

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
August 15, 2007**

Mayor Becky Pearson called the special meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 8:00am.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Roy Wynkoop
		Edmond Leonard

Also Present:	Chief Holmes, Acting Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kerron Barnes

Absent:	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matise
	Trustee	Jose DeJesus
	Village Manager	James Politi

Justice Court Assistance Program

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-07-08, Grant Application to the State of New York Justice Court Assistance Program. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Restore New York Letter of Intent

Mayor Pearson stated that this is the Restore New York program which is the second year. This would be for rehabilitation or demolition. She assumes Ray Ozman wants to do rehabilitation on the inside of his building. This is a letter of intent. She had a couple concerns, one being the application fee of \$250.00 and there is a 10% match of whatever the applicant gets. She did speak to Mr. Ozman and he indicated that wouldn't be a problem on his end. There can also be administration fees.

Trustee Hurd asked if they were asking for two million, three hundred thousand for project one.

Mr. Barnes stated that a letter of intent has to generally describe the project in loose terms.

Trustee Hurd asked if what he had was an example.

Mr. Barnes indicated that it's the actual letter of intent, but it's not the application. They need the letter of intent to sense what is going to come. The most we can apply for is 2.5 million. That's not necessarily the total project cost. Right now we're talking about the NELCO building which is 67,000 square feet, if you look at the formula they use for computing the rehabilitation cost of \$184.00 a square foot and if you multiply that by 67,000 you get 12 million dollars. Obviously you won't spend that. It is possible that other buildings could be part of this application. He thinks it would be stronger if it includes something else. It's highly competitive and we will get points for mixed use residential/commercial. The fund is a grant to the village and as it stands now a grant to the property owner. The property owners have to sign over the building that the village has control of the building for the purposes of carrying out the rehabilitation. If there are one or more buildings in the program we have to publish a property inventory list which lists each building and that has to be published in the newspaper three consecutive days and then hold a public hearing on the projects. Pictures have to be taken of every building and sent to SHPO with an inventory form. You have to do SEQRA. His sense is they should knock on some doors and see if other property owners with mixed use or commercial properties are interested.

Mr. Ozman stated that they would be willing to take any steps necessary to strengthen the application. They will consult other property owners. He will work with Mr. Barnes on that and they also will work with the board and follow their lead in terms of what the board is looking for in terms of fulfilling the mandate in that area and what their vision is.

Mayor Pearson asked if this has to stay in one area, can it be any other part of the Village of Walden.

Mr. Barnes stated that you could list the downtown as well as this area. The problem of that is they want to have a sense that the area has a specific adopted plan. He further stated that there is a list of the point schedule which he read and explained to the board.

Trustee Leonard asked if they've gotten any support from the county.

Mr. Barnes stated that they are not involved.

Mr. Ozman addressed the 10% matching; the property owner isn't looking toward the village to match the 10%, that would come directly from the property owner.

Mayor Pearson asked about the application fee.

Mr. Ozman stated that the property owner will fund the \$250.00 application fee.

Trustee Leonard asked for a facts sheet, an overview of what Mr. Barnes explained.

Mr. Barnes stated that he will make copies of the guidelines and distribute them to the board.

Trustee Leonard moved to approve the Restore New York letter of intent. Seconded by Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Acting Village Manager Holmes requested an executive session, personnel, Village Manager.

Trustee Leonard moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), personnel, Village Manager, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Hurd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk