

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 27, 2012**

Mayor 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	Edmond Leonard
	Bernard Bowen
	Randi Lee Penney
	Tara Lown
	Sean Hoffman

Absent

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager
Lori Pinckney, Village Clerk
Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Presentation

Mayor Maher presented Trustee Penney with a Certificate of Recognition for her service as a Village of Walden Trustee for the past 2 years.

Public Hearing – Local Law I 2 of 2012: Amending Zoning Map

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the public hearing on Local Law I 2 of 2012. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kevin commented there was a request from the property owners of 157 Elm Street to be rezoned from OLI, Office Light Industry, to R3, Single Family. He indicated that we have not heard back from the County yet so the Board can not take action. He spoke to the applicant's daughter today about the agreement which is not instituted yet so he suggested the Board have the public hearing, if the Board wishes to close it, they can but no action can be taken.

Trustee Leonard moved to close the public hearing on Local Law I 2 of 2012. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Manager's Report

- Completed installation of new culvert on well road 4, 5, 6 – was washed out from Irene, expecting FEMA reimbursement and it cost approx. \$20,000 in materials.
- Started working on catch basins
- Working on entrance signs to the village and signs in the municipal parking lot
- Received Greenway Grant - \$10,000 for planning for waterfront usage and park; Historian also received a grant from the County
- Several meetings with FEMA
- Tentative budget is on website and all Trustees have a copy in the boxes

- Meeting with state DOT regarding Ulster Ave sidewalk project, they will fund a portion of the project. The state will completely fund the installation of granite curbing for the entire length, the retaining walls, several tree replacements and the cost of concrete sidewalk for the entire length of the project. The difference between in price of concrete and slate for the portion(s) that would be slate would be bore by the Village. Both ways will be bid and the Board can make a determination. They will completely fund the project as a concrete project, which was originally \$281,000 now it's between \$600,000 0 \$700,000. He also spoke to them about the potholes and spoke to lighting engineers about the traffic lights and turn signals. Regarding the lights on the bridge and Main Street, the State signed off that work to the Village years ago and is saying it's on us to repair and/or fix the problem.
- There's been a lot of work in the road for individual property owners for water & sewer lines
- Blacktop plant is now open so we can get out to patch and fix roads
- Continue to remove brush along fence line at Bradley for fence repair work and drainage
- Been inspecting garbage trucks, April 1st they need to renew
- Met with all the organizations that use Bradley Park to schedule field usage
- Set up meeting with Senator Larkin, Trustee Leonard, Supervisor Valk and a few others regarding Rail Trail extension
- Correspondence with Kevin regarding taxi code revisions

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she called John regarding a Newburgh cab company picking someone up in Orchard St Lot and wanted to know if we generally send a letter to the cab company to reiterate that until we receive the proper paperwork they shouldn't be picking up fares in the Village.

Manager Revella responded we are not required to give them any notification of the laws in the Village. It could be courteous but how many letters do we want to send out at our expense.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the State funding of the Ulster project and if they give us the money and we hire the contractors.

Manager Revella responded yes, we go through our bid process.

Mayor Maher commented he spoke with John Valk today and he is excited about that meeting regarding the Rail Trail and he thanked Trustee Leonard for facilitating that conversation.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Energy Efficiency Committee/DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard commented that we are still struggling with the hydraulic equipment. He indicated one of the other municipalities has a press and that usually costs \$3100, so Dave Green is researching borrowing it.

Economic & Community Development Committee – Trustee Lown

Trustee Lown announced the Walden Business Association is having a meeting 3/30 at 8am; Saturday, 3/31 is the Easter Egg hunt at 10 am at Olley Park and 1pm is Colonel

Bradley Day at the Walkill Valley Cemetery. It is also Local History Day and the St. Baldricks Event is 2pm at the Firehouse. The Sunrise Service will be on Easter Sunday at 7am and the Village Wide Yard Sale is 4/14, with bulk pickup starting on 4/16. She announced the Friends of Walden Youth are volunteering for the Family Dance on 4/21 from 7-9 at Wooster's Grove and there is a Walden Community Council meeting on 4/11 at Hunter Insurance. She commented they are awaiting the results of the grant for the Youth Employment program; expecting it in mid to late April and she has been in contact with the WBA to see which businesses are interested in participating.

Mayor Maher confirmed the budget sessions, the first is Thursday, March 29th and will include the library, judicial and the building department, next Tuesday, 4/3 will be the Police Department and Trustees line, Wednesday, 4/4 will be Park & Recreation Department, Water/Sewer and DPW, with a possibility of adding Thursday prior to the public hearing.

Action Items

Village Garbage Code I 3 of 2012

Kevin commented he took the recommendations from the last meeting and made some changes to the Code, he emailed these changes to the Trustees to review before tonight. The first change is to remove the deadline of 11pm for putting out the garbage. The second change involves when to take in the cans and where to put the cans. The wording states: all containers have to be removed from the curb or street by 9am on the day following collection. The language he came up with for the invisible issue includes: no containers shall be stored in the front yard of any premises unless the particular nature of the property makes it impossible to do so, example being the Townhouses, or it's a practical necessity that they are stored there as determined by the Village Manager and communicated to the Code Enforcement Officer. It is added that if they are stored in the front yard, the cans have to be neat and orderly so as not to draw attention to them from the passing public; this is consistent with other code provisions. Then, in the case where the storage of containers in a location other than the front yard imposes a physical hardship because of someone being elderly or infirm, than at the discretion of the Village Manager, storage may be allowed in the front yard, again stored properly and orderly without drawing attention. This tries to provide flexibility and to give the Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer some way of keeping track of these properties. This is up for discussion; he tried to include all the comments from the Board at the last meeting to solve the problem.

Trustee Lown thought it included all the issues that they were concerned with from the last meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded it gives more responsibility to the Manager.

Trustee Lown commented if it falls on the Code Enforcement Officer, it would be at his discretion and it might come back so it seems like a good compromise.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded the Manager has more to do than to run around the Village checking on garbage cans to make sure they are neat and orderly.

Kevin commented the resident would bring it to the Manager for approval; he doesn't know if the Board wishes for the Code Enforcement Officer to decide whether someone is elderly

enough or infirm enough, but the Village Manager is your Chief Executive Officer and could have that discretion.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold is concerned the enforcement of the code falls to the Code Enforcement Officer and his interpretation of neat and orderly might be different than the Manager's.

Kevin responded that is true. The placement of the cans in the front yard would fall upon the Manager.

Manager Revella commented that as long as the Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer are on the same page, which they should be, then he doesn't think there will be a problem.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold clarified that the Village Manager will determine if a resident is allowed to store their cans in their front yard, but leave it up to the resident exactly where the placement will be, but what if the Code Enforcement Officer doesn't agree they are in a place that is neat and orderly.

Kevin responded there are two different issues; the first being the discretion of the Manager to allow the cans to be placed in the front yard, the actual code enforcement of whether it is neat and orderly will still be up to the code enforcement officer and he can't question that it is allowed in the front yard.

Trustee Hoffman re-read the proposed changes and commented the Village Manager is not coming out and determining which locations on the property are appropriate.

Kevin responded this is to allow them in the front yard; right now they are not allowed in the front yard at all. Obviously, if they are in the front yard they won't be invisible, so we are trying to address that. The Manager will allow storage in the front yard for two reasons, either due to the nature of the property or due to a physical hardship.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded we may understand the law, but somebody will call and say they need to store their cans in the front yard, but nobody is telling them where. The resident will say "I got permission from the Village Manager to store my cans in the front yard" and here comes the Code Enforcement Officer and he doesn't think they are neat and orderly and asks the resident move the cans; they are not where they should be.

Kevin responded he would be violating them for not being neat and orderly, not for where they are located necessarily.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded exactly, she is trying to save the Code Enforcement Officer since he is the bad guy. If a resident gets approval for storing the cans in the front yard, she thought it would be a good idea to have the Code Enforcement Officer go to the home and discuss with the homeowner a location to store the cans rather than let the resident stick them where they want and have an issue.

Manager Revella agreed and that's where the communication between himself and the Code Enforcement Officer would help.

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, commented that since October 24th to present, 334 Notices were given out which encompassed 972 garbage cans located in the front of properties. He enforced 70% of the Village before he was asked to hold off by the Manager. Out of the 334, only 13 have not complied, which is merely 4%. He indicated as Sue mentioned, of those few that didn't comply, he noticed some either had a handicap plate or it was someone elderly. There were a few that were tenants that simply don't get the program. The word invisible has always been a problem for him, he would ask the residents to take the cans out of the front of the property and put them on the side. Most people have complied, there are a few that would like to leave the cans in the front and he has asked or suggested to the resident to use a screening device; he provided a photo of one option. He indicated about 5-15% of those Noticed called the office and he spoke with them and together they discussed possible locations of the cans. He reiterated only 4% are not compliant, so it is working but a slight change in wording might help. He researched online other Codes and the City of Hoboken for example states: refuse receptacles shall not be stored on sidewalk, in front of buildings or houses between collections. Based on that example, he suggested "refuse receptacles shall not be stored in front of buildings or houses between collections"; keep it simple.

Trustee Lown agreed with Jay that it is a bit wordy.

Manager Revella responded it has to include the exceptions or technically they are in violation.

Mayor Maher commented he thinks the word invisible was the problem and the changes we've made will benefit the residents.

Trustee Hoffman suggested what if it stated the Village Manager in consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Kevin commented he would certainly hope the Manager and Code Enforcement Officer would be speaking anyway about this. He believes that when the application is made from the resident because they don't have a side yard or are infirm or elderly, the Manager would consult with the Code Enforcement Officer and possibly go to the property and suggest where the cans could be stored. He indicated his intent was to make the Manager the one to decide if the cans can be allowed in the front. How it is enforced would be the Code Enforcement Officer.

Trustee Lown asked the Manager's opinion of the law as it is proposed.

Manager Revella responded he believes it covers the exceptions at least, which was the problem we were having.

Kevin commented the only other way to make it less wordy is to take away the prohibition about the cans being stored in the front and he doesn't think that for the majority of the properties that should be done.

Mayor Maher commented he is okay with it as it was presented.

Trustee Lown agreed.

Trustee Penney asked that if approached by a resident with a hardship she should send them to the Manager. She is aware that many residents just complied because that's what they were told to do, but many have hardships.

Manager Revella responded yes, refer residents to him, which is what residents do now if they have a hardship with their water and sewer bills.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she wants to make sure the Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer are on the same page.

Trustee Bowen agreed that the Manager and Code Enforcement Officer communicate and get a consensus the first time around and work together closely.

Trustee Leonard commented he is confident the Manager and Code Enforcement Officer can work together on it.

Trustee Lown moved to introduce Local Law I 3 of 2012 "Solid Waste" and set a public hearing for April 10, 2012 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried,

Village Taxi Code – I 4 of 2012

Kevin commented Dean went out and measured between Oak and West Main Street to find 2 spots approximately in front of the Taxi Cab location for the taxi stand. Right now that is parking for anyone, 2 hour parking, so the first thing would be to take out that section of the Code, repeal it and re-enact it with space for regular parking on both sides of the proposed taxi stand and then we have to create the two spots for the taxi stand. He indicated section 4 specifically states the location of the 2 taxi stand spots. He commented anyone parking in the taxi stand area would be subject to a ticket and a \$35 fine. Now that these spots are designated for taxis; that is the only location taxis can park. If a taxi is parked anywhere else, they are subject to a ticket and a fine of \$35. In doing this, he realized since these two spots are designated for taxis anywhere in the Village of Walden, there has to be a place for taxis to go other than on the street to park. He believes the existing B & D Taxi has approximately 14 cabs, so those other 12 cabs technically would need a place to park. Before doing anything further, he wanted to make sure the Board has no problems with allowing those 12 taxis to park in the Oak Street Lot. Since they are not allowed to park on the Street anywhere the only other place for them to park is a parking lot. He spoke with the Chief today and that could be a problem if there is a large event or a snow emergency.

Trustee Bowen commented our concern is Main Street.

Kevin responded if they park anywhere on the street in the Village of Walden they will get a ticket.

Manager Revella responded that could be a problem for those employees of the cab company that live in the Village; they will park by their house.

Kevin asked the Board where they would allow taxis to park.

Trustee Bowen responded they can park anywhere in the Village except Main Street.

Manager Revella commented what about Orange, Ulster, East Main and West Main.

Kevin questioned Walnut and the Municipal Square.

Trustee Bowen commented he doesn't think they will be parked too far away without moving their own car. He thinks Oak Street is the prime location for them and if we are clearing the lot due to snow that's where the communication skills come in.

Kevin asked for clarification from the Board that if these two spots are designated as a taxi stand there is no problem with marked taxis parking on Walnut Street or Oak Street or any other side street. This is what needs to be discussed.

Trustee Penney asked about the businesses next to the taxi company on West Main Street, nobody can park in front of those businesses since they are now designated as taxi spots.

Kevin responded they will be able to park in any other spaces on West Main Street except those two spaces because the taxi cabs can only park in those two spaces and not anywhere else on West Main.

Trustee Lown commented there were 5 cabs parked on West Main Street this evening.

Trustee Penney had a concern since 2 new businesses just opened up there.

Mayor Maher responded the business owners have been talked to and they are for something like this.

Manager Revella commented that besides this law, he has a concern regarding inspections and fees.

Chief Holmes spoke with the owner twice and he was assured there would only be 2, maybe 3 cars during the week. The owner indicated the cars should not be parked there; they should be out getting fares. The other concern is the employees of the businesses that are parked there too and it's been a problem for years. He spoke to Kevin about possibly splitting the two taxi stand spots; put one on one side of the street and the other on the opposite side of the street.

Kevin asked for guidance from the Board which way they would like to go with it.

Trustee Bowen suggested another meeting with the owner with the documentation of what is being proposed as a law and we are trying not to go this extreme and we need the owner's support, but if we don't receive the owner's support then we need to move forward.

Mayor Maher agreed.

Trustee Lown liked the idea of the parking spots on opposite sides of the street.

Manager Revella commented that the parking enforcement officer is a part time position so policing it consistently will be difficult.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented the intent is to make sure there is parking for customers. She thinks it is laughable, tires are marked and the employees just move their vehicles one space, it's really not doing what it is supposed to do. It is not creating parking for customers.

Kevin commented the problem has always been where the Main Street employees park their cars.

Chief Holmes agreed and that has been the issue right along, but now we have Oak Street lot, it has been improved and the lighting is better and it is not timed.

Mayor Maher suggested getting more feedback from the community and the businesses and bring it back for the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold recommended the cabs be parked at the taxi stand location or the Oak Street lot.

Chief Holmes agreed with what Trustee Bowen suggested.

Trustee Hoffman asked the Chief's opinion of parking meters.

Chief Holmes responded it is a viable option.

Manager Revella commented it does not make the cars move; it just creates a revenue source.

Trustee Leonard disagreed; it does make the cars move when you put a 2 hour limit. It works well in Lake Placid.

Mayor Maher commented that for a place that is looking to attract more businesses, parking meters might scare people away.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked for a timeframe with the meeting with the owner and the next Board meeting.

Trustee Bowen commented have Kevin draw up what we need. The owner needs to be aware of what we are thinking and read the documents of what it will look like.

Declaration for Arbor Day Celebration – 5/3/12 at 10am

Manager Revella commented Becky has taken it upon herself to decorate trowels to give to the students participating in the Celebration and he thanked her. Trees are being donated for the children and the Village will have trees as well.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold proclaimed May 3, 2012 at 10 am as the Arbor Day event. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request for Little League Parade – 4/21/12 at 8:30am

Deputy Mayor Rumbold motioned to approve the Little League Parade on April 21, 2012 at 8:30am. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request for hearing for 113 Orange Avenue Property Maintenance Violation

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, commented there are two separate violations at 113 Orange Avenue. In the rear of the former deli at the intersection of Orange Avenue and Coldenham Road, there is a pile of debris which includes a broken 'landscape tie' planter in the front of the property and a monster drink sign and bags of garbage. In the rear of the property items include: numerous 'deli store' items like display cases/racks, storage crates, display signs, floor mats, boxes, cookware, tabletop and a printer. In addition there are pine branches piled which is a fire hazard and in violation of section 105-2 titled Brush, Grass & Weeds.

Kevin commented that the branches are also in violation of the property maintenance laws Chapter 214.4e.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold confirmed the property owner has been cited.

Jay responded yes, the owner is listed as B & R Mart, LLC with stated address as 113 Orange Avenue with a secondary address on the deed is 578 Bloomingburg Rd in Middletown. He contacted the assessor in Middletown and they can't seem to locate the property.

Manager Revella responded it seems to be a vacant lot.

Kevin commented we will have the Notices mailed to the last known address and post the premises as well so if someone shows up to look at their property they will see the Notice.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to set a hearing date for April 10, 2012 at 7pm for 113 Orange Avenue Property Maintenance Violation. Seconded by Trustee Lown.

Trustee Bowen asked for the address.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for 2012-13 Budget

Trustee Lown made the motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 Budget for April 10, 2012 at 7:15pm. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

VFW Request – Memorial Day Parade May 28th at 9:30am

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve the Memorial Day Parade for May 28, 2012 at 9:30am. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café' Applications

A) 33 Orange Avenue/Sweeneys

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve 33 Orange Avenue/Sweeneys Outdoor Café' Application. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

B) 42 Orchard Street – Quarter Note Café

Manager Revella commented they are requesting two tables with two chairs right underneath their awning, they have no hours on Sunday, Monday from 2:30-8, Tuesday from 11-8, Wednesday 11-8, Thursday 11-8, Friday 11-7 and Saturday 8-3.

Trustee Lown motioned to approve 42 Orchard Street/Quarter Note Café's application. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Worker's Compensation Agreement

Manager Revella explained this is the 2012 Workers' compensation runoff management agreement, it has been reviewed by Kevin and it's the same exact agreement, terms and price as last year.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to authorize the Manager to sign the 2012 Workers' Compensation Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bradley Park Bathroom Renovations

Mayor Maher commented this was discussed about 2 months ago.

Manager Revella confirmed it was but we weren't sure we would have funding for it, but we do. We got the bids in and they are less than expected. There are no functioning bathrooms at Bradley Park right now, we are using a porta-potty and we could get more but that is not practical.

Trustee Lown asked where the funding is coming from.

Manager Revella responded the capital project fund.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked what happened to the bathrooms. She asked when the work would be done.

Manager Revella responded they've deteriorated; there are plumbing issues, sewer line issues and the partitions are not to code, neither are the stalls. He indicated the work will be done as soon as the Board approves it.

Trustee Bowen asked how long the work will take to complete.

Manager Revella responded 3-4 weeks.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked what the impact to the booth area will be. She asked what groups use the park and who has keys to the bathrooms.

Manager Revella responded it has been discussed with all the organizations that use the Park, they are aware of the situation and they would rather have working bathrooms. He responded that most of those employees have a key to unlock it for events, little league, Cal Ripkin and two other organizations have keys.

Mayor Maher requested guidelines for those that have keys and to ensure proper upkeep.

Manager Revella responded the bathrooms weren't build properly originally and we tried to stretch it since we didn't have funding.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she is not thrilled with so many people having keys.

Manager Revella responded we have another full time employee in the Parks department that can unlock and lock them daily. The skate park attendant can have a key, and he doesn't anticipate providing keys to the other organizations.

Trustee Bowen asked if there are a lot of private entities that use the park. He asked if they contribute anything back to the Village.

Manager Revella responded no, they are all non profits. He commented there is currently no fees set up for Bradley Park use. It has been discussed with the Rec Coordinator changing that next year and take over the maintenance of the fields.

Trustee Bowen asked who maintains the bathrooms.

Manager Revella responded the Village does.

Mayor Maher recommended the Manager go over the fees and the costs of the upkeep of the fields for the budget sessions.

Trustee Lown asked how many stalls are proposed.

Manager Revella responded we are adding stalls for the both men and women's bathrooms and making them ADA compliant.

Trustee Bowen asked the total cost is \$23,000+

Manager Revella responded \$23,350 and that includes demo; it does not include exterior doors which is approximately \$6000.

Trustee Lown confirmed we have the funds in this fiscal year.

Trustee Bowen asked how many entities will use it.

Manager Revella responded 5 private entities and citizens.

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve CVL Development Corp as the lowest bid, \$23,350.00 for the Bradley Park Bathroom renovations. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Village Demo Code

Manager Revella commented this has to do with notification to the Village Historian of when buildings are put up for demolition. It could possibly be a step through the Planning Board process.

Kevin commented that when the Building Inspector receives a demolition permit for a building that he believes might have historic significance he can not issue that demolition permit for 15 days. That time allows with the consent of the property owner for a Village representative to go and survey the property and take photographs.

Trustee Hoffman confirmed the owner has to consent. He asked how are we changing the current Code.

Kevin responded it might not need to be changed; it currently states a Village representative which can be the Historian, the Manager or the Building Inspector and it certainly can include, administratively, internally notifying the Village Historian.

Mayor Maher asked if it needs to be in the Code to include the Village Historian.

Kevin responded it does not necessary have to be added.

Manager Revella responded could write a memo to the Building Inspector asking him to make sure he cc's the Village Historian on those issues and it should be covered.

Trustee Hoffman clarified the Code as it stands today: if the Building Inspector makes a determination that the structure to be demolished has historical significance at that point the owner of the structure has to wait 15 days for the permit to be issued. He commented that under the current proposal it's still the Building Inspector's determination of historical significance.

Kevin confirmed.

Mary Ellen Matise, Village Historian, commented that currently the Historical Society is to be notified, but not the Village Historian.

Kevin responded he thinks the Building Inspector notifies the Historical Society out of courtesy; he is not required to notify them.

Mayor Maher commented he sees no problem with them being notified, but does it need to be put in the Code or can it be done administratively.

Kevin responded it can be done administratively.

Mayor Maher asked about down the road, when everybody is gone.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold recommended putting it in the Code.

Kevin responded there is a cost involved; cost of an amendment to the Code and a public hearing, etc.

Trustee Hoffman asked what we are regulating; we are regulating our Building Inspector with this Code.

Kevin responded yes we are telling our Building Inspector that he can't do his job unless he specifically notifies the Village Historian.

Trustee Hoffman confirmed that we are essentially regulating ourselves; our building department.

Kevin responded the Village Historian is already here for us and very easily the Building Inspector can say to the Historian why don't you go down to take pictures and that would be the Village representative going down to take pictures.

Mary Ellen Matise responded that hasn't happened at all in the last couple of instances. He has sent a letter to the Historical Society but he hasn't notified the Historian.

Mayor Maher commented it can be done administratively.

Trustee Lown commented that we shouldn't spend any further money.

Mayor Maher commented as long as it becomes Village Policy, then it would be up to the next Village Manager and Historian to keep track.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that we have so many historic buildings and somebody needs to take a stand to preserve things; we have records all over the place. We need to start someplace to protect and preserve the history of this Village and it can't be done administratively when the next group might not do the same thing. She doesn't want to tell the Building Inspector how to do his job, it is a courtesy to inform the Historical Society and inform the Historian that this is going to happen. We need to preserve what we have for future generations and big deal that it's going to cost us money to put it in the Code. We talk about garbage and we talk about taxis, we are talking about the history of this Village that needs to be preserved.

Trustee Hoffman disagreed somewhat; we are talking about notification and perhaps an extra layer, you are asking someone who is making an improvement or fixing something on their property to wait two weeks to do any work. He believes Sue is saying there should also be a review by the Historian, he asked if the Historian would have any impact on the issuance of the demo permit.

Mary Ellen Matise responded no.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented the building is going to be demolished so the Historian can go take photographs, perhaps look at building to see if anything could be salvaged, but for the Building Inspector to say it's going to be demolished, nobody knows about it. Those things happen and record keeping hasn't been fabulous, we need to take a stand and give a courtesy of a photograph or something before the building is gone.

Trustee Hoffman commented we are talking about regulating a project of 900 sq feet like a shed or a garage. This is not talking about large projects like the Thruway which is covered under SEQRA.

Trustee Bowen asked the cost to change the Code.

Kevin responded we would need a Local Law which doesn't cost anything for him to draw up but it would cost to publish a Notice of Public Hearing in the paper and the cost from Code Publishers.

Trustee Leonard commented this is all about communication and communication is usually very good among our employees and he believes this is just an oversight. He doesn't know if it really needs to be in the Code.

Kevin commented the argument is moot if the owner will not give access to the property; this all refers to the consent of the property owner.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the Village faces liability issues if the Historian or some other Village employee is directed to go on the property.

Kevin responded they would be covered under the Village's policy. He clarified that the Code requires a demolition permit for buildings 900 sq feet or more.

Trustee Lown clarified that the Building Inspector already has been notifying the Historical Society and suggested just asking the Building Inspector to notify the Historian as well and then there's no cost of anything. She thanked Mary Ellen for bringing it to the Board's attention.

Mayor Maher agreed the Historian should be aware and we will make sure she gets notified.

Parking on Woodruff Street between Highland Ave & Route 52

Manager Revella commented that people have a concern that Woodruff Street becomes a one way road when people are parked on both sides.

Trustee Lown agreed she has heard that complaint herself.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she thinks that was one of the streets on the Fire Dept list and we've been neglecting that list.

Mayor Maher commented that we should find that list or get another list and maybe have him come here to discuss.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street, commented that every light on the bridge is out and it's horrible especially during the winter; it's an accident waiting to happen and it should be a priority. She commented there are only two lights working in Village Square. She visited friends on Edmunds Lane and that road is very dark; only half of it has lights. She commented about the S. Montgomery Intersection and it's also an accident waiting to happen. She confirmed that the Demo Code is for buildings that are over 900 sq feet.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked for clarification of the Budget session dates.

Mayor Maher responded March 29th for library, judicial and building depts, April 3 for police dept and trustees and April 4 for parks & rec, and DPW/Water & Sewer.

Jessica confirmed the re-org meeting will be held in the third floor room and asked about the budget session locations. Regarding the taxi stand issue, she asked if it is the Chief of Police's responsibility to go to the owner of the taxi business about the proposed new law.

Trustee Bowen responded no, Chief will be out of town, but he has already built a relationship or communication line, but since he will be out of town, he will speak to John and let John talk to the owner.

Jessica responded she understands why it is being done, but is hopeful it is presented in a better way. She witnessed our parking attendant being yelled at with some profanities and all she was doing was her job. She commented about Bradley Field and believes the only 2 private entities using the fields are Little League however about 5-6 years ago, Most Precious Blood starting using the fields for soccer games and now there is the new Cal Ripkin League. She thinks we should be looking at any and all of the private groups using the facilities and doesn't think the funding should come solely from the Village and our capital project. The bathrooms are disgusting and have been that way for years. She estimates that the Park is used 60% of the time by the private groups and suggested possibly sending the private groups letters asking if they could contribute.

Manager Revella responded we did have a meeting with the groups and they have provided estimates of costs of the maintenance on the fields for a year to base our fees on that.

Jessica responded on the flip side, many of the entities that use the fields have contributed 100's of hours labor and free materials to help beautify, but this could turn out to be a much bigger job when you are talking about sewer lines, etc and thinks the dollar amount is low.

Manager Revella responded that is what the contractor submitted.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked for clarification of the maintenance of the fields including not only the mowing, but re-lining the fields, everything. She asked if we have people hired now that can perform these duties.

Manager Revella responded yes, we may need an additional part time person and the organizations have discussed helping to pay for a part time person to be down there to do this work during the months the park is used. The Village would maintain the fields year round; we currently maintain them about 4 months.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold is concerned about scheduling our people to do the work we need them to do and have to take them from something else to do the fields because there is a little league game.

Manager Revella responded the only change for us would be doing the in-fields, we already do everything else.

Jessica asked about the Demo Code and if notifying the Historical Society is already in there. She commented that the Manager has done a good job implementing policy and procedures and there should now be a comprehensive book of policies available. She is in favor of both the Historian and the Historical Society in the Code; she thinks it is reasonable to spend the money and it is important to preserve what is being discussed here and it is very likely the Board members will change years down the road. She commented that we have a wonderful researcher in this Village and if she needed to know anything or ask anyone to find anything out it would be Mary Ellen Matise. She is an asset

to the Village and in lieu of spending whatever the amount is, it would behoove us to find it in yourselves to spend the money to put it in the Code and it will be something that will last forever. If you find you can not spend the money for whatever reason, she asks that it is put in the Village's policy and procedures. She congratulated the Mayor on his run for Assembly, she wished him success and she hopes it doesn't take too much time away from what needs to be done here.

David Sperry, Overlook Terrace, confirmed the date for bulk pick up and asked when yard waste pick up starts.

Manager Revella responded bulk pick up is April 16th, have items curbside on the 15th and yard waste will start April 5th and go until the end of November/early December depending.

David asked about the Rail Trail and when the Town of Montgomery might be fixing the problem. He commented the sign at the Rail Trail that provides proper etiquette should be located better and suggested Wallkill should buy one for their end. He commented the batting cage at the Little League field should be torn down as soon as possible; he asked if the Village paid to put it up and if it was approved for that location.

Manager Revella responded the Orange County Cyclones paid to put it up, but he is not sure if it was approved for that location, it was prior to his hire.

David suggested getting some fill to provide a larger parking lot or enforce it to be just a handicapped parking area. He asked if the extension on the upper parking lot has been started since Little League will be starting in less than a month. He indicated the new playground is up, but there is no parking available now and he suggested changing the priority list to get parking down at the fields.

Manager Revella responded they are working on the FEMA projects first and anticipates the parking lot at Bradley to take 2 weeks.

David commented that the taxi cab business seems to be controlling the Village and he is against them having their own parking spots because then every business should also be afforded the opportunity to have parking spots. There are several businesses that deliver food, should they be allowed one spot in front of their place to deliver food. He commented the taxi company has 14 cabs and do we want 14 of their cars parked in the Village lot; something might need to be done about that. He commented about the garbage and the decision being left up to one person but say that resident doesn't feel it is fair who do they come to next. He commented about a resident using screening to hide the garbage cans and if one person is allowed that option than it should be afforded to everyone.

Manager Revella commented that has always been an option for everybody.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented there is going to be a computer/electronic drop off at the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce on 4/18 & 4/19. She asked if there is a way for the Village to pick up for our residents and the Village drop them off since there is a business day.

Manager Revella responded we are not a business, but great idea.

Becky commented about the garbage and the wording neat and orderly; garbage can still be overflowing but it's neat. She commented that seniors have to come and sign up for the discount and why not set something up at that time to determine where the cans should be located. She asked about the garbage and businesses on Main Street; there are businesses that put their garbage out and she thought all businesses had to use dumpsters.

Manager Revella responded he is in discussion with the garbage company about rates for garbage pickup for businesses. There were a couple of businesses that had exceptions prior to him taking the position.

Kevin commented Mr. Hernandez granted a few and we corrected a few when they were caught, but we don't know how many were granted.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented those businesses might have their own hauler.

Kevin agreed they may use our hauler but pay separately.

Manager Revella commented our hauler does know which addresses should be excluded.

Becky agreed with Sue that the garbage will be all over again; this has been ongoing for years. She agreed with the Chief about the two spaces for the taxi stand being on opposite sides of the street. She commented about the blue stone on the sidewalk on Ulster and asked that the Board think about it a lot. She had tried to have historic districts and the previous Board didn't want to do it, but hopefully that will move forward in the future. She noted that almost 87% from the early 1900's are in this Village and still in this Village and she agrees the demolition of it should be looked at. She referenced the house on Oak Street that was torn down and the part of the knife factory by the custard stand; it is very important, it is our history and for our children and grandchildren.

Anita Vandermark, Highland Avenue, agreed with Becky. She indicated the Historical Society has a wonderful website and Gail Yeaple takes care of it and has documented many buildings especially the Methodist Church. She indicated that her garbage can is neatly placed in the front of her house and if she puts it on the side of her house it would still be visible. She thanked everyone that participated in the Friends of Walden Youth Yard Sale, it was very successful, over \$1500 was collected and it all goes to the Parks Dept. She commented that Woodruff Street is also a thorough fare for the Rail Trail and should be considered.

Mary Ellen Matise, Clinton Street, thanked the Board for considering her request for notification on the demo code. She talked about the cost of changing the Code and doing several changes at once should be less. She suggested the following wording for the garbage code instead of the word invisible: as practicable as possible. She commented that seniors can sign up for a volunteer from the Town of Montgomery Senior Independence Project who could help them put their garbage can out for them or take it in. She provided a phone number: 457-4138. She commented that employee parking is still a problem and it resulted in Dr. Guneratne's office moving to S. Montgomery Street. She suggested meeting with the Walden Business Association since they are the employers. She asked if people have taken the online NIMS course and if it's been recorded. She commented that Neal Larson did a great job on the survey he did and maybe it should be

highlighted on our website. She mentioned that she had difficulty logging onto the website and suggested a guide on the website about our local government directing people where to go and who to contact.

Approval of the Minutes – March 13, 2012

Deputy Mayor Rumbold motioned to approve the minutes from March 13, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Lown moved to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold provided a bill for long sleeved t's and sweatshirts for staff, general basketball program, for \$575. The bill did not indicate how many were ordered, there is a lack of information and she is not signing it. She has complained before and spoke with Peter and he agreed that if he was questioned by an auditor and had to explain it, he couldn't. She also has an issue about the way we order supplies; 2 cases of paper towels were ordered and there was a \$10 fuel surcharge for delivery. She would like to see a system where departments can put orders in and someone compiles it for an order. She asked if there is only one place to order from.

Manager Revella responded the two rolls of paper towels was a personnel issue and it has been handled in-house. He commented we have a contract with a company that supplies and the two cases of paper towels should not have been order and the person was reprimanded. He indicated there is a system in place and Lauren compiles the orders to be placed.

Trustee Lown asked how this slipped through the cracks and how can it be prevented in the future.

Manager Revella responded he can not answer that without going into a personnel matter.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if we still use latex gloves in the Village. She asked what the latex ones are used for. She indicated most medical facilities have gotten rid of using latex gloves and having used them for many years and suddenly developing an allergy overnight, she doesn't think they should be used in the Village at all.

Manager Revella responded we use both latex and nitrile. The guys down at the sewer plant use them and ask for them.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor Maher commented he received a thank you from Brenda and Chris Adams for the Certificate of Recognition presented at the Walden's Womens Club 2012 Community Honoree Dinner. He announced the installation luncheon for the seniors at 12:30pm on 4/17 at the Firehouse Social hall; the Board is invited.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Lown congratulated Trustee's Bowen, Rumbold and Carley on their election. She mentioned that she will miss Randi.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that she attended the Friends of Walden Youth yard sale and there was a great turnout. She indicated it is really a tribute to the people who put it together, were there all day and raised funds for the youth of the Village and she hopes the youth know how hard people worked to raise that money and it is appreciated. She asked who decides what happens with the money and what have we purchased in the past with this money.

Manager Revella responded in the past playground equipment was purchased.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if signage was put up to indicate where the money came from and if not, she suggested a sign should be put up about where the money came from. She commented she is glad the Manager spoke with the State of NY about the Village's issues; she asked if we have a timeline.

Manager Revella responded they didn't know which district we were in. Some pot holes have been repaired already.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the brush by the Tin Brook Bridge. She confirmed that since it's near a water source, chemicals can not be used, but maybe something else can be placed there to stop the grass from growing.

Manager Revella responded there is rip rap there now but the brush grows between the rocks.

Mayor Maher congratulated the newly elected trustees and thanked Randi for her two years of service. He announced as Jessica pointed out that he is running for Assembly in the 101st District. He commented he made the tail end of the Friends of Walden Youth yard sale after campaigning in Albany. He commented it will be a balance campaigning in a district like the 101st and being Mayor, but he will work as hard as humanly possible to maintain both.

Manager Revella commented there is an issue with the Girl Scout Cabin; the ramp is damaged and it's dangerous. The repairs will be brought up during budget.

Executive Session – none

Adjournment

Trustee Lown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2012
Motions & Resolutions**

Public Hearing – Local Law I 2 of 2012: Amending Zoning Map

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the public hearing on Local Law I 2 of 2012. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard moved to close the public hearing on Local Law I 2 of 2012. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Garbage Code I 3 of 2012

Trustee Lown moved to introduce Local Law I 3 of 2012 “Solid Waste” and set a public hearing for April 10, 2012 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried,

Declaration for Arbor Day Celebration – 5/3/12 at 10am

Deputy Mayor Rumbold proclaimed May 3, 2012 at 10 am as the Arbor Day event. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request for Little League Parade – 4/21/12 at 8:30am

Deputy Mayor Rumbold motioned to approve the Little League Parade on April 21, 2012 at 8:30am. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request for hearing for 113 Orange Avenue Property Maintenance Violation

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to set a hearing date for April 10, 2012 at 7pm for 113 Orange Avenue Property Maintenance Violation. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for 2012-13 Budget

Trustee Lown made the motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 Budget for April 10, 2012 at 7:15pm. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

VFW Request – Memorial Day Parade May 28th at 9:30am

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve the Memorial Day Parade for May 28, 2012 at 9:30am. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café’ Applications

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve 33 Orange Avenue/Sweeneys Outdoor Café’ Application. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lown motioned to approve 42 Orchard Street/Quarter Note Café’s application. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Worker’s Compensation Agreement

Trustee Leonard made the motion to authorize the Manager to sign the 2012 Workers’ Compensation Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bradley Park Bathroom Renovations

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve CVL Development Corp as the lowest bid, \$23,350.00 for the Bradley Park Bathroom renovations. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

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