicated that they measured all of Grant Street to see where they can put parking spaces and they will have it lined. They will try and gain spaces at the bottom of the street. He will look into the curb cuts by Sheeley's Car Wash.

It was the consensus of the Board to issue warning tickets for a week.

Historian Presentation

Suzanne Isaksen, Village Historian did a presentation on why you have a Village Historian and the responsibilities of the Village Historian. She also handed out pamphlets on creating historic districts and placing homes on the historic register.

Mayor Pearson stated that she went to the Olley House with Neil Larson.

Ms. Isaksen stated that Mr. Larsen's assessment of the condition of the house was not severe enough from keeping the Village from doing rehabilitation of the house.

Trustee DeJesus asked if an engineer was present.

Manager Politi stated that he spoke to Andy Barone and they are setting up a date to look at the house.

Ms. Isaksen indicated that the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation have a series of different types of grants for private buildings that are owned by historical societies and municipalities. Also, if you have a building in a park that you want to rehabilitate.

Mayor Pearson asked where does the resolution to alienate that piece of property from the park land stand.

Manager Politi stated that it's been passed by the Assembly and the Senate and it's going to the Governor.

Mayor Pearson stated that you may get more funding through parkland and preservation to fix up that house.

Mr. Dowd stated that you can rescind your law.

Ms. Isaksen also handed out copies of the Town's Local Law No. 1 of 1997, Relating to the Establishment of Landmarks or Historic Districts.

Rotary/Wooster Grove Band Stage Update

The Village Manager stated that the design for the band stage has been finalized. The roof will be metal and the structure wooden with fencing on three sides.

Public Comment – Discussion Items

John Sakas, Wallkill Road stated that he bought an old house and went through the process of putting it on the registry. The structural engineer told them to tear it down. They spoke to someone that restore homes and said engineers see an old building as a disaster.

Marcus Millspaugh suggested that the Village takes steps to get a sign by the new bridge identifying the site of the New York Knife Factory.

Informational & Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi advised the Board that the water meter replacement flyers have been mailed to all the residents.

Manager Politi stated that individuals can purchase good luck messages for the Soap Box Derby winner. It will go into the program in Akron, Ohio.

Board Comments

Trustee Keator thanked the Fire Department for the block dance and the parade. She was disappointed with the few people who come out to the parade. It also upsets her that the people that do come out do not acknowledge the participants.

Trustee Keator proposed that during the summer months that the Attorney and Village Manager dress more casual.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Board has to talk about a property maintenance program. He was to get together with Kerron Barnes regarding how to use the funds and

the guidelines. He got guidelines from other communities. There are houses at the gateways to the Village that need sprucing up. He'd like this considered for the next work session.

Trustee Norman stated that the parade and block dance went well. She thinks it would be nice to schedule more events in the square during the year.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the dance on the new bridge that they talked about before.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that someone from the American Legion advised him that they would be willing to put up a flag pole in the park by the new bridge.

Manager Politi informed the Board that the State is working on moving the sign in front of Dr. Guneratne's.

Trustee Hurd stated that the Village Attorney and Village Manager was contacted by the Village Manager of Corning, New York who had been contacted by two other Village Manager's in this state and the Corning Village Manager is the president of the New York State Association of Village Manager's. It seems that Deputy Mayor Matisse had contacted these village manager's and they relayed to our Village Manager that Mary Ellen was seeking information regarding Village Manager form of government or possibly ways to eliminate the Village Manager form of government.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that is wrong. She has no idea who the Village Manager is in Corning, but she does have the right to speak to people. She did ask people at the NYCOM Conference to have training sessions at their conferences regarding how the Village Manager form of government works. She would like to understand how the Village Manager form of government works.

After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus to hold a training session on July 19th, 2005 at 7pm to get information regarding the Village Manager form of government.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Walden Elementary School playground group is holding a musical chairs event at Olley Park to raise money for their playground. They want it on a Sunday.

Mayor Pearson also asked about the sidewalk sale.

Manager Politi stated that it's going well.

Mayor Pearson asked about the aerator at the beach, it's not running.

Mr. Howland stated that he's having it repaired.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk