

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 13, 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 Matisse
	Trustees	Roy Wynkoop
		Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Lauren Keator
		Jose DeJesus

Also Present:	James C. Politi, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney
	Alan Sorensen, Planner

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Norman moved to adopt the minutes of November 22, 2005 with the following corrections: Page 3, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change liability to viability and Page 11, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change assessing to accessory. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

**Introduction of New Full-Time Police Officers**

Chief Holmes introduced Youth Officer Robert Montanaro to the Board. He also indicated that he will introduce Officers Barry and Taback at the next meeting.

**Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law I-4 of 2005, “Zoning”**

Alan Sorensen, Planner explained the proposed zone changes. He also stated that there are design guidelines that are being proposed for Railroad Place. He is going to recommend some minor revisions to Local Law #4 because there are two other things they are trying to accomplish with the comprehensive plan and the other was the adoption of the design guidelines for downtown. He recommends the Board do that concurrently with the adoption of the MX zone and Railroad Place that is part of a revised local law. They can also adopt the downtown design guidelines for the Village.

Larry Kraus, Hudson Valley Auto and Tire Center stated that the Village is planning on rezoning his area to a mixed use; however it will be a nonconforming use to him which will prevent him from enlarging his building. Also, it states compulsory termination which means if the Board sees that he is doing something wrong that is bad for the community or environment they can terminate his business.

Mr. Sorensen explained that the compulsory termination is current law. He doesn't think it's ever been exercised within the Village. He thinks it would be a difficult case to make.

Mr. Dowd stated that the law has been on the books for a while, but the idea here is that Mr. Kraus has constitutional rights that the Village cannot arrogate by a mere enactment of a resolution. They are changing the zoning to mx and if Mr. Kraus wanted to expand his business or building he can apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals and make a case as to why he needs that to be done and the Zoning Board would decide whether he can expand or not. The Village understands that he is non conforming and he will continue to be allowed to use his building and business as he sees fit and if he wants to sell it as a repair garage he can.

Trustee Wynkoop asked if the section of the code dealing with compulsory termination can be taken out of the code.

Mr. Dowd stated, or modify it.

Marcus Millspaugh asked when the lines were set for changing the zones. He also asked about the proposed land use of the Village for businesses along Orange Avenue remaining as B-4. There seems to be a conflict.

Mayor Pearson indicated that what Mr. Millspaugh is saying is why are we changing it to a mixed use right up to Route 208 as opposed to back further towards Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Sorensen stated that they went through the process of looking at existing uses within the district. They looked at what would become non conforming and what is non conforming within the proposed district. By zoning it to mixed use and not increasing the non conformings they have the opportunity to bring more uses into conformity there. The sense was similar to downtown where you have a real strong commercial core, historic downtown buildings on Main Street. As you get out to the B-3 district on Orchard Street it kind of steps down a little bit so that as the mx district evolves around the center of Railroad Avenue we have the ability to create really a cohesive mx district there by bringing it all together and to encourage additional residential use within that district.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there is another ramification in going from B-4 to mx. The B-4 minimum lot area is 10,000 sq. ft. and the mx is down to 2500 or 1500.

The lots are much smaller and you have some residential uses on Orange Avenue that have very big lots that now could become several units on those lots.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that it also has to be a mixed use. The other thing they are going to recommend for the mx district is a minimum floor area for residential units of 900 square feet.

Trustee DeJesus asked if that was something they could do throughout the Village because the Planning Board has had this discussion in the past in looking at plans. He thinks if they are going to do that he'd like to see it across the board, not just specific to this area.

The Mayor agreed.

Mr. Dowd indicated that they could incorporate it into a revised I-4.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that his observation was a conflict between the preliminary comprehensive plan between the land use along Orange Avenue B-4, because someone at that time thought that's the proper thing. The same document there is another plan that shows mx going up to Orange Avenue.

Mr. Sorensen stated that in the final plan it shows the mx going up to Orange Avenue.

Mr. Millspaugh asked why does that line have to be where it is. Why didn't they go back a street?

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that right across from Hudson Valley Auto and Tire Center is Pisano Bros. and Georges Fuel and those are businesses in a B-3 and they didn't get included in the mx district. Where do you draw the line?

Mr. Sorensen stated that you're going to have that no matter what you do. The rationale is from a pedestrian standpoint you're walking on that side of Orange Avenue down towards Railroad Place. It's very pedestrian oriented. You have Sweeney's which is a mixed use to begin with so that brings it into conformity and the intent is really to try to encourage a cohesive mixed use neighborhood there that is pretty well defined. You do at the end of the day make a decision where you draw that line. In the process of going through the comprehensive plan they ultimately came to that conclusion.

Mr. Dowd stated that comprehensive plans are meant to be general guidelines. Even though you have a map that shows where it's suppose to be when you come down to the actual zoning of the property you do have some leeway as to which lots are where because of other considerations including non conforming uses.

Trustee DeJesus stated going back to 900 sq. ft. for apartment's living space he wants to revisit that and see how they can incorporate it.

Mr. Dowd indicated that there are two things you have to think about and one is all apartments, because the senior apartments are usually smaller, and next if you make the multiple dwellings in the downtown area 900 sq. ft. you are making all those apartments non conforming.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we already have this situation on Main Street and he doesn't want to have another situation like that where you have two apartments and they went to three or four and that is not acceptable.

Trustee Hurd stated that he feels the Board should discuss this thoroughly and he doesn't think it should be carte blanche incorporated into this, because you have to do an economic viability of those properties, so even if we are doing something on one end we may be destroying the economic viability on the other.

Trustee DeJesus stated that when someone buys an apartment you know what you are buying and it's up to the Village to set the standards.

Mr. Dowd suggested that the Board close the public hearing on Local Law I-4 and then he and Mr. Sorensen will go through the changes that they feel should be incorporated into that law. The Board can authorize those changes and then they can reintroduce that new law as I-6 of 2005 or I-1 of 2006 and have a public hearing January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Mayor Pearson asked where the 900 sq. ft. came from.

Mr. Sorensen stated that one of the other permitted uses within the mx is an artist loft and they did a lot of research on minimum sizes of artist lofts and they came up with recommendations for 1000 sq ft. The 900 sq ft is based on two factors, taking out the work space for an artist loft and also looking at the existing zoning. Within the existing zoning ordinance you have a minimum square footage for single and two family detached units of 900 sq. ft. and for a multiple dwelling is 500 sq. ft. Five hundred seemed excessively small and he thought about 1200 which is on the large size so he went in-between.

Keith Millsbaugh stated that he considers what happens on Main Street with businesses underneath apartments a problem because when people go to the Zoning Board and Planning Board they get the ability to use public parking in lieu of parking on site. He didn't see in the plan what was the final verdict on where parking will be and will all these sites have on site parking or will they be using public parking.

Mr. Sorensen stated that within the proposed mx district there is three means by which someone can meet their parking requirements. They can count some of the spaces along the street where property has frontage towards their required off street parking. The spaces can't be reserved specifically for that building, but they are still public spaces, but that can count as to what is required for off street parking. The mx district also

encourages parking to the rear of the building and the third provision would be permitted providing public parking was available. If public parking is within 300 feet of the proposed mixed use building that can also count towards their required parking.

Keith Millsbaugh stated that he doesn't like the idea of using Village parking.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked for an explanation of shared parking.

Mr. Sorensen stated that part of the idea in the mx is that there may be future opportunities as infill buildings are created where developers can get together in identifying where they can provide off street parking and it might be public/private partnership where they work with the Village to develop off street parking and then there is an allocation towards the required apartments needed for that building to develop. They can meet their off street parking requirements by either contributing to the creation of the off street parking lot that is utilized by several different buildings or could be a public/private partnership.

Mayor Pearson stated that we should be setting that up now and it should be somewhat mandatory that you would have to be doing that or let it go and hope business comes in and then we have a problem with parking again.

Mr. Sorensen stated that shared parking is where an applicant can show within their mixed use building that the utilization of parking for the principal retail use that the peak demand for parking will be from 8am until 6pm and the peak demand for residential use is from 6pm until 8am and where they can demonstrate that there is a strong likelihood of that occurring then the local law talks about the provision of shared parking. You don't want to have a mixed use district that is a sea of asphalt.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked how are you going to guarantee the type of tenant you have or the usage of the parking spaces.

Mr. Dowd stated that it may not just be shared parking between residential and commercial uses.

Mayor Pearson asked if they can make it mandatory that parking has to be supplied and not allow the Planning Board to waive parking.

Mr. Dowd stated that they can always apply to the Zoning Board for a variance. By making it mandatory you don't want to discourage businesses from coming here.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that the reduction for the shared parking is up to 20%, so its' not like a 50% reduction.

Trustee DeJesus asked about incentives for parking.

Mr. Sorensen stated that it will be in the developer's interest to have sufficient parking to address his tenants and business needs.

Mayor Pearson stated that she is concerned with parking for the train.

Mr. Sorensen stated that there are sites right next to the rail tracks and there are several larger sites within 500 feet that could provide off street parking.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it has to be addressed in the plan that any parking that is going to be developed has to conform. We have to have the guidelines to develop the parking lots, parking structures, whatever it is that MTA or the Village wants to put over there.

Mayor Pearson asked what the feasibility was for the train and what is the time frame.

Manager Politi stated that a lot of it will be dictated with the Tappen Zee project. There is a feasibility study that the Village will try to do, not with our money, to see if it works. There is no time frame.

Mr. Sorensen stated that one of the next steps is a detailed feasibility study.

Mr. Hilzen, Package Lighting asked if his property was covered by the grand fathered clause.

Mr. Dowd explained that his property will be rezoned mx but he will be allowed to continue his business. The use is grand fathered, but when he changes the use he must go to the Planning Board.

Keith Millsbaugh asked where the people in the mx zone go during a snow emergency, if they are allowed to use off street parking.

Manager Politi stated that there may be a partnership between private and public that may produce public parking space.

Larry Kraus stated that parking is a tough issue. He also commented on the train, it's a good idea, but there are a lot of variables that are not being answered.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the comprehensive plan speaks to the fact that the mx district is being set up to stand on its own. Whether passenger rail comes in or not the feeling is that area is right for a mixed use district.

Mayor Pearson indicated that under B, Residential Community Facilities it talks about Municipal Park being a special exception use. It should be a permitted use. If the Village is planning on a park in that area they might want to change that.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that can be changed.

Mayor Pearson also asked about parking garages which is also special exception.

Mr. Dowd stated that you would want the Planning Board to look at the proposal for a parking garage and have them put conditions on that use.

Mayor Pearson stated that tavern is special exception, is that something you would want to keep special exception.

Mr. Dowd stated yes, because when new ones come in you can have difficulties with them and you want to make sure they are appropriate for the neighborhood and put restrictions as to how many you have and where they are and if they are too close to residential.

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

Mr. Sorensen reviewed the changes to the local law.

Trustee Hurd asked if it would be inappropriate to stay with 900 sq. ft. in the mx zone and revisit the other areas.

Mr. Sorensen stated that he would like to get together with Mr. Stickles because he knows all the units and buildings.

It was the consensus of the Board to revisit the 900 sq. feet dwelling size for areas outside the mx district on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Trustee Hurd moved to amend Introductory Local Law I-4 of 2005, "Zoning" as Introductory Local Law I-6 of 2005, and "Zoning", to include changes Mr. Sorensen described. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to hold a public hearing on Introductory Local Law I-6 of 2005, "Zoning" on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to declare the Board of Trustees lead agency under SEQRA for Introductory Local Law I-6 of 2005, "Zoning". Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Carol Pautz, Ellenville stated that she was in Walden shopping and hit the curb and blew the tire on her car. She called the Police Department who indicated that the Village does not pay for tires. She feels that she should be compensated for the tire.

Mayor Pearson stated that she asked the Village Clerk to look into see how many police records there are of people who have blown out their tires and there have been three that have been recorded. The Mayor has received a few complaints. It is a State highway and she put a call into the State to see if there was anything that could be done to the curbs to make them smoother. She would like the manager to look into it.

Trustee Hurd stated that New York State law says a driver must be in control of their car at all times. That means don't hit other cars, trees or the curb.

Ms. Pautz left the bill for the tire.

Manager Politi stated that he will look into dulling the edges of the curb.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested a coating be put on the curb.

Keith Millsbaugh stated that he'd like to take over the cause for Mrs. Pautz. As a business owner it's a detriment to the downtown to have a hazard for people coming into the town that would keep people from coming into downtown Walden. From his recollection of being on Main Street for 23 years himself, the concrete curbs that were there never caused a problem. If you looked at the wear of the concrete curbs you tell that people hit the curbs so to say it's a driver's responsibility when the curbs in the past were hit and the damage did not occur and now when you hit the curb damage occurs obviously it's a hazard created by the Village of Walden. He was asked as a business owner to come to a meeting regarding the state project. He brought up two concerns, one was that the granite curb should not have a ninety degree angle on it because of the hazard it would cause to the tire. The other thing he brought up was that the sidewalk should be narrowed and the street widened. At that point it was too late to make any changes, so he doesn't know why businesses were asked to come to a meeting when the decisions were already done. Now today we are dealing with one of the issues. When he was on the board there were issues with storm sewers and the Village used to pay people to replace their tires when the Village did not repair a storm sewer. Today the Village should be doing the exact same thing. He thinks the Board should have a long discussion tonight to figure out what the solution is rather than put it off.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Board has asked the manager to look into what can be done.

Mayor Pearson indicated that the discussion is also payment back to the customer.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he doesn't feel the Village should reimburse for tires. You are saying that you are liable. He doesn't feel the taxpayers of this Village have to pay for everyone whose tire is flat.

Trustee Hurd stated that he does not accept the conclusion that our curbs are a hazard. They are absolutely appropriate, beautiful and long lasting.



Mayor Pearson stated that they are not saying they are not beautiful. She asked then why did Mr. Horan want his curbs cut at a different angle, so when the cars park in front of his building their not going to get their tires slashed.

Manager Politi indicated that Mr. Horan requested that.

Trustee DeJesus indicated that we have to look to see what can be done on Main Street to take care of it.

Manager Politi stated that he will look to see if there is a way to buff the edges.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is a monetary issue here. The Board can make a decision whether to reimburse people.

Trustee Hurd indicated that if you drive a car you are responsible for operating your vehicle. Taxpayers can't be responsible for people who don't park their cars properly.

Mayor Pearson asked the manager to check with the State to see if they are responsible for doing that.

Manager Politi stated that would be a long process.

It was the consensus of the Board to see if there is a way of smoothing the curbs and no payment.

Kerron Barnes stated that he was asked to stop by to reschedule the meeting with the Board to discuss the rehab guidelines.

Trustee Keator moved to hold special meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with Kerron Barnes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Leonard stated that Beazer Builders have cleared the Hecht property of all the trees. The survey was in error. The plan calls for a buffer at the rear of the houses on South Montgomery Street and when they cleared they cut all the trees that would have been in the buffer. The buffer was on the plans.

Mayor Pearson asked why the building inspector isn't on site when something starts.

Trustee Wynkoop asked if the building inspector can go over and take a look at this.

Mayor Pearson stated that she's always had a problem with people who are allowed to start a development without letting anyone know that they have started.

Manager Politi stated that they do let the engineer and building inspector know.

Mr. Dowd stated that they have a pre construction meeting between the village engineer, project people and building inspector. When they start site work it's usually the engineer who is being paid to be out there to inspect. The building inspector does the actual inspection of the houses.

Mayor Pearson asked why the builder would not know there is a buffer zone.

Manager Politi stated that he will look into this.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they will have to replace those trees.

Manager Politi stated that if there was a mistake they will have to correct it.

Mayor Pearson stated that she can't accept that. There is too many flaws in this village, there are too many things that go wrong and it's always with trees and developments and with no one knowing that they've started cutting anything. She knows someone called her yesterday about this. She asked what can be done in the future.

Trustee DeJesus stated that one of the things the board has never come to a conclusion on is tree replacement and when a developer comes in and mistakenly clear cuts. There has to be a mechanism for fines.

Mayor Pearson stated that on the day that a project starts the engineer and building inspector should be on site. Someone should be checking that work.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't know what occurred at Beezer Homes, but he will find out.

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to Mr. Stickles today and was told everything is fine and they've had their approvals. The Mayor further stated that she would like to implement something for developments for when they start building.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that the traffic is getting terrible with the backup at the lights.

Mayor Pearson stated that the State was here but they come at the wrong time. They don't come at 5pm when it's important. She suggested a police officer be put by the McKinley Monument for a short period of time until the lights are working properly.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that he hopes the discussion on curbs tonight makes the board think about taking a position on granite curbs. He doesn't see where granite curbs buy anything but trouble.

Keith Millsbaugh commented on the walk light on Main Street it comes on every other light with no one pushing the button. He further stated that the manager should be made aware if things that are out of the ordinary.

### **Senior Citizen Meeting Space**

Mayor Pearson indicated that she has been looking for a space for the seniors to hold their meetings as opposed to the church because parking is an issue. The Walden Ambulance Corp has said they can use their space for a charge of \$650. which the Village pays for. They will be signing a contract with the ambulance corp. in January. The Village has paid the church \$1,000 for the year.

Trustee DeJesus moved to allocate \$650. for the rent at the ambulance corp. for the senior citizens. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Keator stated that the Village will have to write a letter to the church to get the money back.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Keator moved to pay the audited bills of December 13, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Acceptance of Refuse Collection Bid**

Manager Politi indicated that the Village put out a bid proposal packet for refuse collection in the Village and we did a one year contract, two year contract and three year contract and you can submit bids accordingly. We received two bids back, Interstate Waste who gave bids for one year, two year and three year and Waste Management who gave only a one year price. The one year bid from Interstate Waste was \$608,000 and Waste Management was \$910,000. He further explained the contract prices.

Mayor Pearson commented on estimated garbage cost that the manager put together if we became our own hauler.

Trustee Hurd stated that the manager's figures were extremely optimistic and very low.

Mayor Pearson asked why workers would have to be union.

Manager Politi stated that the titles are part of the CSEA contract. He also explained that there is a little cheaper truck at \$29,000 so you can pull about \$20,000 out of that, but if you buy cheap that's how you're going to work, cheap and its going to break.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that if they are offering a one year contract she feels the Village should take the opportunity in one year to look at other possibilities.

Trustee Hurd stated that he hopes the Board would consider the advantage to our residents in locking this contract for three years.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she has received complaints about the present company coming into the Village too early.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Village should hold the garbage company accountable to the time they come into the Village.

Mayor Pearson asked about where the Village stands on picking up businesses.

Manager Politi stated this is residential pickup.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he has never had any complaints against the present garbage company. They are always there and they clean up after themselves. They've never damaged his garbage cans. Two something more a month is nothing. He feels a three month deal is good.

Trustee Keator stated that she has never gotten any complaints. She is not upset with this company, but they are not Middletown.

Trustee DeJesus stated that this is a good contract. The budget the manager gave the Board includes two trucks and we really need three and it doesn't reflect future salary increases.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she feels the Village doing it themselves would be very difficult and expensive. She doesn't know if there is ever a possibility of doing it with another municipality here in the town. That should be looked into. She would go into this for a year and look at other possibilities. She is not satisfied with this company. The City of Middletown was much better.

Mayor Pearson stated that she is new at this, but she keeps hearing Middletown from all the Board members. If they were so good why aren't we trying to get them back, unless the price is outrageous?

Manager Politi stated that last time Middletown was in the thirties.

Trustee Keator stated that she would like to see a penalty in the contract and enforce it.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she feels they are messy and they leave garbage cans all over the place.

Trustee DeJesus moved to accept the bid for refuse collection from Interstate Waste Services for a period of three (3) years. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes with the exception of Deputy Mayor Matisse voting no. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Village should start looking into purchasing in an intermunicipal agreement type of way.

Mayor Pearson indicated that she gave the manager information regarding a grant for intermunicipal purchasing.

### **Acceptance of Fireworks Bid**

Manager Politi indicated that he received bids for a fireworks show on New Years Eve at Olley Park. He explained the festivities for New Years Eve. He suggested the Village go with Legion Fireworks.

Trustee Keator moved to accept the bid from Legion Fireworks for \$9,000. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus.

Mayor Pearson suggested that the stage in the center square be opened up to people who have enjoyed the Village and lived here and would like to speak.

Trustee Keator suggested that a time limit be put on the speakers.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like this advertised.

It was the consensus of the Board to contact the non for profit groups to see if they would be interested in selling refreshments.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Local Law No. I-5 of 2005, Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Member Exemption**

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to introduce Introductory Local Law I-5 of 2005, "Taxation". Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to hold a public hearing on Introductory Local Law I-5 of 2005, "Taxation" on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Cherry Street Easement Discussion**

Trustee DeJesus indicated that he would like the annual easement payment received that hasn't been paid. He further stated that the Village has to monitor what we do.

Mr. Dowd indicated that if they are found in default they have 10 days in which to cure and correct.

### **Public Comments on Discussion Items**

Mrs. Glass indicated that she has no problem with the current garbage hauler. She does have a problem with trees that were cut down behind her house.

### **Informational & Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi gave the Board the letter approving the retaining wall at Jacob's Ridge. Also, he presented a maintenance bond for Jacob's Ridge.

The Manager showed the Board the final design of the band shell. He also showed the Board the design for the Bradley Assembly Room sign.

Manager Politi also indicated that the department head reports are in the packets.

Trustees Wynkoop and Keator stated that DPW did an awesome job with the last snow storm.

### **Board Comments**

Trustee Norman stated that there are two recreation committees, one meets on Monday and the other on Wednesday and she was wondering if they could be combined the two committee's.

Mr. Dowd stated that they don't have to be combined just hold one meeting with both committees there.

Trustee Hurd stated that he found it interesting tonight listening to the public comments and Mr. Sorensen who was here talking about the proposal. He remembers in 1998 Village Manager Darren Hernandez came up with the idea of a capital improvement program and he chose to redo Valley Avenue and he chose granite curbing. One of the reasons they thought it was a good idea was because it really looked good and wasn't that much more than concrete and it would last 100 years. The manager and the Board wanted to make a statement that this is the kind of Village we want to have. The things that were discussed tonight every one of them comes from the positive growth and capital improvement program and its success and the downtown revitalization success.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she attended the comptroller's conference and this is the viable area in New York State.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he feels the Village is moving in the right direction and we have to continue to move forward marketing our Village.

Trustee Keator stated that she would like redevelopment of existing parcels on the next agenda. She thanked the Walden Community Council for the decorations on the tree this year. She also stated that the Board will be discussing parking in January. It seems to her that when she goes to lunch there is one or both cars of the people who own Clippers with tickets on their cars. She doesn't know if they are paying or what is happening with them. She would like Judge Ozman's opinion on this. She also heard that there is someone on Main Street that just pulls the tickets off and the car just stays there. That is not the purpose of this. She asked that the Board write a letter to Judge Ozman and ask him to attend the next meeting.

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to the Judge before and he indicated that he wouldn't come before the Board.

Trustee Keator asked if there was a way to purchase more wreaths like the ones in the square.

Manager Politi suggested they make that part of the budget process. He suggested the Board do Main Street as a capital project.

Trustee DeJesus asked how much the wreaths would be.

Manager Politi stated for 10 it was \$5,000.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Board has to keep in mind that it's \$10,000 out of the budget.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is \$5,000 right now in the budget.

Trustee Keator stated that she would love to see the wreaths on the bridge, but because of the wind from the river she's concerned they will get damaged.

Trustee DeJesus suggested live Christmas trees on Main Street to decorate.

Trustee Keator stated that there is a house on the corner of Rifton and Riverview that the owner doesn't keep the sidewalk clear of snow. He is an absentee landlord. If there is a storm on the weekend can the code enforcement officer go out to look at the sidewalks.

Mayor Pearson indicated that property owners have 24 hours to clear the sidewalk, so if it snows on Saturday we can wait until Monday. She's not willing to pay for overtime.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a letter from New York State Parks and Recreation regarding Helen McKay's house on Church Street that has been listed on the national register for historic houses.

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to Manager Politi regarding the park and the pond. Patricia Henighan wrote a letter about how the Village can keep the pond clean.

Manager Politi stated that he has called Ms. Henighan.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it has to be effective.

Mayor Pearson stated that she has been thinking about different ideas for the joint board meeting. It may be worthwhile to have Mr. Sorensen.

Mayor Pearson asked Trustee Norman if she would like streets on the next agenda.

Trustee Norman stated yes, if the Chief can be present.

Mayor Pearson asked if dumpsters were to be enclosed. There are some that aren't.

Mayor Pearson asked about the dump closing.

Mr. Dowd stated that there are going to be a couple lawyers representing municipalities as a group going to the hearing on Thursday.

Mayor Pearson stated that Trustees DeJesus and Hurd talked about comments that were made tonight and the discussion that has been going on. That is what we are here for. Those discussions are not disagreements they're really what the Board's job is. It's important that the public hear this.

### **Executive Session**

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

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

Trustee DeJesus moved to approve the contract with Planit Mainstreet. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk