

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Joint Meeting
September 30, 2009**

Mayor Brian Maher called the joint meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees, Planning Board and Zoning Board to order at 7:30pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Brian Maher
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Roy Wynkoop
		Richard Hurd
		Marcus Millspaugh
		Edmond Leonard

Absent:	Deputy Mayor	Susan Rumbold
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Zoning Board	Chairman	James Corbett
	Members:	David Ohlmer
		Brenda Adams
		Jason Trafton

Planning Board	Members	Jose DeJesus
		Michael Ciardullo
		John Duffy

Also Present:	James C. Politi, Village Manager
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Member Ohlmer stated that the zoning board wants to hear the village board's recommendation to them for an engineer.

Mr. Dowd stated that they don't need to adhere to the village board's recommendation. They can recommend, but the zoning and planning boards do not have to agree.

Member DeJesus stated that they have not made a decision pending this meeting. One of the things that came up was how would it benefit the village in regard to financially. Would it be a benefit to the village would it be a lesser of a cost in terms of the village engineer for them. It's all one package they would represent everyone. Could it be less money.

Mr. Dowd stated that most the engineer's activity is paid for by the applicant. There are instances where they are doing work that is specific to an application.

Member DeJesus asked if it would reduce the overall cost to the village. Is there a package deal.

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't know if Lanc and Tully quoted a lesser hourly price to the planning board because they are doing work for the village.

Manager Politi stated that he chairman of the planning board could ask that question when they come in for an interview to see if they could get a different rate.

Member DeJesus stated that they will do that.

Mr. Dowd stated that the board can interview Stantec, Lanc and Tully and Ron Gainer individually. The board did not want to go out to a general RFP. They felt comfortable with the three candidates and firms.

Mayor Maher asked if they can openly discuss anyone's concerns for having Lanc and Tully be too involved, or would they rather have a mix of engineers.

Mr. Dowd stated that might be better in executive session. He also explained that the zoning board would use the village attorney and village engineer that the village board picks.

Mayor Maher asked the zoning board members if they would like to bring anything up.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that you have your village code; your plan that you are worried about, any professional engineer can gear your book to that plan. The next step is you're faced with the development on Coldenham Road; you have to get into the village infrastructure. There are limitations on the sewage treatment plant or pump stations. That has to be cleared with the village engineer and then to muddy the waters there we have another engineer that is being charged with the details of the sewage treatment plant. So, if we get a third engineer, we have the village engineer, Delaware Engineer that is involved with the sewer treatment plant directly and he would hope the pump stations directly, those plans have to conform to the village needs. An engineer outside can't design what they want to do as far as the village is concerned; it has to meet the village standards. The Tinbrook pump station seems to be stressed at this time. The original thought when the town houses first came up was to put a pump station in that particular location up stream from that, up hill from that, our other pump stations. So if you're thinking about pumping from one station to another station, maybe a third station, to get a gravity system, the village shouldn't entertain double or triple pumping of sewage. We had a new line, all that has to be worked in. Adding a third engineer in the mix concerns him.

Member DeJesus stated that whether it's the village engineer or the planning board it has to follow the code as it stands.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that actually its four engineers. His concern is this be addressed in an open manner. That all the factors be on the table and understood. You do have to consider the client if he's dealing with one client with the plan and suddenly he has to deal with one engineer with the plan and then he has to deal with another engineer with the details of the sewage treatment plan.

Mayor Maher stated that it was his understanding that the zoning board and the planning board have a more collective shared when it comes to the engineer. He would say that if the zoning board doesn't have any more comments that they go into executive session. He asked if the zoning and planning board members could be a part of executive session.

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't have a problem with them remaining.

Manager Politi asked if there was anything else that the boards wanted to discuss.

Member DeJesus stated that they got Central Hudson down to sixty feet.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Kidd Farm they are waiting for the EIS to come in. After that there is 101 North Montgomery that keeps coming back.

Trustee Leonard asked what is going on with the Buddhist Park.

Mr. Dowd stated that they had a public hearing the last meeting for the property and closed the hearing.

Member DeJesus stated that there are parking issues.

Manager Politi asked if both properties were before the board.

Mr. Dowd stated that the permit is for all the properties. They are trying to get their special permit approval and then they will do it in phases. Phase one is the trails.

Member DeJesus stated that it will remain mostly open space.

Member DeJesus stated that the before and after school day care there is a zoning board issue regarding parking. If they go ahead with the before and after school day care program it would require a space to be used for play yards and they cannot do that because they were previously approved for a variance which required on site parking in that space.

Mr. Dowd stated that they received a variance in the 80's for a karate studio and they never complied with the variance and now they are applying for a use that needs a play area and that is where the play area would be. They never showed up for the public meeting.

Mr. Dowd stated that Friday there is a training session by the Planning Federation in Goshen and the boards are required to have four hours of training every year.

Planning Board Member DeJesus moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), engineering services of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Member Ciardullo. All ayes. Motion carried.

Zoning Board Chairman Corbett moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), engineering services of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Member Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105(f), engineering services of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Member Ciardullo moved to reconvene the joint board meeting. Seconded by Member Duffy. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Member Trafton moved to reconvene the joint board meeting. Seconded by Member Ohlmer. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk