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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
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Third Street Firehouse
March 17, 2022
7:00 P.M.

B E F O R E:
GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE (Absent)
PETER CLARKE - TRUSTEE (Absent)
MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE

JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY
SYLVIA PIRILLO - VILLAGE CLERK
PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER

1 (The Meeting was Called to Order at 7 p.m.)

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: I call the meeting to order
3 with the Pledge to the Flag.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. Just
6 there's a couple of empty seats here. Trustee
7 Clarke is taking care of a family matter, and
8 Trustee Martilotta was called up to Albany
9 yesterday for Army Guard duties, or whatever he
10 had to do, and he may be back, he may not. So
11 we're going to move along now. We're going to
12 start the meeting with -- we have a quorum, the
13 three of us, and we'll go from there.

14 All right. First up is Chief Wayde
15 Manwaring for the Fire Department. Chief, do you
16 want to come on up?

17 CHIEF MANWARING: Hi. You got all our
18 reports, I guess.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

20 CHIEF MANWARING: The only thing we got is a
21 couple of important meetings coming up.
22 Department elections will be April 5th on all
23 Company Officers. Chiefs elections will be on the
24 7th. At that point, there will be hopefully one
25 of the last times being in here, I hope.

1 (Laughter)

2 CHIEF MANWARING: Hopefully. The only other
3 important one that comes up is Peconic Landing. I
4 don't know if you guys know or not, but Peconic
5 Landing will be hosting the May Mile on May 7th.
6 And it's been a while getting back to --
7 everything back to normal.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

9 CHIEF MANWARING: That's all I have.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Any questions
11 for the Chief?

12 (No Response)

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you very much.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wait, wait, wait a
15 minute. Is -- did Chief Kalin provide to the
16 Village Clerk information about the open house for
17 the Recruitment Day?

18 CHIEF MANWARING: Oh, yeah, thanks. I
19 almost forgot all about that.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. Has he
21 done that yet, do you know, or --

22 CHIEF MANWARING: I will find out.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, because I think
24 that's an important -- it's important, and I'd
25 like to see it get on the Village website, to be

1 honest with you.

2 CHIEF MANWARING: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thanks.

4 CHIEF MANWARING: Will do.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. When we get it, we'll
6 post it. Okay. Next up is the Village Administrator,
7 Paul Pallas.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
9 I'll start with my discussion items, and I have a
10 couple of additional items for that.

11 The first is the effluent reuse study. We
12 had a grant from EFC. We did make a presentation
13 to Long Island Water -- I think it's the Long
14 Island Water Reuse Group. I forget the exact
15 title of them. Our plan, unfortunately, was not
16 really well received by them.

17 As we had originally conceived the plan, it
18 was going to be for irrigation, and it just wasn't
19 workable at first. So it turned out that we
20 designed, as you all know, to do basically
21 recharge basins in the Polo Grounds. It seems to
22 be not what they were looking for. So we're
23 actually going to go back to the folks that I'm
24 working with on this. We're going to go back to
25 the drawing board a little bit to try to see if it

1 can be redone.

2 We're not -- we're not looking for funds
3 from the Village. We're going to seek funding for
4 continuing it, continuing the study from other
5 grant sources. So just to be clear, there's no
6 Village money going to be expended. But I'm going
7 to continue to work a little bit on it with these
8 folks, just so you're aware where we are on that.

9 Next discussion item is utility rates. We
10 haven't looked at utility rates, all three
11 utilities, in quite some time, and we really need
12 to review our rates to see if they're appropriate
13 across the utilities. There will be a resolution
14 at next week's meeting to go out for an RFP to get
15 a consultant in to review, to review the rates.
16 That's the first step in the process.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Paul, I'm sorry, you're
18 talking about electric, sewer and water?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, all three,
20 all three utilities, yes.

21 The next item is on the microgrid project.
22 Just as for that, the electric service for the
23 Firehouse here has been completely done, well, the
24 main service. There's also some small things to
25 do for that. The solar panel work continues, and

1 the work to put in the generator and the battery
2 system, that all -- that work all continues.

3 The same is true over at the wastewater
4 treatment plant, that there an electric service
5 upgrade, but they're continuing to do work on the
6 solar, the solar pieces of that. Initially, we
7 didn't think the distribution work was going to be
8 ready or the service work would be ready for
9 another week, but they were able to time their
10 schedule and get it actually done, and they did it
11 in record time, really. They started, I believe,
12 around 7:30, 8:00, they were done by 2, 2:30 in
13 the afternoon. So that was a very big, big job.
14 They had a good crew working on that. So I just
15 wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Paul, could you do -- I
17 would like to -- I haven't been up to the sewer
18 plant in a while. Is there some way we could kind
19 of get photos of the work going on with the solar
20 panels, exactly where they're placed or --

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. I mean, the --
22 it's in the drawings that had originally sent.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: But I could certainly
25 get photos. Right now, I think all they're doing

1 is putting in the base. There's really nothing to
2 see. But once they start building the framework,
3 that will be a little more, you know, impressive
4 to see. So I'll certainly make sure we get that
5 out.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think it would be great
7 to kind of documentate that a little bit for the
8 grant process.

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And for the public to see
11 what's going on with the microgrid. The poles
12 going in, it's very obvious. The Firehouse is
13 very visible. But what's going up at the sewer
14 plant is not really, you know, an active site for
15 the public to see what's going on.

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yep, I'll do that.
17 Not on my list is an update on the central pump
18 station work. Both -- just I want to report that
19 the new station is working in parallel with the
20 old at this stage, and they're going to let that
21 run for a week or two, just so that there's no
22 issues with it at all, and then make a final
23 cut-over in about -- like I said, about a week or
24 two. At that point, we'll be fully off of the old
25 station, including -- inclusive of the generator.

1 So everything should be all buttoned up
2 operationally by then. Obviously, there's a lot
3 of site work that needs to be done and clean up
4 the site, but the operation will be fully
5 operational in about two weeks.

6 Resolutions: I'll do the additional
7 resolutions that aren't on my list first. We do
8 have a resolution for vehicles for the Electric
9 Department that consists of two bucket trucks, one
10 55-foot bucket truck, and one 50-foot bucket
11 truck. The 55-foot truck will come with a
12 material handler that's -- is to the transformers
13 and everything like that. The other is a 10-yard
14 dump truck, I believe, that's also for the
15 Electric Department.

16 The other additional resolution is for our
17 State Utility Association, the New York
18 Association of Public Power annual -- this is our
19 typical annual consultant approvals. We only pay
20 a portion of the fee, a very small portion of the
21 overall fee, and it consists of Duncan, Weinberg,
22 Genzer & Pembroke, who are the Attorneys, Susan
23 Stohr, who does -- who's only going to be doing
24 Washington Legislative work, and a new consultant
25 that we've just hired, the Roffe Group. Actually,

1 they've changed their name since we hired them,
2 but that's the -- what the proposal is under, and,
3 again, we only pay a small percentage of that.

4 There'll be one additional resolution for
5 Susan Stohr for the Village. She has been doing
6 work for us, as you know, for several years and
7 been very successful in working with us and
8 getting some of these, these two large grants that
9 we had, and she continues to work with us on that.
10 And with the Federal funds coming up very soon,
11 hopefully, I think it would be beneficial to keep
12 her working with us to help us through that
13 process as well. It's minimal, a minimal fee,
14 actually, overall when you consider the amount of
15 money that we have been able to get with her help, so.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So, Paul, how does --

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Paul, I have a question.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Go ahead, Julia.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Talking about the Federal
20 money coming from the infrastructure bill, I have
21 been noticing, spending a lot of time this winter
22 working on -- walking on the Railroad Dock,
23 realized the condition of that dock is in very --
24 is very poor, to say the least. I was just
25 wondering, is it possible in some way for us to

1 get some kind of a grant and receive help to do
2 some rebuilding, resurfacing on that dock?

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, the -- I mean,
4 the short answer is, you know, probably. You
5 know, there is a considerable amount of money for
6 infrastructure work that could be had, you know,
7 certainly. None of the -- none of that process
8 has been laid out yet. And I think, as I reported
9 last month, when those -- when those come due,
10 when they come out, rather, when all the agencies
11 get all their instructions together, there's going
12 to be a very short time window to apply. So we're
13 going to have to know what, what we're applying
14 for. We don't have a lot of time to make that
15 decision. So I can certainly add that to -- I can
16 certainly add that to the list of items that could
17 be looked at, yes.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, has that been
19 priced out at all? Do we have any idea what it
20 would cost to resurface, to -- and to rebuild?

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No. I mean, it's not
22 going to be cheap.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I know that.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And to remove all of
25 those boards and to replace them would be quite

1 the undertaking. Structurally, just to be clear,
2 structurally it's fine.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right, okay. So it's
4 mainly the decking, but still, a considerable
5 cost.

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I can only imagine, it's
8 gone up --

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, so --

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- quite a bit.

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So we can certainly
12 add that to the list, see what that --

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We'll talk about that maybe
14 in the budget talks.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that -- Paul, the
16 other point is, is we do have the bulkhead at
17 Mitchell Park that we're going to have to -- we're
18 aware of that, okay? We have -- so maybe we can
19 talk about combining two of them under a grant,
20 vote on it separately, or whatever. At this
21 point, the Mitchell Park bulkhead is my -- is a
22 concern.

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I have two questions,
25 and I know we have a -- you know, we had the

1 actual grant. They put together the paperwork for
2 potentially a grant. Are we still going to be
3 working with the same consultants to start looking
4 for that grant money? Isn't that part of what we
5 had at one point with the --

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: They did that task.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: They performed that
9 task as part of the original grant, and, at that
10 time, they did do the research and there was just
11 nothing there. So, I mean, I don't -- again, I
12 think -- I think that's something, I'll be honest,
13 would be expensive to go through a consultant,
14 that Susan, while she's not a grant-writer, she
15 can help us navigate the process for that. So
16 that's --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think we pretty
18 much have -- I mean, we did the bulkhead study,
19 and I believe actually -- the consultant actually
20 filed for a permit, did he not?

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We have permits.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, we have --

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. The only
24 permit that right now that we need to be renewed,
25 and not really renewed, is the Army Corps permit.

1 All the other permits will still be in force for
2 at least two more years.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think a little more
5 than two. But the Army Corps permit, there's no
6 renewal process.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I know there's no
8 renewal.

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: You just have to
10 submit it again. I mean, it's the same, it's the
11 same paperwork. I might use -- I might use this
12 consultant to help process that, because there was
13 some dialogue between the consultant and the
14 Army Corps about the original application. There
15 were some modifications, and I don't want to try
16 to reinvent that. You know, I want to make sure I
17 get -- make sure it's done right. So I can
18 recommend when the time comes -- there's no point
19 in renewing it now, because we don't have a
20 project to bid out. And the bid package is by and
21 large ready go. You know, we may need to use a
22 consultant to do that part, but not the grant
23 piece of this.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. I mean, we know
25 it's coming and we know it's a goal over the next

1 year or two --

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- with financing --

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- in the future. So I
6 just want to make sure that it's kind of starting
7 to become on the front burner.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That was one of the
9 prime ones on my list for when these grants are
10 available, yes.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Paul, you want to
13 just mention the NYSERDA paperwork that we got
14 yesterday, the email about the grant --

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: There's -- there is
16 a --

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- availability?

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure. There's a
19 NYSERDA grant available, it's relatively small.
20 It's for energy efficiency and called
21 decarbonization grant for the electric utility
22 specifically.

23 Just so everyone's aware, we typically are
24 not eligible for NYSERDA grants. My -- the State
25 Association that we're a member of has been

1 working, you know, for literally two decades
2 trying to get NYSERDA to provide some grant funds
3 for municipal utilities throughout the state. The
4 total amount that's available is only \$3 million,
5 but I would like to try to submit a grant for
6 this. It's important that since we finally got
7 them to agree, to actually have something to
8 submit. So I'm working, staff and I will be
9 working on putting something together for that
10 process. That is due, I think, in about a month.

11 So these are going to be small grants. Each
12 one, the maximum that -- of the three categories,
13 the two that we might be able to submit has a
14 capital of 100,000 and 200,000. So they'll be
15 small grants, but at least it's a foot in the door
16 as if it was, you know, so to speak for us to work
17 with NYSERDA on possible future grants.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you have any idea what
19 project you're thinking about?

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Not yet.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I will send something
23 out to the Board as soon as we have an idea of
24 what we want to do.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Paul, I was under the
2 impression that the microgrid grant was a NYSERDA
3 grant, no?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No. It was a
5 Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The other resolutions
8 that I have was the -- talking about the change
9 order for the ferry redesign. And just by way of
10 update, we still have not received any response
11 from the DOT on our submittal.

12 Next is the annual conference in -- it will
13 be in Saratoga, that I'm requesting attendance
14 approval vote to go to that conference.

15 Next is a Sandy Beach wastewater agreement
16 revision. As I had indicated in the email that I
17 sent out to the Board, the Sandy Beach folks,
18 after we had approved what I thought we had an
19 agreement on, they decided to take another look at
20 it and made some more or less cosmetic changes.
21 There was no major material changes to it. So,
22 you know, even though there aren't any, they
23 changed enough of the way it was arranged to
24 warrant a re -- a redo of the vote, essentially.
25 So that's -- that's on there as well.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Let's just take a step
2 back, okay? The -- as you said, the materialistic
3 -- what actually did get tweaked in?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Just more format. I
5 mean, it didn't -- it was -- there were no --
6 instead of we had -- for example, we had a -- as a
7 draft -- not a draft, as a sample, we put in one
8 of the homeowner's names. They took that out,
9 those kinds of things, and put in, you know,
10 fill-in-the-name-here kind of change. So there's
11 nothing, nothing on the dollars, nothing on the
12 timing, yeah.

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: So the agreement remains
14 substantially -- substantively the same, what they
15 sent back, but they re -- they redid -- for
16 some -- somebody got their hands on it and
17 basically reworded, you know, much of the
18 agreement. But as Paul said, substantively, it
19 said -- it remained the same.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So we have to vote
21 to rescind the first one and vote to do this one?
22 I think that's --

23 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I think the -- I think the
24 new -- the new one is different enough in the
25 formatting and language that it probably should be

1 voted on again by the Board

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I know, but what do
3 we do about the first agreement we passed a
4 resolution on?

5 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Then it would be in the
6 same resolution that it supercedes, and that --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: -- the first one's
9 withdrawn, the first approval is withdrawn.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I just want to --
11 just so that it's clear, after doing what you're
12 doing, if we get down to doing it, if we get done
13 doing it.

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Okay. And last one
15 is roof replacements. There are several roofs of
16 at the wastewater treatment plant and pump
17 stations that are in need of replacement, and
18 we've been looking at the Station 2 for the Fire
19 Department. It does look like that whole roof
20 does need to be replaced. So rather than do this
21 piecemeal, we'll put one bid package together for
22 all of those repairs of the roofs.

23 Just in terms of reminders, the one that I
24 do want to focus on is from the Historic
25 Preservation Commission. We had sent out or they

1 had sent out two different, two different
2 documents. One was recommendations that resulted
3 from their Recognizance Survey that included
4 adding additional buildings to the registry, I
5 think the Green Hill Cemetery as well, if I
6 remember correctly, as well as expansion of the --
7 of the district.

8 The second thing they sent out is a change
9 to the guidelines that are published on our
10 website. I know that, you know, there's been a
11 lot of -- a little bit of informal discussion
12 about that, but if the Board would like, we can
13 put that out as a formal discussion item for next
14 month's work session in advance of any necessary
15 resolutions to implement those things.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which, which, both?

17 Both?

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: For both, yes.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Both? Okay.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. So I was asked
21 at the HP -- HPC Chair had asked me the status and
22 I told her I would recommend this, what I just
23 said to you, for your votes, if that's all right.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, we can have a
25 discussion about that. Making the whole Village

1 an Historic District is a much bigger undertaking
2 than I think what they realize.

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: So, I mean, for a little
6 thing. But if you're going to do the whole
7 Village and change the guidelines for two-thirds
8 of the Village, we need to have public hearings
9 and get more involved in that part of it. But we
10 will have a discussion on that when we have a full
11 Board next month.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but the
13 guidelines, if I remember correctly, are just
14 updating what's currently in existence on the --
15 on the website?

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Some updates and some
17 changes to them.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But it's not dealing with
19 the -- the first one, condition is --

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's two separate.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Two separate?

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Two entirely separate
23 things. That's why I thought we'd have two
24 separate discussion items, not put them together.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Mr. Mayor, if I

1 may suggest that perhaps the one that's dealing
2 with the applications and the guidelines, that we
3 really concentrate on that one first, and get it
4 out of the hopper. And the second one that we
5 talked about, that requires a year long worth of
6 work to do on that one, because the original
7 ones. So I would rather we get their guidelines
8 issued and dealt with and out of the way, and
9 start the process of the discussion, but I'd
10 rather concentrate on getting that -- the updates
11 done first.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. That's the reason why
13 I brought up the second part of it, because it's a
14 much bigger undertaking. So we're going to have a
15 discussion on both, but we'll try to --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, that's why I
17 was -- that --

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- focus on one with the
19 other. I mean, you're affecting a lot of property
20 owners with this.

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And if you need
22 approval of it, it's more a discussion among the
23 Board to see where you want to go with each --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- piece of that.

1 So, okay, we will put that on next month's agenda.

2 Thank you. That's it for me.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Is that it?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's it for me.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Any questions for
6 Paul?

7 (No Response)

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. Okay.
9 Village Treasurer, Mr. Brandt.

10 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay. Good evening,
11 everyone. Our Marina reservation software
12 company, Dockwa, has -- our annual prescription is
13 up for renewal. They contacted me directly,
14 because they have a few options available to us.
15 So they could change the software somewhat.

16 There are three levels. The entry level one
17 is a very hobbled version of what we have and
18 would not be practical for our staff to use.
19 Based on the -- you would have to manually
20 calculate all of the electricity added on for each
21 of the boats and then input it manually. There's
22 a great chance for error there.

23 They have the middle ground version, which
24 is essentially the same as the one we're using.
25 The fee for that, we were paying \$4300 a year for

1 the subscription, plus 3.5% for the credit card
2 processing on that. The new version is now 4,000,
3 so it's a little less money.

4 But they now also offer a expanded version,
5 which offers quite a bit more. It is double the
6 price, it's \$10,000. However, the annual -- the
7 credit card fee is 2.9%. So the offset is there.
8 If we calculate out what we brought in last year,
9 it essentially covers the additional cost. So
10 it's a wash as far as the cost for the
11 subscription.

12 The reason I'm mentioning this to you is it
13 offers a couple of significant features that will
14 come in handy on my end. On the County end, they
15 have -- they're working on integrating it into our
16 software. The -- they have expanded the reporting
17 significantly, including trial balances, monthly
18 accrual reports, item reports, so we can actually
19 track individual electrical use on the different
20 rates that we offer. They also have point-of-sale,
21 should we expand on that. So they have a lot of
22 potential for growth, and this is where they're
23 focusing their energies.

24 On the marina side itself, the big
25 improvement there is they're going to have an

1 interactive map for positioning of the boats.
2 This is something that the staff currently does on
3 paper outside of the software. This will
4 eliminate error, and they don't have to update it
5 daily on pieces of paper and hand it out to the
6 guys docking the boats.

7 So I would like to put a resolution on that
8 we move forward with the upgrade of software.
9 Again, the difference in price is not there
10 because of the savings of the rate on the credit
11 card. The additional perk here is for going to
12 the new software, for the first \$500,000 of sales
13 that we do in this particular year, they drop it
14 one more percent for us as an incentive, so we'll
15 be in at 1.99%. So I'd like to put a resolution
16 in that we move forward with the better software.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Robert, does the -- does
18 the expanded one, the marketing -- the marketing
19 portion of it, is that still --

20 TREASURER BRANDT: The marketing is done
21 through marinas.com, which DOCKWA bought that
22 website several years ago. They claim there's
23 going to be enhanced support for advertising, but
24 they weren't able to delineate what that would be
25 at this time, but they are working on that. And

1 that, again, would be exclusive to the top tier
2 software.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But we would not be
4 paying an additional fee for it, once they --

5 TREASURER BRANDT: Correct, right. We don't
6 pay for that --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

8 TREASURER BRANDT: -- that advertising now.
9 But if you go to that, that web page, we're not
10 the first that comes up. We're down --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, I --

12 TREASURER BRANDT: You have to scroll down
13 to find us.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I --

15 TREASURER BRANDT: So, hopefully, that will
16 change our position on the -- they said it would
17 be an enhanced advertising. I don't know what
18 that entails.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, hopefully, we get a
20 picture of a full marina and not an empty marina.

21 TREASURER BRANDT: That's an internal change
22 on our --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Please.

24 TREASURER BRANDT: Yeah. Yes, you mentioned
25 that.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Especially from a
2 marketing technique, that kind of -- you know, it
3 might just get us up a little bit more.

4 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay. Any questions on
5 that?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's good.

7 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay. Any questions on
8 my report in general?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At one point, I do
10 believe, when we changed the fee at the Carousel,
11 we changed the fee at the Carousel, you were going
12 to work -- you and Paul were working on a vending
13 machine of some sort, or a ticket machine.

14 TREASURER BRANDT: We found a few different
15 machines right now. We just started contacting
16 recently, in fact, waiting for sales to come back
17 to give us pricing and stuff.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, because they're
19 going to start to get --

20 TREASURER BRANDT: Understood, but I'm not
21 going to rush --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

23 TREASURER BRANDT: -- into the machine --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

25 TREASURER BRANDT: -- just for the sake of

1 having it.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, I'm just asking
3 if it's --

4 TREASURER BRANDT: So we're going to explore
5 all the options first.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- is moving along,
7 that's what I'm asking.

8 TREASURER BRANDT: Yeah, absolutely.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

10 TREASURER BRANDT: Absolutely. I have my
11 Deputy working on it, actually.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Thanks.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anything else for the
14 Treasurer?

15 (No Response)

16 TREASURER BRANDT: All right. Thank you.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. The
18 Village Clerk report.

19 CLERK PIRILLO: Hi, everyone, good evening.
20 I do have one additional resolution, and that is
21 for a late request that we received from the
22 Greenport BID, courtesy of Nicki Gohorel, and that
23 is for a 5K to be held on the 30th of April. We
24 just received -- I just received and sent to the
25 Board late in the day notification of the exact

1 route that would be involved in the 5K, and it
2 does involve some village streets. I don't know
3 at this point if the Police Department has been
4 contacted yet, so I have to -- I have to check on
5 that. So there are a few details left
6 outstanding.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sylvia, I noticed that
8 they're starting at the fire station and ending at
9 the fire station?

10 CLERK PIRILLO: That is the plan, yes.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Are they planning
12 on putting a tent up here, or are they planning on
13 wanting to use the inside for the building, or you
14 don't know?

15 CLERK PIRILLO: I don't know yet.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

17 CLERK PIRILLO: I did ask them yesterday.
18 They had forgotten about their intended use of the
19 firehouse, because that was the plan for last time
20 when this event was cancelled. So that was added
21 back into the plan, and, again, I don't know if
22 the Fire Department has been contacted yet.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I thought I saw on her
24 application a 10-by-10 tent was on the
25 application, handwritten in there.

1 CLERK PIRILLO: If that's the -- if that's
2 the case, then that probably does not trigger a
3 tent permit, but I'll double-check that with Code
4 Enforcement.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, yeah. I know it was
6 handwritten on the application.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because, you know, the
8 Wardens meeting will be before it, but just before
9 it. Because I'm assuming if they're -- you know,
10 if that's -- because the Wardens meeting was
11 yesterday, so.

12 CLERK PIRILLO: I know.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, and it's --

14 CLERK PIRILLO: And this request is late to
15 this Board as well, so it's actually up to you if
16 you'd like to honor it. If we wait until next
17 month, it's very tight timing for -- almost
18 impossible timing for the advertising.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the other thing I
20 have to ask the Mayor is, at that point, Fourth
21 Street, I believe, was one of those that we were
22 going to start concentrating on paving early, or
23 getting the paving done. Will we be starting that
24 in April, or you don't know?

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: We don't have a time frame

1 from Corazzini yet to --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- to get up -- their plan
4 up and running and when they're going to do that.
5 So I talked to Paul about that a month ago to make
6 sure where we are with the schedule and all.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: But they -- really, if
9 they're going to be using the firehouse, they need
10 to contact the firehouse -- I mean, the Chiefs and
11 the Wardens and get permission from that. So
12 maybe our Liaison for the BID can find out what's
13 going on with that and give us some information.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: If they've contacted them
16 and where they plan on going, and what the
17 plan is.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. I think that just
19 came about the other day at the meeting, and I saw
20 the application this afternoon myself, so I'll
21 definitely look into that.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I mean, if they're
23 going to be just using the parking lot and doing
24 everything on the road and not using the firehouse
25 at all, that's completely different, but I don't

1 know what their intentions are.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll clarify that,

3 Mr. Mayor --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- in an email.

6 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you. Two additional
7 announcements. One is regarding lifeguard
8 training courses, which are taking place in
9 Rocky Point. We have information about that at
10 Village Hall. And, also, the CPR only and first
11 aid portion of the requested and required training
12 will be held in Peconic. So if anyone needs just
13 that portion, that will be in Peconic on Monday,
14 June 6th, at 4 p.m.

15 HEAP has extended, as they are want to do,
16 the benefit period. It was to end on the 15th of
17 March, and is now ending at close of business on
18 the 29th of April.

19 Moving on to my report, under Agreements and
20 Contracts, we have a five-year Memorandum of
21 Understanding with Department of Labor for what's
22 called SWEP, which is Suffolk Works Employment
23 Program, and that is for the Recreation Center.
24 We have just re-upped that agreement, and that was
25 mailed off on the 15th of March. So that would be

1 valid from the 1st of July of this year through
2 June 30th of '27.

3 The agreement between the Village and
4 Garratt Callahan, and that was for the light
5 plant, was fully executed on the 15th of March.

6 And lastly, under public hearing notices, we
7 did notice the public hearings for our annual
8 Org. Meeting, and also for the tentative Budget
9 Hearing, which will be on the 7th and 14th of
10 April, respectively.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Sylvia, could you back up
12 and just tell me again what Garratt Callahan is
13 doing at the light plant?

14 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes, that was for the --

15 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Engine work for the --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That was for the
17 water treatment.

18 CLERK PIRILLO: Water treatment.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: For the cooling
20 towers.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Water treatment, okay,
22 yeah.

23 CLERK PIRILLO: Water treatment for the
24 cooling towers.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, I was -- thank you.

1 CLERK PIRILLO: You're welcome.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sylvia, have we
3 received -- I noticed on your informational, it
4 says that there was a Notice of Referral for the
5 two proposed laws. One was sent to -- was it sent
6 to the Planning Board? Or they were -- all right.
7 They were sent off to the Suffolk County Planning
8 Department. Have you heard back from them?

9 ATTORNEY PROKOP: The one that -- one of the
10 laws amends Chapter 150. Because of that,
11 pursuant to Section 150-32, there's a requirement
12 that there's a referral to the Planning Board. We
13 did refer that Local Law to the Planning Board,
14 and in conjunction with that, we also -- because
15 it's amending the zoning chapter, we also referred
16 it to the Suffolk County Planning Commission. We
17 have not heard back from the Suffolk County
18 Planning Commission. We're still within the 45
19 days that they have to respond. And the Planning
20 Board doesn't have to respond, I think it's until
21 45 days until -- 45 days after their meeting,
22 that's first after the date that they receive the
23 referral, and I think that that's probably still
24 about a month-and-a-half away --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

1 ATTORNEY PROKOP: -- from now. We did,
2 since -- because of the procedure that we have,
3 when we make those referrals, we refer the law
4 involved to several other agencies, and we did
5 refer the law to the -- I think it's the Town of
6 Southold, and then the New York State Department
7 of Transportation, New York State Department of
8 State, and Department of Environmental
9 Conservation, and a few other agencies. I don't
10 believe any comments have been received yet.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Thank you.

12 CLERK PIRILLO: Anything else?

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

14 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Just as information,
16 I saw the public notice you had in the paper about
17 the budget, and people can pick copies up. The
18 Treasurer is required by law to hand in the budget
19 to the Clerk tomorrow morning, or noon tomorrow,
20 before the 20th of March, is the deadline, but
21 that's on a weekend. So if anybody sees it, if
22 you go in at 8:30 in the morning, you're not going
23 to get a copy of the budget yet, because we
24 finalized it this evening, the transfer will be
25 made to the Clerk, she'll stamp it in, it will be

1 time-stamped, and then they'll make copies and
2 send it out. Just so if anybody saw the public
3 notice in the Suffolk Times, give a little time to
4 get it taken care of tomorrow.

5 WILLIAM SWISKEY: I want it tomorrow.

6 TREASURER BRANDT: You'll get a copy when I
7 say it.

8 (Laughter)

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: I'm sure you will, Bill.
10 That's why I'm saying don't be there at 8:30,
11 because he's got to hand it to her and get it
12 date-stamped and recorded first.

13 WILLIAM SWISKEY: That's kind of late in the
14 day.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. That was just for
16 information.

17 TREASURER BRANDT: We normally do it at the
18 end of the day.

19 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

20 TREASURER BRANDT: Yeah. So you want it --
21 I'm sorry, George. You want it noonish, right?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

23 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay.

24 (Laughter)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anything else for the

1 Clerk?

2 (No Response)

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Village Attorney
4 report.

5 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you. Good evening.
6 So as you heard from Administrator Pallas, there's
7 a number of agreements that -- that we were
8 working on the last month. They included Sandy
9 Beach, the Sandy Beach agreement, Safe Harbor
10 agreement, DISH, the DISH agreement, Southold Fire
11 Department agreement, and a few others.

12 We also worked -- we had a busy month in
13 Code Enforcement in the Southold Town Justice
14 Court. We had one or two days where -- we have
15 days that are called "Village Days", which
16 basically there's a -- there's a Town Code
17 calendar and the Court adds to the Town Code
18 calendar Village Code cases. The cases are split
19 between the two Judges, and so they -- you know,
20 there'll end up being one day each month for each
21 Judge, so two days a month, and we had one or two
22 of those days that were extremely busy. So what
23 the Court did, at the request -- I think the
24 request of citizens. We've been actually
25 requesting this for some time and -- but I think

1 this time, at the request of citizens, what the
2 Court agreed to do is to allow us to design a form
3 that permitted people to pay -- to plead guilty
4 and pay by mail -- plead guilty by mail, so pay by
5 mail.

6 And so I worked -- I designed a form that I
7 know was used in other courts and provided that to
8 Southold. They gave me some comments, and then we
9 finalized the form, and that form is now
10 available. You know, if we -- if we're able to
11 reach agreement with the defendant, or somebody
12 that receives a violation, and it's agreeable with
13 the Court, they can sign off on the form and send
14 in the -- send it in that way and not have to take
15 a morning or most of the day off from work to go
16 to court. So that was significant progress.

17 The -- we have -- we had one case. In the
18 litigation front, we had one case that was
19 discontinued, which was Melisineck (phonetic), I
20 think it's called, was the Plaintiff, and it --
21 the person sued the Village, because they claimed
22 that they fell in an area that was Greenport. It
23 ended up it was the unincorporated portion of
24 Greenport, and we indicated that to them and they
25 withdrew the case against the Village.

1 And other than that, I spent a good deal of
2 time looking over comments that I received from --
3 regarding the accessory dwelling unit law and
4 proposals, and what we -- we did receive some
5 comments that were discussed at the last meeting
6 that we had, last -- last month's work session,
7 and I tried to make those comments in the draft of
8 the law that we have. But, in addition to that, I
9 received other comments from the Trustees,
10 Trustees -- Trustee Robins, and also Trustee
11 Phillips, as well as the Mayor's comments.

12 And I think that, really, the way to go
13 through this, I can't pick and choose which -- you
14 know, which comments to accept or not accept, I
15 think they really need to be discussed by the
16 Board. So I did circulate, you know, the comments
17 that I received, and there's -- they're more or
18 less on a list the way they're organized. So
19 whenever you'd like to go through them, I could go
20 through. There's probably 10 all together, maybe
21 12 or 13. If you want to do it now or when we
22 have a full Board, it's up to you.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: I'd rather have the full
24 Board to do that, because, you know --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Full Board. Yeah, me,

1 too.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Actually, I mean, speaking
3 with Trustee Phillips this afternoon, she had an
4 idea that maybe we hold a special meeting that the
5 Board can specifically dedicate to the accessory
6 apartment law, because I think it demands that
7 attention. I think it's important that we get
8 this right, and there are definitely going to be
9 code changes involved, so --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think as we -- as we
11 start to discuss it, I think we're going to find
12 certain things that are going to crop up from
13 within the code that we're going to need to look
14 at. So I -- as I said, I -- it was a suggestion.
15 And we don't have a full Board tonight, so I do
16 agree with the Mayor, that this is -- we need to
17 have the full Board for this discussion.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. First, I heard you
20 guys wanted a special meeting, so --

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, no. I just --

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No. Since you brought this
23 out about delaying this tonight, you know, I
24 thought that might be a natural progression.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. When you have your

1 thoughts together, contact me and we can discuss
2 it then.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: You know, Mayor, if you'll
5 let me know, I'll do whatever helps the Board, you
6 know.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: If you have a minute or
9 not, I'll be ready for you.

10 So, you know, globally, there was a couple
11 of larger comments. One was what districts to
12 allow the -- these accessory dwelling units in.
13 So whether we should also include R-1, and
14 possibly not include Waterfront Commercial. And
15 then there was a -- there was a comment about how
16 many units to allow per premises, that was another
17 comment that we received.

18 And that was basically it. Then a number
19 of, you know, more detailed comments that we can
20 go over at a meeting when we have the full Board.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I know Trustee Clarke
22 had stuff that he brought up at the work session
23 last month.

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: We also have -- they also
25 have that.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: He brought up his comments,
2 so a lot of that's all the same stuff, but without
3 them here, you know, so.

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah. So what I can do is
5 make one list that brings all the comments
6 together, so we have it all in one table and we
7 could use that as an outline.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: If you could put that
9 together and circulate it amongst the Board and
10 the Village Administrator, so that we could all
11 look at it, so we all know what we're going to be
12 talking about before we have the discussion.

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: So we do have one, one
14 matter that I'm trying -- one litigation matter
15 that I'm trying to resolve, and I'd like to
16 speak -- I need to speak to the Board to do that
17 before I do that, and it is timely. So I'm sorry
18 to ask you this, but I just need a few minutes
19 with the Board at the -- an executive session just
20 to describe what -- what I'm recommending, if
21 that's possible, please.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

23 ATTORNEY PROKOP: You know, I promise it
24 will be brief.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

1 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Please.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: You want to do that this
3 evening with the three of us?

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: It's necessary to do it, yes.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. Well,
6 we'll do that at the end, once the audience gets
7 their chance.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes. I don't have
9 anything else, unless you have questions.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, I did send to
11 you and to Paul, and I did send to Joe the law
12 that the Governor signed into -- into effect for
13 the quarter percent money for housing that's going
14 to be coming up to referendum votes. And I just
15 was hoping that Joe could look into it, and Paul,
16 perhaps give us some guidelines, as the Town of
17 Southold is already starting to work on their plan
18 for this, this particular piece of legislation,
19 because they want to get their plan, which has to
20 be developed before it could go on to -- for a
21 vote for referendum in November.

22 I just don't want the Village to miss out on
23 something, if this is to our advantage. But as --
24 I watched the Town of Southold and they're hiring
25 a consultant to start putting their plan together.

1 So I don't know if we need to be part of the plan,
2 or if it comes down to, you know, after they
3 develop a plan, or whatever. I think we just need
4 to get -- if it's possible, for the Village
5 Attorney to get us an answer for that.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Are they planning on
7 putting it on the ballot for November?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, they're planning
9 one for November, yes. So their plan is to have
10 their completed document done by August, so they
11 could have their public hearings in September. So
12 I think now is -- we either have -- now we have to
13 make -- we have to look into it to see where we're
14 supposed to be. You know, if it's not for us,
15 then it's fine, but I don't want to miss out on an
16 opportunity for any type of funding for housing,
17 if it's available.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. Well, it's done --
19 being done under the same guise as the CPF money
20 and the Town has complete control over that. We
21 have no control over it, even though, with this
22 new law, if it passes by referendum, the Village
23 will be charged to -- whether we opt in or out,
24 the Village purchasers will still pay that money
25 and we still have no control over it.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but I just --

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: We need to work out an IMA
3 with Southold Town, if they will sign one, saying
4 that we will get our fair share of it, because
5 right now we don't get our fair share, because,
6 you know --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, we don't, but I just
8 don't want to miss the opportunity, that's all.
9 So that's why I'm bringing it up. I just don't
10 want to miss the opportunity if we can --

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We have numerous
12 letters that are out to the Town Attorney, so
13 we're waiting for answers back. They have two new
14 attorneys. We sent paperwork, we sent stuff up
15 there, we're not hearing back from them. So,
16 hopefully, they'll be a little more responsive.
17 And if they're going to try to move this forward,
18 the Town will have conversations with the Village,
19 because everybody in the Village pays Town tax
20 also.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, all right. If you
22 would like, I will contact some of the Council
23 people and maybe try to get them to get the
24 Attorneys to give us some answers, if you'd like,
25 it's up to you.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: If you have somebody that
2 you want to try to talk to and find out what their
3 plans are, if they will tell us, you know,
4 that's --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, they probably -- my
6 understanding is that they're going to be using
7 their Housing -- their Housing Committee to
8 discuss some of these plans, which that is a
9 public meeting. So I'll see if I could find out
10 more information, but --

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: This has to be a different
12 Board than the Board they have now for the CPF.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but there --

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: And if there's a village in
15 an -- in a town, the town has to appoint
16 somebody --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- from the village to be on
19 that committee --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- as part of the law. So,
22 hopefully, somebody can, you know, advise the Town
23 Attorneys of that, to let them know that, so when
24 they go and do this consulting and everything
25 else, they need to include somebody from the

1 Village that's going to be on the Board that's
2 going to try to control this money.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But it also says in the
4 code, and if I'm not -- and, Joe, correct me if --
5 we have to pass a resolution first?

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: There's action that we
7 have to do. I'm not sure of the timing, because
8 this language just came out. So I'll go through
9 the language and I'll advise the Board. But if we
10 want to participate, I believe there's action that
11 we have to take.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. The CPF started 25
13 years ago. I wish we had somebody at that time
14 had done something and said that we want to be
15 part of this and we want to have our own control
16 over it, instead of everything just being run
17 through the Town.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, that's why I don't
19 want to miss --

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: So that's when this -- when
21 Joe works through the whole thing and everything
22 else, make sure that they do appoint somebody from
23 the Village to be on that committee to make
24 decisions, so that we have a voice at the table in
25 the game.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, that's what I'm
2 saying.

3 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anything else for the
5 Village Attorney?

6 (No Response)

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Thank you, Joe.
8 All right. We have three add-ons for Board
9 discussion: The Wetlands Permit Application
10 submitted by Paul Betancourt for the property at
11 200 Atlantic Avenue, Greenport, New York, 11944.
12 I know Trustee Phillips is going to --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm out of this
14 conversation.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He's my neighbor.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Trustee Robins, do
18 you have any comments on this?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I read the comments in the
20 report. The only thing is as long as all of the
21 CAC recommendations are met, I have no problem
22 with granting the wetlands permit.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Trustee Clarke did
24 weigh in on this. He -- I have his comment here.
25 He was asking about the parking restriction on the

1 amount of cars there, saying that they needed nine
2 parking spots for the marina, and he had questions
3 about that, asking if there was any way to have
4 some leeway on that, because it's mostly used on
5 the weekend, and they have the hospital parking
6 lot and the street to park on.

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The only -- the only
8 way that he could be afforded any reduction is to
9 go to the Zoning Board for a variance.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So that will be a
12 delay.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, that's fine. Just
14 I'm -- he's not here, and so I'm bringing up what
15 he had to say on that topic.

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes. I've had
17 discussions, not specifically about that, but
18 about parking generally, and he didn't seem to
19 take issue with it at this point. He's looking at
20 it, trying to figure out the best way to arrange
21 it, but my understanding is that he will comply.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's a commercial -- it's a
24 commercial venture, right? I mean, he's going to
25 be leasing these docks. So I don't see why he

1 can, you know, assume that he could just use
2 public parking. He has to comply with the
3 recommendations. That's what the CAC said, right,
4 that he had to provide parking spaces?

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Correct.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. So, you know, I
7 don't think you should, you know, assume on
8 weekends they can park in the hospital parking
9 lot, that doesn't work for me.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: I'm only bringing up
11 somebody else's comments, not mine. I'm just --

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: So his comments were noted
14 and that's it. The discussion, he will hopefully
15 be here for the regular meeting, and that could be
16 brought back up when we go to do that.

17 So is everybody comfortable putting a
18 resolution on to vote on that?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. So we'll put that on
21 for a vote next week, and we could have the
22 discussion then with the full Board. Okay.

23 Okay. Board discussion on the request by
24 the BID to reconstruct parklets for the 2022
25 season. Comments?

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have one comment, and
2 one of them is that our LWRP, our draft LWRP
3 covers -- covers technically what our --
4 technically our kind of quasi comprehensive plan.
5 And one of the goals is that -- one of the
6 concerns is that the Commercial District parking
7 is going to spread and spill over into the
8 adjacent residential community. We know that's
9 happening already. We're diverting traffic into
10 the residential areas.

11 I know I have heard from quite a few of the
12 residents that they understood during the COVID
13 time period, that they understood the businesses'
14 concern about surviving. They understood that,
15 but they also feel that, or I -- in looking at it,
16 some people feel, and it's public, it's a public
17 roadway, that some are expanding their site plan
18 to include more customers and on public property
19 and they're having a problem with that. So a
20 couple of them had said it. We had one gentleman
21 who actually put it in writing, Mr. Kulsziski, who
22 happens to be affected on Main Street parklets, as
23 being in residential. So I just need to put that
24 out there.

25 There also was in our parking study that we

1 had done back in 2009, I believe it was, even
2 though we don't charge for parking, a parking
3 space has an income generation, a number attached
4 to it, and, at the time, it was generating that
5 each parking spot for the business -- for a
6 business in that area was generating \$500 a day,
7 supposedly. So the fee that they're proposing is
8 a little -- a little low.

9 Also, we do have a main -- we do have
10 Route 25 that goes through the Village. It's a
11 highway. And I just am concerned to keep
12 diverting traffic into the residential areas is
13 difficult right now to explain to the residents.
14 We're doing the North Ferry project, because we're
15 trying to get traffic off of Wiggins Street.

16 So I just -- at this point, I understand,
17 but it's time to think of other ways to slow the
18 traffic down on Main and Front Street, and perhaps
19 widen the sidewalk on that side. But I'm not in
20 favor of the parklets this year.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Trustee Robins?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's a tough one for me and
23 I'm conflicted on this. I've been living this for
24 several years now with the BID, obviously, and
25 I've certainly heard both sides.

1 I'm going to say right off the bat that my
2 biggest concern here isn't parking, it's safety.
3 And I have difficulty seeing how people are
4 comfortable and safe sitting behind a barricade of
5 eight-by-eight timbers that are basically screwed
6 together.

7 I never actually -- I sat in a parklet once
8 to have a conversation with somebody, and I
9 remember being alarmed when I saw a big tractor
10 trailer sort of coming right at me, and how
11 uncomfortable I would have felt if I was thinking
12 about sitting there eating, and it wasn't a
13 pleasant experience for me.

14 I understand the businesses' passionate
15 feeling about this, and I certainly supported the
16 concept, you know, when they were an answer to the
17 pandemic, although I can't really see how many
18 tables and people you actually can serve in that
19 small, little amount of space that you have when
20 you put the timbers up. And I was looking at the
21 parking spaces again today, how small they really
22 are. And, you know, what benefit they created, I
23 do not think they created sidewalk space. You
24 know, the sidewalks were still crowded this
25 summer.

1 So I'm having a hard time wrapping my head
2 around moving, moving ahead with it again this
3 year. I definitely understand the argument of
4 the -- of the vibe that they -- you know, the
5 vibrancy and the feeling of, you know, open space.
6 And I think that as a more comprehensive
7 long-range plan, that we should look into widening
8 sidewalks down there, and working maybe with the
9 DOT to figure out ways to increase more space into
10 the roadway. Maybe we eliminate the parking on
11 the other side as well.

12 So I don't think parking is the issue. My
13 biggest concern is safety. And I think, to be
14 honest with you, you know, we had a couple of
15 accidents last year that nothing terrible happened
16 to anybody, but I think that we were just lucky,
17 to be honest with you.

18 So I'm not going to commit tonight and tell
19 you how I'm going to vote next week. I certainly
20 read the letters from everybody, but I'm just
21 telling you right now, I'm feeling very
22 conflicted. I'm not sure whether I can support it
23 or not.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. Okay. I
25 do have -- it's a whole page of comments from

1 Trustee Clarke. I'm not going to go through all
2 of that, because most of it, it will come down to
3 a vote on it. It just -- the first line, "I am
4 not in favor of returning the parklets and plan to
5 vote accordingly." And then he gets into the fees
6 and all the other stuff about the parklets. That
7 was just -- that was his comments on that.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mayor, one of the other
9 comments that -- and I do appreciate all the
10 comments, and I did read all of the letters that
11 did come in today. But part of this plan is
12 asking for five years, if I remember correctly,
13 and do this for five years. The other part of it
14 is we do have -- you know, is that overriding our
15 comprehensive -- you know, our goals of the
16 planning -- of our comprehensive -- our LWRP and
17 comprehensive plan, LWRP?

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: The same thing.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or, you know, is this
20 kind of trying to go around the back door? Is
21 this -- you know, we're in the middle of
22 discussions of how the downtown should look. I
23 understand the Business District has done a lot
24 of -- a lot of marketing. But the Village of
25 Greenport is not just the Business District, it is

1 the residential district. And they also have been
2 feeling the increase of customers and increase of
3 traffic in the residential areas, because we are
4 diverting traffic from Main Street into different
5 areas around the Village. So the traffic -- the
6 safety is another issue with traffic, so.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I'm sure we're going
8 to have a lot of comments when we get to the
9 public to address the Board on this topic.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sure.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: I just -- a couple of just
12 things for myself. I think as a Board we decide,
13 because the parklets -- next year, hopefully, the
14 pandemic is completely gone and everything else.
15 It's a vision that the BID is putting forward to
16 us, and all the letters we got today, saying they
17 want to see this as a walking village downtown in
18 that area for the foreseeable future. Is that
19 where we want to go with this? That's what
20 they're asking for.

21 I also had a resident say to me, "You know
22 what, for \$350, I'd like to rent a parking spot
23 for myself for the summer so I always have a place
24 to park," and they're willing to pay for that and
25 have a parking spot for themselves, and I can't

1 say that I disagree with them. You know, that way
2 when they want to go to the drug store, or
3 whatever, this is my parking spot, it's 350 bucks.
4 Trustee Clarke does go into the price and
5 everything else.

6 But the idea of doing this to help
7 businesses to try to survive and keep people
8 employed, because of the pandemic and being shut
9 down for so long and everything else, that makes
10 sense. So how can you say it's going to be
11 \$10,000 for a parking space to have parklet for
12 this? You got to figure the whole purpose of what
13 they're asking for. So it makes it to be a very
14 hard decision.

15 So I guess -- I'm sure we'll hear all the
16 comments afterwards. We did get, I believe last I
17 counted, it was 10 letters today. The Village
18 Clerk gave them to the Transcriptionist, so
19 they're all part of the record. We're not going
20 to read all of them, because I'm sure it's going
21 to take a while to listen to everybody else that's
22 here to talk about the topic.

23 So, as part of the Board discussion, are we
24 going to -- we're going to vote on this next week?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I would assume that that

1 would be the goal of it, because we -- it's --

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Everyone needs --
4 everyone needs to have an answer. I think we
5 need -- we need to, yeah.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, if it's moving
7 forward, everyone needs to plan on that. We need
8 to contact the State DOT for permission to use the
9 road, if they allow it, all the other stuff that
10 goes along with it.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: So the other two Trustees
13 are not here, but we're going to put this as an
14 agenda item to approve the parklets for 2022 for
15 one year. Anything that's longer that -- and just
16 they say, you know, fees going to be this much
17 this year and we'll adjust that accordingly in
18 future years. I think we need to deal with this
19 year right now where we are.

20 And I heard that the modified version --
21 there was a conference or a call last night, a
22 Zoom meeting. I have not seen the picture or
23 diagram of that, and some places were taken out.
24 I'm hearing that it's 20 spots, not 51 spots.
25 I -- hopefully, you know, the BID President can

1 give us some information on that when it's the
2 public's turn to speak. So we'll move on from
3 there. Okay? We will have -- the public will be
4 able to speak in a few minutes.

5 The last one is Proposed Landing Agreement
6 for the Peconic Jitney. Looking at different
7 places for them to go and to try to tie this up.
8 Mitchell Park seemed to not be the place that the
9 Board wanted, and the Administrator and the
10 Manager of the marina down there tried to look at
11 alternative sites and everything else. One did
12 come up.

13 Actually, I had Paul and Rich go down and
14 look at the Railroad Dock, the farthest west
15 portion, the beginning of the Railroad Dock, if
16 they could nose in there, instead of the Visitors
17 Dock, and go to the bulkhead, you know, to that
18 portion of the dock. But it seems like it's
19 really low water and there might not be enough
20 water to get in there. There's one dolphin that's
21 there, that they could use the dolphin to tie off
22 on it going in at the end of -- the beginning of
23 the Railroad Dock.

24 Paul and Rich didn't feel there was enough
25 water there. I haven't had a chance do go down

1 there with them to look at that. Okay. Well, I'm
2 just --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I'm saying about --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: I thought the shorter -- the
5 lower water was where the fireboat was on the
6 north side of the dock, but it is farther out
7 there, from what they saw at low tide yesterday.

8 Also, it was mentioned the dock we have at
9 the end of Bay Avenue. It's in a residential
10 neighborhood, but the dock is there, it's not
11 utilized. But it would be something -- if that
12 was going to be in a location to be used,
13 everybody would have to be bussed in, parked
14 elsewhere and bussed down there, because we can't
15 have 40 cars down at that little turnaround. But
16 it is open water right there, and it is farther
17 away from everything else, and there's more than
18 enough water to come into that dock.

19 We had -- that just came up yesterday
20 afternoon, so we have had not talked to the people
21 from Peconic Jittney about that yet. I'm just
22 mentioning this to the Board. So if the Board
23 feels adamantly that we don't want that in a
24 residential neighborhood next to the condos and
25 everything else at the end of Bay Avenue --

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, I think that would
2 totally change the character of that neighborhood
3 to put a commercial venture down there, I mean,
4 totally. I mean, it's --

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right, but it would be one
6 bus coming in one bus going out. Well, my mother
7 lives down there, I know.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: I know exactly where it is.
10 I know what it is, but that's something that was
11 mentioned from -- our Manager of the marina
12 mentioned, "What about the dock over here?" It's
13 not used much, and it's a 36-foot-wide dock. So
14 I'm just mentioning that to the Board, and if
15 everybody feels dead set against it, then we don't
16 discuss it anymore

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I -- there's two
18 things. In reviewing Sag Harbor's meeting with
19 Peconic Jitney, or with their proposal to them,
20 Sag Harbor has to change their code in order for
21 them to go at the end of Long -- the Long Wharf.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right, because there was a
23 lot in the program last time, this is going to be
24 a permanent change

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. And, also, they

1 changed their code in the meantime, when they
2 take -- they took possession of Long Wharf from
3 Suffolk County. So I'm not sure where they're at
4 at the present moment with their yay or nay vote
5 on that to the project. So I think everything, I
6 mean, is still up in the air. I would like to
7 hear what Trustee Clarke and Trustee Martilotta
8 would have to say about it before saying yay or
9 nay. So --

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- I think it's important
12 that this be a full Board discussion.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, during the public
14 portion, they're allowed, you know --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, I know.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Their representatives are
17 here. They can come and explain their plans and
18 everything else.

19 Just one other thing on that discussion on
20 that. Rich had reached out to Claudio's to see
21 where the boat was going to be tying up at
22 Claudio's, and Claudio's said they have no
23 agreement for the boat to be there. So just a
24 question of how we'll have that -- where are they
25 going to keep the boat at night and everything

1 else, you know, where it's going to. You need to
2 have someplace that it needs to go. It was just
3 checking out, see where it's going to be over
4 here, because that dock is right next to our dock,
5 with our boats and everything else. And as of a
6 week ago, there was no agreement with Claudio's to
7 keep the boat there when it's not in use.

8 All right? So we'll hear what we have with
9 that, so we're -- until we get more information
10 and everything else, we're not going to be able to
11 put that on as an agenda item to vote on. Okay?

12 Okay. Trustee reports. Trustee Robins.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, I mean, the main
14 thing I wanted to talk about, but I'm not going
15 to, you know, go into it now, is the accessory
16 apartment law. Those were most of my comments
17 from my report. I mean, I'll give you my bullet
18 points and my key things that I do want us to
19 discuss when we have this conversation.

20 I believe affordable -- that the affordable
21 accessory apartments should be permitted in both
22 the R-1 and R-2 Districts.

23 That there should -- there should not be a
24 limit on the number of accessory apartments in the
25 R-1 or R-2 Districts and the CR Zone, if they meet

1 all the bulk requirements, and code requirements,
2 and setbacks, etcetera.

3 I think that accessory apartments that meet
4 code requirements should be permitted as-of-right
5 and not require Planning Board/ZBA approval.

6 I think that all requirements related to
7 accessory apartments, whether affordable or not,
8 should be set forth in the code, and additional
9 regulations that might apply to selection of
10 tenants for affordable accessory apartments should
11 be included in what -- in whatever code is
12 adopted.

13 The minimum square footage for an accessory
14 apartment should be reduced to 250 square feet for
15 units located in the R-1 and R-2 Zone in the
16 Village.

17 Single individuals, a garage studio
18 apartment would be acceptable.

19 Accessory apartments should not be limited
20 to one floor. There's no good reason for an
21 accessory apartment that can't be on two floors,
22 for example, in a garage conversion, where the
23 first floor is for living space and the second
24 floor is bedrooms.

25 I think that there should be an increase in

1 allowable lot coverage from 30% to 45% for
2 accessory units.

3 And I think that the off-street parking
4 requirements should not -- should -- should be
5 eliminated. I think that there should be no
6 parking requirements for accessory apartments.

7 Those are my main talking points. The other
8 thing I'm going to bring up next month's meeting
9 is that the increase in the Airbnbs I think is
10 really what has caused the loss of full-time
11 rental units in the Village. And I think that we
12 need to revisit our short-term rental law as a
13 result of that, and then try and tighten up our
14 restrictions on, you know, people using houses as
15 Airbnbs, because I think -- an Airbnb doesn't even
16 have a parking requirement right now.

17 So, you know, how to find them, how to, you
18 know, tighten up the restrictions, because we're
19 here right now, we're talking about parklets, but
20 my concern is that we don't have any place for
21 your people, your workers to live. It doesn't
22 matter whether we have parklets or not. I mean,
23 that's -- that's the real crisis that's going on
24 here right now. And it's not just for workers,
25 it's for everybody. And it's not just, you know,

1 for people that think, "Well, I want to live in
2 the Village again." We're talking housing
3 security here, the difference between not having a
4 roof over your head and having -- and having a
5 place for a family to live.

6 So I think this is a crisis, and I think
7 that we have an opportunity right now. We're not
8 going to solve the problem. I mean, this is
9 something, certainly, that has to be shared with
10 Southold Town. But I do think that there are
11 things that we can do here in Greenport to
12 increase apartments for people who need them,
13 affordable apartments.

14 The other stuff I wrote about, just we had a
15 Carousel meeting. I'm the Carousel Committee
16 Liaison. And the only news I have over there is
17 that they added a new CD player, they have a sound
18 system now. And the committee is talking about
19 having an anniversary celebration there.

20 And my report on the BID, the BID's here,
21 they're going to -- I'll let them take over from
22 here, okay? Thank you.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. Trustee
24 Phillips.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Most of mine has been

1 discussed throughout the meeting. The only thing
2 I would like to bring up is the Transportation
3 Commission. As I mentioned last month, we were to
4 receive a letter from this group called Bike New York,
5 And I'm not sure if anyone had a chance to read it
6 yet. But I do have a Transportation Commission
7 meeting on Monday, and I just want to just go --
8 the Village will be responding to this group
9 directly and not through the Town of Southold.
10 That's why I asked them to send two separate
11 letters. It's asking --

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I mean --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's asking for us to
14 support some type of a program, or ask the D --
15 New York State DOT to create bike paths from
16 Orient through to downtown Greenport along
17 Route 25, and making a bike lane, which we already
18 are tight in space once we get into the Village.

19 So I know that we -- they're looking for a
20 letter. I don't know how to answer them on -- you
21 know, I think that's something that perhaps all of
22 us need to discuss.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I could just see the
24 route that they had laid out and everything else.
25 The one route that's going down Main Street and up

1 Front Street, that's a State road. So the State
2 says they could do it, we have no control over it.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. But we do have
4 the opportunity to comment on it, whether we're --
5 you know, whether we're in favor of it or not. So
6 that's --

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. The other one had
8 them going down First Street as an alternate route
9 and coming out, and then getting right back out
10 onto Front Street, which, still, there is not
11 enough room for a bike lane down there. There's
12 barely enough room to get cars and parking and
13 everything else down there. To make it a
14 designated bike lane, which is -- I believe it's
15 2 1/2 feet wide --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Uh-huh.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- then it's 30 inches.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Uh-huh.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: And that's still narrow.
20 That's going to be difficult to try to do that
21 downtown.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: But --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I would like to
25 respond that way to the Transportation Commission

1 on Monday, if it's okay. It's a little tight in
2 trying to do it now.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. Well, if you want, I
4 mean, send an email to the other Trustees and just
5 see if anybody has any comments. That's just what
6 I saw when I looked at the proposal. I think
7 using the truck route going down to North Road and
8 using Moore's Lane, which is the Route 25 truck
9 route --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It would be --

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- is safer and better to do
12 it that way. But they want to get people to get
13 into the downtown area, which is good for the
14 businesses, to stop down and have lunch, or
15 whatever, park their bikes, but where are they all
16 going to go?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I'm --

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's just --

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I -- that's
20 why I mentioned that to the Transportation
21 Commission, that it needed to be a separate letter
22 sent to the Village, and that it wasn't just an
23 all-encompassing --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. They really need to
25 answer the questions from DOT. If the State DOT

1 is going to say it's allowed on our road, we can't
2 override them and say we don't want it.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Or I don't believe we could
5 override them, can we, Joe?

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: No. No, we cannot.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: If they say it's a State --
8 well, we have to ask them permission to put a
9 parklet in. So if they say we're going to put a
10 bike lane in and they're going to do it, we can't
11 tell them, "No, you can't."

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. As I said --

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: So --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- it's just they're
15 looking for support for it, and I think that's
16 probably -- I've gotten my answer, and I will
17 email the other Trustees.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, send it and then get a
19 letter back to them. You know, I have no problem
20 signing a letter with just my comments, and it's
21 really -- it's going to be hazardous for bicycles
22 to be going downtown during the summer months.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what they're
24 looking for, so.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. That's my opinion,

1 but, I mean, it's --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I will check with
3 the other Trustees and get back to you.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: We heard complaints when we
5 narrowed Main Street down a little bit and took
6 away --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes I -- yes, I know.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- the shoulder there, and
9 we had complaints about that, you know.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We had lots of complaints
11 about lots of things when we changed them.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yep, okay.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's pretty much it
14 for me.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, very good. Thank you.

16 I had nothing new to bring up, so we'll move
17 on to public to address the Board. We have a lot
18 of people. Just name and address for the record.
19 Bill's jumping up and down in the back. Let Bill
20 go first and then --

21 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Yeah. I got to beat the
22 parklet people, George. You're going to be here a
23 while.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yep.

25 WILLIAM SWISKEY: First of all, I would like

1 to say, yeah, the parklets we don't need this
2 summer. That's not primarily what I'm here to
3 talk about.

4 You've got both items on the agenda that --
5 one is the change order for the ferry queue
6 redesign. What is that all about, do you know?

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: There was additional work
8 that needed to be done. Paul, that's on the
9 engineering part of it?

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: To get the final plans done?

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's correct.

13 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Okay. Not to be smart,
14 but did they change the way the tractor trailers
15 are going to enter? Because, right now, it seems
16 almost impossible on the current plan. A tractor
17 trailer would have to go all the way to the north
18 side of Wiggins Street to enter into that -- well,
19 the tractor trailer is 40 foot long, we know that.
20 You don't make a turn from there, but it's
21 something the Village Board should keep in mind.

22 Also, the revision of the Sandy Beach
23 wastewater agreement, is that anything major or
24 just a --

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: No. We had talked about it.

1 You might not have been here yet when that was
2 talked about earlier. It was just a matter -- it
3 said -- it had a gentleman's name on there, and
4 they removed his name out and left it blank, so
5 that other names could be added in.

6 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Yeah.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: And it was minor things like
8 that. The bulk of the agreement is still the
9 same.

10 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Did you put it in? Was it
11 in? One contract wanted the 25 individuals with
12 25 different names, is what they were talking
13 about?

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: More or less, yes.

15 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Yeah, okay.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

17 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Now, there was another
18 item, a couple of items here. One is the -- this
19 utility rate study, is that for electric, water or
20 sewer?

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: All three.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All three, Bill.

23 WILLIAM SWISKEY: I don't see why we need an
24 electric rate increase. I look at the financials
25 every month, I don't see the need for them. You

1 might want to cut that part out, same with the
2 water. The sewer is probably going to need a rate
3 increase, simply because the cost of the central
4 pump station. But I think the Board should just
5 drop the electric rate increase, you don't need
6 one, I mean, not according to the financials.
7 Robert appears to be doing a good job.

8 And there's another I don't -- I'm getting
9 old here. We're spending money on the engines
10 again. Are we spending -- how much did we spend
11 this time, do you know, George?

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: On this right now, they had
13 a cracked head. They're replacing the head on
14 five.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. Well, actually
16 four heads that had some leaks on them. We
17 replaced four heads, three on one engine, one on
18 another.

19 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Well, on something that
20 we -- David Nyce told me when he was Mayor it was
21 in good shape. And then the Village brags, one
22 Trustee particularly, that we spent 3 or
23 \$4 million since, what, 2008, and we're still
24 cracking heads? Something doesn't make any sense
25 to me, Paul, because I've agreed to run the place.

1 So how do we keep cracking these heads?

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I don't --

3 WILLIAM SWISKEY: There is only so many --
4 it's basically, I think, operator mistake. So
5 maybe we should look at our operator training.
6 Because if you start those engines the wrong way,
7 you will crack something, and eventually you might
8 break the crank. So it's a serious issue that the
9 Board really should consider.

10 Now there's one other item here. Oh, I'm
11 against the whole Village being HPC, and I think
12 most people are. I don't want somebody telling me
13 what kind of siding I'm going to put on my house,
14 and I assume you don't either, do you, George?

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Correct.

16 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Yeah. I mean, you know,
17 not everybody here is a millionaire.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: No. We're working on the
19 guidelines. Recommendations to streamline the
20 process and everything else I was in favor of.
21 Making the whole Village part of the HPC, I was
22 not favor of that.

23 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Thank you very much.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome.

25 WILLIAM SWISKEY: There's one more item.

1 What is this emergency pump rental at the central
2 station for \$14,262? Did we put in both pumps,
3 and we have to rent a pump?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, one -- no. One
5 pump failed and we needed to have both, two pumps
6 operational, and that's what that was about.

7 WILLIAM SWISKEY: But the cost of a new pump
8 is 15 grand? We're renting it?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I don't know the cost
10 of a new pump off the top of my head.

11 WILLIAM SWISKEY: Well, I can pretty much
12 tell you, because I still deal with pumps. And I
13 think the Village has to -- it's like rental of a
14 generator. We've already spent more than a new
15 generator would cost us down there. Somebody's
16 going to have to start watching these projects a
17 little closer.

18 Oh, and when do you expect to put the new
19 pump station online?

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: It already is online.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It already is online.

22 WILLIAM SWISKEY: All right.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's running parallel with
24 the old station right now. The Village
25 Administrator had said that earlier. They're

1 going to run it that way for a week or two to make
2 sure everything is okay and then shut down the old
3 system.

4 WILLIAM SWISKEY: All right. Thank you.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome. Okay. The
6 guys from the Jitney, you have your hand up next.
7 Do you want to say something before we get into
8 the --

9 GEOFF LYNCH: Good evening. Yeah, just a --
10 just a couple of --

11 LUCIA BRAATEN: Just name and address.

12 GEOFF LYNCH: -- of comments.

13 LUCIA BRAATEN: Can I have your name?

14 GEOFF LYNCH: I'm sorry. Geoff Lynch,
15 President of Hampton Jitney, 351 Division Street
16 in Sag Harbor.

17 Peconic Jitney would still very much like to
18 work with the Village regarding the relaunch of
19 this service. The -- those alternate locations
20 that were presented, I'm not familiar with the Bay
21 Avenue, we haven't been over there.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: It just came up yesterday.

23 GEOFF LYNCH: The -- we did -- we have in
24 the past looked at the Railroad Dock, and the
25 biggest concern is the same as the Visitors Dock,

1 it's safety. There's very little lighting, you
2 know, over there. The planks are far apart, and
3 it's just -- would be a more precarious situation
4 for passengers.

5 We still believe that the -- that northern
6 bulkhead of Mitchell Park Marina is the safest,
7 most convenient spot for passengers. It's loading
8 passengers on and off onto terra firma, and it's
9 really the safest location that we can see. And
10 from an ADA compliance, wheelchair accessibility,
11 it's really the best location.

12 And I recognize that the boat traffic inside
13 that marina has increased dramatically over the
14 last 10 years, but our impact is, you know,
15 basically two hours a day spread over a 10 to
16 12-hour period.

17 And our previous experience back in 2012,
18 there was no incidents whatsoever with our boat in
19 that -- in that marina. So I would hope the Board
20 would consider that.

21 And, finally, regarding the docking and
22 storage agreement, you're right, there's no
23 verbal -- no written agreement, it's just verbal
24 with the proprietors, the ownership, so we can --
25 we can work on a written agreement and put that

1 forth to --

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

3 GEOFF LYNCH: -- to the Village. That's all
4 I had. Thanks.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Thank you.

6 RICHARD VANDENBURGH: Good evening. Richard
7 Vandenburg, Greenport Village BID.

8 I actually just want to first start by
9 wishing you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day. It's a
10 bit of a holiday of sorts, and here we are working
11 through this, you know --

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Exactly.

13 RICHARD VANDENBURGH: -- this agenda. So I
14 appreciate the Board's --

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: I came prepared.

16 RICHARD VANDENBURGH: Yes, I have my green
17 shirt underneath, so yes. Thank you for being
18 here.

19 I -- before I actually make specific
20 comments, I thought I would break the ice on the
21 parklet issue, and that would be to yield my time
22 to anyone else that would like to get up and speak
23 before I render my comments. So we have a number
24 of people here tonight, so I'm going to yield the
25 rest of my time to the next person who would like

1 to stand up and provide comments on the parklet
2 issue.

3 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Hello, everyone.
4 Toranosuke Matsuoka, 50 Pine Crest, Sag Harbor.
5 I'm going to make my comments short and sweet,
6 because I have a four-week-old at home, so I'm
7 going to run after this. I represent Claudio's.
8 I first am in full support of the ferry, commuter
9 ferry, so --

10 GEOFF LYNCH: And we need an agreement
11 from you.

12 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: I know. That's right,
13 we need an agreement.

14 Also, I'm super in support of the parklets.
15 My comments specifically, because I've had this
16 conversation with a bunch of different people,
17 business owners, residents and the like, something
18 that comes up frequently is the idea that the
19 pandemic is now over, and thus, we should do away
20 with the parklets. I'm not a scientist and I
21 can't tell you if the pandemic is over, but from
22 our perspective, and when I speak with our guests,
23 a lot of it has to do with what's in their head
24 and how they feel, and how confident they feel
25 about dining inside.

1 Providing local businesses with an
2 opportunity to have guests sit outside I think is
3 still something that's very important. Many of
4 the local businesses don't have that opportunity,
5 like others do, and I think that's an important
6 thing to consider when deciding on the parklets.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

8 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Thank you.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Anybody else
10 want to?

11 THOMAS HUG: Good evening. My name is
12 Thomas Hug. My wife and I, Jennifer DiVello, own
13 and operate Revel North Fork, located at 10 Front
14 Street here in Greenport. We are here this
15 evening to support the BID's efforts in bringing
16 back the parklets for the 2022 season, obviously,
17 with renewed focus on creative and safety-based
18 logistics. We understand the imperativeness
19 there. We join them also in being fully willing
20 to find a fair and mutually equitable arrangement
21 for both the Board and Village, along with the
22 other merchants who are participating.

23 These parklets have helped our business
24 tremendously, and we believe that they've also
25 helped the Village become and even more desirable

1 location, both for local residents and those that
2 come and spend time here in this wonderful
3 location. We were very grateful for the
4 opportunity to have had these parklets the past
5 two years, and look forward to having them again
6 this year.

7 Although we hope things will continue to
8 normalize with the pandemic, as a brand new
9 parent, I appreciate the additional space that
10 they provide, and I think this optionality,
11 especially for our restaurant friends, is vital to
12 continue that.

13 My wife and I have worked very hard each
14 year to create a parklet space that many have
15 enjoyed, our fellow local residents as well.
16 Although we are a retail store, we purchased and
17 provided our own seating, whether it's Adirondack
18 chairs, tables, umbrellas. We feel as if these
19 efforts have benefitted our other business
20 partners as well, and especially, again, our
21 friends in the food and beverage industry, by
22 helping with the overflow of people waiting for
23 tables, keeping folks in the Village.

24 There's obviously discussion on sidewalk
25 widening. In many ways I believe that the

1 parklets can help keep them clear, especially with
2 large groups, those walking dogs, especially at a
3 popular corner such as ours, and other areas along
4 the areas to be discussed.

5 My wife and all -- my wife and I also took
6 full responsibility for the cleanup, not only of
7 our parklet, but many of the adjoining parklets in
8 our area, and also took part in helping break them
9 down at season's end. We understand the work that
10 goes into these, and it simply was the right thing
11 to do.

12 We thank the Village Board and our local
13 community for your support and understanding
14 throughout as we navigate, again, tumultuous
15 waters. We seek your help once again in allowing
16 us to do this again, and look forward to their
17 return this year. I appreciate your time.
18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Anybody else?

20 NOAH SCHWARTZ: Hi, everybody. Thank you
21 for having me. I'm Noah Schwarts from Noah's
22 Restaurant in Greenport, 136 Front Street. I also
23 own and operate Noah's Restaurant with my wife as
24 well. We do have the benefit of having some
25 outside seating, but I would like to take this

1 moment to touch upon the benefit of the parklets
2 for the Village as a whole.

3 Not everybody in this hall or in this
4 Village is lucky enough to have some outside
5 seating. And before I think we say that the
6 pandemic is fully behind us, I think we give this
7 season another go and start to weigh people's
8 comfortability and see how this actual virus plays
9 out for another couple of months, because I don't
10 think it's fully in the rearview yet. And I think
11 there's comfortable -- a lot of people who are
12 still more comfortable being outside, and for
13 certain businesses, that's going to hinder their
14 businesses. And I also don't think that I've seen
15 any adverse effects due to the loss of parking
16 spaces.

17 So as a pretty large business owner in town,
18 I think we're all for another season of parklet
19 usage.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

21 NOAH SCHWARTZ: Thank you very much.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Anybody else
23 wish to --

24 DEBORAH RIVERA PITTORINO: Happy Saint
25 Patrick's Day, Mayor and Board. I'm wearing my

1 green, my lucky green, hopeful we can convince
2 you all.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Just name for --

4 DEBORAH RIVERA PITTORINO: Oh, yes. Deborah
5 Rivera Pittorino, Greenporter Hotel.

6 I want to start by saying that I'm also in
7 favor of Peconic Jittney. I hope that something
8 favorable can be worked out for the whole
9 community, because I think it benefits all of us.

10 So I'm here to support the parklets. I'm
11 really here to support the restaurants and shops.
12 I -- at the hotel, I have my own outdoor seating,
13 so I don't need parklets, so I'm not here to speak
14 for myself. I've run a restaurant in the past and
15 I know even profits come down to pennies. So I
16 don't know if any of you have had that experience,
17 but it's a very tough business.

18 And I think that for people to say COVID is
19 behind us, I think -- you know, I think we've
20 really turned the curve here. However, I can see
21 that our customers at the hotel are still
22 extremely concerned. When they call and reserve,
23 they call and reserve because they can access the
24 guest rooms from the outside and they don't have
25 to walk through a public corridor. And many of

1 our guests sit on the terrace, even in the
2 wintertime, so they like to sit outdoors. And
3 this year we bought heaters and put some
4 plexiglass up, so that people could continue to
5 sit outside. I, myself, had dinner at First and
6 South tonight outdoors on the terrace, because I'm
7 more comfortable outside.

8 So I think that COVID has really changed the
9 way people feel about, you know, being outdoors.
10 Really, we've really realized how important it is
11 to be outdoors.

12 Also, a lot of these businesses downtown,
13 they have a very short season to meet their budget
14 for the whole year. So I think that -- I think we
15 need to help them augment their revenue stream
16 during the short season, so that they could stay
17 open during the winter for the rest of us, for
18 residents, because the restaurants are for all
19 of us.

20 I also saw that -- I know a lot of people
21 are saying -- you know, it really hurts when I
22 hear about us and them, like, you know, new
23 people, me, the new people. I've been here 21
24 years, I'm one of the new people, you know, us
25 against them. And the Village and the restaurants

1 are for everyone. And this summer and over the
2 last two years, I've seen a lot of people using
3 the outdoor dining downtown and really enjoying it.

4 I thought it was extremely crucial for
5 Maritime Festival, when people were outdoors and
6 really enjoying the parklets. And, you know, we
7 had, what is it, 20,000 people a day come in for
8 that, and nobody was complaining about parking
9 then.

10 I agree with the Trustees, that we have --
11 we need to do something about diverting parking
12 elsewhere, and I think the perfect place for that
13 would be the municipal parking by Fourth Street.
14 I have several photos that I can show you, anyone
15 who wants to see them. I took them over the
16 summer, on weekends, weekdays, where the Village
17 was packed and the municipal parking by Fourth
18 Street was like half empty, and sometimes like
19 three-quarters empty.

20 So I think that if we could devise a plan
21 where we are rerouting traffic to Fourth Street
22 prior to cars going into the Village and then
23 doing that very dangerous U-turn to come back and
24 clogging up the road, I think if we diverted
25 traffic there, and also, you know, use some -- you

1 know, collaborated with, you know, Long Island
2 Railroad and Hampton Jitney, and, you know,
3 Department of Transportation, any kind of grants
4 funding to make that area more desirable, so that,
5 you know, we could augment the parking space
6 there, and make people want to park there, because
7 people, for whatever reason, don't want to walk
8 down there. So I think that that could -- you
9 know, that could alleviate -- that could alleviate
10 some of the parking issues.

11 So, you know, I -- somebody commented today
12 on Facebook that, you know, not everybody wants to
13 have a walking village if they're elderly people
14 who need to walk, who need to access the pharmacy
15 and the IGA, but I don't believe those people
16 really need to access or want to access the
17 pharmacy or IGA at 7 or 8 o'clock at night on a
18 Saturday or Sunday any time of year.

19 You know, I live in Manhattan part-time, I
20 definitely don't go out on weekends. And when I'm
21 here in the summer, I don't -- I don't go to a
22 restaurant on Saturday or Sunday when it's packed,
23 and then complain when I got bad service. So I
24 think when you live somewhere, you know how to
25 manage like, you know, when, when you go out.

1 So, you know, I just want to close by saying
2 that I'm not a tourist, I'm part of this
3 community. I think that all of us want to walk
4 downtown, we all want to enjoy a drink at a lovely
5 restaurant cafe. We all want to go for a stroll
6 under the moonlight, and all of us want to be
7 under the same sky, the same moonlight. All of
8 us, we're one Village, not two. So thank you.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to address
10 the Board?

11 ANDY HARBIN: Hello. Andy Harbin, 122 Adams
12 Street. Sorry I was late. I've -- I'm for the
13 parklets, not so much for myself, but what they
14 bring to the Village. I think the Village is a
15 better place with the parklets. I saw what it
16 did, just the look of it, the feel of it, and I
17 think that the idea of sitting outdoors will be --
18 it's changed forever.

19 I mean, I know none of us have lived through
20 the Great Depression, but we have our parents and
21 our grandparents, and we watched them when they
22 were -- they owned two homes and they -- and they
23 had plenty of money, and they still took a slice
24 of bread and cut it in half. They were
25 conditioned to doing that. I think as a whole,

1 we're all going to sit outside more, regardless
2 when this is over. If you think it's over or not,
3 I think we will be outside more. I know my
4 customers want to be.

5 I know I did more business two years ago in
6 October and November than I did this year, when we
7 didn't have the parklets, when you took them away.
8 I'm lucky enough to -- that I do have some outdoor
9 dining in the back, but there are a lot of places
10 in town that had no outdoor dining, and there will
11 be some people going forward that will not sit
12 inside. You might not know about them, they'll
13 just go somewhere else where they can sit outside.
14 And I think the Village needs to be aware of it
15 and keep in mind for the vitality of the Village,
16 because -- excuse me, because there are places I
17 think people will go outside, and right around us.
18 Not too far away are lots of vineyards, or if
19 it's, you know, beer places, they all have lots of
20 outdoor space, and they will continue to. And I
21 think some people that might come to the Village
22 that can't sit outside will go sit outside there.
23 I really don't want it.

24 And I look at it like, you know, is it good
25 or is it bad? The good effects from what we got

1 from the parklets compared to the bad I think are
2 outweighed about that. So, if it's going for the
3 Village, we should do it. We got to keep an open
4 mind to the fact that things change, and I think
5 we need to do it.

6 I've heard some bad and good about it.
7 There was somebody on the Zoom yesterday who
8 complained and they talked about the garbage. I
9 can only tell you for myself, but I think what
10 I've seen from the other businesses that have the
11 parklets, that I think they did a good job of
12 cleaning up after themselves. I even -- because I
13 was out there cleaning up my parklet, I would
14 clean my neighbor's, or I would step over the
15 parklet in the road. If there was napkins and
16 stuff that go over the side, pick them up.

17 And I can tell you, when the parklets are
18 gone, now, when the parking spaces in front of my
19 place are empty, I'll go out there, because guess
20 what, there's lots of garbage in that street.
21 Whether there's parklets or not, there's going to
22 be garbage. We've all grown up and seen garbage
23 on the side of the road. Since paper was
24 invented, there's going to be garbage. So
25 somebody complaining that they see garbage and

1 blaming it on the parklets, it's just not true.

2 I know that Rich has discussed, he went into
3 details in the Zoom yesterday about how some
4 businesses are not going to want to keep the
5 parklets, especially if you're going to attach a
6 fee to it, which I think makes sense. So it looks
7 like there's going to be more openings, maybe not
8 so much for parking, but for emergency access,
9 which I think is a concern and a viable concern.
10 I do know that if the parklets weren't there and
11 there's cars parked in all those spots, I don't
12 see how that would be vastly different from a
13 parklet being in the way, if I have a car, or a
14 giant truck, or a tractor trailer in their way of
15 getting -- of having access.

16 To get access to getting to those stores on
17 Front Street and Main Street, especially in the
18 summer, is always going to be problematic,
19 problematic for emergency people to get in, you
20 know. But I think having the parklets actually
21 increased -- there will be breaks in where there
22 won't be cars parked, gives them access, maybe as
23 good or even better than if -- having parklets.
24 So I don't think that's a fair argument.

25 I haven't -- you know, and as far as the

1 parking goes, I mean, that's always been a
2 problem. Many Board meetings here and BID
3 meetings I have been to, that's been the number
4 one topic and it never gets resolved. Everybody
5 has a lot of good ideas, which I agree with some,
6 don't agree with others. But, you know, 35 years
7 of working in this Village, I remember Miss Bumble
8 writing me tickets out of the back of Rhumbline,
9 because there was no place to park. That was 35
10 years ago. There's always been a parking problem.
11 They didn't all of a sudden get parking.
12 Everybody was happy parking in the parking --
13 staying when there's no parking. It's really not
14 an argument.

15 I just -- I find it to be good. The only
16 thing I will say, and this should have been done
17 before parklets, maybe in some fashion, is to have
18 something so that the local people that need --
19 they do need to get to the pharmacy, and maybe
20 they can't go at 7 o'clock in the morning, or the
21 IGA, or the post office, or maybe it's a bank
22 that -- I don't know if the idea is to issue a
23 Village sticker, or maybe some of the parking
24 spots can be designated for Village residents
25 only, so maybe you would need some identification

1 for that for the parking person that checks. So
2 that, you know, the people that are local here,
3 that don't feel they benefit from the parklets,
4 would get something, so that they know that, yes,
5 you know, I still might have a problem parking,
6 but at least the Village is making an effort to
7 give me access, because I've lived here for 50,
8 60, 70 years.

9 And, yeah, it's great to have a walking
10 Village, I love it, but when I'm 80, I might not
11 be able to walk as much or as far. People say,
12 "Oh, well there's plenty of parking there and they
13 can" -- "they can get there." Not if they have a
14 cane and it's -- you know, they're 80 years old,
15 and they're not.

16 So I don't know if there's something the
17 Village could be a lot smarter, rather than me, to
18 try and figure something out for people, like
19 whether it's just seniors, or whether it's
20 something, if you're a Village resident, you do
21 somewhere where you can park, and get something,
22 rather than somebody who's not from here. I think
23 they deserve it.

24 I -- there's one other thing. I know they
25 addressed it in Zoom, too, that there was -- the

1 accidents they said actually went down, and I
2 think if you look at that from year to year, that
3 could fluctuate. When you're talking numbers of
4 between twenty or ten, it could be 50% one year,
5 or, you know, down, I don't think that's a big
6 deal.

7 I think that some of those -- I know I was
8 outside in front of my place when the accident
9 happened. The guy was obviously intoxicated. And
10 you could try -- if he didn't hit a parklet, he
11 would have hit a car, or maybe even a person. So
12 I don't really think there's more accidents.

13 I find a benefit from it, and I've been told
14 this, and I find myself, is that one-way parking,
15 where you come -- you see, you're coming down Main
16 Street, and even like now, and some people don't
17 understand the yellow or red blinking light. So
18 when you're going to turn, you don't know whether
19 that person's coming out of there, if they're
20 making a right or a left. If you know you can't
21 turn there and it's only one way coming out of
22 there, you have to go down, turn around, or, you
23 know, make a left at the candy place. It kind
24 of -- it makes it less confusing at that corner,
25 because that corner for some people, it can be

1 confusing, they're not sure what to do. So I
2 actually think the one-way flow has been better,
3 you know.

4 And I like the idea of going from Memorial
5 Day to Columbus Day. I think, really, in late
6 September or October -- you know, October, it is
7 better. People are going to want to be outside.
8 If the weather is nice, they're sitting out --
9 going to sit outside more. And I got in my own
10 place sometimes, maybe only a couple of tables
11 inside, and there's four tables out front, there's
12 five tables out back, they're all full. They'll
13 fill up first if the weather is nice, and that's
14 how the world is going to work going forward, I
15 believe.

16 So, hopefully, we'll get this done. And I
17 appreciate your time, and thank you all very much.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: I want to thank you for
19 dinner tonight, it was very good.

20 ANDY HARBIN: Oh, you're welcome.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: I'm here, so my wife had
22 corned beef and cabbage from your place.

23 ANDY HARBIN: That's why I was late.

24 (Laughter)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else want to address

1 the Board?

2 ANDREW WERTS: Andrew Werts, I own Ellen's
3 on Front Restaurant with my Sister, Jennie. She's
4 watching. Jennie, what's up?

5 I wrote you guys a long letter yesterday, I
6 hope you read it. A lot of the points have been
7 sort of covered. But one thing I really want to
8 reiterate for you and for everyone else is that
9 the money that gets generated from these parklets,
10 from anyone else who comes, that is money that
11 stays here. I am not taking it to a villa in
12 Saint-Tropez afterwards. That is money that goes
13 to hiring local people, local people who need
14 jobs, who maybe have been affected, young people
15 who we teach how to work.

16 Last night, we went to CAST and taught
17 people who were interested in a career in the
18 kitchens. They're in our kitchen tonight having
19 that, you know, in-restaurant experience and
20 learning more. That's someone we can potentially
21 hire. Those are jobs that stay here, about \$1500
22 a week in extra hires that we would make.

23 The food that we order, as much as we
24 possibly can, comes from here. Extra sales means
25 more food ordered from local purveyors, beer and

1 wine that is as local as it can be. And then as I
2 mentioned in the letter, we decorate the parklet,
3 we go to Riverhead Building supply.

4 There's a long trickle-down effect from the
5 people who come, the extra people who come and
6 dine. And anything left over after that, any
7 money left over that we get, that's going to
8 paying down the very real debt that I have from
9 operating these past two years. That is not
10 cutting into my profits. It is paying what I
11 haven't made, because yes, we were a fairly new
12 business. We opened eight months before the
13 pandemic, awesome timing. But, really, that
14 allowed us to pay that down so we can still be
15 here, so we can still have kids coming from CAST,
16 and improve the restaurant, hire local trades
17 people, contractors, finally get the bar fixed
18 that we wanted to do for three years.

19 So this idea that anything that comes here
20 is just for the restaurants and the businesses, I
21 know that's not true. I see it, that's money, and
22 that's people affected, and that all is staying
23 within this special area we have. So thank you.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to address
25 the Board? Go ahead, Sarah.

1 SARAH PHILLIPS: Hi. Sarah Phillips, 100
2 South Street, First and South. I'm neither for or
3 against the parklets, but I'm concerned with the
4 overall Village management for the Business
5 Improvement District and the growth plan for the
6 Village.

7 After hearing comments like that, the
8 survival is of the pandemic for our small Village
9 and our neighboring businesses. This was all
10 about support for each other. So, again, I'm
11 neither for nor against. I feel like there's
12 multiple opinions that need to be heard. So I
13 wanted to come and say this, even though I feel
14 like I'm in the minority here.

15 I'm wondering if this will become a yearly
16 question, or if this will become a permanent plan.
17 I'm wondering if this is something that actually
18 helps Greenport grow as a walking Village. Does
19 it help control traffic, create a safe environment
20 for both residents and visitors? Does this solve
21 or recreate the parking issues we already hear
22 about, as each property in the downtown flips or
23 fills? The same businesses that weren't allowed
24 to expand due to lack of parking will now be given
25 extra seats that they once requested, but at no

1 extra cost.

2 Luck keeps coming up for people who have
3 outdoor seating, but I do not plan my business
4 based off luck. I chose my location with outdoor
5 purposefully as part of my business plan.

6 I reviewed emails from the BID starting in
7 June of 2020, and the questions that I had then
8 about safety or the minority versus the majority
9 are still the same issues that there are now. So,
10 again, I am still in the same position of pro for
11 survival for everyone, but is this a long-term
12 plan? Is this a short-term plan? Is this
13 something that we can look at further to better
14 for all, rather than for in this short-term
15 decision-making.

16 The last email in 2020 that I looked at was
17 of June 23rd, which when you think about in the
18 precipice of a season is right there, I mean, it's
19 already past Memorial Day.

20 So my questions are, what is the long-term
21 vision? Is there a three-year plan, a five-year
22 plan that coincides with this? Is this a matter
23 unneeded downtown, or the survival of downtown?
24 Is parking an issue? Well, parking is an issue
25 without resolve, yet we continue kicking this

1 around before we solve that.

2 How are the BID designated funds allocated
3 for use that benefits all that pay into them? Is
4 there a Board Liaison that makes sure these funds
5 do benefit all the Business District?

6 How is the space designated for use? What
7 requirements are expected of the business who have
8 them? Is this retail versus restaurant? Because
9 not every shop has an opportunity to have an
10 outdoor space where their business is, especially
11 in retail. And like street-wise, the traffic
12 directed from downtown for -- from downtown on
13 Main and Front is directly affecting my business
14 and the residents that live there in a very
15 dangerous, real way. I had to put wet mop signs
16 outside of the four corners this year, because no
17 one stopped at those signs. I literally had to
18 have the police come endlessly to stop there.

19 So this is not about my business personally,
20 it's just an overarching view. In our case, we
21 had an outdoor space because we paid for it. We
22 rented the next door space, we insure it and we
23 maintain it. That gave us an advantage.

24 We supported the parklets. We were offered
25 a parklet that we did not take because of that

1 traffic. If we had taken those two spots that
2 were at Front, First and South, it took more spots
3 outside of town near the IGA, near the pharmacy.
4 But it also would not be pleasant to sit in
5 two-way traffic and every delivery that went in
6 and out of town. It's already difficult for me to
7 receive deliveries without upsetting neighbors,
8 without upsetting passing traffic, and now it's
9 tenfold that.

10 In the end, I would support the parklets if
11 I saw a management plan, expectations agreed upon
12 for use of space, as well as a long-term plan to
13 resolve parking, to encourage innovation of entire
14 downtown. Thank you.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you, Sarah.

17 CHRISTOPH MUELLER: Christoph Mueller, 151
18 Bay Avenue. I'm in favor, of course, of the
19 parklets, because I own restaurants here in
20 Greenport, and these restaurant benefit greatly
21 from the parklets.

22 I have this year decided to keep all my
23 three restaurants open throughout the winter
24 season, which all those who own restaurants know
25 is an expensive proposition. And we can only

1 afford to do this kind of thing if we then also in
2 the good season, in summer, can make up for
3 these -- this investment.

4 And I think that the parklets, how I have
5 experienced them in the -- in the past seasons,
6 have greatly benefitted Greenport, as was outlined
7 here by previous speakers. It has -- the
8 financial effect of these parklets, of this
9 additional business that the restaurants can make
10 trickles down to all the other businesses, too.

11 And I think if there are safety concerns,
12 these can be addressed. The parklets don't have
13 to be every year, in the coming year, the same as
14 they were last year. I'm sure there could be
15 modifications that make things safer.

16 But I think it is such great addition to the
17 life in Greenport, that we should really consider
18 it to maybe make a more permanent change to our
19 streets, like widening the sidewalks, make it more
20 like almost a pedestrian area where people can
21 walk around safely and sit outside safely.

22 And lastly, I think that, yes, the pandemic
23 is not over. I think -- I think it's kind of
24 over, but I see still in this room, I see several
25 masks around, so people don't feel completely

1 comfortable. You sit inside and you prefer to sit
2 outside. And so we're still suffering as
3 restaurateurs from reduced business due to that
4 fear. So I hope we can count on having parklets
5 again this season.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

7 CHRISTOPH MUELLER: Thank you very much.

8 RICHARD VANDENBURGH: Thank you. Richard
9 Vandenburg, again, President of the BID. So,
10 certainly, we've heard a lot of opinions. I don't
11 want to be too dramatic. We heard earlier on in
12 your Trustees' discussion that before we heard
13 from any of our speakers tonight, what the perhaps
14 initial views are of the -- of the three out of
15 the five Trustees, or perhaps we heard from
16 Trustee Clarke, how he believes he will vote as
17 well.

18 I guess I am somewhat perplexed as to the --
19 we did have our BID forum last night with roughly
20 25 people on that call. We did have at least one
21 person that spoke in opposition to the idea of the
22 parklets. Everybody else that was on the call
23 certainly was -- appeared to be, of those who
24 spoke, appeared to be in support of the idea of
25 the addition of the parklets. But I am perplexed

1 as to hearing comments in the work session before
2 you've heard from the public, other than the
3 letters that you received, the 10 to 15 letters,
4 whatever it may be, that you received that were in
5 support. I'm not sure what the tally is of
6 letters that are opposed to that. We certainly
7 heard one opinion tonight thus far, I don't know
8 if we'll hear another one, that is opposed to the
9 idea of the parklets. Perhaps one-and-a-half, I'm
10 not sure about Sarah's comments.

11 But, ultimately, you know, the idea, I
12 think, is we are perhaps at a crossroads. And I
13 don't want to get too dramatic, but it's a bit of
14 a -- you know, the Shakespeare Hamlet thing, "To
15 be, or not to be", and it's a metaphorical
16 question. Ultimately, I think that the meaning of
17 that question, "To be, or not to be", is do we
18 feel relevant? Do we feel that we are up for the
19 task of what we need to do for the future of
20 Greenport Village? And I think that the question
21 that is posed by that old adage from Hamlet is
22 where do we see the vision of our Village? And I
23 think, and perhaps it was alluded to earlier, you
24 know, what is the Village -- the vision for our
25 Village in terms of how -- the parklets play

1 perhaps a smaller role in the overall idea of how
2 we would like to see our Village evolve. I think
3 it's a very relevant question, I think it's a very
4 important question, and it's a question that we
5 have to embrace in terms of what does -- what do
6 the parklets bring to our downtown corridor that
7 is positive versus negative?

8 And are we willing to embrace a vision where
9 we would like to see a Village that has more of an
10 enhanced or vibrant walking area that brings
11 vibrancy to our downtown area, that brings the
12 opportunity for random engagement, greater social
13 diversity, opportunities to shop at stores? Only
14 because what we've heard, generically speaking, is
15 that, you know, that there are people that really
16 enjoy the energy and the vibrancy that the
17 parklets bring.

18 I don't think the parklet issue is quite as
19 significant as the deep question of "To be, or not
20 to be," but I do think the idea of what the
21 parklet represents is a building block in the
22 overall question of Greenport's relevance
23 tomorrow, next year, the future.

24 And so this Board, I would point out,
25 supported the idea when it was needed most, at a

1 time of the pandemic. Those days at that time
2 were dark, and the faith and courage and the
3 combined thought leadership that this Board
4 brought to make them possible demonstrates,
5 without a shadow of a doubt, that there is the
6 ability to understand and embrace that future
7 vision and courage of thought leadership that
8 ultimately makes our Village a more successful
9 place.

10 So, at that time we, as a Village, with the
11 BID and the Board, identified the strategic
12 objective of offering open, safe spaces in
13 response to the pandemic, and then executed the
14 tactical objective of making it so. We had a
15 clear vision when we executed it in that regard.
16 In the process, we learned we needed to adjust
17 things. We actually worked together with Fire and
18 Rescue, we worked with the Village, we tailored
19 the parklets, we did things to make them safer,
20 and ultimately achieved that strategic objective.

21 Factual surveys told us that they were well
22 received and liked. I'd like to refer to the
23 survey that we conducted back in 2021, where we
24 actually put it out there. It was a 14-question
25 survey. We got 900 responses in response to that

1 survey in the beginning of 2021. Of those
2 responses, 527 of the 900 people said they were
3 either a resident, a business owner, or an
4 employee of the Village, 58%. Of those people, we
5 had 232 people say that they were either a
6 business or an employee in the Village. That
7 leaves roughly 300 people that were residents in
8 the Village that were part of that response. Of
9 that, we asked was the parklet, you know, valuable
10 for keeping your business going? Fifty-nine
11 percent said yes. Of that, we asked was the
12 parklets -- did the parklets create a lively and
13 vibrant atmosphere? 778 of those 900 responses
14 said yes. Eight-six percent of those responses
15 said yes, the parklets created a lively and
16 vibrant atmosphere. And of that, we asked, well,
17 did you dine or use the parklets? Yes, 80%, 705
18 respondents. Was it difficult to find parking?
19 No. Five hundred people said no, it was not
20 difficult to find of those 900 responses, 71%.
21 And would you like to see them return? We had 750
22 responses that said, 83%, yes. And overall, do
23 you think they were helpful or harmful to the
24 Village? Most, I think, decisively was that 766
25 responses, 86% of the 900 people that participated

1 in this response said they were helpful to our
2 Village.

3 I think it's hard to make a decision based
4 upon anecdotal, perhaps specific, regular voices
5 that are opposed to an idea that is
6 foreign-thinking to say that they should not
7 return.

8 So with that, I also think that beyond the
9 fact that we have these survey results, we also
10 received accolades and recognition from visitors,
11 patrons, State and County officials, and the
12 community organizations about the innovative
13 thinking and the courage of action that this Board
14 ultimately took on and made the idea a tangible
15 reality and a positive result. Merchants, working
16 families, employees, and related businesses
17 benefitted from them, and many, if not most
18 locals, enjoyed and supported them.

19 We're asking, the BID is asking and
20 advocating for their return. I've received copies
21 of the dozens of letters sent in support. I have
22 not had the benefit of reading letters or written
23 responses or emails in opposition thereto.
24 Perhaps they exist, maybe they don't. I've had
25 numerous conversations and impassioned calls from

1 many members and people that support the idea of
2 their return.

3 Certainly, there are some that don't favor
4 their return, we've heard tonight, and they have
5 absolutely a right to their opinion as to why they
6 should not. But one voice, or even a few voices,
7 however loud or relentless, or definitive they may
8 be, should not impede the thought leadership and
9 courage of vision that this Board has demonstrated
10 in the past on this issue.

11 The vision for our Village should embrace
12 the fact that small towns that are strong towns,
13 and small villages that are strong villages are
14 strong economically, that are socially diverse,
15 and are healthier, unified communities when the
16 municipality embraces a more walkable environment,
17 and does not succumb to the myopic belief that
18 every available street space should be a parking
19 space. The BID's proposal urges a move to this
20 greater forward-facing, innovative vision.

21 What really is the significance of what we
22 are asking? It's for a period of four months, a
23 third of the year. It's limited in scope.
24 Originally, we had 51 spaces, I think probably
25 this year we would probably have maybe 40. It

1 starts us on the path of increasing fee-based use
2 of space that is otherwise not income-producing,
3 tangible. It adds value to our district, to our
4 Village and to our community, and perhaps, and
5 perhaps most of all, it adds to our safety and our
6 security. Some have advanced the unfounded
7 statements or beliefs that they are not safe. But
8 if you consider the facts, that statement is
9 false.

10 The Southold Town Police Department uses a
11 software system called TRACS, T-R-A-C-S. It
12 stands for Traffic and Criminal Software. I
13 obtained a report generated by the Police
14 Department that compared the number of all traffic
15 accidents in 2019 compared to 2021. Even more
16 specifically, we limited that examination area to
17 the intersection of Front and Third, all the way
18 down Front to the intersection of Main and Front,
19 and then from lower Main Street to up to the
20 intersection of Main and Central Streets. This,
21 obviously, being the area that would be impacted
22 by the parklets. That report revealed that the
23 number of all traffic accidents in 2019, in that
24 specific area, was 25 in 2019. That's
25 pre-pandemic, pre-parklets. In 2021, that same

1 area had 12 accidents, half the number, 50% less.
2 I'm not sure that -- how you can deny the
3 empirical data that says to the naysayers of the
4 parklets who assert that they are not safe, when,
5 in fact, that empirical data tells me that they
6 are safer, our streets are safer.

7 I believe that single public benefit of the
8 fact that the parklets seem to dictate that they
9 are safer alone should be enough to approve the
10 request for their return. But let's also consider
11 that they will now begin to generate fees for the
12 Village, dollars, actual dollars, not intangible
13 estimates, but actual dollars, and those fees will
14 increase year to year. The parklets offer a
15 greater vibrancy, a better liveliness and
16 atmosphere that surveys and studies time after
17 time have shown help any community where they are
18 found. They support our local businesses, our
19 local working families, our local businesses, and
20 provide greater strength with jobs to our local
21 economy. They offer a greater community appeal
22 and a chance for random interaction and
23 socialization.

24 The loss of these few spaces for a third of
25 the year should not be the trump card that results

1 in their denial.

2 I urge the Board to return to the time and
3 place where it embraced the vision and exercised
4 the courage in allowing these parklets to be a
5 valuable building block for the future of our
6 Village.

7 So to the question of whether to be, or not
8 to be, wisdom dictates they should be. Thank you.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

10 (Applause)

11 MS. ALLEN: Chatty Allen, Third Street. And
12 yes, I am one of the ones who is not in favor of
13 them going back up. To me, there are more safety
14 issues than there are benefits to anybody. One
15 safety issue, and it's one I've had -- I supported
16 it when it went in, when we went into lockdown, I
17 supported it 100%, I supported the Mayor and this
18 Board in their decisions. They go up, and right
19 away, smoke comes out my ears, because they block
20 off the road with huge cinderblocks.

21 Now, if you're someone that lives between
22 First and Main on Front Street, and there's a
23 rescue or a fire, do you know how long it takes to
24 move cinderblocks? And no, the BID did not listen
25 to our First Responders about putting them there,

1 okay? They get moved. Still not pleased, because
2 I feel our First Responders are being put in
3 harm's way. I said this back then as I look on
4 the wall. I know what those two men mean. One of
5 them was like a brother. Anything that puts our
6 First Responders in harm's way I am going to speak
7 out loudly about.

8 Yes, I am also a lifelong resident here.
9 This past summer, because of COVID, the Greenport
10 School did a summer program, which they bussed the
11 students. I had the run that went through the
12 Village. One stop was Center and Main. I had to
13 block the intersection, because the students can't
14 get onto the sidewalk any other way because of the
15 parklets. Head south, I turn onto Front and I
16 literally have to stop my door in the crosswalk,
17 because my students, again, can't get to where
18 they live to be able to get up on the sidewalk to
19 go to their home because of the parklets.

20 One of our First Responders was injured.
21 Yes, Andy, I understand if there's cars there,
22 that does impede sometimes, but it's easier to get
23 a stretcher through two parked cars than it is
24 stuff that's screwed together. And you get hurt
25 trying to move it to get a stretcher into a

1 parklet, because that's the only way to do it. So
2 that's my issue with the parklets.

3 As far as the accidents that happened, yes,
4 there would have been cars or the parklets that
5 were hit. To me, those accidents weren't caused
6 because there were parklets there, they were
7 caused by people who decided to drink and get
8 behind the wheel of a car. And I thank God that
9 it was in the evening when nobody was in the
10 parklets, because if someone had been sitting
11 there and cars went into them, not a good thing.

12 But I personally take offense when someone
13 gets up here and degrades people, because this has
14 been going on when you speak out and say it's
15 unsafe. I brought up the issue how people sat on
16 the parklets in the road. So what did they do?
17 They put little strips with tiny little spikes.
18 Guess what? People sat on those. People climb
19 over the parklets. Again, it's all about safety.
20 But I was accused of wanting every business in the
21 Village to fail, which during the lockdown I would
22 pick restaurants.

23 I'm not someone that does takeout, but I
24 would purposely pick restaurants each week to try
25 and help them, because who do you think supported

1 every business during the lockdown? It wasn't the
2 tourists, it was your local residents that
3 supported you, that did takeout to help you get
4 through this. We backed you doing this. Yet, if
5 we bring up a concern like you're taking away 50
6 parking spaces in an area where we don't have
7 parking to begin with, and you get laughed at.
8 Because I said, why don't the restaurant, shop
9 owners and their employees park elsewhere and get
10 shuttled in, and I got laughed at. Well, you're
11 taking up spaces. You've taken away 50, and now
12 the employees and the owners are using --
13 utilizing spaces.

14 And to look at me, most people don't realize
15 the disabilities I have. I haven't been coming to
16 meetings because I can't walk. So for me, when
17 someone says, "Oh, go park right over there and
18 walk," "Oh, you live close enough, walk," when you
19 have a hard enough time getting down your own
20 stairs to your car, you can't park blocks away.
21 And No, I'm not 80, almost there, but -- so as far
22 as telling people that can walk, that's a slap in
23 the face to people of an older generation,
24 especially, because I'm now considered elderly. I
25 mean, some days I'm good, some days I'm not. But

1 to look at me, you wouldn't realize.

2 And giving stickers for residents, we've
3 gone around about this before. You really can't
4 do it, because then you have residents who, "Oh, I
5 have a sticker, okay, I'll just stay parked there
6 all day," because they're not going to get a
7 ticket, they're not going to have to move. That's
8 not the solution. I understand your concept of
9 having specially marked --

10 ANDY HARBIN: Chatty, do you have -- do you
11 have a handicapped sticker?

12 CHATTY ALLEN: No, I don't.

13 ANDY HARBIN: You should, you'll probably be
14 able to --

15 CHATTY ALLEN: But that's beside the point
16 at this point.

17 ANDY HARBIN: Well, there's plenty of those
18 spaces that I think -- so the point is to --

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. She's got the
20 floor. Let her just finish up what she's saying.

21 MS. ALLEN: And then we get to the point
22 which Sarah touched on. We are supposedly back to
23 100% occupancy in restaurants. Now you are also
24 having additional seating. Does that not have to
25 go back to the Planning Board or the Zoning Board

1 with new site plans, because you are now
2 increasing your seating? That -- see, that hasn't
3 been brought up. You know, it's one of those you
4 want your cake and eat it, too. I understand, and
5 I'm all behind trying to do whatever it is, but
6 how is it fair to someone like First and South, or
7 another one that doesn't have a parklet, but
8 they -- they're not increasing. It's got to be
9 all or nothing. You know, if you're going to be
10 increasing, then you need to have the plans
11 reviewed, because I'm sure there's a lot more
12 that's involved that has been waived because of
13 COVID.

14 But now that the mandates are all gone --
15 hey, I drive a school bus, I know, believe me, but
16 it doesn't change the fact that there's no
17 mandate. So you can go back to 100%. Whether
18 they do inside or not is up to them. Are they
19 going to have to go through a site plan review
20 before they're allowed to have a parklet?

21 You know, I'm not against -- there's too
22 many other variables. And to have a BID President
23 get up here and degrade people that aren't in
24 favor of them going back, and reading a survey
25 that was taken after they were put in for the

1 lockdown, and the numbers he was reading, more
2 than half of them were owners or employees. I
3 don't think you should go on just their word.
4 Yes, of course, they're going to be in favor of
5 it. That's not a true survey.

6 And there is a problem with parking. And
7 yes, it gets worse all the time. And that ties me
8 into my other thought that I have brought up in
9 the past. We're going to be having the Mini
10 Train, hopefully soon. I'm chomping at the bit
11 with that one. I've brought this up before. Old
12 Dump Road, Monsell Place, Monsell Trail. And I'm
13 not sure why that cannot be paved over, entrance
14 and exit only from Moore's Lane. People can walk
15 onto North and Kaplan and walk to the Village.
16 It's not that far, it's right over here where they
17 would walk. As additional parking, it will help
18 when the Mini Train comes in, it will help during
19 carnivals and fireworks, and any other events that
20 are up there. I've been throwing that out there
21 for years, that I'm not -- you know, I don't
22 understand why that hasn't been looked into.

23 And you gave me the answer to Fourth Street
24 being paved. My body, my bus and my kids thank
25 you when it gets done. That's a rough road right

1 down there.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, it is. And the answer
3 on that is the DEC will not allow us, because it's
4 wetlands.

5 CHATTY ALLEN: Right.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: So --

7 CHATTY ALLEN: Oh, well, they won't?

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

9 MS. ALLEN: All right. Well, that was
10 never --

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: I've said it before. Maybe
12 you weren't here at the time, but we -- stuff got
13 put up there, or whatever, the DEC came down and
14 had us remove it all. And it's wetlands there.
15 It had to be 100 feet from the wetlands, and
16 there's no place there to just do that, to pave
17 that road and do it.

18 CHATTY ALLEN: All right, because that will
19 be an ideal space.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: We did go with your
21 recommendations. Paul looked into it and they
22 asked about it and --

23 MS. ALLEN: Oh, okay. Yeah. Well, COVID
24 hit and a lot of things went by and by, and I
25 wasn't -- like I said, recently, I haven't been

1 able to make meetings.

2 The other thing I want to bring up, which
3 ties into what Julia was talking about, when we
4 had the public hearings about short-term rentals,
5 and I kept trying to push to have it in the code,
6 short-term rentals, owner-occupied, or year-round
7 resident occupied only did not go in. You gave
8 them "X" amount of weeks that they could
9 short-term rental.

10 Houses are being bought up with the express
11 purpose of Airbnb'ing them, that's where we're
12 losing a lot of housing stock. I mean, I drive
13 around and I see the amount of two-family homes,
14 that they're strictly Airbnbs, and there's no
15 oversight of them. If you have an owner and/or a
16 year-round resident in one, you have the
17 oversight, and it also will bring back some
18 housing stock, and prevent people from buying
19 homes with the express purpose of just doing
20 short-term rental.

21 You know, there's a couple of places right
22 now for sale that that's what they -- you know,
23 that's what they're doing. They're coming out,
24 buying these houses, fixing them up, and then next
25 thing you know, you see them online, you know,

1 \$1,000 a night.

2 You know, I mean, personally, I don't feel
3 that the Village of Greenport should be
4 responsible for all of Greenport's housing.
5 You're one square mile. There is definitely a
6 shortage, though, and my concern is, you know, you
7 look at our Fire Department here, you know,
8 there's members that are the generation above me
9 still in here. My generation, that, you know,
10 we're not going to probably go on much longer, and
11 there's not many younger ones, because they can't
12 find a place to live out here anymore. You know,
13 what's the next step from that? You're going to
14 have to then go to a paid department, as opposed
15 to volunteers?

16 You know, so I think maybe relook at this,
17 you know, short-term rental code, maybe put that
18 in there. That will open -- I'm going to tell
19 you, that's going to open up a lot. There's a lot
20 of places that are Airbnb that don't have rental
21 permits. It's hard to catch them, though. But
22 something needs to be done on -- you know, on
23 that, on that frame.

24 And the other thing is I don't know about
25 finances or anything like that, or what the cost

1 would be, but I really think it's time to look
2 into a better way to keep the ice frozen with the
3 Ice Rink. There's got to be something, even if we
4 have to fundraise for it. It gets closed down
5 earlier and earlier each year, and all the time it
6 takes to put it up and then you can't really fully
7 enjoy it. You know, maybe talk to other places
8 that have them outdoors year-round to see what
9 kind of, you know, machines they're using, because
10 that's a sad sight when, you know, you see it get
11 taken down already and it's like, but it's still
12 cold out.

13 You know, I can't physically use it, but I
14 know a lot of people that love it, the kids that
15 have been doing hockey there, you know, and maybe
16 look into that. And like I said, you know, maybe
17 we can fundraise or something to get what we need
18 to have a rink that can be used more than just a
19 couple of months. Thank you.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, go ahead, John.

21 JOHN SALADINO: John Saladino, Sixth Street.
22 I have no comment about the parklets, I made my
23 comments last month. I will say, I will say that
24 Deborah mentioned somebody on social media that
25 couldn't ride their bicycle to the eyeglass store

1 and the IGA. And I'm like 74 years old and 50
2 pounds overweight. That was me actually
3 responding to a -- to a server from one of the
4 restaurants that said, "You should just ride your
5 bicycle. You don't have to go downtown except to
6 shop at IGA." There's other stuff downtown that
7 I -- that I have to go to. So that's just --
8 that's just -- my bicycle, my bicycle, my wife
9 used it in our garden as a display, so I'm never
10 riding that bicycle.

11 (Laughter)

12 JOHN SALADINO: As far as -- like I said, as
13 far as parklets, I made my comments last time.
14 I'm neither for or against, strictly a money issue
15 with me.

16 What I would like to talk to you about
17 tonight is a couple of your work session reports.
18 Peter, you addressed it, about reducing the amount
19 of parking for a particular wetlands permit. We
20 all know it's a zoning issue. Trustees don't
21 grant variances.

22 So it would have to -- and about that
23 permit, at the time of the inspection, at the time
24 the CAC made the inspection there, a thought had
25 come to my mind, and I raised it with Paul and he

1 told me to remind him about it. It's been like a
2 month or two ago, and I dropped the ball, I forgot
3 to remind him. You know, there's other stuff
4 going on.

5 I had thought that perhaps that property,
6 because it is a new business, it's not in a
7 resident -- it's not in a residential area, it's
8 in the Waterfront Commercial, perhaps they should
9 have a site inspection by the Planning Board. We
10 saw it with jet skis at Preston's, and before
11 Little Creek, it was going to be another sandwich
12 shop there or something. This is in the
13 Waterfront Commercial. It's going from a
14 residential operation to a marina operation.
15 There is a hospital 100 feet away from it, 75 feet
16 away from it. Maybe you guys might think that
17 maybe you should go before the Planning Board.
18 They could decide about lighting, about noise,
19 about hours of operation. I don't know.

20 The other thing I would like to mention is
21 Julia's work session report, the 12 or 13 things
22 that she mentioned. I'm going to say it up front,
23 I'm opposed to every one of them. And I'm not
24 going to bring it up tonight, because everybody --
25 nobody's listening anymore. But I just wanted to

1 put it out there that every one of those, I have a
2 reasonable response to every one of them that I
3 think -- but the important part is last month the
4 subject of affordable housing came up. Are we
5 saying affordable housing or workforce housing?
6 What's -- what's the term that we're using? Does
7 it make a difference?

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: It might be we're looking
9 for additional housing.

10 JOHN SALADINO: Additional housing.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's what -- my goal is
12 for additional housing for people to live.

13 JOHN SALADINO: So last month we -- somebody
14 brought up, one of the people that usually comes,
15 Randy, brought up to discuss it. And we heard
16 from the Attorney that it can't be discussed,
17 because it's work product and it's privileged
18 information, and it should be only for the Village
19 Board and the Attorney. I accept that. You know,
20 we've all been around here long enough to know
21 that's the deal.

22 But when I read the work session report from
23 the Trustee, she took it upon herself to create a
24 Task Force, eight, ten, twelve, I don't know how
25 many people, and they referred to that document.

1 Now those people had to read that document.
2 They're not appointed, they're not elected. The
3 Trustee, privileged information, she chose to
4 share with them. And, you know, I don't really
5 know if that's such a big deal, but the general
6 public shouldn't be -- people like me that have --
7 that might want to make a tailored response to
8 that, that wasn't able to read the new Local Law,
9 because it's still a draft document. I shouldn't
10 be restricted from making an informed comment, but
11 somebody else could read the document. Ten or
12 twelve other people, members of the public that
13 aren't elected, aren't appointed by anyone, get to
14 read the document and then offer comments. I'm
15 not sure how that works. If I could address the
16 Board, could you explain that?

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That document was shared
18 with them after it was a part of last month's work
19 session, and the Village Attorney had already
20 published it. I didn't send it to anybody.

21 JOHN SALADINO: Never published.

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: My work session report
23 is --

24 JOHN SALADINO: That was never published.
25 And I copied the minutes, because I just wanted to

1 get it right. And I won't read the page, I'll
2 just read the -- the last thing that the Attorney
3 said about it, it says it actually can't be
4 released to anyone. The affordable housing --
5 "I'll use that as an example, the accessory unit
6 law, accessory apartment law, is available only to
7 the Board and shouldn't be released to anyone
8 else." That was at that work session when he was
9 questioned, when there was the debate going on
10 with a -- with a resident and the Mayor.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Uh-huh.

12 JOHN SALADINO: So I'll ask you again, how
13 does that happen? How do you have the right to
14 share that with other members of the public, but
15 people that are just as interested don't get to
16 see it?

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll have to circle back.
18 I really -- I can't answer that right now, okay?
19 I mean, I thought that, you know, I was sharing --
20 I thought that they were seeing something that we
21 as a Board were discussing in a public meeting,
22 and that's, you know --

23 JOHN SALADINO: You approved these minutes.
24 You guys approved these minutes. I assume you
25 read them. I'm on a statutory board, before I

1 approve minutes or accept minutes, to read them.

2 CLERK PIRILLO: We don't.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: John, we don't.

4 JOHN SALADINO: I'm sorry?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: John, we don't approve
6 them.

7 JOHN SALADINO: You don't approve them?

8 CLERK PIRILLO: We don't approve minutes.

9 JOHN SALADINO: Do you read them?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I read them. You
11 know, that's me. I can't answer for everybody
12 else.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, your Boards actually
14 go through them and accept the minutes. We don't,
15 the Village Board has never done that. There's a
16 transcript that goes, it's open to the public and
17 that's the transcript that's there.

18 JOHN SALADINO: Okay. Okay, my mistake, I'm
19 sorry.

20 (Laughter)

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, your comment, you know,
23 it's just a matter of accepting minutes, that's
24 all it --

25 JOHN SALADINO: But, aside from that, aside

1 from, you know, the back and forth about accepting
2 minutes, I kind of think, as an elected official,
3 you should read them. And if there's something
4 that's in there that says you really shouldn't
5 share this, now you are for -- I was sitting in
6 the audience and I heard him. You were sitting
7 next to him, you know. All I'm saying is, is that
8 we have to be fair. We have to be fair if --

9 DEBORAH RIVERA PITTORINO: I agree with that.

10 JOHN SALADINO: Debra votes for me.

11 (Laughter)

12 DEBORAH RIVERA PITTORINO: I agree with a
13 fair playing ground.

14 JOHN SALADINO: We have to -- and this is an
15 important issue. This is an important issue, that
16 if -- I don't know if any of these people care
17 about it, you know, I'm sure they're here for a
18 different reason. I care about it, because your
19 proposals will devalue my house and that's my
20 biggest investment. You know, I made an
21 investment in this Village 30 years ago -- well,
22 actually, longer than that. 1971 was my first
23 house, but I lived here full-time for the last 25
24 or 30 years, and my house is my biggest
25 investment. So when somebody wants to devalue it,

1 I have problem with it, and I think I should have
2 all the information that your Task Force has.

3 You know, I have a problem with the whole
4 concept of a Task Force. You know, we elect you
5 to do this. You shouldn't have to farm the
6 information out and -- in your report, you say
7 that the group that you put together went through
8 the law and these are the recommendations that
9 you're making. The Mayor said there's going to be
10 an opportunity for the public to comment, and in
11 the minutes you hear me say I accept that, I'm
12 okay with that. I don't know why somebody should
13 have a leg up.

14 Julia, I don't want to make this about me
15 and you. I know you're passionate about the --
16 about the -- about the topic, but, you know,
17 again, for people that made an investment in this
18 Village five years ago, 10 years ago, 20 years
19 ago, 30 years ago, they deserve -- they deserve to
20 see that investment at least stay the same, not to
21 be devalued, because -- because someone that never
22 made an investment in the Village feels it's time
23 that they -- perhaps they should benefit from it.

24 Everybody deserves a place to live.
25 Everybody should -- I don't -- everybody should be

1 able to live wherever they can. You should be to
2 live next door to the White House if you can
3 afford it. If you can't afford it, maybe you got
4 to move down two blocks or three blocks and live
5 there.

6 So for you to say let's put five rental
7 units on a 5,000 square foot property, because we
8 don't care about lot coverage anymore, or let's
9 let somebody live in a one-car garage, why not
10 just buy a tractor trailer full of cardboard boxes
11 and hand them out and let them live in the park.
12 What kind of quality -- what kind of quality of
13 life is that? I mean, we saw somebody get locked
14 up because they had people living, you know, in a
15 laundry room or -- over the Arcade, but, yet, you
16 want somebody to live in a one-car garage and you
17 think that's okay.

18 The original law, the way I heard it, was
19 450 to 750 square feet. And, you know, if
20 somebody wants to make that investment, right now,
21 we all know that the price of things are
22 astronomical. Where it used to be 200, \$300 a
23 square foot to build something, now it's 5 or 6 or
24 \$700 a square foot. So if somebody wants to build
25 a 500 square foot second dwelling unit in their

1 backyard, and it's going to cost them 350,
2 \$400,000 to do that, buona fortuna.

3 But right now -- before I even go into that,
4 right now, every house, every single house in the
5 R-2 District and the Commercial Retail District
6 can put an accessory apartment in as-of-right,
7 as-of-right. Why aren't the people doing it? If
8 there's such a need, why aren't the people doing
9 it? I'll tell you why, because a lot of people
10 want their privacy, they don't want to live in a
11 housing project, and a lot of people can't afford
12 to do it because the prices are too much.

13 So to say, well, we can put two stories on a
14 garage, and we could put four of those parcels on
15 somebody's property, to me, that's ridiculous. If
16 my next door neighbor on the north side of me and
17 my next door maybe on the south side of me did
18 that, you know what my next move would be? I
19 would be at your real estate agent putting my
20 house up for sale. That's what my move would be.

21 And I don't want to get into real estate
22 agents, because 50% of the houses that sell for an
23 astronomical number is because the real estate
24 agent drove the price up. So you're in an
25 industry -- you want to cure the lack of housing,

1 but you're in an industry that's exacerbating it.
2 I mean, it's crazy, it's crazy. You don't think
3 that's mildly hypocritical? And then to come up
4 with these plans --

5 (Laughter)

6 JOHN SALADINO: I don't understand. I
7 apologize. I'm on a little rant here, I
8 apologize. But, you know, if you didn't want us
9 to talk about it tonight, I know it's been a long
10 night, these folks have in their mind bigger and
11 better things to talk about. I didn't want to
12 break the trend of the line of thought here, so I
13 waited until the end. I know everybody's tired,
14 but, Mayor, you as the Mayor, either you got to
15 get the law out there, or you got to tell Julia to
16 stop putting it out there, one of the two. It's
17 not fair to us. It's not fair to us.

18 You can hire all of the people you want to
19 shoot the breeze in your basement and over
20 cocktails at Andy's, or whatever, but once you
21 start passing out information that's privileged --
22 and trust me when I tell you, I don't have -- I
23 don't have a problem with that, if I get it, too.
24 You know, you want to pass out privileged
25 information, that's fine, but you got to give it

1 to Saladino, too.

2 Again, I apologize. Thank you for
3 listening.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to dress
5 the Board?

6 (No Response)

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. I'll offer a
8 motion to enter into executive session at 9:33 for
9 a legal issue with the Attorney.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: We're adjourned. Thank you
12 for coming.

13 (The Meeting Was Adjourned to Executive
14 Session at 9:33 p.m.)

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Dear Mayor Hubbard and Village Trustees:

This letter is in support of the return of the parklets for this coming summer and beyond. The parklets have been a great asset to both our business and the village as a community throughout the pandemic. Not only the additional seating but the whole feel of Front and Main st. has changed for the better. I think the need and desire for people to be and dine outside will remain for some time to come. The parkletes help businesses be able to accommodate patrons whatever they're level of comfort is. Also we can say that we did not have any negative affects due to the loss of a few parking spots.

Respectfully,
Noah Schwartz

Dear Mayor Hubbard and Village Trustees:

I'm the owner of Vines & Branches @ 8 Front Street, Greenport. Unfortunately I'm unable to attend this evening's hearing.

I'm writing **in support** of the application to re-install the parklets downtown. As I learned last evening , this year's proposal allows for more parking and still gives the restaurants and businesses the opportunity to expand, generate additional income and give employees the opportunity to earn additional income. *In addition, the parklets are GREAT for the Village's other businesses by creating an open and inviting downtown community to walk and shop.*

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. I'm hopeful for a favorable outcome.

Best regards , Rita Winkler

Rita Winkler



Vines & Branches

Dear Mayor Hubbard and Village Trustees:

I write to support the application of the Greenport Business Improvement District to re-install the parklets downtown. Originally conceived to support our merchants to survive the pandemic, they have proven to be a major enhancement to our village and are worthy of permanence.

It is often in crisis that great innovation occurs and the parklets are a perfect example.

- They offer an important low-cost opportunity for the Board to support our merchants to succeed in a highly seasonal and challenging retail economy.
- They send a festive and welcoming message to residents and visitors alike and have been overwhelmingly positively received.
- They promote walkability that is widely viewed as essential to the long term success of small downtowns across the country.
- Most importantly, they have made a major contribution to public safety by naturally calming traffic thereby reducing traffic accidents. **I am informed that accidents on Front & Main Streets through the business district have dropped 50% since the parklets were introduced in 2020.** With the protection of public safety as its most important responsibility, this is a reality that the Board simply cannot reasonably ignore.

The minor inconvenience of sacrificing a handful of parking spaces is a small price to pay to secure success for the business district while protecting the public from traffic accidents on our narrow and increasingly crowded village streets. Furthermore, the business district benefits when people get out of their cars and walk to their destinations.

I urge the Board to work with the BID to restore the parklets for the coming season and beyond.

Respectfully,

Dave Kapell

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Dave Kapell

400 Front Street

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We are writing in support of the return of parklets, which are not only ANTICIPATED by Greenport visitors, but incredibly VALUABLE to Greenport businesses!

Our restaurant is STILL recovering from pandemic, and we are coming out of the worst winter season we've experienced. Our goal has always been to remain open year round, not only for locals to enjoy, but to support our hardworking staff that COUNT ON their jobs. The parklets would enable us to recover some of what was lost this winter as we continue to climb out of the pandemic; essentially allowing us to remain open year round when we look to the future.

Our employees, who have grown up in and live in Greenport, have been asking when the parklets are returning. Our regular guests and returning visitors have all been requesting outdoor reservations, wondering when the parklets will be back. Aside from

their financial significance, the parklets have become a safe and unique extension of what makes Greenport a special place to live, work, and visit.

We need strong leadership and smart decisions that will GREATLY impact the businesses in the Village, and therefore the success of the Village as a whole. Greenport is THE dining destination of the East End and needs to continue to evolve to maintain that honor. We ALL need your support in continuing the presence of parklets and we look toward a successful future.

Thank you for your time,

Robby & Shannon Beaver

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robby beaver, chef/owner
shannon beaver, bookkeeper/owner



Dear Mayor and Village Board,

William H. Whyte, the great urban planner, made hours and hours of video tapes of public places. He then studied what made them successful and attracted people. He found scientifically that people were drawn to other people. The most popular activity was people watching. He was the one who discovered that movable seating was also a key feature. Many places have used outdoor cafes and lively plazas as a technique to revitalize downtowns. Greenport no longer needs revitalization however the Parklets brought that outdoor cafe atmosphere that made walking downtown in summer fun for us residents, challenging to park a car, but fun.

Speaking of free parking, who parks right in front of the stores all day for free? Probably the retail workers. They get there early and stay. At a strip mall one parks right in front of a store. Those are car-oriented businesses and new ones would regrettably expand sprawl towards the destruction of what we love on the North Fork. Greenport has taken its rightful place as the walkable jewel on the North Fork. And as with all walkabout villages, people may have to park far from the center. This is healthy for the walker as 30 minutes of walking three times a week has been shown to improve health and reduce serious disease. Walking encourages multiple errands on one trip rather than several of the most polluting cold-start short car trips. And, as we Greenporters know, a

walk provides opportunities to have casual encounters with neighbors and this benefits emotional health and strengthens our sense of community.

So what should we do with our public right-of-way? If we monetize the currently free parking at the average price of a cup of coffee an hour that would be \$2.70, for noon - 7PM \$18.90 X 6 days a week \$113.40, for 4 weeks the income would be \$454 a month for every 20' of curb. If businesses wish to rent the space to offer up a lively downtown with excellent people watching, this would be a great deal and the rest of the parking could have metering stations to make it fair for all. The B.I.D. may wish to rent the spaces and sub-lease to ensure activation, monitor cleanliness and even offer public seating open to all, not just customers.

Thank you for considering Parklets for 2022.

Sincerely,

Randy Wade, Sixth Street

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Dear Mayor and Respected Trustees,

As a local Business owner, I know there has been much discussion regarding the continuance of the Parklet concept which extends proprietors physical bounds with some additional outdoor space. Certainly there are valid points on both sides of this debate, yet given the welcome return of more visitors to our Village anxious to get back to vacationing on the Northfork, I feel it is our duty to offer as much protection along with thoughtful social distancing as possible to help accommodate our guests in a safe, enclosed and open-air setting.

My position on having the Parklets installed is not politically or medically motivated, merely the Parklets offer an outlet which given patrons a greater peace of mind and comfort when; visiting our town, spending money at our stores, keeping local residents employed and presents Greenport with leadership such as yourselves that are both conscientious and forward thinking.

Furthermore, as a compromise, I agree with the BID that those establishments who choose to participate to have a Parklet in front of their store should be charged a reasonable fee to help offset certain expenses. While \$2,500 is a bit excessive (since that would be on the assumption of a full year's worth of parking and not necessarily directly in front of your store, not to mention there are no parking spaces on the southside of Front Street)

In addition, given that not all businesses will participate, given their beliefs, needs, closures, willingness or ability to afford a \$350/\$250 fee, more spaces would be freed up (a win for those opposed to the Parklets return).

Running a business, Town or Village Government is not easy. You're never going to please everyone, all of the time. Mostly, life is about compromise. And I think what I'm asking is that the Village

leaders "compromise" on a thoughtful mid-point. Neither side of this discussion is going to be 100% happy with your final decision, rather everyone is working together given our post pandemic world to make unprecedented decisions as we all forge forward.

Hopefully your decision is not fully made and that you are still be open for discussion and "compromise".

Lastly, while I had tried to Zoom into the work session last night, my technology was simply not behaving properly. Likewise, prior obligations will not afford me to be in-person at tonight's meeting but kindly take the weight of my words in this email letter and my position as physically being in the building in favor of seeing the Parklets return this season!

Respectfully,
David A. Serure

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Thursday, March 17, 2022

Esteemed Members of the Village Board;

This letter is to make known our unequivocal support of the parklets in the Village of Greenport for the 2022 Season.

As we begin to economically recover from the rapidly spreading Omicron variant, we believe that the parklets bring increased safety and allow our local business community to continue to thrive during this uncertain time.

During the hundreds of interactions we have daily with both tourists and locals, we found the reaction to the parklets was overwhelmingly positive, regardless of Covid -19. They bring an exciting energy and increase the enjoyment of the village. We do not directly have access to a parklet to increase our business but we strongly believe they are a forward-thinking asset to the community.

The parklets distinguished Greenport as a leader in New York State; they are a thoughtful solution to supporting business during a short tourism season. They made Greenport a destination for the comfortable enjoyment of all that our village has to offer.

We hope to see their continued use and success throughout the summer of 2022.

Respectfully,
Keith and Alison Bavaro
(631) 276-5689

To: Mayor George Hubbard
Honorable Jack Martilotta, Deputy Mayor and Trustee
Honorable Peter Clark, Trustee
Honorable Mary Bess Phillips, Trustee
Honorable Julia Robins, Trustee

March 17, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing today in my capacity as a resident of the Village of Greenport to indicate my support for the continuance of the parklets in the downtown area of the Village. My support is not triggered by any concerns relating to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, though the continued need for vigilance and the fact that a large part of the population is still legitimately concerned with being in close corners or dining inside, as well as the fact that businesses have struggled under adverse circumstances for the last two years and are still in recovery mode, would in and of itself support the continuance of the parklets. Rather my support comes about out of the view that the downtown area was actually safer for pedestrians overall as a result of the parklets – it makes cars slow down and eliminates the ability to suddenly decide to do a U turn in the middle of Front Street – as well as a view that the Village would be best served by pursuing a “green” pedestrian friendly strategy in the downtown area as part of its overall review of the LWRP and finalizing a comprehensive plan for the future development of the Village. In my experience, there is still parking available at almost all times of the year (including the summer months) either over in the lot by the train station or within 3-4 blocks of the downtown area. People that complain that the parklets take away parking spots and that they can’t park when and where they want are being somewhat myopic – even if those spots are available the likelihood that a resident is going to be able to park exactly where they want at any given point in time of the day on a busy Saturday, Sunday or holiday is extremely unlikely. Many of these spots are subject to time limits as well.

I do believe that it would be appropriate for businesses using the parklets to pay a fee that covers both the BID’s costs of installation, maintenance and deinstallation as well as a fee to the Village for the public access and that fee should likely be higher than the current proposal made by the BID.

In the long run I think the Village should be exploring expanding the sidewalk/pedestrian area on Front and Main Streets and pushing parking into municipal lots and transit area hubs. As part of this, it would be great if additional parking could be located over in the Moore’s Woods area with a shuttle and bike share available to help people that are unable or unwilling to walk a few blocks to get easily into the downtown area. The Village should also consider developing some sort of residential sticker/metering option whereby certain spaces in the municipal lots are designated as only available to residential sticker holders and are otherwise subject to metering. Obviously all of this should be addressed as part and parcel of a vision for the ongoing development of the Village business and waterfront area in the long run in connection with a revision to the LWRP, however, the positive attributes associated with the parklets and the limited spaces requested by the BID would seem to outweigh the potential minimal adverse impacts on reduced parking that the parklets result in and as such I am supportive of the BID’s request for the continuation of the parklets this year.

I would note that I am a resident located on Main Street within a couple of blocks of the downtown Village area and we have not had any adverse impact from the parklets – moreover, on almost all days of the year there are many parking spots available on our block and it is an easy walk to get into the Village from where we live – we thus don't really see a "parking" issue in the Village except on a handful of days of the year – and on those days (i.e. July 4th weekend/Maritime Festival) there is always going to be an overwhelming demand for parking in the Village downtown area.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and the request of the BID. I respectfully request that as I am unable to attend this evening's Board of Trustees work session that this letter be read into the public record during the appropriate portion of the meeting reserved for the public to address the Board.

Best regards

Patricia G. Hammes

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cc: Richard Vandenburg, President of Greenport Village BID