

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 26, 2013**

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	Bernard Bowen
		Willie Carley
		Sean Hoffman
		Edmond Leonard

Absent Gerald Mishk

Also Present: John Revella, Village Manager
Vicki Kurtz, Deputy Village Clerk
Austin DuBois, Village Attorney

Presentation – Rachael Wilson

Mayor Maher presented a certificate of appreciation and congratulations to long time Village Resident Rachael Wilson on her new position of Director to the Orange County Youth Bureau.

Rachael Wilson thanked the board for their support and the Village’s continued to make our community a great place for our youth to live. Between the efforts of the Police Department with National Night Out to the Summer Youth Leadership Academy to the continued partnership with Junior Leadership Orange the Village makes it easy to serve today’s youth and is much appreciated.

Hearing – 135 Orange Avenue

Attorney DuBois explained that since the owner of the property is not here tonight we cannot determine if they have received notice of the hearing and will therefore under Action Items set another hearing date for this property.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how we normally serve a hearing notice such as this.

Manager Revella replied that it is sent out certified return receipt and we have not received the returned receipt of this one yet so we can’t verify if it has been mailed out by the clerk or not as the clerk has not been here.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to set a public hearing date for the March 12, 2013 meeting at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter for 135 Orange Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Village Manager’s Report

- Snow removal from the last snow storm was good.

- Had a few meetings with Kerron Barnes about the Village of Walden Program. We have a couple applicants one of whom we will have to bring before the board for their approval due to the amount of the request as it's over the threshold we can approve.
- Had a good meeting with Mayor Maher and a few representatives from the Village of Montgomery regarding a shared service contract between us. There are a few different pieces of equipment we could utilize so that will be coming up soon.
- Few residents called about their mailboxes that were taken out in the last storm either by the snow or some other means, about 5 or so. We are investigating whether or not they were due to negligence of the Village and whether we will be reimbursing those residents for their replacements.
- Gave a tour of the Village to our new Trustee. He was very happy with what he heard and saw and will most likely discuss that when he gets back from vacation.
- Had a meeting with the representative for a property set to be developed at the edge of the Village on Route 52. There is information in everyone's packets regarding the potential project. We have 30 days to respond and he would like the board to give feedback on any issues they may have on this development. We did advise their engineer that there is already an approved lot in the Village with Municipal services and everything is already done, would only need a site plan to be done. That property is located between Subway and Stewarts. He said he would bring it to his client.
- Few service leaks. Found 2 that were not the responsibility of the Village and the property owners were informed of what they have to do to repair them.
- Few conferences with our Village Engineer about the broken down Sludge Press. We got some estimates for rehab and/or replacement. To rehab it would be around \$125,000 and to replace it would be around \$250,000. The current press was installed in the 1980s and it has seen better days. We will be putting it out to bid shortly.
- DPW will continue to check different pot holes and catch basins throughout the Village. Sediment due to winter ice and snow makes it hard for them to keep clean. They are also busy catching up on projects at Village Hall as well as other projects throughout the Village such as cameraing the sewer mains to check for breaks so we can utilize the rest of the CDBG funds. We are currently taking bids for one sewer project the Tin Brook Pump Station.
- Had a meeting with the Buddhist Temple about events they are planning on holding this upcoming year. They are very happy and Chief has taken appropriate steps to make sure that they are all included in the budget. Right now they have 3 large events for this year one before June 1st and 2 after June 1st.
- Had a meeting with Trustee Bowen and the office staff regarding the duties of each employee and cross training. Things are going well so far.
- The DEC came to inspect the Sewer Plant. Nothing major was found; they just wanted to be certain we had our Sewer Ordinance posted on the wall at the plant. Since it was an unannounced inspection this is a good thing because they didn't find anything wrong. Very fortunate that we don't have any issues.
- Met with the Building Inspector and the Village Engineer about the Thruway project talked about the time frame for what's going to happen down there and the construction.
- We were approved for additional grants for Stop DWI.
- We are applying for additional Emergency Management Training funding. Looks like we may be approved for that.

- Easter Egg Hunt will be March 23 at 10am at Olley Park.
- Working on a date for the Norman Park dedication. April 1st the park is scheduled to reopen for the season.
- For those that don't know the Library has been having some construction going on there with their own grant that they submitted to make improvements. They will be working on the spiral stairs that go from the 2nd to 3rd floor. They have been working on the break room as well.
- The Building Inspector will be reporting soon about the condemnation of 35-37 N. Montgomery Street. Most likely within the next two meetings.
- Police Department has received a \$40,000 donation. Asked the Police Department to think of what they would like to use that funding for to better their department.
- Accepted the resignation from Jim Corbett from the Zoning Board. He's been a member for over 15 years and he feels it's time for him to move on. He will need to ask for a new chairperson.
- Walden hosted the Chief's Association meeting at Fox Hill. He and Chief Holmes attended.
- Met with Vactor Truck Company at DPW regarding the potential of getting a Jet-Vac truck. It would eliminate the potential hazards when we do digs.

Trustee Bowen asked what the three big events were that Manager Revella had mentioned.

Manager Revella replied at the Buddhist Temple as they did last year.

Trustee Bowen asked if all the allocations have been worked out with Chief Holmes.

Manager Revella responded that we have the allocations in this budget and we discussed the potential in this budget to assist if they need assistance from us.

Trustee Bowen asked if it was included in this budget.

Manager Revella stated he wasn't sure if this budget or next budget.

Trustee Bowen asked for the costs of the event.

Manager Revella answered that it would be approximately \$5,000 if it's the same as they had done last year. It could be more or less depending on the attendance and size of the events.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold wanted to make the board aware that she sent a couple photos to the manager last week and this week about a business and an apartment building about their garbage situation; which was horrible. It was piled up over the cans and on the ground. One was picked up today and cleaned up today. It just seems odd that all the sudden there is this issue. Does the Village have the ability to say to someone who has a building that their pick up is not sufficient enough?

Manager Revella stated yes we can.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the equipment that we talked about that needed to be refurbished at the sewer plant; do we have funds for that?

Manager Revella replied that we have bond funds for that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if something else was going to have to wait because this wasn't anticipated.

Manager Revella replied no.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if we talked any further about what we are going to do about getting our seniors to other places to purchase food and items they need when the Thruway eventually closes.

Manager Revella replied yes that the company itself is going to offer a shuttle service.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if it was at no charge to the seniors.

Manager Revella stated that as far as he knows there is no cost to anyone.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if we talked to the Town of Montgomery also.

Manager Revella replied Shoprite has been putting out shop from home ads in anticipation of the Thruway closing.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there is there a charge for that service.

Manager Revella replied that there is a minimum order but no charge for delivery.

Trustee Leonard asked about the Vactor Truck and if we were looking at purchasing it in this upcoming budget or the 2014-2015 budget.

Manager Revella stated we were potentially but this may be under the grant.

Trustee Leonard asked if this was for a trailer or a truck.

Manager Revella stated that it was for a truck for this grant.

Trustee Leonard asked about the price.

Manager Revella replied about \$400,000 but depending on the size you need it's anywhere between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Mayor Maher added that there is a grant we are looking at now that can be rewarded up to \$200,000 per municipality so we aren't sure if it would cover the entire \$400,000 which breaks down to the two municipalities who would be sharing it.

Manager Revella continued that otherwise we are looking at a bucket truck that would go up to 60 feet. That would be compared to the Vactor truck a \$200,000 threshold.

Trustee Hoffman asked about the DEC inspection at the sewer plant did they have anything to say about the sludge press.

Manager Revella stated that they didn't mention anything except about the posted ordinances. He's not the easiest person to have a conversation with since he's so focused on doing his inspections so he doesn't give up much information.

Trustee Hoffman asked if we were going to get something in writing from them.

Manager Revella stated that he thought it would be today as it's been since last Thursday, but he hasn't seen anything as of today.

Trustee Leonard asked if he got the impression it was slow day for the DEC.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported that he made a copy of the bill for parts for one of our vehicles specifically brake parts and he did some online research and came up with some significantly lower prices for the same thing with considerable savings. He copied the information and gave it to our mechanic so we will see what happens.

Village Office Liaison – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen reported that he met with the auditors and got a check list that we are looking at utilizing within each area of the office including cross training. He met with the staff and Peter started the check list and has audited and reconciled most of all the activity so we are completely up to date for the month of January. So we are going to be closing down February and pretty much up to date. The auditors who helped us put together the check list are helping us manage the office in a more effective way so we can identify what our issues are. Also we are working with KVS systems still with the City of Newburgh as they have the same system. We are trying to streamline and reconcile a little more efficiently. We should have more information next week.

Police Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Rumbold

Deputy Mayor Rumbold reported that she met with Chief Holmes and the department is now up to 16 part time officers. The latest will begin his field training shortly. Evidently the word got out because of the snow storm and we ticketed no cars and towed no cars off the street. One thing the Chief wanted her to mention was that the PD responded to a serious medical call and the officer that was on the scene first called back for help and the Chief was upstairs. Billy Sweed and Carl O'Dell, two DPW workers, were there and he asked for their help which they did without question. They actually ran to help him and he wanted to commend them for reacting so swiftly and without hesitation. He thought that the board needed to know there was no hesitation and they did whatever they could do to aid the citizen.

Building Department Liaison & Planning, Zoning, & Library Board Liaison – Trustee Hoffman

Trustee Hoffman met with Dean and went through a number of things there regarding the Thruway and the transition there including the easement that we are going to discuss later tonight. We also discussed some administrative things in the office and the Thruway application will affect how things get processed. The Planning Board had a meeting and it was short where two of the applicants were no shows. The ZBA announced the
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resignation of Chairman Corbett and they had a meeting to discuss accessory apartments which he expects to be on our agenda shortly.

Parks and Recreation Liaison & School Board Liaison – Trustee Carley

Trustee Carley reported that the CABC meeting last week was good. The goal was to look at the different cuts the board would have to make. Had a list of items with each amount on them including the total of each item. Such items considered were sports as well as arts and possibly the library in the elementary levels. They also included the closing of Maybrook Elementary or Coldenham Elementary schools. They discussed each item, made suggestions and came up with the top 3 they could agree on. Dr. Hooley then talked about administrative cuts at the board meeting on Monday. They talked about decreasing the custodians and that 12 High school & middle school teachers were going to be cut as well as 7 elementary teachers and all modified sports. He also talked about furlow days and only having 1 per employee as well as sharing in the kitchen responsibilities and changes for Varsity sports. Nothing is finalized right now it was just a work session. Based off the numbers it is down to \$1.4 million. The important thing is this coming meeting on March 4th at the Middle School they are going to have another meeting to discuss piercing the cap. They are going to start talking about the options and whether they should tax the property owners and the amount of that tax. Basically one percent equals a half a million. The goal is to get an understanding of where they stand and to give the public some kind of information about what is going to happen and how severe the cuts are going to be. They also talked about the next meeting which will be March 18th and they hope to have a definitive answer on Maybrook. Parks and Recreation is doing well. Basketball is going well and the Friends of Walden Youth is having their Yard Sale on Sunday April 7th from 9am-4pm with set up on Friday the day before.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the numbers in the programs and the sheet she is looking at; are we even covering our expenses for the instructor and the worker that sits there where the program goes on.

Manager Revella responded most of them do yes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold replied that she was talking about the ones that aren't covering their costs. Is it time to think about discontinuing those programs?

Manager Revella answered that's what we will be discussing in the budget session. We are trying to get a feel for what programs work and what don't.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if they have registration statistics. She'd like to take a look at that information and see if we want to make a decision rather than wait until the next budget.

Manager Revella commented that some of the things we do in the Village aren't supposed to make money. There are some that are there for something for our citizens to take part in. Some programs will not pay for themselves.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she was looking at 6 people at Yoga and 7 for Cardio Class. She understands providing a service for the public but if you only have a few people that are interested in the program maybe it's time to look at a different kind of program. Change up a little bit because maybe people aren't interested in it.

Manager Revella agreed that has been happening as they used to only have Aerobics and Zumba and now they have more things. Also in the notes they had to cancel a few classes due to the weather.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that she'd be interested in the last 6 months' worth of information. Maybe it could alternate one week do Yoga and the next week do Cardio and then maybe introduce something that might attract more residents.

Trustee Carley wanted to thank Trustee Hoffman for giving an example of Emergency Management system of Woodbury's engagement plan. That is the next step we are moving to as we finished the basic plan and now we are going to work on the administrative part of it.

Manager Revella commented that we would be doing bulk pick up the week of April 14th so if the board wanted to do a village wide yard sale it might be a good time to set that. He would suggest Saturday April 13th. Everything should be out to the curb by Sunday April 14th.

Mayor Maher asked what we were doing to promote that.

Manager Revella replied same as last year with sandwich boards at entrances and on the website and Channel 23. Facebook and the Village Calendar too.

Mayor Maher asked if Manager Revella could create an event or remind him to do one.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, was wondering what RFPs they board would be seeking.

Mayor Maher replied that every year we decide to ask for Requests for Proposals and we will discuss that in public.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked if she should speak on the Ethics code now or later.

Mayor Maher replied that the Ethics Board discussion will be tabled this evening actually.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked about the Ulster Avenue sidewalks and if the board ever voted or ever decided what was going to happen if it was slate or concrete.

Manager Revella responded that we will be bidding both out to decide at that point.

Mayor Maher reiterated that nothing has changed just the process is finally coming to a point that we can move forward with it.

Manager Revella added that we are in phase 2 now and hopefully this will happen now.

Action Items

Property Maintenance Hearing Request – 20 Lafayette Street

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to set a public hearing for March 12, 2013 at 6:30pm or as soon as possible thereafter. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEQR on DOT Ulster Avenue Sidewalks

Attorney Dubois stated that this is to classify an action under SEQR. The action is a replacement, rehabilitation or construction of so that makes it a type 2. This means that if the board agrees that it's a type 2 then we would need a motion to classify it as such.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to classify the SEQR Action on the Ulster Avenue Sidewalks project as a Type 2 Action. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Flag Day Ceremony Request – Sunday June 9, 2013 at 1pm

Trustee Bowen made the motion to approve the Flag Day Ceremony for Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 1pm at Veterans Park. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Resolution

Attorney DuBois explained that the resolution reiterates the process we've gone through in addition to the last meeting it cites that the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement FGEIS was filed as necessary, that a certain amount of days have passed, and that the Board of Trustees are here discussing this in a public meeting which meets all the SEQR requirements. Consideration of the EIS and we accept that statement and that the board will adopt the final statement along with the actual comprehensive plan as presented.

Trustee Hoffman asked how this resolution differed from the resolution we made at the last meeting.

Attorney DuBois replied that this resolution was to incorporate the DGEIS into the final one and to file with the state as required. Now that it's been filed this we can officially adopt the plan.

Trustee Carley made the motion to accept resolution 29-12-13 adopting the SEQR finding statement with respect to the adoption of the Village of Walden Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. 5 ayes. 1 Nay. 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Thruway Easement

Manager Revella explained that the Thruway Market property has been sold and it will be closing. It now belongs to a new owner who is planning to demolish the former grocery store and rebuild a new grocery store. They will also give a face lift to the existing buildings that are attached and remaining there. A copy of the sketch is available in Dean's office or in the Manager's office if anyone would like to see a copy of it. It looks good and matches with our own capital improvements. It will take away the slope that is on the one side of the parking lot that goes into the river and it will slope down. They will be signing a lease with Hannaford to have them put in a Hannaford at that grocery location. What we are talking about tonight is that they would like to redo the electrical service and in order to do that they will need to dig that up. The plan is to move the

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electrical service from the back of the building to the front over by the Oak Street Bridge and will cross the sewer easement we have along the river that goes to the building in the back. They need permission from the board to put a telephone pole in.

Trustee Hoffman added that our engineers Lanc & Tully have seen this and been a part of the process.

Trustee Bowen asked if it would be a permanent pole.

Manager Revella added they had an alternate plan to go overhead but they are not going with that any longer.

Trustee Hoffman added that they need permission to cross our easement.

Trustee Carley asked if there would be any damage caused.

Mayor Maher replied that the DEC is present and it will not affect the water or they wouldn't allow it.

Trustee Bowen asked for Trustee Hoffman's input based on his professional experience and understanding.

Trustee Hoffman indicated he felt he had no other insight except to say that they would be putting an electrical conduit over our sewer line which there is potential for it to conflict but that is minimal.

Trustee Bowen asked about the company that's doing the work if they have any insurance to do the work and is there any warrantee on their services.

Manager Revella replied that it would be bonded for a year.

Trustee Bowen clarified he was referencing structural damage.

Manager Revella responded that in x amount of years if there was damage to the sewer main there and it could be traced to the electrical line then yes.

Trustee Leonard asked if our Village Engineer would be overseeing that construction.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Trustee Hoffman explained it would be the same as if they were laying conduit down a road, there is sewer there as well and there would be the same type of risk involved.

Trustee Carley made the motion to grant permission to the new owners of the Thruway to cross our sewer easement to redo the electrical service for the new grocery store. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if while they were digging if it would be an opportunity to inspect the sewer line while it's open.

Manager Revella replied that we would more likely camera that line from the inside. Trustee Hoffman clarified that they are probably going to use a different type of equipment as they are not going to want to expose our sewer.

Manager Revella stated that it would be a good opportunity to look at the water valves back there as we aren't sure exactly what their details are.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if this line is on top of the sewer line what if we ever have to go in and fix the area should something happen to our sewer line, are we still going to be able to have access to the sewer line to repair it.

Manager Revella replied just like now we would go over above and around like we do for the existing gas lines throughout the village.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold clarified that this area will be mapped then as the water department is starting to map things will this be included in that.

Manager Revella answered that it would also be incorporated with our engineering firm.

Discussion Items

Speed Zones around schools follow up

Manager Revella explained that it add to the existing school zone and would include the other side of the Elementary School as well as the other side of Most Precious Blood School. 313 feet from Orchard to Maple on Walnut and then 638 feet from Walnut to Pine on Maple, and then 313 feet on Pine Street from Maple to Orchard. Then it would be another 415 feet from Ulster Avenue to just past Ivy Hill Road on Bradley Lane. The recommendation is to reduce the speed to 15 MPH during school hours.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold clarified that we are just expanding what is already there and the current speed limit in the current school zones is 15 MPH.

Chief Holmes stated that he was in favor of this change.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if a vehicle that was going too fast that a crossing guard saw what would happen then.

Chief Holmes replied that they would call us and officers would be posted outside to remind residents that there is a speed zone there.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the signs will have lights that flash or just be signs.

Chief Holmes responded just signs.

Trustee Hoffman asked if there was any reason this wasn't done previously.

Chief Holmes stated that there was not a lot a traffic over there previously and now we have traffic building up so we should address it now before there are any issues.

Mayor Maher commented that next we would prepare a local law and move forward from there.

Requests For Proposals (RFP's)

Mayor Maher explained that each year we discuss and decide if we are going to put out Requests For Proposals for our consultants which includes but is not limited to Accountant Firm, Attorney, Engineering Firm. This is a public discussion on whether the board would like to do that this year. We usually would like interviews to take place before the Reorganization meeting which is in April.

Trustee Hoffman feels generally it's a good policy to do this as many municipalities do this. If consultants are good you can confirm to the public that they are a good value and even look at rates again. He doesn't see harm in it.

Mayor Maher confirmed that they would discuss this in greater detail in executive session.

Budget Hearing Dates

Mayor Maher listed six prospective dates for budget sessions this year: Tuesday April 2nd; Wednesday, April 3rd; Monday, April 8th; Wednesday, April 10th; and Monday, April 15th and Wednesday April 17th if necessary. They are tentatively scheduled and we will approve those dates at the next meeting so we can set those dates at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Hoffman reminded the Mayor there may be conflicts with the Planning Board or the Court so perhaps we can use the Manager's office if needed.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold clarified with the Manager that he would discuss with the department heads when their availability was for those dates as well.

Public Comment

Greg Raymondo, 200 Orange Avenue, asked about the garbage pick-up and why there was no pick up on Scofield Street.

Manager Revella replied that the people on Scofield were not picked up on purpose.

Greg replied that his wasn't picked up either.

Manager Revella answered he didn't know why that was but he would look into it for him.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked when the budget would be done and available for the public to look at.

Manager Revella replied that he wasn't exactly sure but within the next couple weeks.

Becky continued that she was looking at Executive Session that just says consultants and she doesn't feel that is the proper way to go into executive session. She also asked about something in the packet about the planning board and a piece of property for a proposed Dollar General. She asked if she heard something about a Village Water request.

Manager Revella replied that they have to ask for it in writing.

Becky said she did some more research on the Ethics code and she has some great information in if the board would like to see it. Struggling with what to do and it does talk
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about some great ideas to help you including fee structure. She has a lot of good reading including recusal information which wasn't mentioned at all and could be something to think about. When she had her issue there was a person who was on the Ethics Board and was very boisterous and didn't want her to be Mayor at the time and she did not recuse herself where maybe she should have. The number of board members is a big topic to look into such as 3 board members as opposed to 5 members. Terms of office is also one to consider. She isn't sure our Ethics Code says anything about being a Village Resident which she feels should be included. It says no board member may be an officer of a political party which she feels is important, not that we have issues like that but it should be something to think about. Employed or act as a lobbyist in the village. May participate in a campaign but not run it. Consecutive terms should not exceed two full terms. There is a lot she thought the board might want to read and she will leave for you. Property on Glass Street is up for sale again. For 4 years she heard the train the train the train but she hasn't heard one yet and is wondering what is going on with the train.

Trustee Leonard replied we are updating the feasibility study to reflect the 2010 census and submit to Sean Patrick Maloney's staff who is on the transportation committee. So who knows, it's Washington.

Becky also asked about the grant money that we got from the CDBG for that project for the \$50,000.

Manager Revella interjected that they didn't take \$50,000 they only took half.

Becky asked what happened now if that goes back up for sale. Do you take the grant monies back? Or do you wait for something to happen?

Mayor Maher commented that we have not taken the grant money back because they have to come before the board whenever they have to use it by showing receipts.

Becky was just concerned about the money as the building is back up for sale or does that carry through to the next person that buys it.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she thought that we gave them up to \$50,000 and they only used \$25,000.

Mayor Maher commented that to his knowledge the next person that purchases it is not binded to use it.

Becky asked where the Comprehensive Plan was in the packet.

Manager Revella stated it was in the last packet and has not changed.

Kerron Barnes, 120 Orchard Street, wanted to bring everyone up to date on the NY Main Street Grant. This is funded by the state and looking for concentrated assistance in the business districts. We have received two such grants the first was \$200,000 and it assisted 6 buildings in 2008. This is the second grant for \$338,837 from 2011 and we are in the process of collecting that and would say with the wonderful assistance of the NY Main Street Committee of the Walden Community Council. We've completed 4 buildings and have 4 more in the process and working with 2 more as we speak. Under the program

the property owner has to match the grant funding and the first grant match was 50/50. The second grant match was up to 75% of the cost because we had such a large number of applicants and limited funds. The grants actually ranged from 65-90% of the total. If you add the two grants together you have most of that money going into construction invested in the central business district of Walden. That's our progress report. We have a couple cases in process and nearing the point of contract. One of them is a combination of the small cities fund which is a HUD grant. We have 2 cases where we can match the small cities fund with the NY Main Street Grant and that encourages the owner to move ahead. When they look at the total job and hear it's about \$40,000 and then they hear about a 3% loan they tend to now want to invest more monies into the building. In this case they would like to invest \$81,000 which is beyond the amount the Village Manager is allowed to approve so you will be seeing a one page description coming before you most likely at the next meeting for your consideration. Please let me know of any questions. It's a complicated program.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, wanted to add Brenda Adams to that list of people as she is the Project Manager of the Main Street Grant. It is a long process and moving along with great projects such as the Diner which looks great. She sent out an email about the contest for the Elementary School children and John had said she needed consent from the board to go ahead with that. It's a great idea and she's been researching it and she thought it would be a great way to get the kids involved in the Village. She's going to send it to the children of the Valley Central school district. April 6th will be local history day. She is also working with the Elementary History Club and the kids are really excited about their project about Child Labor and the kids that worked in the Walden factories and mills in 1880. Can Willie update us now about the Town meeting about Emergency Management? She is trying to get involved in this because there is someone out there who has asked the Town of Montgomery Seniors Independence Project for input but no one has asked us.

Manager Revella stated that project has nothing to do with us. Greg Buchieri is doing that project so perhaps you could contact him for more information.

Mary Ellen commented she just didn't understand what they were asking the seniors for.

Trustee Carley responded that primarily in December there was a meeting and John was there and some members of the community as well. There was a local level of people who get together to talk about the Emergency Response Plan. Primarily Greg wanted to start a shelter in the town and wanted to get a committee with different volunteers from the villages together and what we are doing is monitoring that. The gentleman is trying to build a Town of Montgomery Community Action Team. He wanted all Villages all together under one umbrella and we told him that wasn't going to happen. So the goal was to work with the Town and they set a meeting with the American Red Cross Shelter in early February and he was asking for members of the volunteers of Walden to come. Officer Montanaro was our contact with the volunteers but we couldn't say that they would definitely be there. He's trying to be all inclusive of each Village and to get everyone's ideas and volunteer actions together. We told him we already had something in place so not to count on us in his plans.

Mary Ellen stated that our plan has consideration for seniors and people with disabilities built into it. So if the Town wanted to do the same thing perhaps what they should do is talk to Officer Jackson. She has the connection with the Town Police and the seniors.

Trustee Carley commented that he can't tell you who to talk to. He was just saying that the Village of Walden already has a plan in place.

Manager Revella added that we can give him as much guidance and assistance as we can without stepping on toes. It's really for the Town, they should be spending the money on this not us.

Mary Ellen stated well they need to do that as they have no plan. Just a comment and thought about the fluoride issue because it didn't get done 2 boards ago you have to open the discussion all over again.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, at the last meeting she had requested the board put on the Skate Park on the agenda to discuss possibly moving it to Wooster Grove. She again is asking for it to be put on the next meeting agenda. With the budget coming up it will be a good thing to discuss to see if it is even feasible and if it is to see what is involved financially.

Mayor Maher commented that he initially thought it was a good idea. But the only negative comment that he heard was that moving it to a flood plain might not be the best idea since we would already have to rebuild the existing place. Do we really want to add things to a place that could be destroyed in the event of a flood? We can't do much about the flood zone but it is definitely worth the discussion.

Jessica added that respectfully the requests and some of the discussions that have been on the table are to get rid of it entirely so as an alternative it might be a good idea. There is an emotional connection to that park and the alternative is to put in a place where it can be monitored. Just have the discussions to see if it is a good idea or not.

Nannette DeGrote, 80 North Montgomery Street, commented about where she lives going out of the Village on Route 52 towards the yellow condos. There is a big field right past her house and it's an open road almost. At any given time during the day she can look out and someone is either speeding in or speeding out and it's very fast. They are coming off of that 55 MPH zone and they literally don't slow down until they hit the Col. Bradley Hose Fire House by Wait Street. There are a lot of kids in that area. Last year there was an electronic speed sign on River Road and it did miracles over there and she thinks it's all you need to slow up traffic on her side of the village.

Trustee Leonard commented that it worked initially and then it went back up. In fact it got stolen which was terrible because it cost almost \$3,000.

Mayor Maher added she brought up a good point, it was helpful.

Manager Revella added that the Police Department does usually sit just past the Quality Restaurant parking lot there so we can take that up with the Chief so he can address that.

Nanette asked why residents have to pay for the police protection or whatever is going on with the Buddhists or whatever is going on.

Mayor Maher replied that when the Village Board allows for an event they come with specific instructions as to what they need. In the past especially when it comes to the
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Buddhists presented to the Village the potential costs and they will say not that we can ask; we will do our best to offset costs with a donation to the Village. They have in fact come through on every kind of event and the last event was \$5,000.

Manager Revella stated they don't have to ask the board, they could just have their event. But because there is so much activity the police are going to respond to it anyway. If you try to work for them it will work for us too. Thankfully they gave us a donation as well which they don't have to do at all so they basically cover the cost of the service. But he does understand where she is coming from.

Mayor Maher added that there are events also where they can request certain things, property or individuals and we do weigh those options before we decide to approve an event such as this.

Nanette stated that in the last two weeks she's gotten over 100 signatures on a petition to get the fluoride topic back on for discussion. One of the questions that was asked of her as she had explained that it was going to be discussed during the budget meetings, is that maybe they don't have the funds now but what if they do have the funds next year. So what will it take to get this topic back up to discuss and then to get it before the residents to be voted on and not just a board vote?

Mayor Maher asked if this is something that can be a referendum.

Manager Revella stated that is enough signatures so yes.

Trustee Hoffman asked what the date was for the referendum on the Village election.

Manager Revella answered that date has long since passed.

Mayor Maher continued that it would probably need to be a special election but there is a process that the residents can petition the board to do that. She could probably call Vicki tomorrow and she can give her the details of what she would need to do.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if 100 signatures were enough for the board to revisit it and discuss it again.

Mayor Maher stated that is up to the board to decide.

Nanette added that she was trying to email the board this week and John has been working on this but doesn't each board member have a Village of Walden email? She would assume that since they are public officials that they should have a specific email for Village of Walden residents to contact them.

Mayor Maher stated that he doesn't know what he meant by that and asked Attorney DuBois to correct him if he was wrong, but they wouldn't have a private email as it would be public and would be FOILable.

Trustee Carley added that if they had an email like TrusteeCarley@gmail or something like that, that would be public.

Mayor Maher stated that when he first got on the board, some people didn't have email and not sure why it wasn't revisited but glad it's being discussed again tonight.

Nanette clarified that was not what she was saying, she was saying that there was a place on the website for the email but there was no address listed or any link present.

Manager Revella commented that some board members do have a public as well as a private email that are separate but a couple of them did not yet. We are in the process of working on that.

Trustee Bowen stated that he and Peter were speaking about it that everyone should have a Village of Walden email so that everyone is the same.

Trustee Hoffman brought up some security issues about that. The Comptrollers report commented on the types of email such as free emails and had concerns about the security of those emails and their ability to be easily hacked.

Nanette asked if there was the ability to have a box on the screen where she can put her name and email and comment right on the website.

Manager Revella stated yes we do have that; it goes to the Clerk when you submit that right now.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Bowen made the motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated there was one that she pulled out so she is saying no to that one and yes to the others.

Correspondence – none

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard commented that copies of his NYCOM notes generated from the winter meeting if you want to see them or have questions feel free to see him. John has the handouts from NYCOM. This weeks' Time magazine is devoted entirely to the health care magazine. Strongly suggest you read it as it's very informative.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented about the pictures that she sent to John about the garbage issue. The one property that borders Walnut Street and is on West Main Street, the tenants there are using the Village garbage cans for their personal use.

Manager Revella stated that they were cited by the building inspector as they were caught in the act.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold continued that they still have a bugaboo about the way the sidewalks are being taken care of. She works in a building that houses a lot of seniors who do have walkers and property owners are only doing a shovel wide area when there is a snow storm. People with walkers cannot use the sidewalk and can't get to the beauty shop across the street because the cut ins are not cleared wide enough either.

Manager Revella replied that the entire sidewalk is supposed to be cleared.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold indicated that this is not happening and asked if they have been cited for this. When there are empty buildings where there are no landlords such as East Main Street on the corner are we citing for that as well? She personally had to climb over a snow bank there that wasn't cleaned until she doesn't know when.

Manager Revella stated yes we are citing them. They have 24 hours after the storm and after that they get cited and then have another 24 hours to clear it and then the Village takes care of it.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that when it happens on a weekend there is no one around and they know there is no one around.

Manager Revella stated that they did a schedule change for Jay and had him come in on Sunday.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who's responsibility it was to do the cut ins.

Manager Revella stated that no one but the corner property has to do a cut in.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that was disturbing.

Manager Revella commented that if they don't want to shovel a path from the store to the road that is up to them. If it's a sidewalk they have to do that. Some sections main street is all the way to the curb.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she can tell you that does not happen. She shovels the cut in but it's astounding to her that basically senior citizens can't use the sidewalk to get to the end of the sidewalk to use what we cleared and there is no requirement for businesses to have cut ins so they can get out into the street.

Manager Revella commented that where her business is they should be shoveling all the way to the street anyway because it's part of the sidewalk.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she is telling you that is not what is happening. People are basically shut ins because they can't use the sidewalks and go to a local store for a cup of coffee or go down to the Thruway for food.

Trustee Leonard stated he was going over the SEQR information for the Dollar General and he has some issues about that.

Manager Revella replied yes, please mail your comments to him as soon as possible and he and Dean are going to draft a letter and go over to the Town about that. Dean is going to attend a meeting also.

Trustee Hoffman added that if any resident has a comment on Dollar General that they can forward those comments also to John.

Trustee Carley stated that he contacted the department of health to try and get independent information about fluoride for the public. It is part of our responsibility as board members to get that information but also to make a note that the job of the village board is to look out for the public and voice their concerns. Not just one side but both sides. That's the goal of the board.

Mayor Maher wanted to announce there was a tragic incident that took place this weekend. Jennifer Williams Conklin passed away leaving small children behind. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the family at the Walden Fire House, Friday March 1st at 5pm. Its \$10 per ticket for the dinner and they will have 50/50s and raffles and anyone with questions can call Kelly Leahy at 778-6545 or 648-8271. He would encourage everyone to attend and pull our community together to help this family survive this very tragic event.

Executive Session – Consultants

Trustee Hoffman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss all Village Consultants, Personnel-Village Manager, and Potential Litigation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion for RFP's

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved for Requests for Proposals for all consultants except the Planner and the Sewer Operator. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2013
Motions & Resolutions**

135 Orange Avenue –Property Maintenance

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to set a public hearing date for March 12, 2013 at 6:30pm or as soon as possible after that time for 135 Orange Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion passed.

Property Maintenance Hearing Request – 20 Lafayette Street

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to set a public hearing for March 12, 2013 at 6:30pm or as soon as possible after that time for 20 Lafayette Street. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEQR on DOT Ulster Avenue Sidewalks

Trustee Leonard made the motion to classify the SEQR Action on the Ulster Avenue Sidewalks project as a Type 2 Action. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Flag Day Ceremony Request – Sunday June 9, 2013 at 1pm

Trustee Bowen made the motion to approve the Flag Day Ceremony for Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 1pm at Veterans Park. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 29-12-13: Comprehensive Plan

Trustee Carley made a motion to accept Resolution No. 29-12-13 adopting the SEQR Finding Statement with respect to the adoption of the Village of Walden Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Trustee Bowen. 5 ayes, 1 Nay, (Deputy Mayor Rumbold), 0 abstentions. Resolution is Approved.

Thruway Easement

Trustee Carley made the motion to grant permission to the new owners of the Thruway to cross our sewer easement to redo the electrical service for the new grocery store. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

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