

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 27, 2010  
Motions and Resolutions**

**Public Hearing - Introductory Local Law I-3 of 2010, “Parks”**

Trustee Norman moved to open the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Public hearing opened.

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

**Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2010, “Parks”**

Trustee Hurd moved to declare a negative declaration and an unlisted action under SEQRA. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2010 as Local Law No. 4 of 2010, “Parks”. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Local Law adopted.

**Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2010, “Fluoride”**

Trustee Leonard introduced Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2010, “Fluoride” and set August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30pm for a public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Summer Fest**

Trustee Leonard moved to approve the Summer Fest Concert on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 8pm. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2010, “Enforcement of Fire Lanes”**

Trustee Bowen introduced Local Law No. 5 of 2010, “Enforcement of Fire Lanes” and set a public hearing for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7pm. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Walden Local Development Corporation Agreement**

Trustee Hurd moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Walden Local Development Corporation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Municipal Square**

Trustee Norman moved to approve the scope of the project, benches, signs and recycling cans. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen moved to authorize the manager to sign a contract with the Walden Community Council for the use of up to \$10,000 of village funds which will be received from Walden Community Council and go into Gifts and Donations, building maintenance to front the money to be reimbursed to WCC by the State back to the village. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Valley Avenue Block Party**

Trustee Norman moved to approve the block party on Valley Avenue on August 28, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

## **Audited Bills**

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of July 27, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

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

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 27, 2010**

Mayor Brian Maher called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Brian Maher
	Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
	Trustees	Richard Hurd
		Edmund Leonard
		Bernard Bowen
		Mary Jean Norman
		Randi-Lee Penney

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

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Mayor Maher read the Notice of Hearing and presented the affidavit of publication and affidavit of posting notice.

Trustee Norman moved to open the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Public hearing opened.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street stated that the Veterans Memorial Park is wonderful and she is glad it is going to be accepted as a park and it will be protected. Besdesky Park has had issues over the years, but hopefully this will correct any oversights.

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

**Village Manager's Report**

Manager Revella advised the board that the Westwood Drive project has three catch basins to install. He has been working with the village mechanic to complete the specifications for the new DPW vehicles. They were put through under state bid. There is a draft proposal for Beazer Homes, punch list. There is a time line of October for that to be completed.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked when that project was completed.

Mr. Dowd indicated last year.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked when the last house was built.

Mr. Dowd stated that the last CO was issued the end of the year or in the fall. He will verify that.

Trustee Leonard stated that the last three houses were sold last year.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked when construction started.

Mr. Dowd stated about 2005.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she is astounded by the punch list. She hopes the village starts to do things differently and not allow this kind of thing to go on. She feels sorry for the homeowners.

Mayor Maher asked if the residents saw the punch list.

Manager Revella stated that this punch list is a draft. It's just for the board to review.

Trustee Leonard stated that a lot of those issues, the heavy stuff was from the vacuum company that cleaned out the storm sewers. The residents weren't impacted by that.

Mayor Maher stated that the residents were promised certain things and he wants to make sure there is no discrepancy to the punch list and what was supposed to be done.

Manager Revella stated that once the punch list is finalized he believes it would be in the best interest if the board members could meet with the residents and himself to discuss the punch list before moving forward.

Mr. Dowd stated that the board has to look at the progress they make in the month of August. If they are slow in getting to the punch list we may want to start writing them in September. The more they do the less the village has to do.

Manager Revella stated that the DPW Civil Service hearing has been completed. The attorneys are doing the briefings for the hearing officer. They should hear something within 10 to 15 days. The next projects for DPW will be to continue catch basin maintenance, and replacing signs that are worn or missing. He asked the board to stop by DPW and see how the barn is organized and clean. Gracewood Court pavement was reviewed by our engineers. They advised us to see how it holds up during the winter. There is a one year maintenance bond once

dedicated. Some of the residents complained about the condition of the pavement and how it was installed. There have been several large breaks in our water system. They have been staying on top of them. They are waiting to hear back from Orange County Water Authority about the leak detection grant. They did purchase new leak detection equipment. The laborer for the water meters is also helping to alleviate some of that problem. They found some buildings that were never metered. There are some large commercial buildings that don't have functioning meters that haven't functioned for fifteen years. They are waiting for the second piece of playground equipment. That will be installed at Olley Park.

Trustee Norman asked if they can put the first piece in. It's been seven months.

Manager Revella stated that he doesn't have the specs on the see saw to make sure there is the right amount of room.

Manager Revella stated that they had at least 15 contractors attend the pre-bid walkthrough at the sewer plant. There have been several contractors who picked up packets for the telemetry, municipal building roof and the tennis courts.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that Trustee Leonard sent an email about the other section of the roof, are they going to repair that.

Trustee Leonard stated that the east side is the most deteriorated and that is the longest. He went on the roof with the building inspector and it's much worse than he thought. The metal is paper thin in spots, nails are popping, and the supports, wood is rotted. He will get together with Mr. Stickles and he will email everyone. He thinks fiberglass on the inside is their only option. This is a historical building, we can't remove it, it has to be repaired. He will email the board members.

Manager Revella stated that he noticed the columns at the entrance needs to be painted.

Trustee Leonard stated that DPW did it the last time.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if that section of the roof can be done without doing the other section. Should they be done together.

Manager Revella stated that the bid is for the pitched roof. The flat roof he hasn't seen. He will go up with Mr. Stickles and get a cost estimate. They can be done separately.

Manager Revella stated that the washout on the rail trail has been fixed by the Town of Montgomery DPW. We still don't have an agreement with the town for maintenance.

Trustee Hurd stated that about midway on the rail trail there are two large signs that are in the rail trail right of way. They say private property. They propose a hazard to people biking.

He asked the manager to mention it to the town.

Trustee Leonard stated that the entrance to the rail trail is washing out and it seems like the water is going over the storm drain.

Manager Revella stated that the drain at the top is being circumvented by the water. He has photographs. He reminded anyone who is interested in the park comprehensive plan committee or village comprehensive plan committee to send a letter of intent.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there were planning board minutes when they discussed Gracewood Court and the storm water plan for the project.

Mr. Dowd stated that there would be minutes, but he doesn't know what the content would be.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she would be interested in seeing what their storm water plan was since there is an issue on Sunset.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the revenues from water and sewer, are there any issues.

Manager Revella stated that they aren't having that many issues with sewer right now, with water they are because there was a large bond payment.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there were still issues with people paying their water bills.

Manager Revella stated that they are still having issues.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there was a plan.

Manager Revella stated yes, we will be shutting off water in August.

Trustee Bowen asked about stops signs being taken down.

Manager Revella stated yes, they replaced the one Trustee Bowen brought in. He asked if there were other stop signs removed.

Trustee Bowen stated that there was one on Princeton and one on Berwick. He further stated that someones mail box was taken.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold congratulated Manger Revella on the birth of his son.

Mayor Maher stated that he's gotten a lot of calls about the street sweeper. He asked what the status was.

Manager Revella stated that it was out all day yesterday and today.

Mayor Maher asked how many people were authorized to run the street sweeper.

Manager Revella stated that there are five.

### **Public Comment**

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue stated that at the Flag Day celebration on June 13<sup>th</sup> a veteran and village resident, Vincent Terrone presented the Mayor with a Village of Walden flag and all the places he took it with him as he went over seas. He gave a list of all the places he was at. She would like to see it displayed prominently.

Lynn Schwandt, 143 N. Montgomery Street asked about the water problem at the Thruway Market last week and the village was down there fixing it. Is the village responsible for that or is the Thruway going to receive a bill.

Manager Revella stated that it was a ten inch water main that broke. We weren't sure where the problem was and once they found it they put a temporary fix on it. They have to reimburse the village for the piece of equipment and they will return the clamp.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court stated that she has questions about the possible dedication of Gracewood Court. The project began in 2003 and the last house was completed in October 2006. Prior to moving to Gracewood Court she lived on Wait Street. Across the street from her is a home that has a thin sliver of property that goes all the way to the edge of Sunset. That piece of property, prior to the Gracewood Court project would get saturated. There is a pipe that continually breaks at the top of Wait Street. When she lived on Wait Street between 1998 and 2005 that pipe was dug up three times. Since she moved that pipe broke three times. There is some kind of natural spring. The engineers showed her maps and there is a natural spring and she thinks that contributes to the problem. In regard to the dedication of Gracewood Court and the paving did the engineer give the village something in writing stating that the asphalt used was road grade.

Manager Revella stated that he wasn't given anything.

Mr. Dowd stated that during the inspection process the engineer is out there to make sure the proper material is being used .

Ms. Metzger stated that she spoke to two professionals with over sixty years experience, collectively, and anyone with an eye can go up there and tell you that is not road grade asphalt,

it's driveway grade. She has been in here home for more than five years without a dedicated road. She can't see the village accepting that road the way it is.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street asked if the park property, can it be village property when its owned by the state.

Mr. Dowd stated that they can.

Ms. Pearson asked if the list was found which was made years ago when the Beazer home people came before the board, of what needed to be done.

Mayor Maher stated that when they get that list solidified they will compare it and make sure nothing is inconsistent.

Ms. Pearson stated that she talked about revenue and where the money is going to come from to put the fluoride back into the system. When the board discusses the fluoride she would like to know the boards thoughts on that.

Ms. Pearson suggested the street sweeper come later in the day after people go to work they will have a better chance of cleaning more of the street.

Mary Ellen Matise asked for an update on what is happening at 55 Main Street, the elevator.

Manager Revella stated that the Building Inspector hasn't approved the permit yet, so nothing is happening yet. He did meet with the police, ambulance and fire companies regarding contingency plans. He was assured by Related Management that they will have assistance there and the elevator will be out of service for ten days.

Stephen Flickenschild asked about the Cherry Street building, has anything been written up with regards to work that is suppose to be done on the building.

Manager Revella stated no. He walked through with the engineer and contractor to see the brickwork, replacing windows and taking care of one wall which needs to be replaced.

Mr. Flickenschild asked if there was an estimate of the cost.

Manager Revella stated twenty some thousand.

Mr. Flickenschild asked if they found the reason for the change in that facility.

Manager Revella stated that it was done before the people were working there.



Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue asked how faded does a stop sign have to get before it's replaced.

Manager Revella stated that there are seven stop signs that they are trying to replace. He's not sure if they are under the DOT required illuminance and reflectivity.

Mrs. Vandermark advised the manager that there is a stop sign by the lower bridge that is faded. She also stated that next Tuesday is National Night Out.

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### **Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2010, "Fluoride"**

Mayor Maher stated that they are looking into those funds. It wasn't just fluoride that those funds were taken out of the budget during the budget process, there were other things that went into it. They will have an answer during the public hearing.

Trustee Leonard introduced Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2010, "Fluoride" and set August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30pm for a public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Comprehensive Master Plan Committee**

Mayor Maher stated that he has most of the committee formed, but he doesn't have the entire committee formed. There are seven members and they are still missing a representative from the Zoning Board and one at large.

### **Summer Fest concert - Park Request**

Mayor Maher stated that this event will be August 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 8pm. It is a free all day concert featuring over a dozen bands, many local including some from Donna Hall's School of Music. It will provide a great community and family day in the Village of Walden while the same time promoting Dying Decade Clothing Company and raising money for the Jenn Coudrey Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jenn Coudrey was the morning show co-host on 96.9 WRRV from 2000-2004. She was diagnosed with Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. She lost her battle in 2009. WRRV found the Jennifer Coudrey Memorial Scholarship fund in 2008 to remember Jenn. Dying Decade will purchase their own event liability insurance. Eric DeFont who is the

representative of Dying Decade Clothing Company has met with the Village Manager, interim of parks and recreation, Police Chief and they have spoken to Mr. Dowd about any legal issues. Chief Holmes has recommended an officer to work as an additional patrol officer 10am to 6pm to handle additional calls. In the evening there will be foot patrol. The chief believes there should be an additional officer on from 6pm to 12am to assist with the event. The cost is two part time officers at \$23.76 an hour, \$332.00. They will be cutting the cost of National Night Out Out by 75% for police services. So there is room to budget anything they do that is not budgeted. Mobile Life will also be there.

Eric DeFont, Dying Decade Clothing Company stated that several of his friends started a clothing company during their second year of college. He has also done a lot of bookings and promotions for bands. They have been very diligent in making sure everything is done right. They have several acoustic acts, several main stage acts, vendors and an art exhibition. It is a free show.

Mr. Dowd stated that if there are going to be food vendors they will need the necessary health department permits.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how many people are they expecting.

Mayor Maher stated that the maximum would be 500.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that the cost to the village is based on that 500 and what if there are more people.

Mayor Maher stated that he said that the only way he would have to get more coverage is if it went into 2500 people and they do not foresee that. It is a rain or shine event.

Trustee Leonard moved to approve the Summer Fest Concert on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 8pm. Seconded by Trustee Hurd.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the residents in that area will be notified.

Mayor Maher stated that he would like to write letters to the residents.

Mr. Sebring asked where they are going to park the cars.

Mayor Maher stated that they will park them on the grass.

Mr. Sebring asked what are they going to do with the people that don't want to park in the park. He doesn't want them in front of his house. When the Buddhist have an event they make sure their visitors do not park in front of the residents houses. That should be addressed that all parking will be in the park.

Mayor Maher stated that he doesn't have any problem with that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who is on the board for this organization.

Mr. DeFont stated that it's himself, Chris Olsen and Brian Maher.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that money will be raised for this scholarship for young women in the Hudson Valley, not necessarily the Village of Walden.

Mr. Defont stated that is correct.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that this is a wonderful thing to do and the cause is good, but we strong armed all our department heads during our budget process to bring their budgets down, bare bones, she did speak with Chief Holmes and she said to him that she thinks the board should consider setting a policy that any groups that wants to hold anything like this that they really need to get it in before the budget process. She does understand that there are emergencies. Will they be getting revenue from anywhere for this that the village could be reimbursed for any costs that arise.

Mr. Dowd indicated that the organization can make a donation to the village to cover the costs.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that if the money was staying in Walden then she wouldn't have as much of an issue. Taxpayers will be inconvenienced by it. We have to think about, when we do things like this that it can be unfair.

Mayor Maher stated that you have to think about the positive impact its going to have on the Village of Walden. It is going to be great for the image, WRRV will be in the Village of Walden to promote the Village of Walden. That is priceless.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that we have to be responsible, not only to our taxpayers, but fair to our department heads.

Trustee Norman stated that she feels this is a nice idea and it will bring something to the Village of Walden, from the beginning he said everything is free, if everything is free how are you making money on this.

Mayor Maher stated that there will be a raffles.

Mr. Dowd advised them that they have to apply to the State for a permit to have the raffle.

Ms. Schwandt asked if it is a conflict having the mayor on their board.

Mayor Maher stated that Mr. Defont misspoke, he is not on his board.

Trustee Hurd stated yes there is a cost associated with it, but if its done properly it will bring a lot of people into the village and it show why this village is actively engaged with residents in our village.

Trustee Leonard stated that he was very happy to see the whole thing laid out in writing. If they want to change the policy that should be on the agenda in the future.

Mayor Maher asked the manager and attorney to look into some details about setting policy and bring it up for discussion at the next meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2010, “Enforcement of Fire Lanes”**

Mr. Dowd stated that after the board passed the fire land local law at the last meeting the Building Inspector asked that they authorize the Police Department, the Police Chief specifically under Chapter 9 to enforce it by issuing appearance tickets. That is what this local law does.

Trustee Bowen introduced Local Law No. 5 of 2010, “Enforcement of Fire Lanes” and set a public hearing for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7pm. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Walden Local Development Corporation Agreement**

Mr. Dowd explained that he and the mayor met with Mr. Kirnan and Mr. Olley from the WLDC to talk about the \$50,000 grant that the village is giving to the LDC. They ran into a road block with what the terms should be. They fashioned any agreement that satisfies all parties and protects the village because it defines what the money should be used for, how the money will be given to the LDC, what happens in the event they don’t use it for that particular purpose or they fail to follow the rules of the game. He prepared the agreement and the LDC has signed it.

Trustee Hurd asked what changes were made.

Mr. Dowd stated that one of the first issues was how many units have to be low or moderate income. The village went by what they had gotten verbally from HUD, that it had to be 50% or more of low or moderate. This board said they wanted moderate. So, the agreement calls for moderate and 50%. The LDC has asked and Mr. Revella has written a letter to HUD seeking in writing a clarification of the percentage. They said in the agreement that it’s 50% or more have to moderate, but if HUD responds in writing that says the percentage is different, what ever HUD says is what they have to follow. Originally the agreement called for us to get a

voucher from them for the entire \$50,000, they take the money and put it in their bank account. They wrote that they will submit vouchers to the village on a continuous basis with documentation so they will pay it out as they need it. It also says that if in fact as they do the environmental that there is reason for not going forward with the deal any money unexpended, it's forgiven. This does not commit the village to any funds in the future. It's a case by case basis.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the village is entitled to the same documentation that they get from any experts or is that something they will share.

Mr. Dowd stated that they will give the village documentation on the project so long as it does not in any way shape or form jeopardize what ever there contracts are that may be confidential. They have to give the village the environmental report.

Trustee Hurd moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Walden Local Development Corporation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Website Progress**

Mayor Maher stated that he and the manager have been meeting with several individuals and businesses about the web site.

Manager Revella stated that they were looking into costs with the current web maintenance team and others to see if they could save money and whether it would be prudent to change. They looked at ways to make the system user friendly to an asp system where each department could have their own page. They still have a couple meetings with other companies and then they will bring it to the board.

### **Update on Sound System**

Mayor Maher stated that he met with Judge Ozman and the committee will have another meeting to bring to the board recommendations to finally act on having a sound system put in place. They will be doing the project in two parts. A sound system must come in.

### **Municipal Square**

Manager Revella stated that he did solicit architects in the area and the closest price he got was \$115.00 per hour. He feels the best method would be to utilize Mr. Flickenschild's services for the design process. He feels the board should listen to the Community Councils presentation prior to acting.

Jodi Lynn stated that Walden Community Council has money earmarked for street scape within the target area for their 2008 Main Street grant which includes Municipal Square. They

understand that one plan has been submitted. They come to the board tonight with a second plan and they would like to discuss both of them. They would like a decision one way or the other because they have deadlines. The money has to be disbursed by August 29<sup>th</sup> or else they will lose it. They would like to add park benches outside the municipal building, they would also like to purchase recycle garbage cans and a free standing sign to be outside the municipal building. They have \$8400 to spend. They estimate it will cost \$6500. There was a second plan to enlarge the village square which includes pavers, crosswalks, seating area, flowers and shrubs. There would be no traffic changes. They estimate \$4000 in materials only. An engineer would have to be hired for that project and not for the first project. They need the village approval to move forward and it has to be approved by the state and also SHPO clearance as well.

Trustee Hurd stated that it was his understanding that the cutoff date was to approve an architect to present plan ideas.

Manager Revella stated no, it was for funding the project.

Trustee Hurd asked how can they fund a project the board hasn't seen and the village people haven't had a chance to look at. He thought they were approving funding for plans to be presented to the board and studied and if it was to change the square have it subject to a permissive referendum.

Ms. Lynn stated that plan was broad and big and might not work within the time frame so that is why they are presenting the second plan. If there was any money left over perhaps that money could be earmarked for the second plan. They need to move forward.

Mr. Freeman passed around pictures of signs, benches and garbage cans and indicated that they can provide additional concepts.

Mayor Maher stated that because this has to happen quickly he would like public input. The public can have their input during public comment.

Ms. Lynn stated that the Community Council does not have the ability to pay for all of this in one shot in order to get the reimbursement back. Her contact at the state advised her that sometimes the organization will request that the municipality pay for it and then they are reimbursed by the state.

Mr. Dowd stated that he has budgetary concerns as to where the money is coming out of.

Mayor Maher asked what the time line was on the state reimbursing the village.

Ms. Lynn stated that reimbursement comes back within two weeks.

Mayor Maher asked what the board thinks of where the benches will be placed.

Trustee Hurd asked if there was room by the Firemen's Memorial for benches.

Mr. Freedman stated that isn't part of this target zone, that is 2010. They are thinking of putting benches on the library side of the building.

Trustee Bowen suggested they put flowers by the benches.

Mayor Maher stated that the board liked the second design of the sign, the recyclables and the benches toward the side of the library rather than in front of the building and putting flowers in front of the building.

Mr. Freedman stated that the benches will be in front of the building with flower buckets between the benches and two benches on the side.

Ms. Schwandt stated that she is concerned with the benches in front of the chief's office. If a child stands on the bench they can go right through the window.

Mr. Flickenschild stated that if it's within 18 inches it has to be tempered glass.

Mr. Freedman stated that this does not change the code of the building.

Jessica Metzger stated that again she is sitting here tonight and it's rush, rush, rush. It's very hasty and very bad. You have a chief's office and sergeants office, they hold interviews and meetings in those offices.

Trustee Norman stated that you have a library in this building and people come out and stand out front and converse. She doesn't see the problem with the benches out front.

Ms. Metzger stated that she is not against it, the benches would be more suited on the other side of the building. She also stated that the sign has to match the building.

Mr. Freedman stated that SHPO has to approve the design concept so aesthetically it will look fine.

Ms. Metzger stated that they should speak to the chief about this.

Mayor Maher asked if the chief has seen these plans.

Ms. Lynn stated no. She also stated that municipal square is the area where the most things take place and it would be nice to make it user friendly. They are doing the best they can with the time frame they have.

Becky Pearson stated that she likes the idea of garbage cans and benches. She suggested instead of cement to lay brick under the benches.

Ms. Lynn stated that it would be nice to see recycling cans at the park too.

Manager Revella stated that next year they could budget for recycling cans for the park.

George Brown stated that there is a call box on the municipal building so you have to be careful where the sign goes.

Mr. Sebring suggested the village get permission from the Episcopal Church to put them on their property.

Trustee Hurd stated that the board as elected officials answer to the public and the public expects the board to make decisions that affect the community. You almost get the feeling that the community council is saying here's the project, this is what we are going do.

Ms. Lynn stated that she apologizes if that is how they come across, that is not how they are.

Trustee Hurd stated that policy decisions have to stay with this board first and then the community council can work within the framework of the policy set by this board or any future board.

Ms. Lynn stated that this is a learning process for them and they will take everything seriously under advisement.

Mayor Maher stated that he doesn't think it would be hasty. This is the situation we are in and you have to deal with this situation. So, what are we going to do, how can we help each other and how can we help the community. We need to give this project approval or not give this project approval. There are options. It doesn't bind us into one look. The Walden Community Council has done a great deal for this village and they won't let us down.

Trustee Leonard asked if they have to use this money up before they can put their application for the second grant.

Ms. Lynn stated that their application is already in, but it's on a scoring process, so it would look better to administer this grant to it's full capacity.

Ms. Adams stated that if you don't complete the grant the next one goes to the bottom of the pile. You can purchase the equipment now and later decide where it will go.



Derek Penney stated that this is a great project. He would rather see them stumble and come to the board hastily then not come at all.

Ms. Matisse asked about the recycling cans. She asked if Main Street qualifies.

Mr. Freedman stated no.

Ms. Metzger stated that her hasty comment was not directed at the Walden Community Council, it was directed at the board and there hasty history.

Mr. Millspaugh suggested a sign be curb side in front of the building announcing meetings.

Ms. Pearson suggested they attach the sign to the building.

Mayor Maher asked the manager where the money was going to come from.

Manager Revella stated from the capital projects.

Mayor Maher asked if it could come from the park and recreation budget.

Manager Revella stated that if it's reimbursed then its not an issue.

Trustee Hurd asked if the project doesn't go right and they have to move the benches, does that negate the grant.

Manager Revella stated that they have to utilize the materials for seven years.

Ms. Lynn stated that they have to sketch out where the benches are going to be so they state can approve the project.

Mayor Maher asked the attorney if he felt it's okay for the board to make a decision.

Mr. Dowd indicated that there should be a written memorandum between the village and the community council that we are going to be reimbursed.

Mr. Dowd asked if the village was putting up \$8400.

Mr. Freedman stated that it would be between \$8400 and \$10,000.

Manager Revella stated that if someone doesn't utilize their funds it could be up to \$10,000.

Trustee Bowen asked if that include material and labor.

Mr. Freedman stated that they are relying on the village for the labor.

Trustee Norman moved to approve the scope of the project, benches, signs and recycling cans. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen moved to authorize the manager to sign a contract with the Walden Community Council for the use of up to \$10,000 of village funds which will be received from Walden Community Council and go into Gifts and Donations, building maintenance to front the money to be reimbursed to WCC by the State back to the village. Seconded by Trustee Hurd.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that it may seem hasty, but she doesn't know what else to do. The next meeting isn't until August 10<sup>th</sup>, there won't be enough time.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Municipal Square**

Manager Revella stated that with the other project they won't have to be so tied into a deadline. He would like to discuss it and have some time to contemplate it with the public. He passed around sketches of the municipal square design.

Trustee Hurd suggested they post the sketches on the web site so people could take a look at them.

Manager Revella stated that if the village was able to use Mr. Flickenschild's services he would do a professional rendering to show on line, under the terms he proposed to us.

Trustee Hurd stated that the village does not have the funding for that.

Mr. Dowd stated that now you don't have the funding because of the change in the grant.

Manager Revella stated that they may. He will talk to the treasurer. He can't put the sketches on line.

### **Valley Avenue Block Party**

Manager Revella stated that the residents on Valley Avenue want to hold the second annual Valley Avenue neighborhood block party on August 28, 2010 with a rain date of August 28<sup>th</sup>. They want permission to block off Valley Avenue from William Street to Woodruff Street. They have a petition with permission from the residents of the blocked off area.

Brenda Adams stated that they want permission to close the street from 10am to 6pm. Last year it worked out very nicely. The picnic goes from 12 to 5pm.

Trustee Norman moved to approve the block party on Valley Avenue on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments on Business of the Board**

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court stated that the way to stop hasty decisions is to simply say no, you did not come before us in a timely manner and given us the information that we need. The board has set a precedent in the recent months where they are being bombarded with things which has caused the board more work and more committees to be formed. Just like the fluoride, she didn't see anywhere that this was being discussed for a year. She heard it being discussed during one budget work session. That was the only time she heard it discussed. She asked if there are board minutes where it was discussed.

Mayor Maher stated that he will have to check it.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that it was at a budget work session.

Ms. Metzger stated that she is in favor of spending the money for the summer fest. As far as the parking, she lives on a public street and she can't control if someone parks in front of her home. People shouldn't be complaining about people parking in front of their homes to attend an event for a couple hours.

Trustee Norman stated that she totally disagrees with Ms. Metzger because her son lives on Sherman Avenue and Edmunds Lane and when the Buddhist have their events signs are put out. At one time people just parked on his lawn and they never asked.

Becky Pearson stated that with regards to the WLDC agreement this board voted on something that they didn't even see a copy of.

Mayor Maher stated that is not true, everyone had a copy.

Ms. Pearson stated that they were asking lots of questions.

Mayor Maher stated that so the board could speak out and have a discussions. The board did get the information.

Marcus Millspaugh asked about the fire lane parking and enforcement. He came down Ulster Avenue the other day and there was a car parked on the sidewalk. Can the police issue tickets.

Manager Revella stated yes they can.

Mary Ellen Matise asked how many people are on the Master Plan Committee.

Mayor Maher stated that there are seven right now.

Mary Ellen Matise stated that she was told she would be on the committee.

Mayor Maher stated that he will check into that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that a comment was made for her to be on it.

Trustee Norman stated that she made that comment.

Derek Penney stated that he can understand peoples concerns about parking for the summer fest, but in this economy our village needs stuff like this to bring people into the village.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Hurd.

Manager Revella stated that he gave the clerk some corrections.

All ayes. Minutes adopted.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of July 27, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Penney.

Trustee Bowen asked if there was any way they could have a village credit card given out so when people go on business trips or projects they have to attend its not out of their pocket.

Manager Revella stated that the treasurer does not feel it's a good idea. He asked if the board wanted the treasurer at the next meeting to discuss this.

Trustee Bowen stated that he thinks they should.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Trustee Norman advised the board that there will be a benefit at Top Notch for Wayne Ebnetter who was in a motor cycle accident. The benefit will be Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, his

mother asks people to send cards.

## **Board Comments**

Trustee Leonard stated that the summer recreation program is going very well.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that there are needs at the teen center. They need more games.

Pat Glass stated that she is donating her husbands poker table, no money is involved. She asked Mr. Bliss if they can give the Friday night winners movie tickets.

Trustee Hurd asked the manager to get trail etiquette signs posted.

Manager Revella stated that there is one at the beginning of the trail.

Trustee Hurd suggested very large signs at both ends of the trail.

Trustee Norman stated that the flags of the villages 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary are still up. Nothing has been done on the west side, except for the beautiful Veterans Park.. The flower buckets were never put over there. She has never gotten an answer as to where the flags are. She would like to get flags up before fall. The flags on the Memorial Bridge need to be rotated.

Trustee Norman also stated that people go to Bradley Field with there dogs and do not pick up after there dogs. She asked that signs be posted.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold suggested doggie bags be put at Bradley Park.

Trustee Leonard stated that Mr. Valk is offering the village the original Didsbury Theater signs to be displayed.

Manager Revella stated that Mr. Lustig offered to the village one of the original knives from the Walden Knife Works if the village ever does the knife museum.

Mayor Maher stated that on August 7<sup>th</sup> the village will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 6K Race in memory of Ron MacDonald at 8:30am at James Olley Park. Next Tuesday is National Night Out with fire works. Little Miss Walden participated in the last fund raiser and she helped raise over \$750.

The mayor also indicated that he has been doing ride alongs with the Police Department. You really learn a lot. The manager also offered any of the trustees that want to take the day and ride along with him. He does a lot of work and he should be commended.

Ms. Glass stated that the concerts in the park are gong well.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk