

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 25, 2005**

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

Absent: Jose DeJesus, later present

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Keator moved to adopt the minutes of October 11, 2005 with the following correction, Page 3, first paragraph, change park to house. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise.

Mayor Pearson asked if the people from Hepper Street were notified of the public hearing on Local Law I-3 of 2005.

Manager Politi stated that all the legal notices were done, but the residents weren't.

Mr. Dowd suggested that public hearing tonight be left open.

The Mayor also asked that the letter from Mr. Steinberg, Schoonmaker Homes be attached to the minutes.

All ayes. Minutes adopted.

**Public Hearing Introductory Local Law I-3 of 2005, "Vehicles and Traffic"**

Mayor Pearson presented the Affidavit of Publication, Affidavit of Posting Notice and Notice of Hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Deputy Mayor Matise indicated that by changing the parking on Hepper Street it's easier to see coming out of John Street.

Trustee Hurd moved to continue the public hearing on November 8, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Dave Sperry, 12 Overlook Terrace presented the Board with pictures of the retaining wall at Jacob's Ridge. He also indicated that he attended the Zoning Board meeting in November-October of 2004 and at no time did they mention they were going to put cement barriers up. Mr. Steinberg indicated that any type of retaining wall would be two or three feet at the most. Mr. Hager stated that large rock boulders would be used. He wanted to know who approved the cement barriers. They have also dumped dirt on the lots and there are no silt fences there.

Manager Politi stated that he has asked the Building Inspector to put together a report on this. He will have something by the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Matise read the letter from Dufresne-Henry that was sent to Mr. Steinberg stating that it is apparent as evidence by the partial failure, which has already occurred, that the wall presents a hazard. The Village therefore insists that the wall be removed in its entirety and the site stabilized with a new design immediately as soon as weather conditions permit, unless a report is immediately forthcoming from your engineer as to how the present structure can be made safe. We are telling them to remove it and then we're saying oh but.

Manager Politi stated that if their engineer can provide proof and through our remove that it can be made stable. If not it has to be removed.

Mr. Dowd stated that what they are saying is that they don't want the contractor to go through the cost of removing something that actually can be built and certified by a licensed engineer that can be made safe.

Mr. Sperry stated that part of this approval process was based on the fact that there would be a wall two to three feet at most and it would be made of rocks. So there shouldn't be anything else allowed to be built on that property but a two to three foot retaining wall.

Mr. Sperry also stated that there are two dead trees on Ulster Avenue, second tree from Albany Avenue.

Mr. Sperry asked about the agenda Jacobs Ridge dedication, improvements.

Manager Politi stated that has been taken off the agenda.

Mr. Sperry asked about the engineers report regarding the retention ponds.

Manager Politi stated that the engineer could have that report.

Mr. Sperry also asked about the swale behind his house.

Manager Politi stated that the village has to go back to the homeowner who filled it in.

Mike Lynch, 54 Albany Avenue commented on Wooster Grove Youth Center, being over crowded too much furniture, the need for a skateboard park there to get the kids off the street and people who work in the Recreation Department don't encourage the kids to do anything. He also asked about the retaining wall being built at Bradley Park and the dead tree in that area.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Hurd moved to pay the audited bills of October 25, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Set Hearing for Property Maintenance Violations – 36 Sherman Avenue**

Trustee Keator moved to set a hearing for property maintenance violations at 36 Sherman Avenue on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Proposed Zoning Map & Text Amendments Consistent w/2005 Comprehensive Plan Recommendations**

Alan Sorensen explained the proposed zoning map and text amendments consistent with the 2005 comprehensive plan recommendations. He also presented the board with a Resolution Authorizing James C. Politi, Village Manager to Submit an Application to the Department of State Quality Communities Grant Program 2005-2006 for Environmental Protection Funds to Support the Implementation of "The Traditional Neighborhood at Railroad Place" Vision Consistent with its 2005 Comprehensive Plan and with Quality Communities Principles, (attached).

Mayor Pearson asked if someone could buy three houses, tear them down, and put up a three story building behind Sweeney's.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that the height requirement is still 35 feet. One of the other limitations is there are parking requirements that have to be met. The district tries to encourage reuse of the older industrial buildings and development on the vacant lots.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that single use for a community center or theatre doesn't necessarily have to incorporate living accommodations too.

Mr. Sorensen stated that's right they don't have to. A theatre would be a permitted use within a mixed use district.

Trustee Hurd asked if the concern was architectural.

Mr. Sorensen stated yes. The goal is to have a cohesive design for the neighborhood and consistency in a theme.

Mayor Pearson asked if it says you can't have a one story building in this area or does it say you have to have at least two to three.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that it doesn't explicitly say that, but it could.

Mayor Pearson asked if you could put a house in the mixed use zone.

Mr. Sorensen stated that it would be a very simple thing to do in terms of just making it very explicit and asking for two stories. They have added some definitions in terms of shared parking facilities, maybe not on site, but they would be jointly financed by the developers as long as they are within 300 feet of the project.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked why wasn't the mini mall included in the mx zone. If that is revitalized and there is a theatre there that isn't drawn into maybe being more integrated into the other uses that are going to be there.

Mr. Sorensen stated that it was included in the comprehensive plan recommendations. It's not to say that it could not be brought in at a later point. Down by Railroad Avenue is really to encourage new investment in those areas because you have a lot of vacant buildings and vacant properties there.

Trustee Hurd stated that in the plan the definition says row house single family and townhouses two or more. He thought they would be single family town houses.

Mr. Sorensen stated that a townhouse is a single family house. It's two or more units that are single family units, they are just attached.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that her objection to this townhouse description is where it says continuous façade of at least two units and no more than six attached units. There are so many new design alternatives for townhouses.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that the design lines speak of that.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to see the townhouses and Railroad Place done separately.

Mr. Sorensen stated that he redlined preliminary things on the townhouse district just to set the stage for that. The real focus and direction he got from the Board is to focus on Railroad Place and the mx zone first.

Deputy Mayor Matise questioned the alley and if a garbage truck would fit. She also asked about under store front does this take into account the idea that a shop might have an archade type of feature or interior stalls. Or are we just thinking of just a traditional storefront that sells one thing.

Mr. Sorensen stated that even if you had an archade you would still have a basic storefront that would invite people in.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked why car wash and gas station included.

Mr. Sorensen stated that with the exception of the townhouse there are several other areas such as Oak Street where there are zoning map amendments. Part that is included in the packet is the section block and lots of the properties that are proposed to be rezoned, what they are currently zoned for and what the proposed zoning is for each of those section, block and lots. In the definition section car washes are referred to as automobile laundries. Airports and incinerators were stricken from the code. The special exception criteria as it relates to the main I-2 districts are still very valuable. He is recommending keeping the special use permit standards rather than applying to the I-1 district because it will no longer be a permitted use in I-1, keep the special permit standards and apply it to the I-2 district. The existing mx district is removed in its entirety and replaced with new text which is reflective of the desire for the Railroad Place traditional neighborhood. One of the purposes of the original mx zone was to advance the objective of connecting major business areas in the Village at either end of Oak Street. In essence it would have encouraged strict retail all along Oak Street and its primarily a residential street and also the topography doesn't lend itself so you wouldn't want to encourage people to come in and tear down residential structures and put in car washes. The only other thing that has changed is the comprehensive recommends renaming the I-1 Industrial to Office Light Industry. There are some permitted uses within the Office Light Industry that was also added. He has also added a section for the off street parking requirements for the mixed uses.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that in regard to alley where it says where feasible access to off street loading should be provided from designated alleys. She requested where feasible be excluded.

Mayor Pearson asked about the section on architectural features and what can and can't be used. Can that be waived if the Planning Board so chooses.

Mr. Sorensen stated that these are mandatory designs and can't be waived.

Manager Politi suggested training sessions with the boards.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he would like to see the guidelines established immediately for Railroad Place.

Trustee Matisse stated that she would like a different name for Railroad Place.

Mayor Pearson asked if they were going to get more specific with the colors and materials.

Mr. Sorensen stated that there are things they can put in there in terms of prohibited uses.

Trustee Hurd asked what the next step would be.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the next step would be to give the Board a little more time to go through the guidelines, get comments and make revisions of things that were discussed tonight. They will take off the townhouse issue and focus on the mixed use. He will also take care of rezoning Oak Street. He will have the revised draft ready for the next meeting and he will be asking the Board to declare lead agency.

Trustee DeJesus indicated that the village green part of Railroad Place has to be worked on because if they are going to try and showcase the area and you're going to try and get developments coming in they will be looking at that particular piece of land the way it is with the debris. It doesn't look very pretty.

Trustee Hurd also indicated that the piece of property behind DeGroot's, if that is not purchased by the Village then it will be sold and it will be gone and not incorporated into the green.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the ownership of that would be helpful as well as trying to get ownership of that portion of the abandoned rail tracks to the north of Grant Street.

Mr. Sorensen also stated that there is a new grant available through the Department of State for planning purposes and one of the categories is the community center program. The resolution would authorize the Village to pursue the funds and there is a 20% village match. He will be applying for \$30,000 for a match of \$7,000.

Manager Politi stated that the match is part of what we are already doing. It's not an additional \$7,000.

Mayor Pearson asked if this was for Mr. Sorensen's fees as a planner on top of the IDA and Community Development money.

Mr. Sorensen stated yes. He also asked the Board to get their comments in by November 3, 2005.

Trustee Keator moved to adopt Resolution Authorizing James C. Politi, Village Manager to Submit an Application to the Department of State Quality Communities Grant Program 2005-2006 for Environmental Protection Funds to Support the Implementation of "The Traditional Neighborhood at Railroad Place" Vision Consistent with its 2005 Comprehensive Plan and with Quality Communities Principles, (attached). Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if they were precluding the use of someone having a shop in the front of a building and living in the back.

Mr. Sorensen stated that he thinks they should discourage residential on the first floor.

### **Rainforestfishcompany – Presentation**

Mark Ulrich, M.A. owner High Hook Fishing Tours, and Alan S. Pollack, D.D.S. explained their proposal to lease the property at 55 Woodruff Street to raise unique tropical fin fish, to expected organic standards, with minimal environmental impact, for sale to restaurants and food purveyors in key U.S. and foreign markets. The total system volume is 900,000 gallons. Their daily makeup is 80,000 gallons of water resulting from loss through evaporation and effluent.

Trustee DeJesus asked why Walden.

Mr. Ulrich stated that one of the issues is rent and they found a favorable facility. The other is electric and it gives them easy access to major markets and to a major airport.

Trustee DeJesus asked if they looked at other communities.

Mr. Ulrich stated that they are looking at Mount Kisco and New Jersey.

Trustee Hurd asked about their water usage.

Mr. Ulrich stated that it can be municipal water or they can sink an artesian well on the property. The artesian well will not interfere with the Villages aquifer, they have confirmed that.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that they would have to dechlorinate the water.

Mr. Ulrich stated that in the case of artesian well water they would not have to dechlorinate, but that would have to go to the expense of seeking a well and pumping the water.

Trustee Hurd asked if the fish would be slaughtered.

Mr. Ulrich stated that there would be no processing at all. They would be iced, packed and shipped.

Trustee DeJesus asked what kind of traffic would this generate.

Mr. Ulrich explained that in the first year there would be monthly deliveries of fingerling and/or larvae and monthly deliveries of feed. As they begin to harvest the fish they will be moved out by their own vans or people coming and getting their own fish.

Mr. Hurd asked about the mortality of the fish.

Mr. Ulrich stated that they are not anticipating anything above 15% and that can be easily disposed of. If they had a massive die off they would have to call a regular collector in.

Mr. Hurd asked about odor.

Mr. Ulrich stated that there is no odor at all.

Deputy Mayor asked if it would be a long term lease.

Mr. Ulrich stated yes. They are looking at a 10-15 year lease.

Trustee DeJesus asked if they need permits from the Federal or State Government.

Mr. Ulrich stated that there is a whole list of authorities they have spoken to. They are concerned with time lines because they understand that there is the potential for reassigning the property in agricultural status or status for agricultural use which would enable them to take advantage of certain tax benefits in terms of both the Town of Montgomery and State level.

Trustee Hurd indicated that they are not just asking for water but for the Village to change the zoning.

Mr. Dowd stated that they would be changing the use allowed in that zone.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there are ramifications for the residential neighborhood if that becomes an agricultural district.

Mr. Dowd stated that they would be entitled to an agricultural exemption, but it would not become a district.

Trustee DeJesus asked what the tax impact for Walden would be.



Mr. Dowd stated that the tax exemption would go to the owner of the property not the leasee.

Mr. Ulrich stated that is not his understanding. As a renter he would be entitled to those exemptions.

Mr. Dowd asked Mr. Ulrich if he asked the assessor what the level of the exemption would be.

Mr. Ulrich stated no.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he wants to know what the tax impact is going to be on the Village. He asked how many jobs this would create.

Mr. Ulrich indicated 10 to 12 jobs.

Mayor Pearson asked, if they drill a well how do you charge them for sewer.

Manager Politi stated that they would have a meter that the village can read.

Trustee Hurd indicated that the water usage is 80,000 a day and if they double there facility it will be 160,000 a day and that is our reserve capacity.

Mr. Ulrich stated that it's not their intention to adversely impact the Village.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if they would be operating 24/7 and if these were full time jobs.

Mr. Ulrich stated that it was a 24/7 operation and they would be full time positions.

Mayor Pearson asked about noise.

Mr. Ulrich stated that they have screen filters, pumps, oxygen generators, and bio-filters and they are all indoors.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if there is another facility in the metro area that would be similar to what they are proposing that the Board could visit.

Mr. Ulrich stated that there is one in the Finger Lakes area and in South Jersey at Rutgers. The Finger Lakes plant had problems with their community because the amount of effluent that they promised and what they delivered exceeded by four times the amount and left the community in violation of EPA standards. They don't want to do that. For them the worse case scenario would be if they had to purge their largest tank the burden on the system is about 423,000 gallons.

Trustee Hurd asked that they give the village a plan based on the total build out.

Mayor Pearson asked who fixes up the building.

Mr. Ulrich stated that the landlord has promised to make the repairs on the building.

Mr. Ulrich also advised the Board that for at least the first three years he doesn't see any expansion to another species, because of their market plan.

Trustee Keator asked about the venting of the hot house.

Mr. Ulrich stated that it would be vented outside. Those facilities are virtually silent.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the outside lighting.

Mr. Ulrich stated right now the security on the property is inadequate. Their other concern is the Tinbrook and if it will overflow its banks.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if they would be fencing along the side of the property where the Tinbrook is and if they would be allowing a buffer area.

Mr. Ulrich stated that wouldn't be a problem.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they need to go to the Planning Board.

Mr. Dowd indicated that they have been to the Planning Board and they need a zoning amendment because the use is not allowed.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if there would be any night activities.

Mr. Ulrich stated just in case of an emergency. The deliveries would be early.

Trustee Keator asked if they would be allowed to drill a well.

Manager Politi stated that it is permissible. The Department of Health would have to approve it.

Mayor Pearson asked if the Village does the zoning amendment does that stay with the property if they leave.

Mr. Dowd explained that the Board would have to do another local law to rescind what they did.

Trustee Hurd stated that area was being considered as a potential parking space if Metro North comes into the Village.

Trustee Hurd stated that if they could determine if they have the feasibility of a well that would go along way towards the Board approving this.

Mr. Ulrich indicated that they would not be into production before this time next year.

### **Gerald and Kathleen Burger – Request for Variance**

Mr. Gerald Burger appeared before the Board to request a variance to renovate the basement of his house which is ground level to accommodate the needs of his disabled wife. He would then rent out the first floor which would allow them to pay for the cost of the renovations. He would like this reverted back to a one family if they sell or both he and his wife are deceased.

Mr. Dowd advised Mr. Burger to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a use variance to change a one family residence into a two family.

### **Dedication of Public Improvements @ Jacob's Ridge Subdivision**

Removed from the agenda.

### **Refuse Collection Contract**

Manager Politi stated that the Board asked what it would cost for the village to start collecting garbage. Starting out with a crew you will need at least two operators and three labors. That is based on having an equipment operator and two laborers on a packer. That's a motor equipment operator and a laborer on a recycling truck. You have to also remember there will be vacation needs. This is bare minimum. This would be a week long process. There is a clothing allowance. The cost of trucks, base price \$152,000. There are some on state bid for \$120,000. You will need at least two trucks to start with. You would also need a recycling truck. There is also a fuel cost of approximately \$23,000. He hasn't been able to put the maintenance cost together, it will be substantial. The housing level is if you want to keep it inside and you don't have that ability. There is also an insurance cost. You also need to have a washing station. The tipping fee is based on the current cost of \$65.00 per ton. If we don't have the access to Masada it could cost \$75.00 a ton. That's not including bulk pick up which will be a c & d cost which is usually \$150.00 a ton. Excluding major pieces you are at a total of \$594,000. Our current contract is \$544,000. You're over without some major pieces. You also have a program, the incentive program, you start your day and when you're done you're done. If it takes you eight hours or if it takes six hours, but you do get paid for eight. They are still developing the insurance cost. He will bring more information to the Board when it's received. You will also need a supervisor and an administrative side that is not in here.

Mayor Pearson asked about the contract and when does it expire.

Manager Politi stated that the contract expires December 31, 2005. The village is in discussions with Middletown and the council has the contract. We wouldn't have to go out to bid because it intermunicipal

### **Housing Rehab Funds Uses & Status & Guidelines Review**

Kerron Barnes explained the housing rehab funds, status and guidelines to the Board. He also stated that Hy Hilzen has spoken to him about converting his building to senior housing.

Trustee DeJesus stated that Mr. Hilzen should be speaking with the Village Manager. There is a plan for that area.

Mr. Barnes stated that he will contact Mr. Burger and see if he can help him.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we have a population that is low income. There are houses in the village that are in terrible condition. We have to find a way to grant money to those homeowners at the gateways to the village. Trustee DeJesus also stated that he wants to see the income guidelines and a plan of action.

Mr. Barnes indicated that he will get that to the Board.

Mayor Pearson asked about granting money to low income people,

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's not unusual to grant money. He further indicated that they need eligibility guidelines.

Mr. Barnes stated that he can structure money and do a plan on how to use the money.

Manager Politi stated that Emily's World would be a good area for senior housing.

Mr. Barnes stated that HODAG repayments doesn't say it can't be used by seniors.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they have to come up with a plan outside Railroad Place.

Mr. Barnes suggested a plan for first time homeowners. He also stated that UDAG money has the most flexible fund. There is \$260,000 in the fund but you have to be very careful to use it as loans not grants.

Mayor Pearson asked about a time frame for the requested information.

Mr. Barnes stated that he will have it for the next work session.

### **Parking Concerns in Various Areas of the Village Of Walden**

Tabled until November 8, 2005.

Trustee Wynkoop suggested since No. 7-10 on the agenda is nothing urgent he would like more information and would like to table them.

### **School Tax Reform-Sample Resolution/Town of Cornwall**

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to Mr. Randazzo and people are moving out of the area because they can't afford to live here. What they are proposing is to get Albany to come up with an answer. She would like the Village to send a letter to our representative in Albany making them aware of this.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she doesn't know if the Board has to take action on this. Albany is aware of local communities struggling. You can work through other channels and you should be careful what you are asking for.

It was the consensus of the Board not to pass a resolution.

### **Support Request for Gasoline Tax Reduction or Suspension**

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that this is the same issue as the school tax. Getting people help with home heating oil would be more significant than gasoline tax. The Feds are going to attach this to a bill in the next couple weeks. It would behoove us to let the local population know.

### **Letter from Town Supervisor**

Trustee DeJesus stated that the letter from Supervisor Cockburn rubbed him the wrong way, she wants to do an intermunicipal agreement and if he was in her position that is not the way he would go about seeking the cooperation of villages and other officials. He's sure she is aware there is a lawsuit with Mrs. Sandbothe. He will get in touch with her. If you are looking for an intermunicipal agreement this letter would not bring him to the table because it's a finger pointing letter and copies Mr. and Mrs. Sandbothe and others that are in the line of fire from that development. He is in favor of intermunicipal agreements and sharing resources.

Mayor Pearson stated that what she got out of the letter is she is looking for future problems that could happen in other developments. She talked about getting intermunicipal grant money and having the same planner between the town and village who can help with problems that arise. She asked if the Board would entertain having Susan come talk to us.

Trustee Hurd asked for something in writing.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we should wait until after the election and have a committee that could report back to the Board.

Trustee Wynkoop also indicated that the letter from the Supervisor was offending.

### **Historic Survey Funding w/ Town of Montgomery**

Mayor Pearson stated that the cost for the historic survey is \$15,000, it was split into half, and the town would pay \$7500 and the balance would be split with the three villages. If Mr. Larson came in to do it for the village it would cost \$4500.00 to \$5000.00.

Trustee Wynkoop moved that the Village of Walden be a part of the Town's historic survey at a cost of \$3,000 contingent upon the manager finding the funding. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment – Discussion Items**

Brenda Adams asked about the comment the Mayor made regarding less parking restrictions on a loft apartment.

Mayor Pearson read that in the Mx Zone office space is one parking space per 300 feet gross leasable area and retail is one per 300 feet of gross leasable area and artist loft is two per each artist loft and residential is one space per one bedroom unit plus one space each bedroom over one bedroom. She should have said more.

Ms. Adams asked if the Village did their own garbage collection would they make it mandatory for businesses to go in on it so they would share the cost.

Trustee Wynkoop stated yes but that would mean we would have to provide dumpsters.

Mayor Pearson indicated that it's not in the code that dumpsters are required.

Manager Politi stated that you may not have to pick up business as long as you don't put it on the taxes.

Ms. Adams asked if the Village could have the people from the fish farm post a bond in case they walk away and leave stagnant water and dead fish.

Mr. Dowd stated that the IDA would be a perfect funding mechanism for this kind of operation. There are some regulations for signs when a business ceased to be in business for more than 30 days they have to take the sign down. The property owner

would be responsible for the condition of their property if a tenant walks out. If it got so bad and was a health problem we could do an unsafe building type of proceeding and have this board authorize the village to go in and clean it up and charge it back to the property owner.

Mayor Pearson advised Ms. Adams that the youth meeting is on November 7th, 2005 at 7pm.

Mr. Edwards asked if the fish farm would have a back up generator. He doesn't want a rush of ammonia to his pump station.

Mr. Dowd stated that they first need the zoning amendment. If they don't get that they can't come into the village.

Mike Lynch stated that the school tax reform is all up to us individuals. Municipal garbage pickup, he doesn't know why the village did this he can take his two bags of garbage to the transfer station as well as his neighbors. He further stated that the municipalities should only be sharing their buying power for equipment.

### **Information Items/Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi indicated that the department head reports are in the Board's packet.

### **Board of Trustees Miscellaneous Comments**

Trustee Wynkoop complimented DPW and Fire Department for the way they handled the oil spill and the rain.

Trustee Keator also complimented DPW and the Fire Department.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated there was a letter to the editor about a woman parked in front of the school. Maybe we should send more public information out regarding the parking regulations. She gave the Board the final closing on the monument. She also asked for the Board's consensus to have the manager write a letter to Nancy Calhoun asking her to support the 1000 foot distance for level 3 sex offenders in relation to schools.

It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to Nancy Calhoun regarding level 3 sex offenders.

Trustee Keator thanked everyone for their support at the Harvest Moon Ball. She also thanked DPW, Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance Corp for all their help during the rainstorm.

Trustee Keator asked about 27 East Main Street on the Code Enforcers list, she's not sure that is the house next to the Wallkill Valley Times. The front door has been kicked in and the window patching has been taken down. Can another letter go out?

Manager Politi stated that house has been sold.

Trustee Keator asked that building be secured better.

Trustee DeJesus asked how it went with the Hazmat situation.

Manager Politi explained the Hazmat situation at Wooster Grove.

Mayor Pearson asked if there is any way the Village can be pro active in situations such as this.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that the pumps at Pine Street have to be replaced.

Manager Politi stated that the staff was pro active. He doesn't know how you would prevent the river from coming up other then a break wall.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the house at Olley Park was secured.

Manager Politi stated that we will be doing that.

Deputy Mayor Maise asked if the Villages project on Maple Street was being coordinated with the schools parking lot.

Manager Politi stated that they've raised the profile so it doesn't impact us.

Mayor Pearson asked about the lights at the Oak Street parking lot.

Manager Politi stated that he will call NYSEG.

Mayor Pearson asked about the youth officer.

Manager Politi stated that he will get the status on that.

Mayor Pearson asked about the complaint regarding an illegal beauty parlor on Watkins Drive.

Manager Politi stated that he met with the gentleman who filed the complaint and what you have to do is get a sale and that would be hard to do. He did see the tapes.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the village sent a letter to the Department of Health regarding the chemicals and hair.



Mayor Pearson asked the attorney about our well site and the county.

Mr. Dowd stated that he spoke to the county attorney and it is straightened out, they do not have to take co-ownership of the property. They just want us to have a restrictive covenant in the deed that says restricted for municipal water services or open space.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Wynkoop moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105-(f), personnel, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wynkoop moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk