

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

2 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK

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3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4 WORK SESSION

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7 Station One Firehouse

8 Third and South Streets

9 Greenport, New York

10 October 19, 2023

11 6:00 p.m.

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13 B E F O R E:

14 KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR

15 MARY BESS PHILLIPS - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE

16 PATRICK BRENNAN - TRUSTEE

17 LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE

18 JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE

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20 JARED A. KASSCHAU - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

21 PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

22 CANDACE HALL - VILLAGE CLERK

23 ADAM BRAUTIGAM - VILLAGE DEPUTY TREASURER

1 (The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:02 p.m.)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to open the Work
3 Session for Thursday, October 19th, 2023, at 6 p.m.
4 May I have a second please?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

12 The motion carries. Please stand for the
13 Pledge of Allegiance.

14 (Pledge of Allegiance)

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated. I thank
16 everybody for being here this evening. We, in our
17 last meeting, closed the public hearing on
18 Chapter 150 and the zoning map amendments. We did a
19 total of six public hearings and two different
20 information sessions, after a number of other Village
21 meetings, including the Vision for Greenport
22 sessions.

23 I want to give a special thanks to the Code
24 Committee, chaired by Mary Bess Phillips, together
25 with Planning Board Chair, Tricia Hammes,

1 John Saladino, and Dinni Gordon. I'd also like to
2 thank Patrick Brennan for his participation on the
3 prior iteration of it, along with Ms. Randy Wade, too.

4 With that, I recognize that with anything like
5 this, it's never going to be seen as perfect in
6 everybody's eyes. But I believe the work that's been
7 put into it was with a lot of thought, consideration,
8 and a lot of research and intelligence from a lot of
9 other communities.

10 With that, I would like to read Chapter 150
11 Adoption Resolution, and then I'll be making a
12 motion.

13 *WHEREAS, Bill 3A of 2023, a local law that*
14 *amends and restates Chapter 150 (Zoning Code) and*
15 *repeals the Arts District overlay district*
16 *(Chapter 42) has been distributed to the Board*
17 *members and the Board is considering the adoption of*
18 *Bill 3A of 2023, and*

19 *WHEREAS, the primary changes to the Zoning*
20 *Code, as stated in the preface to Bill 3A of 2023,*
21 *include the addition of new, and changes to existing,*
22 *definitions, amendment of permitted and conditional*
23 *uses in the CR Retail Commercial District and the*
24 *WC Waterfront Commercial District, modification of*
25 *conditional use criteria, review considerations and*

1 *procedures, modification of site plan criteria,*
2 *review considerations and procedures, incorporation*
3 *of modified parking regulations and clarifications,*
4 *guidelines in relation to parking impact mitigation*
5 *processes, modifications of abandonment provisions*
6 *for non-conforming uses, creation of entertainment*
7 *permits and procedures, modification of penalty*
8 *provisions, and Bill 3A of 2023 also includes the*
9 *elimination of the zoning overlay Arts District by*
10 *repealing Chapter 42, and*

11 *WHEREAS, the Board referred Bill 3A to the*
12 *Suffolk County Planning Commission and the Commission*
13 *recommended the Board approve Bill 3A of 2023;*

14 *WHEREAS, the Board referred Bill 3A to the*
15 *Planning Board and the Planning Board has provided a*
16 *report to the Board;*

17 *WHEREAS, the Board published, posted and*
18 *distributed notice to adjoining municipalities of*
19 *public hearing, and*

20 *WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on*
21 *Bill 3A of 2023 on October 10th, 2023, and held*
22 *public hearings on previous versions of the proposed*
23 *law on August 17th, August 24th, September 5th,*
24 *September 21st, and September 28th, 2023, and upon*
25 *receipt of various public comments determined that*

1 *certain provisions of the proposed law should be*
2 *amended, and*

3 *WHEREAS, the Board thereafter revised the*
4 *proposed law based on those comments, and the revised*
5 *law is identified as Bill 3A of 2023, and*

6 *WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a*
7 *comprehensive environmental review of Bill 3A of 2023*
8 *and determined that Bill 3A of 2023 is a Type I*
9 *action under the State Environmental Quality Review*
10 *Act and will not result in a significant adverse*
11 *environmental impact;*

12 *WHEREAS, the Village published, posted,*
13 *distributed notice to adjoining municipalities of*
14 *Bill 3A and posted a clean and redline version*
15 *(reflecting various changes) of Bill 3A.*

16 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board*
17 *of Trustees of the Village of Greenport hereby adopts*
18 *Bill 3A of 2023 as Local Law 3 of 2023, a local law*
19 *amending and restating Chapter 150 entitled "Zoning",*
20 *of the Code of the Village of Greenport and repealing*
21 *Chapter 42, entitled "Arts District", and*

22 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*
23 *the Village Clerk to file the law with the New York*
24 *Secretary of State.*

25 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*

1 *the Village Clerk to publish a copy, summary or*
2 *abstract of this local law in the official paper of*
3 *the Village and post as required by law.*

4 I make a motion for approval. Is there a second?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Can we have discussion?

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, please.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I just have a few comments
11 that I prepared. First is disclosure.

12 As many of you know, I work in the Waterfront
13 Commercial District, and I do business with many
14 contractors, vendors, suppliers in the WC and the CR.
15 I do not see any conflict with these relationships,
16 and I don't think that would impair my ability to act
17 on this resolution. Therefore, I see no need for
18 recusal.

19 On the whole, I think this amendment strikes
20 the right balance, and I'm talking about a balance
21 between under-legislating and over-legislating. For
22 example, we have broadly reduced parking compliance
23 requirements for many small business owners and
24 property owners, but, at the same time, we're
25 mandating some additional parking analysis

1 requirements for projects that may have a potentially
2 larger impact.

3 We're also trying to balance protecting
4 residents' interests and accommodating business needs
5 at the same time. We're leveling the playing field
6 for competing entertainment venues, while also
7 putting some mechanisms in place to help protect the
8 quality of life. And there's a balance between
9 protecting what has been historically a value in our
10 Village, and better positioning the Village for
11 current and future needs.

12 We're limiting working waterfront competing
13 uses in the WC, but we're also encouraging
14 appropriate uses in the CR. We're safeguarding the
15 viability of the working waterfront in the
16 WC District, while promoting vibrancy in the
17 Commercial downtown.

18 Now policy, and in this case legislation,
19 drives the marketplace. So I would expect that what
20 we'll see is that some things will remain very much
21 the same, like Commercial Waterfront activity, but we
22 may see some things change, for example, density or
23 composition of the downtown. It's my hope that,
24 overall, this is a net positive benefit for the
25 community. Is it perfect? Probably not. Will there

1 be unintended consequences? Maybe. Has it been
2 crafted intentionally, thoughtfully and responsibly?
3 I say yes. And as we try to pass these code updates
4 today, we need to ask ourselves a few questions, and
5 these are rhetorical questions, but if anyone up here
6 disagrees with me, then they should chime in.

7 Have we, as Trustees, met our fiduciary
8 obligation to govern responsibly? Yes. Have me met
9 our obligation to maintain the public trust? Yes.
10 Have we acted in the best interest of our
11 constituency? Yes. Is there more work to be done?
12 Yeah, there's a lot of work to be done. We still
13 have a lot of comprehensive planning work to do, work
14 on the LWRP, work on the Harbor Management Plan, and
15 continuing with code updates, that's going to be
16 ongoing.

17 There's almost nothing in this resolution that
18 is new, or has not been contemplated by the Village,
19 or kicked around for years, and prior unsuccessfully
20 legislated in the Village. I believe it's time to
21 act on this resolution and continue forward with our
22 work. Thank you. Thanks for your time.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome. Would anybody
24 else like to speak from the Board?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think I spoke in all the

1 work that was done with the code. I think that --
2 that the two members of the committee, the Planning
3 Board Chair Hammes, and the Zoning Board Chair,
4 Mr. Saladino, took into consideration the community
5 as a whole, as well as each of the districts.

6 We did a great amount of research. A lot of it
7 was done in looking at other towns and villages,
8 actually in villages' codes. We took the advice of
9 Counsel on many things when we started getting a
10 little bit off-centered and needed to come back to
11 the center. So I would like to say thank you to the
12 two people who worked the hardest on this along
13 with me.

14 And yes, there is nothing that's ever going to
15 be perfect. And for the first time in a long time, I
16 am seeing the Village moving in the direction where
17 we talk about things, put it on the table, we're
18 working hard at engaging the community, and that's
19 one of the goals that was the original intent on the
20 moratorium and on all of the LWRP update.

21 So I'm looking forward to the conversations,
22 I'm looking forward to hearing from the residents and
23 the Business District. And I have always said that
24 when something goes to ZBA, and it's a continuous ask
25 for a variance or something, then it's our job as the

1 policy-makers to take a look at it, and that's where
2 we're at.

3 So, Trustee Brennan, thank you very much for
4 the words, because it means a lot to me, because
5 we've had some fair amount of criticism that we
6 didn't do our job, and I'd like to say thank you very
7 much for putting it on the record.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You're welcome.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily or Julia, anything to add?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'd just like to say I've
11 spoken to both sides on this extensively. I've
12 listened to and made note of all the comments through
13 all of the public hearings. I think it was an
14 amazing thing that we had this many public hearings
15 and that we got this much information from everybody,
16 and I feel that we've done a thorough job.

17 I appreciate the work of this committee that's
18 put their heart and soul in this, to be honest with
19 you, they really have. And I think that the law that
20 we are putting on the table here right now is going
21 to be a good thing for the Village. So I'm happy
22 that we're at this point tonight and we're ready to
23 move on. And as Patrick Brennan just said, you know,
24 I mean, this is a work in progress, it's going to be
25 a continuing ongoing thing. And we love hearing from

1 everybody, we love hearing from the community, so
2 keep coming and speaking to us, and we'll do our best
3 to try and help everybody and make this a great place
4 to live.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. So, again, I will
6 make the motion again for --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, did Lily --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have
9 anything. You guys have said a lot.

10 (Laughter)

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have
12 anything additional to say. Thanks.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll again make a motion for
14 approval. May I have a second, please?

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

22 Next up, we have Bill 4A.

23 *WHEREAS, Bill 4A of 2023, a local law that*
24 *amends the zoning map of the Village of Greenport, to*
25 *reclassify certain property from the WC Waterfront*

1 *Commercial District to the CR Retail Commercial*
2 *District and property from the R-2 One-and Two-Family*
3 *Residence District to the Park District, has been*
4 *distributed to the Board members and the Board is*
5 *considering adoption of Bill 4A of 2023, and*

6 *WHEREAS, the Board has provided supplemental*
7 *notice of proposed zoning map revisions to the*
8 *property owners whose properties are proposed to be*
9 *reclassified, and*

10 *WHEREAS, the Board referred Bill 4A of 2023 to*
11 *the Suffolk County Planning Commission and the*
12 *Commission recommended that the Board approve the*
13 *law, and*

14 *WHEREAS, the Board referred Bill 3A to the*
15 *Planning Board and the Planning Board has provided a*
16 *report to the Board;*

17 *WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a*
18 *comprehensive environmental review of the proposed*
19 *local law and determined that Bill 4A of 2023 is an*
20 *Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality*
21 *Review Act and will not result in a significant*
22 *adverse environmental impact, and*

23 *WHEREAS, the Board published and posted and*
24 *distributed notice to the adjoining municipalities of*
25 *the public hearing;*

1 WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the
2 proposed local law on October 10th, 2023, and held
3 public hearings on a previous version of the proposed
4 law on August 17th, August 24th, September 5th,
5 September 21st, and September 28th of 2023, and upon
6 receipt of various public comments determined that
7 certain provisions of the proposed law should be
8 amended, and

9 WHEREAS, the Board has amended the proposed
10 law, primarily to eliminate the Townsend Manor
11 property from any proposed map changes, and the law
12 is now designated as Bill 4A of 2023, and

13 WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a
14 comprehensive environmental review of the proposed
15 local law and determined that Bill 4A of 2023 is an
16 Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality
17 Review Act and will not result in a significant
18 adverse environmental impact, and

19 WHEREAS, the Village published, posted and
20 distributed notice to adjoining municipalities of
21 Bill 4A of 2023, and posted Bill 4A of 2023 --
22 excuse me -- and a copy of the new proposed map on
23 the Village website.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board
25 of Trustees of the Village of Greenport hereby adopts

1 *Bill 4A of 2023 as Local Law 4 of 2023, a local law*
2 *amending the zoning map of the Village of Greenport,*
3 *to reclassify certain property from the WC Waterfront*
4 *Commercial District to the CR Retail Commercial*
5 *District and property from R-2 One-and Two-Family*
6 *Residence District to the Park District, and*

7 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*
8 *the Village Clerk to file the law with the New York*
9 *Secretary of State.*

10 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*
11 *the Village Clerk to publish a copy, summary or*
12 *abstract of this local law in the official paper of*
13 *the Village and post as required by law, and*

14 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*
15 *the Village Administrator to prepare a revised zoning*
16 *map to reflect the changes in Local Law 4 of 2023.*

17 *Before I make a motion for approval, is there*
18 *anybody from the Board that would like to speak?*

19 *TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I would.*

20 *MAYOR STUESSI: Right, please.*

21 *TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I still have some*
22 *reservations about zoning map changes bill, this*
23 *bill, Bill 4A, specifically to change the Fourth*
24 *Street parcel from an R-2 District to the PD District,*
25 *the Park District.*

1 Ultimately, I would like to see this piece of
2 property come under Village control, so that it could
3 become a Village asset used for public recreational
4 use, passive recreational use. But I don't see the
5 public benefit in changing the zoning district at
6 this time prior to the Village obtaining ownership,
7 and prior to the permitted uses of the Park District
8 being reviewed by this Board. Rather, I think this
9 proposal presents a slightly greater risk for which I
10 cannot rationalize making this change at this time.

11 The positives of this proposal, as I understand
12 it, is that the parcel is currently being used in
13 like a park-like manner, so changing the district
14 from Residence to Park District rationalizes the
15 existing use. But as I see it, there's a few
16 negatives. The Park District includes numerous
17 permitted uses, most of which are not appropriate for
18 the site, including sports fields, firematic events,
19 utility facilities, municipal campsites and municipal
20 trailer parks.

21 The Board has not yet reviewed the permitted
22 uses of the Park District. The subject parcel is not
23 located in a CR or a WC District, and the subject
24 parcel is not even adjacent to a CR or a conforming
25 WC District. A privately owned park would be an

1 anomaly in the Village of Greenport.

2 Chapter 150 Amendments, Bill 3A, which we just
3 passed, is focussed on CR and WC, and does not
4 contemplate making changes between R-2 and the
5 Parks District. The moratorium, Local Law 1 of 2023,
6 Section 150-51 does not contemplate making changes
7 between R-2 and the Park District.

8 In my mind, the proposed change is not germane
9 to the purpose and intent of Section 150-51, nor
10 Bill 3A. There were numerous other waterfront and
11 water-adjacent parcels in the R-2 and WC Districts
12 with nonconforming uses that were not included in
13 this round of code changes.

14 I think the risks outweigh the benefits. I
15 don't see a nexus between our stated goals and this
16 particular action. This aspect of the proposed map
17 change, while it has some merit, should have been
18 edited out for the time being and held off for
19 further consideration. Accordingly, I'm withholding
20 my approval on this resolution. And I would just
21 caution my Board colleagues up here about crafting
22 legislation in this manner. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Would anybody else like to speak?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We discussed this in a prior

1 Board meeting, as you I know you're well aware, and
2 the remainder of the Board felt very strongly that we
3 were in agreement that it should go to park space.

4 As you're also aware, we have had discussion
5 thus far with the Land Trust in looking at potentially
6 bring it into to the Village. I appreciate and
7 understand your concerns.

8 If nobody has any other questions on this, I
9 think that the benefits of this are great in many
10 ways, not just for the park, but also for those who
11 are within the Commercial -- or, pardon me, within
12 the Waterfront Commercial District on the south side
13 of Front Street that will be converted over to
14 Commercial Retail. And those uses, which already
15 exist, will be permitted in the future without the
16 challenges as they exist for them today.

17 So with that, I'm going to make a motion for
18 approval on this. May I have a second, please?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll second that.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Any opposed?

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Opposed.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. All right.

3 The next item up is the Moratorium Law Lifting
4 Resolution.

5 *WHEREAS, on April 20th, 2023, the Board adopted*
6 *Local Law 1 of 2023, providing for a 6-month*
7 *moratorium of development in the WC Waterfront*
8 *Commercial District, CR Retail Commercial District*
9 *and CG General Commercial District, and*

10 *WHEREAS, Local Law 1 of 2023 was filed with the*
11 *New York Secretary of State on May 3rd, 2023, and is*
12 *set to expire on November 2nd, 2023, and*

13 *WHEREAS, the Village has adopted Local Law 3 of*
14 *2023 providing for changes to the Zoning Code, and*

15 *WHEREAS, upon the adoption of Local Law 3 of*
16 *2023, the Board finds that Local Law 3 of 2023*
17 *provides, in part, for the future orderly development*
18 *of property and controlled growth in the waterfront*
19 *areas of the Village.*

20 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board*
21 *hereby terminates the moratorium provided in*
22 *Local Law 1 of 2023, effective as of the date of the*
23 *confirmed filing and receipt of Local Law 3 of 2023*
24 *with the Secretary of State.*

25 Would anybody from the Board like to speak

1 on this?

2 (No Response)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. I will make a motion for
4 approval. May I have a second?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

12 The motion passes unanimously.

13 Next up, we have the Entertainment Permit Fee
14 and Fee Waiver Resolution. This is for the
15 entertainment permit, so that it doesn't go into
16 effect until the busy season of next year, and
17 allowing everybody time to get in the permits for it.

18 *WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has adopted a*
19 *law requiring that entertainment permits be obtained*
20 *as a precondition of the hosting of an entertainment*
21 *and/or catered event for the properties located in*
22 *the CR Retail Commercial District, CG General*
23 *Commercial District and the WC Waterfront Commercial*
24 *District (Village Code 150-51), and*

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1 WHEREAS, the law provides for the procedure for
2 obtaining such permit including the submission of an
3 application and application fee.

4 WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the permit
5 process is new and wants to assure that all
6 businesses who require an entertainment permit have
7 time to apply for such permit and do not have to pay
8 a fee for their initial entertainment permit.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board
10 of Trustees hereby sets a fee for an entertainment
11 permit at \$250, which covers the 2-year permit, and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village defers
13 the enforcement of the entertainment permit requirement
14 until May 1st, 2024 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board
16 determines that the fee for any entertainment permit
17 applicant who applies for a 2-year entertainment
18 permit no later than December 31st, 2023 will not be
19 required to pay the full fee, but will rather -- will
20 pay only \$125 for the permit, and such payment may be
21 made at the time of the application or at any time
22 before the commencement of the second year of the
23 initial permit.

24 I make a motion for approval. May I have a
25 second?

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody from the Board have
3 anything they'd like to say on it?

4 (No Response)

5 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

11 The motion passes. With that, I would like to
12 open up the *Public Hearing in regards to the*
13 *application for 103 Front Street Greenport LLC, d/b/a*
14 *Aldo's Coffee Company, 103-105 Front Street,*
15 *Greenport.* May I have a second, please?

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

23 All right. With that, may we have the
24 applicant come up to the podium, please? If you
25 could state your name and address for the record,

1 please.

2 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Toranosuke Matsuoka,
3 50 Pine Crest Lane, Sag Harbor, New York.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. If you could tell us
5 about what the existing operation is today, that I
6 think everybody is very familiar with, and what the
7 plans are for the potential expansion of the use, and
8 the request that you've brought in front of the
9 Village for us to look at the request to serve
10 alcohol, as per State Liquor License Authority.

11 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, I
12 imagine most people in here probably know about
13 Aldo's than I do.

14 (Laughter)

15 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: But in speaking with
16 Aldo, when he was interested in retiring, he said
17 that he had a vision to do a wine bar there, and the
18 property has been licensed for many years. It's
19 currently still licensed, not under -- not under us.
20 But the idea of having a wine bar there I think would
21 be a nice addition, and that's the idea.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And what -- what hours of
23 operation are you planning, and what would the menu
24 be for it? And do you -- what type of days of the
25 week, and when do you anticipate starting this?

1 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah. Well, the Liquor
2 Authority is significantly delayed, so I think we
3 would be lucky to get a license in six months, or at
4 least that's what they've told us.

5 The idea for hours would be from 5 to 10.
6 Five is when the shop currently closes. And the idea
7 being there that many people have mentioned that
8 they'd like to have coffee after 5 in Greenport, but
9 that's not possible. This would also allow us to be
10 able to provide coffee services later into the
11 evening.

12 The aesthetic or layout of the property
13 wouldn't change. The menu would be limited to a wine
14 bar with beer. We're actually talking to Greenport
15 Distillery about doing a -- an espresso stout, which
16 we'd love to also have there.

17 The menu would be charcuterie, cheese boards,
18 small bites, things like that. The appeal is really
19 to provide an elegant, relaxed offering for pre and
20 post dinner guests, you know, something to do before
21 dinner, you know, to have a -- have a drink before
22 dinner, have a glass of wine after dinner, or an
23 espresso martini, which seems to be very popular
24 nowadays.

25 (Laughter)

1 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: No, no music, no dancing.
2 I mean, it's pretty, pretty simple. I think Aldo's
3 original vision was really for his friends to hang
4 out and have, you know, a -- something to drink, so
5 we really like that idea and want to keep it going.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Questions from the Board?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So you have no intention of
8 applying for an entertainment permit at any point?

9 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: No.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No music?

11 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: No.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And would it just
14 be a wine and beer license, not for --

15 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: The idea is probably to
16 have martinis and wine. We'd have beer, probably,
17 but, yeah, it's not -- it was originally licensed, so
18 we thought we might as well keep it going. You know,
19 the space is pretty small. We just kind of have a
20 romantic idea about, you know, a wine bar in
21 Greenport.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think the idea of
23 something where someone can walk in after hours,
24 after 5 o'clock to just get a cup of coffee.

25 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah.

1 (Laughter)

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: From someone who used to
3 have to travel to Inlet Seafood in -- back in the
4 '90s, and rolled up the street at 5 o'clock --

5 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- you couldn't get a cup of
7 coffee. I understand it's a little bit different,
8 but I like the idea of having conversation. I think
9 some of us miss Frank from D'Latte's, who used to
10 have that kind of -- kind of idea or kind of
11 clientele, even though he did serve gelato along with
12 it. I think Aldo did at one time, too, if I remember
13 correctly.

14 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: He might, he might do it
15 again.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

17 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: I'm trying to convince him.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I think that's --

19 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: But we'll see.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That is -- that's a welcome
21 type of business to the Village of Greenport. I'm
22 kind of excited about it, okay?

23 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Great.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Especially from one who
25 drinks too much coffee, okay?

1 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: I'm glad to hear that.

2 (Laughter)

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a question for Counsel
4 while the applicant is here. At the -- last time we
5 had a liquor license hearing, I had asked the
6 applicant to tell us who the partners were in the
7 LLC, and the applicant declined to answer, said that
8 they didn't want to reveal who they were. Does this
9 Board have a right to know who the members of the
10 company are?

11 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It certainly has a right to
12 ask. I don't know whether that information could be
13 compelled to be produced. You know, that could
14 affect your determination as to whether or not
15 perhaps to issue a licence, unless you had that
16 information provided to you at your request. It's
17 something I'm happy to look into more about the
18 legalities of actually compelling a response.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. I mean, I did ask and
20 they didn't feel compelled to answer, and I didn't
21 press it, because I didn't know if we had -- if it
22 was within our authority.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, I will state, from my
24 own personal knowledge, it is required on the State
25 Liquor License application --

1 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That is correct.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to disclose every investor
3 over a certain percentage. I want to say it's like
4 5%, as I recall, having --

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That is my --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: -- having gone --

7 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's my understanding.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: -- through a number of them.

9 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know whether that is
11 public or not and can be shared with us, but I would
12 ask, suggest we ask the applicant --

13 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Well, all --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: -- if he'd like to share it.

15 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: All of us were pictured
16 in the local newspaper.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I saw that.

18 (Laughter)

19 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: There's not much to hide,
20 hide there, but --

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

22 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah. Yeah, it's myself,
23 Josh Sommer, Taylor Klemm and Scott Rose.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

25 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: My pleasure.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we don't have the actual
2 SLA application as part of our package.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: No. I think that's something
4 we should ask Counsel to take a look at whether it
5 could be included in the future.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Because I believe we have a
8 right to take a look at the actual application
9 as well.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

11 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Just for information, I
12 do this a lot. It also states in there, or it asks
13 that what the applicant tells the SLA is also telling
14 the Board that approved it. So it asks on the other
15 side, too, so you probably should see those applications.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I would think at least
17 the very top portion. The only thing that may be
18 kept confidential is there's a whole series of
19 questions asked about assets, and bank accounts, and
20 other things.

21 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Criminal history and all
22 those things.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

24 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, thanks.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: My last question, is the intent
2 that this is sort of an all-day cafe that starts at
3 8 in the morning for coffee, and then goes into the
4 evening with charcuterie, beer and wine, and espresso
5 martini, or are you planning to close between late
6 afternoon and evening service?

7 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: The idea is not to close,
8 specifically to be able to continue to provide coffee
9 services throughout the day.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

11 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You were asked about the
13 hours before and I don't know if I heard the answer.

14 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: So the plan right now is
15 to do five days, Wednesday through Sunday, 5 to 10.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Five to 10, okay. And what
17 about the morning hours?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, for those of us that --

19 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Hold it, sorry.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- knock on their closed door
21 many times.

22 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: No, it's just for the
23 alcohol sales, yeah. The idea for the wine and
24 martini bar is just 5 to 10.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

1 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: But we're currently open
2 six days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., hoping to go
3 seven days in the next week.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, great.

5 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Any other questions from
8 the Board?

9 (No Response)

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Would anybody like to make a
11 motion in support to send a letter on behalf of the
12 Village that we believe that this should be approved
13 or otherwise?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll make the motion.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Second, please.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll second it.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Any further comments from the
18 Board? No?

19 (No Response)

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Have a vote. All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

1 Motion carries. Thank you.

2 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Thank you.

3 RANDY WADE: You forgot to take public
4 comments, but that's okay.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

6 RANDY WADE: You forgot to take public
7 comments, but that's okay.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, you're absolutely
9 right.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do you want to reopen it?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, let me re -- well, we're
12 already still --

13 RANDY WADE: No, no.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: We're already still open on it,
15 we didn't close it.

16 RANDY WADE: I would have totally supported it.
17 Thank you.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody from the
19 public that would like to speak? Thank you.

20 JOHN INGRILLI: (Raised Hand).

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

22 JOHN INGRILLI: Sorry. John Ingrilli,
23 104 Third Street. The only thing I would say is I've
24 had probably five cups of coffee by 8 a.m.

25 (Laughter)

1 JOHN INGRILLI: It would -- it would be --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Is this is a public health
3 hazard to stay open late?

4 JOHN INGRILLI: It would be nice if you
5 considered opening before 8 o'clock --

6 (Laughter)

7 TORANOSUKE MATSUOKA: Oh, okay, great.

8 JOHN INGRILLI: -- is all. Thank you very much.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, John. I'll second
10 that motion to open prior to 8 a.m. Anybody else
11 from the public like to speak on this? Randy?

12 RANDY WADE: No.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: No? Okay. So then let's call
14 the vote again, please. I'll make a motion for
15 approval. Second?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

23 We will send a letter to the SLA.

24 With that, we'll make a motion to close the
25 public hearing on the Aldo's application. May I have

1 a second?

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

9 Motion carries.

10 Next up, we have a *Public Hearing to discuss*
11 *potential CDBG Community Development Block Grant*
12 *opportunities for the Village of Greenport.* May I
13 have a second?

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

21 Is there anybody from the public that would
22 like to be heard?

23 RANDY WADE: I already --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: If you don't mind stating your
25 name and --

1 RANDY WADE: Sorry.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: -- address for the record.

3 RANDY WADE: Of course.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I know it's your first time here.

5 RANDY WADE: Yeah, right.

6 (Laughter)

7 RANDY WADE: Randy Wade, Sixth Street,
8 Greenport. I already sent you things. I didn't
9 think I would be here. But the sidewalks of the
10 Commercial and Residential District are in dire need.
11 If there was one priority, because I not only fell
12 personally, and it was -- I couldn't even like be
13 seen in public for weeks, but it -- but the woman
14 across the street had a horrible fractured wrist,
15 and, you know, somebody on Front Street I took to the
16 hospital recently. It's just unbelievable.

17 And I know that Front Street is a State road
18 and they're a little bit hard to deal with.
19 Personally, I think they should give you guys some
20 money, because I think you're really good at getting
21 stuff done. But I think this should be prioritized,
22 and you should give them a little package of -- you
23 must have received so many complaints, because these
24 sidewalks -- and it's an economic problem, because
25 the Village relies on being -- we are vibrant because

1 we're a walking Village, and we're unique for that,
2 and so this facility of our sidewalks is essential.
3 And I was kind of curious if there was anything you
4 had to say about it.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Personally speaking, I believe
6 that sidewalks on Front Street, and even on Main,
7 need a significant amount of work. The Village is
8 going to be taking a look, and our Board, at
9 prioritizing what needs to be done off the potential
10 dollars, and that's a hard balance. I'm appreciative
11 hearing this from you, as a resident on Sixth Street,
12 which is one of the worst streets in the Village.

13 RANDY WADE: I actually really appreciate that
14 our sidewalks were done recently.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

16 RANDY WADE: But where they weren't by the
17 railroad, that was kind of where I fell.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, the street issues there are
19 pretty significant, as you're aware.

20 RANDY WADE: I'm sorry, the what?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: The street issues there are
22 pretty significant, as you're aware.

23 RANDY WADE: Oh, my God, does that road need to
24 be repaved, and all the trucks going to the yard,
25 yeah. But --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from the Board
2 have any comments on it?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I appreciated your email,
4 Randy, I really did. You know, I mean, I've been
5 going on about sidewalks. I've been taking pictures
6 of sidewalks for 13 years now, you know, but yeah.
7 And another source where we can get some more
8 information, the Rescue Squad is also doing a lot
9 of --

10 RANDY WADE: Oh, that's a really good idea.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- rescues of people who had
12 falls as well.

13 RANDY WADE: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, all of that kind of
15 combined information may help. I don't know who we
16 can appeal to. I don't think the CDBG grant is where
17 we're going to find the money for this.

18 RANDY WADE: Oh.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, this is -- this is a
20 very expensive proposal, I mean, doing the amount of
21 sidewalks that we have.

22 RANDY WADE: The 300,000 would be a nice match,
23 right?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, Randy, to explain the
25 CDBG grant, okay, this is part of the Suffolk County

1 Consortium that we belong to, and they apply for an
2 extremely large Community Development Grant for the
3 whole Suffolk County. And then what happens is we
4 propose applications, and then that money is divvied
5 up among all of the Consortium members who apply. So
6 most of what's been useful before is a matching grant
7 for -- I believe, we did the playground sidewalks
8 around here, where they -- where they weren't ADA
9 compliant, which is another component of the sidewalk
10 work.

11 RANDY WADE: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What you're mentioning is
13 important to the Village, it's one of the things
14 we've all been looking at, but in the grander scheme,
15 Trustee Robins is correct in that it's not a
16 significant major grant proposal.

17 RANDY WADE: Well, why did I get the impression
18 it was 300,000?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No.

20 RANDY WADE: How much?

21 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Fifty.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Fifty. I think it's
23 50,000 --

24 RANDY WADE: Oh. (Laughter)

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- is usually the maximum,

1 okay?

2 RANDY WADE: Right.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: These are for smaller projects
4 within the community --

5 RANDY WADE: Got it.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- to work on ADA compliant
7 situations, like bathrooms.

8 RANDY WADE: Okay.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We did -- what was it we
10 did? Blah, blah, blah, blah. Was it Mitchell -- not
11 Mitchell. Mitchell Park wasn't one of them, was it,
12 Paul?

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, no.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Fifth Street Beach? No?

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Fifth Street.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Fifth Street. We corrected
17 some issues on Sixth Avenue, where the children were
18 coming out from school, and the sidewalk was
19 replaced, along with fixing some of the sewer issues
20 that were there.

21 RANDY WADE: Yeah, those are nice sidewalks.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So those are the
23 type, they're smaller projects. I understand what
24 you're thinking, you're thinking big, but these are
25 smaller grants that --

1 RANDY WADE: Got it, got it, got it. Okay.
2 But while we're on the subject, like Third Street,
3 where the woman across the street fractured her
4 wrist, and it was very serious, that's a Village
5 street, and, yet, it's also the main access to the
6 ferry. And I don't know why they should not be
7 contributing towards, you know, funding, helping to
8 fund a safe access.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: We're currently in discussions
10 with the ferry company about funding towards the big
11 work that's going to be done, and some of the
12 ancillary work that needs done on the street leading
13 up to it.

14 RANDY WADE: So maybe Third Street could be
15 added to that.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Potentially.

17 RANDY WADE: Okay, great.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, as I was saying
19 earlier, there's a lot of different things that we
20 need to look at priority, priorities for. Some of it
21 might come through this. Some might come through the
22 County in other ways, or potentially the State.

23 RANDY WADE: Okay, great.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: And so, you know, we're trying.

25 RANDY WADE: Yeah, you're doing a great job,

1 really great job, and happy to help in any way.

2 Thank you.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a question. Could we
5 have used the CDBG funds for like this accessibility
6 upgrade here?

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I tried to do it, but the
8 Fire Department didn't want to wait.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay? Because they felt
11 that because of other regulatory agencies, that they
12 come in here for the Fire Department, they decided to
13 go ahead and do that funding that way. I have been
14 asked by them to see if I can work with Paul and Adam
15 on some other things here for the Firehouse that I
16 discussed with the Chiefs, and I think it was up at
17 the Wardens meeting a couple of times. So that --
18 you know, because I -- I've been involved with the
19 Suffolk County Consortium. Paul -- well, I got us in
20 the Suffolk County Consortium when it came up, so --
21 because it was a funding opportunity. We got the
22 playground equipment for Fifth Street Beach, which is
23 also going to be -- there's young children who are
24 disabled.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, and they got

1 the --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They are able to get on
3 that. I want to -- I believe we have a -- we were
4 approved for a grant down here, or we need to reapply
5 for this one for Third Street. That was one of the
6 ones --

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The next -- the next --
8 and, Adam, correct me if I'm wrong. The two that
9 we're currently approved for -- excuse me -- are
10 handicapped ramps by Second -- First and Second --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- by the library.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And then Adams Street.
15 Those are the next two.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, two.

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So this, this hearing is
18 for whatever we want to do next.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. Well, that's --
20 yeah, so we're going to revisit the playground
21 equipment here, for this one again.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We do have a handicapped
23 accessible section by the old -- the other side
24 probably could be -- could be replaced at this point.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's -- plus, I want to

1 finish -- I'm sorry. I want to finish the sidewalk
2 going this way.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So is it all about
4 accessibility, or are there other things that could
5 be --

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: There -- we were -- we
7 were discussing this inhouse today. They're for
8 CDBG. There are -- there's a fairly extensive list
9 of types of projects. Primarily, the ones that would
10 apply here end up being a handicapped accessibility.
11 That's usually what happens, because a lot of them
12 have to do with food pantries, senior housing, those
13 kinds of things.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So I think you're --
15 you know, since we're asking the public for input on
16 this, I think it would be instructive if we could
17 educate the public a little about what the parameters
18 are. So could we put that like on the website or
19 something --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So that people --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Definitely.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- at least got an idea,
25 because we're looking for people to make suggestions.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a good idea.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And when -- when does the
3 window for this close?

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the resolution has to
5 be passed tonight, because we have to have the public
6 hearing before -- what was the deadline date, Paul
7 and Adam, for the resolution?

8 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: For the 2024
9 monies --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

11 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: -- it's December 1st.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: December 1st. So we have
13 to -- we have to have projects put together by
14 December 1st, if I remember correctly, right?

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That -- I believe that
16 that's correct.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, that's correct.

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Which -- and it requires
19 us to have some -- not firm estimates, but at least
20 an idea of cost. You know, some grants require, you
21 know, fully, you know, shovel-ready plans, this is
22 not that level of that.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not that level.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We would need to get
25 some idea of what the cost would be for the projects.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So there's a bit of
2 work to do. So working back from December 1st, when
3 do we -- are we stopping public comment today on
4 this? Is that --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have to have -- we have a
6 deadline for the public hearing.

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, I don't know that
8 the reso -- I don't think there's a resolution
9 tonight. I think the resolution would be next month,
10 if I'm correct.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't --

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Or maybe next week,
13 actually. I don't -- I don't know.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, Lily, was -- she was
15 out here yesterday, wasn't she?

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Rosemarie, she was here
18 today?

19 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Well, we had to
20 post it publicly.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We had to post --

22 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: And we had 30 days
23 from the day we published -- from the day we posted
24 it to accept the --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, at the very least, we
2 could certainly keep it open until next week. We can
3 get this posted, and if anybody has any further
4 comments, we could take it then, correct?

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I believe that is correct.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: So, why, why -- well, first
9 off, are there any other comments from the public
10 this evening? Yes. If you could state your name and
11 address for the record, please.

12 HARRY LEWIS: Harry Lewis, Main Street,
13 Greenport. I just had a question. What can we ask
14 the public to do to help you with the sidewalk
15 situation? Are we supposed to photograph it and
16 email it to you, or are we -- I mean, how can we
17 help?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I would say, if you want to put
19 a list together of where you think the priorities are.

20 HARRY LEWIS: Uh-huh.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: And I know you are everywhere.

22 (Laughter)

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Maybe you could work on a list
24 from worst to --

25 HARRY LEWIS: Yeah.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: -- least worst of, you know,
2 whatever that number is, the ones --

3 HARRY LEWIS: Right.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that you think need
5 particular attention.

6 HARRY LEWIS: I was just wondering, because a
7 lot of us would love to help and we don't know how.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

9 HARRY LEWIS: So I figured sure.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that would be wonderful
11 if you'd do that, Harry.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor, yeah, the sidewalk
13 situation is something that I definitely want to be
14 dealing with as part of my committee that I'm --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Right, yeah.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- trying to pull together
17 again. I've already looked into some areas that we
18 can discuss. But, you know, your help, Harry, would
19 be it great.

20 HARRY LEWIS: Sure.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And anybody else, you know,
22 that has any ideas, because it really -- I mean,
23 sidewalks are like transportation here in this
24 Village, I mean, that's a major mode of
25 transportation.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, but let's connect with
2 Harry for your next meeting --

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and he can join you at the
5 Schoolhouse, possibly --

6 HARRY LEWIS: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- if it's on a day you're not
8 working.

9 HARRY LEWIS: I'll make time.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We'll work it out.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right, Harry? We'll work it out.

13 HARRY LEWIS: And you'll carry me up the stairs
14 on your back?

15 (Laughter)

16 MAYOR STUESSI: No, there's a ramp in the back.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's a ramp in the back,
18 Harry. There's a ramp in the back of the building.

19 (Laughter)

20 MAYOR STUESSI: But she's pretty strong. She
21 might, she might.

22 HARRY LEWIS: She is strong.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't do that anymore. I
24 used to do a lot with shingles and everything else,
25 but --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Was there something else you
2 wanted to say, Randy?

3 RANDY WADE: Yes. Sorry. Randy Wade again.
4 There was a machine they used in the City that was a
5 grinder. And I noticed that some of the little
6 patches done on the sidewalk in front of the Blue
7 Duck, it was like a little bit of concrete, but it
8 was still like super --

9 HARRY LEWIS: Wobbly.

10 RANDY WADE: Trippy, yeah. And so I would
11 highly recommend the Village looking into buying one
12 of those grinders. Do you know what they -- what
13 they might cost?

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We have one.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have one.

16 RANDY WADE: Why, why have they not been used?

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The one we have only
18 goes for a certain -- a very short distance. We're
19 looking into purchasing one that goes a little bit
20 wider.

21 RANDY WADE: Beautiful. That would be very
22 helpful for -- until it could be permanently done.
23 Thanks.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from the public
25 like to speak on this today?

1 (No Response)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. With that, I'll
3 make a -- well, actually, it was -- do we need to
4 make a motion to leave it open? Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'll make a motion to leave
8 it open until -- what is next Thursday, anybody know
9 offhand?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The 25th?

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The 26th.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: 26th.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: 26th. To October, Thursday,
14 October 26th. May I have a second, please?

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

22 Motion carries. We have one resolution this
23 evening. And I will apologize to the hunters out
24 there, that this took a little bit longer to deal
25 with because of the new railroad in Moore's Woods,

1 which is historically hunting territory. So the
2 Village Administrator has confirmed the potential --
3 the impact of the railroad into that area, and a
4 certain section has been closed off to hunting.

5 So, with that, there is a *Resolution authorizing*
6 *the Village of Greenport to conduct a lottery for*
7 *four (4) deer hunting permits, by bow and arrow only,*
8 *as per New York State hunting regulations, in the*
9 *western portion of Moore's Woods, beginning*
10 *November 16th, 2023.*

11 If anybody from the Board has any comments or
12 questions, please ask. And I know Paul has been
13 dealing with this intimately and he can answer them.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a couple of questions.
15 Is this something we do historically, grant these
16 permits?

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Every year.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. And when does it end?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: January 31st?

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or do we do December 31st?

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, January, January 31st.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: January, but that's when the
25 hunting season starts.

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's contiguous with the
2 DEC permit process.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: So is there a reason we
5 wouldn't put the closure date on this now, or do we
6 then have to have a separate motion later on?

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We haven't historically.
8 You can't hunt beyond that date anyway.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Because the permit itself
10 says --

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, yeah.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The permit they have,
14 not our permit, but the DEC permit that they have.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: DEC permit.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, right.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're just winning a
18 lottery. The lot -- we're doing the lottery,
19 correct?

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: To allow hunting in
21 our -- on our property.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To allow them to be on
23 the premises, to -- similar to what the farmers deal
24 with the deer, deer thing there.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Is there usually a

1 sign up?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, there's --

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We post many signs
4 throughout, throughout -- along the perimeter of the
5 woods. We'll add -- we'll be adding this year along
6 the fence, because we've removed the area within the
7 Mini Railroad from that. That's why there used to be
8 five, now there's four, because the area that the
9 Mini Railroad is in was one of the areas, approximately.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Are we going to put signage
11 way into the back that goes along Queen Street there?

12 CLERK HALL: I believe so.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I believe we do. I
14 think we put them the entire perimeter of the --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, because I did have
16 mentions -- someone did mention to me that the signs
17 disappeared rather quickly. Once they went up, they
18 got torn down. So, you know, I know, but, you know.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

20 CLERK HALL: There'll be 50 signs ordered.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay. I just was
22 double-checking.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other questions from the
24 Board?

25 (No Response)

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. I make a motion for
2 approval. May I have a second?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

10 Motion carries. With that, I'll turn it over
11 to Mary Bess for the Fire Department report in the
12 Chief's absence.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The Board of Wardens met
14 last night. The Festival of Lights Parade is
15 December 2nd, starting at 5 p.m.

16 There is a resolution for membership for
17 William Wright to the Eagle Hose Company that needs
18 to be put on.

19 The other thing coming from the Board of
20 Wardens is that they'll be starting to prepare for
21 the Washington's Parade in February.

22 And there was some other discussion that really
23 dealt with just general questions about some
24 activities with the construction and some other
25 things that have been going on.

1 So other than that, it was -- that's pretty
2 much it, other than the boat.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Could you update the
4 Board and the public on the boat --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that they're taking a look at?

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The Fire Department is
8 looking at a boat that Southold Town has at the
9 Police Department. The Mayor and I and Fire Chief
10 No. 3, I don't know how to describe it other than
11 maybe Chief Craig Johnson, reviewed the boat, they're
12 looking into it. They would like to purchase this
13 boat to start their Marine Rescue. And I'm sure,
14 Patrick, I think you could probably describe it a
15 little bit further as to the plans as the Marine
16 Rescue, you're part of it.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure, yeah. So we're not
18 starting, we already have started. We recently
19 recreated our Marine Rescue and Fire Squad. And we
20 currently have a boat, it's an older fishing boat,
21 it's not ideal by any means. And this boat that the
22 Village is looking at with the Fire Department would
23 certainly be a significant upgrade in the short term.
24 So I hope -- you know, I hope that, you know, we can
25 investigate this further, and I hope the boat turns

1 out to be -- you know, provided it's in reasonably
2 good condition and all, it would be helpful. The
3 Marine Rescue Squad would certainly appreciate
4 having it.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think, also, to
6 just -- to update the public, the Fire Department has
7 been reaching out to extensively update their Marine
8 Rescue capability, because we are a large port, and
9 we have a lot of boat activity that's been going on
10 more than the -- it's increasing every year.

11 And they have also done training with the
12 U.S. Coast Guard on rescues, where they will be
13 mutual aid, I believe that's part of it. Not only
14 within the waters of our Village, but also along
15 Long Island Sound and other places that the Coast
16 Guard would call them into service.

17 This is something that the Coast Guard does not
18 only with Fire Departments, but including my own
19 husband could be called into, because he's a
20 Federally documented boat. If the Coast Guard
21 says, "I need you to come help rescue," we have --
22 we're required by the Jones Act to do it.

23 But I think that I've seen an excited group of
24 volunteers who believe wholly that this is an
25 important service that they need to provide from the

1 Fire Department. And, hopefully, the grant process,
2 looking for the boat that they really would like and
3 would service us well, we're just going to keep on
4 trying with that. But this would serve as an
5 improvement over what they have.

6 I have seen their boat, I have had questions
7 about it for a long time. I reviewed this boat. It
8 is a 100%, if not 150%, improvement, not only from an
9 equipment point of view, but for a safety point of
10 view for the occupants that are going to be operating
11 the boat, to be honest with you.

12 So, wholeheartedly, I'm hoping the Mayor can
13 call the Supervisor tomorrow and start talking about
14 us trying to acquire it.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Does the Fire Department have
16 the full evaluation report?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just got some information
18 from Chief Johnson that I have to send to you, so,
19 okay.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. The moment I have that,
21 I'll be glad to make a follow-up phone call to the
22 Chief and the Supervisor.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He just texted me, but
24 I'm --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not something --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's a small text. My eyes
4 are getting tired.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I can barely read this.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes. I know my eyes are
7 getting tired.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a 16-point font, so.

9 (Laughter)

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Anything else from the
11 Fire Department?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, that's pretty much it.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I just have one quick question,
14 Mary Bess. Is this a competitive bidding process?
15 Are there other companies that are bidding on this
16 boat, or is it --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: It's been up for auction and
18 I'm advised it hadn't been selling.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It hadn't been, because --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: So it's clearly not worth as
21 much as they were asking.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, okay.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And they're excited. There
24 is some excitement on their end to have us negotiate
25 something, so I understand.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, they'd love to see it kept
2 in the community.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's great. Well, the
5 Marine Rescue Squad and the Fire Department
6 appreciates both of your work on this rescue boat.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you very much.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: And then just in relation to
9 the larger boat that I know everybody wants to try
10 and get for the Squad, I did have a conversation with
11 an individual at the State, who is still working on
12 it, in elected office, together with Governor Hochul's
13 Office, and we're hopeful to have some additional
14 news here soon.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Great.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: But, you know, whether it works
17 this year or not, hopefully, it would be on the
18 agenda for next year's time, so.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Fantastic.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Pallas.

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
22 So I have just a few items, two of which are ongoing.

23 The microgrid project, I had sent out to the
24 Board, we were awarded an extension of time for -- I
25 apologize -- an extension of time for the project

1 through September of 2024, recognizing that the only
2 one we have left, really, is the UL approval of the
3 batteries portion of the -- of the microgrid
4 component. It seems like a long time, but they only
5 do it in one-year increments, so we don't anticipate
6 that it's going to take a year to get this. We're
7 actively working on it with the contractor to get
8 that, so --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, whoa, before you go,
10 okay?

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're speaking about the
13 generator back here?

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, no, the batteries,
15 the battery back there.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The battery back there.

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's just the battery
20 component of the system.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Because -- okay.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Both here and at the
23 wastewater plant.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right. Maybe
25 tomorrow you and I could talk about the generator

1 portion that keeps kicking off an alarm. Are you
2 aware of it?

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, no one let me know,
4 it's --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So I picked up on it
6 yesterday, because I have big ears, so --

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I'll reach out to the
8 Fire Department in the morning and --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The Chief, if you reach out --

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- to Wayde.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yep, I will.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay? And he can explain to
14 you a lot better. I understand that, yeah, he'll be
15 able to explain it to you more.

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure, yeah. No, that's
17 clearly a warranty matter --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- at this stage, so
20 absolutely.

21 (Car Alarm Sounded)

22 So along with the -- with that, Subrecipient
23 Agreement time extension, we need to extend the
24 contract with Haugland Energy Group for the contract
25 we have with them. This would be the second or third

1 time we've done that, so it's going to repeat the
2 resolution that was done in the past to extend that
3 project -- that contract, rather.

4 Next item is the ferry queue project status.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is that --

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, it's a homeowner's
7 vehicle.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Homeowner's vehicle?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The ferry queue project
10 status, we have received a -- information from the
11 State that I had sent out to you all. It appears,
12 and I use that word cautiously, that we have received
13 the funding for the construction phase. We need to
14 pass a resolution for that purpose. It's approximately
15 \$2.5 million for that, for the -- well, it's for the
16 overall project, but I forget how much it was
17 specifically for the construction, with a deadline to
18 complete the project for December 31st of 2026.

19 We're still not at the bidding stage yet, we're
20 extraordinarily close. We -- I hope to have that
21 resolved in the next two weeks. Some of it's going
22 to depend on the MTA responding to, Mayor, our
23 construction license agreement. That's the only
24 thing as far as I know that is open, so we're
25 actively working on that. Any questions?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: (Shook Head No).

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Okay. The next item,
3 the NYPA -- I really didn't write this properly on
4 the agenda. It's not a capacity agreement, it's a
5 power energy agreement. It's done every three years.
6 We are -- most of our needs come through a contract
7 with hydropower for the Power Authority. Anything
8 over and above the hydropower that we need to serve
9 our customers or its market-based energy, we could
10 manage ourselves, but we can just -- it's a very,
11 very cumbersome process.

12 We've contracted with the Power Authority to
13 manage that process for us. So they buy the energy
14 on our behalf and put it into the overall package
15 that we get from them. That also keeps us in the
16 status of what's known as a full requirements
17 customer, meaning all of our power energy needs comes
18 from the Power Authority. That's basically what --
19 it's really the way -- before the New York
20 Independent System Operator was put in place many
21 years ago, that's how it was anyway, we always bought
22 everything through them. This is just a different
23 way of doing it. We've had this contract in place
24 for a number of years. This is just a regular --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Paul, maybe --

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: For the TCC funding that we
3 did, is this tied to it?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, this is a completely
5 separate product from the --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So if you can explain.
7 Yeah, you need to explain TCC, because some people --

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's separate, and we
9 just made a payment. We just made our payment for
10 this year for that. It's a -- we collect funds
11 through our rates for TCC, which stands for
12 Transmission Congestion Contract. As part of the
13 deregulated wholesale market, there are -- if you're
14 in an area that is what they say congested,
15 transmission lines are congested, meaning the energy
16 can't get through the lines, you have to buy it from
17 somewhere else locally, and that's what a transmission
18 congestion contract does. It's basically a hedge
19 against spikes in those, in those prices for local,
20 locally purchased energy, and that's a separate
21 contract altogether.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And that's -- that
24 contract isn't with the Power Authority. That
25 contract is actually with the New York Independent

1 System Operator.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right, okay.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Paul, is it safe to say that
4 the -- aside from the TCC, the agreement that you're
5 talking about is the most cost effective way for us
6 to buy power?

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's the -- it's
8 either -- it's either they buy it from the market on
9 our behalf, or we buy it from the market. It's --
10 there are -- and buying, it's -- it is a market.
11 They call it a market, but you really just nominate
12 how much energy you need and it's automatic,
13 whatever -- you get the next lowest cost energy on an
14 ongoing hourly basis. Every hour the price can
15 change, so there's no real other way. The only --
16 the only way to do it is to contract with a supplier,
17 and on Long Island there aren't any, so there is
18 really no other place to go, except the market.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The last thing I have is
21 just a request to go out to bid for Baymen's Dock
22 rebuild. It's for the floating docks there. They
23 are -- the entire -- all of them need to be replaced.
24 We had a -- we got two or three quotes. It's over
25 the formal bidding threshold, so we have to go out

1 for formal bid for this process. So there'll be a
2 resolution next week to seek that authorization.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Paul, there seems to -- I
4 took a look at the Baymen's Dock. It looks like one
5 of the finger piers is missing entirely. Is -- will
6 the specs for the new bid -- it's not symmetrical,
7 there's like more fingers on one side than the other.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think that's the way
9 it's always been --

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- as far as I know. I
12 don't think there's any missing, that I'm aware of.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Some are missing.

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: But I'll check, I'll
15 check. I will have them double-check that for me.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: But if it is, then yeah,
18 the answer is yes. If it is, in fact, missing, we'll
19 be replacing it.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's possible it's too
21 shallow over there and then that's why --

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think that's the
23 issue, yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: And I will say, as I recall
25 like, too, early in the administration that they may

1 have had an issue with boats coming out on that side.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're talking near the
4 marsh area?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that was always --

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's on the left side.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that was -- it was
9 a -- that was -- bah, bah, bah, bah, bah. It was
10 never -- it was never anything in that spot, if I
11 remember correctly. It was as they were trying to
12 get in and out, back in or back out, they were having
13 trouble.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, let's double-check it.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Check, because it may have
16 been --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Because things could be --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It may have been in the
19 plans originally, and then, when they discovered the
20 issue, it was --

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's possible.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You know what I'm saying?

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I can also check
24 historically through the Suffolk GIS to see if there
25 was ever anything there going back many years, so we

1 can double-check that as well. And that's all I have.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Brautigam.

3 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

4 I have three resolutions this month for a variety of
5 work to be completed. Inventory materials for the
6 Water Department, U.V. lights for the Sewer
7 Department, and meter supplies for the Water
8 Department as well.

9 To continue, the Utility Billing is up to date,
10 all billing is current.

11 Significant Payments, apologies, there is a
12 typo here. It should say September, not August,
13 under the significant collections, significant
14 collections.

15 Property tax collected through September, the
16 total is just over \$1.35 million.

17 Significant Payments, I made two bond payments,
18 one totaling just over \$175,000, and another totaling
19 just over \$104,000.

20 The rest of my report is attached. Please let
21 me know if you have any questions.

22 Regarding our conversation at the previous
23 Work Session, the RBC Wealth Management presentation
24 for the performance of funds, that is scheduled for
25 the November Work Session.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: November?

2 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct. And I
3 have notified the Clerk to add it to the agenda for
4 the November Work Session.

5 In addition, the auditors will be here next
6 week, so I'll be working closely with them.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Could you, or perhaps the
8 Administrator, tell me more about the marina
9 electrical upgrade under Significant Payments? The
10 33,000, what was that for?

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, that actually,
12 that actually predated me. It was actually finishing
13 when I arrived here. That was the new 480 volt
14 pedestals that went out on the pier. We had
15 significantly increased our ability to bring in the
16 larger mega yachts, essentially, the 480 volt system
17 that goes out there.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So this is a bond payment?

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That funded, the bond
21 funded that project, yes.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other questions from
24 anyone?

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: (Shook Head No).

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Ms. Candace.

2 CLERK HALL: Okay. Let's see. I have three
3 pending resolutions here. Effective October 16th,
4 2023, Andrea Malinowski transferred to the Clerk's
5 Office from the Recreation Department. Her new title
6 is Office Assistant.

7 The Village, as mentioned by Trustee Phillips,
8 the Village of Greenport Festival of Lights will be
9 held on September -- I'm sorry, Saturday,
10 December 2nd, 2023.

11 Southold grant paperwork, grant paperwork from
12 Southold Town for the ARPA funds for Greenport Fire
13 Department have been received.

14 Let's see. Moving on to contracts that were
15 signed in the month of October, Invoice Cloud, which
16 is our bill-pay system. Penflex Actuarial Services,
17 LLC was another contract that was executed in the
18 month of October.

19 And then I have just a few announcements here.
20 So Village Hall will be closed on November 23rd and
21 24th of 2023.

22 The November Regular Session will be held on
23 Monday, November 27th, as opposed to the fourth
24 Thursday of the month, due to the holiday.

25 Effective immediately, there will be limited

1 print copies of meeting agendas and related documents
2 available at Village meetings. QR codes will be
3 available here at our meetings with the agendas
4 linked there, for those who are able to follow along
5 on their mobile device.

6 Next, the Clerk's Office welcomed the
7 representative from the New York State Archives.
8 Twenty-one boxes were hauled away to Albany State
9 Archives Office for destruction free of charge, which
10 is a wonderful service that they offer.

11 A second visit has been scheduled for November,
12 with the potential for 100 boxes to be destroyed,
13 again, free of charge. The representative provided
14 the Village with a report outlining the topics
15 discussed during the visit and recommendations for
16 records retention best practices.

17 This was a really great meeting where the Mayor
18 actually was part of a bit of it. Trustee Phillips
19 was a part of the meeting. It was -- it was very
20 insightful. This was a great meeting. I'm looking
21 forward to their next visit and --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, and the great part about
23 it is they could work with us on potentially getting
24 a grant --

25 CLERK HALL: Yes.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to help with --

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Good.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- not just proper records
4 retention, but scanning --

5 CLERK HALL: Exactly.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and doing much more.

7 CLERK HALL: So our first step in the grant,
8 the grant process will begin in December -- I'm
9 sorry, January of 2024. So we're hoping to get a
10 grant for organizing and purging our records. And
11 then once we are organized and get through purging
12 what we need to get rid of, honoring the really
13 amazing historical records that are also kept in
14 Village Hall, they we will be ready to scan. And, at
15 that point, it is possible that we may do a shared
16 services grant with Southold Town, who is eager to
17 work with us. So that kind of wraps up the State
18 archives visit.

19 And then, as mentioned, the Deer Lottery
20 Program, applications for the lottery will be
21 available at Village Hall in the Clerk's Office and
22 on the Village website. Lottery applications will be
23 accepted until Monday, November 13th, and the
24 anticipated start date is November 16th, 2023. We
25 are hoping to have the applications on the Village

1 website and available by Monday.

2 And then, finally, upcoming events and things
3 happening in the Village. The Halloween celebration,
4 including a parade, the BID trick or treating, free
5 Carousel rides, and the Trunk or Treat on Moore's
6 Lane, will be held on October 28th, and the rain date
7 is the 29th.

8 And then, finally, the annual hydrant testing
9 will happen on October 29th, between 9 a.m. and noon.

10 Does anybody have any questions for me?

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have a question, Candace.

12 CLERK HALL: Sure.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So I like your idea about the
14 agendas on the QR code right now, but one of the
15 problems we have here in Village Hall, and I know at
16 the Schoolhouse, is that we don't have our WiFi
17 password posted for people and they won't be able to
18 go online with their phones. So I think we should
19 work on getting that --

20 CLERK HALL: Okay.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- in a visible location here
22 and in the Schoolhouse as well.

23 CLERK HALL: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thanks for thinking --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, you can do a similar sign

1 like you had done with the QR. Actually, you could
2 put it at the bottom of the --

3 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that sign.

5 CLERK HALL: I will do that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have two questions --

8 CLERK HALL: Sure.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- as far as the -- under the
10 contract signed, the Penflex Actuarial Services, that
11 has to do with our LOSAP Program for the Fire Department.
12 There was a discussion about having them come in and
13 do some kind of presentation?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the RBC.

15 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's RBC.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the investment.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Different, not to --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. The LOSAP has two
19 components, okay? You're familiar with the point
20 system --

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- that is maintained by the
23 Fire Department, where we -- we receive the monthly
24 report that we have here. They prepare the detail
25 and the data. RBC is our investment, which we as a

1 Village Board are responsible to oversee, which is
2 why I asked that they come to do a presentation. We
3 haven't had them out doing a presentation or checked
4 anything with them for quite a while, okay?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you for
6 clarifying that.

7 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So --

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So how about RBC, is there
9 any, any movement on that, any --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what he just said, is
11 they're going to be here at the November Work Session.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: The November Work Session.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I also at the Wardens
17 meeting last night and I told them that I had
18 requested it, that we would give them the date,
19 because I feel that some of the younger Fire
20 Department members who have -- who have signed up for
21 LOSAP and are dealing with the points should
22 understand the other side of it, that there's an
23 investment component that is just as important to
24 understand as the point system.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Does the Fire Department have

1 anything that they hand out to new recruits
2 explaining this?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's something I'm working
4 with the Chiefs to update, because I'm working on
5 that to update it.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I discovered some issues,
8 and the Chiefs and I have been working on it.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I would like to know
12 more about it.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: If I -- if I may.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Trustee Brennan, just to
16 be a little clearer, Penflex, it is my understanding
17 that Penflex hires -- we hire Penflex and Penflex
18 hired RBC as the investment agent for -- if I'm --

19 DEPUTY TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, great.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Penflex has also been
22 purchased by another company, which is the reason
23 that -- which is the reason why I want RBC out here,
24 okay? So that's -- Penflex has been purchased by
25 another company, so -- which I recently discovered in

1 discussing things with the Fire Chiefs, all three of
2 them, and their secretary.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have one more question for
4 the Clerk. I'm glad to hear that the archive work
5 has begun. How does the -- how is it determined that
6 those 20 boxes, the next 100 boxes are suitable for
7 destruction?

8 CLERK HALL: So we have a retention schedule,
9 the New York State Archives provides a retention
10 schedule. So the boxes that left were cash payment
11 receipts. I think there were a few other
12 miscellaneous documents, as I'm drawing a blank for,
13 but the large majority of the boxes were cash
14 payments. So those are required to be kept for six
15 years. We did 7, just because of the span of time
16 within a year. So those, based on the retention
17 schedule, were able to dispose of them.

18 There is a record of what leaves that has to be
19 signed off by a Department Head. So as we continue
20 forward, Mr. Pallas will have to sign off on some
21 things, Adam will have to sign off on some things as
22 well. So depending on where the documents come from,
23 there's at least two approval signatures that has to
24 go on the document that we keep for what leaves the
25 building.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: What would probably be helpful
2 is this report from the State, there's a couple of
3 edits being done on it, that, together with what the
4 State-mandated retention laws, see if we can
5 circulate it at the next Work Session meeting.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Very good.

7 CLERK HALL: Yes. Also, there was
8 conversation, Mr. Pallas brought it up to me, with
9 the Housing -- with regard to the documents for the
10 Housing Department. There is a Federal level of -- a
11 Federal retention schedule that New York State
12 actually based their guidelines on, which is -- which
13 is great to hear that from them and get that
14 confirmation.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thanks for the explanation.

16 CLERK HALL: No problem.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else?

18 (No Response)

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Jared, I believe you have one
20 item, correct?

21 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's correct. Thank you,
22 Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor, I respectfully request that
23 you and the Board consider hiring Assistant Village
24 Prosecutors to -- on a per diem hourly basis, which
25 would represent a cost savings to the Village.

1 Sometimes there are occasions where you'll have a
2 Village Code violation or a parking ticket appearance
3 in Town Court. It's much more efficient to have an
4 attorney from nearby appear at a lower rate than the
5 rate that we're currently representing the Village as
6 Village Counsel, to appear and prosecute those
7 tickets on behalf of the Village.

8 I've identified two potential candidates at
9 this point for the Mayor's consideration to appoint
10 and for the Board's consideration to approve their
11 pay rate. But I think it would be, number one, a
12 good way to perhaps have some local attorneys from
13 perhaps even Greenport to prosecute on a -- on these
14 kind of claims on behalf of the Village, and also
15 local counsel, again, at a cost savings to the
16 Village.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think these are all
18 relatively minor issues. And if there's anything
19 more substantive, obviously, you guys would get it
20 all and be managing it.

21 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's absolutely correct,
22 we'd still be, you know, charged with preparing the
23 accusatory instruments. If it were a substantial
24 matter that required, you know, trial counsel, we, of
25 course, would be there. But these are, you know,

1 simple low-lying vehicular, traffic, parking and
2 Village Code violations.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Have you been successful in
4 doing this in other municipalities, where you have
5 the prosecutor come from the municipality?

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Personally, I was the
7 Assistant Village Prosecutor for the Village of
8 Rockville Centre for a time, probably when Paul was
9 there, right out of law -- I was an Assistant
10 District Attorney in the Bronx. So it's a very
11 common occurrence throughout all villages to have
12 these kinds of Assistant Village Prosecutors.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So you don't run into a
14 problem with conflicts?

15 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, not at all. I mean,
16 you screen for conflicts, and if they -- if one of
17 the -- and you could have a panel of Assistant
18 Village Prosecutors and have them appear on a
19 rotating schedule. And if they recognize a name,
20 then, of course, they would recuse and find somebody
21 else to substitute for them.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other questions from
24 anybody else?

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: (Shook Head No).

1 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm certainly in favor of it.
2 The rest of the group?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think we've done it
4 before, Julia, because the previous Village Attorney,
5 we had someone who actually went in to do the Traffic
6 Court situation.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't recall that, but, you
8 know, I would support it, I think it's a good idea.
9 Now you said you had a couple of names, but --

10 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, I do.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- a little bit more extensive
12 lift as well?

13 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I do. In fact, I --

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just in terms of conflicts of
15 interest.

16 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I can provide you with the
17 names now and with their hourly rate, if you're
18 inclined to approve, you know, authorizing this now.
19 So I'd ask that the Board of Trustees approve the
20 appointment of Jeanmarie Costello at the per diem
21 hourly rate of \$260, and Attorney Anthony Rutkowski
22 at per diem hourly rate of \$240 per hour. And those
23 were the hourly rates that they had offered as a rate
24 for their services. I have a copy of their resumés
25 handy, too.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Given that the rates vary,
2 can we just negotiate a compromise rate that any of
3 these prosecutors would work under, instead of having
4 different rates for different attorneys?

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If that's what the Board
6 would like to do. The rates that were given from
7 each of these individuals are lower than what our
8 rates are, so.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You said one was 240 and one
10 was 260?

11 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Two-hundred and 260.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Does that make any sense?
13 Should we be doing it at 250 or something, or does it
14 make no difference?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it might make a difference
16 to the person that's at 260.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

18 (Laughter)

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a question. Do you
20 need a resolution tonight, or is this something that
21 we can put onto for next week?

22 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You could put it on for
23 next week.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then if I could get the
25 resums, and then maybe we can discuss this.

1 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Perhaps if you could
2 authorizes my reaching out to them and letting them
3 know that they can appear. I think there's a court
4 appearance next week. So one or the other of them
5 can have them -- that ratified. I'll submit also,
6 along with their rate, a copy of each's resumé, so
7 that you have that, too.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is everybody comfortable
9 with that?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I'm in favor of it.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think I'm in favor of doing
13 it on a temporary basis, if you need this for next
14 week, but I think we should at least review the
15 applicants before finalizing our decision.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, they're -- I'm fine with
17 that. They're reviewing -- they've reviewed the
18 applicants. It's at the Mayor's appointment on the
19 applicant itself. I'm happy to share that.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I see.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: But we would be looking for
22 Board approval on the wage rates.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: So I think, you know, let's do
25 it on a temporary basis. I don't think you're

1 recommending this as for a long term --

2 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- unless it works out.

4 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: So --

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And it's only per -- it's
7 per diem at the Mayor's request when needed, so it
8 will recognize the savings.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Jared, I mean, you're
10 basically recommending them, and you vetted them
11 already.

12 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's correct. That's
13 correct, I talked with both of them on the phone.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We're paying you for that,
15 so --

16 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, they're working for
18 you --

19 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and you're working for the
21 Village.

22 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And they've had experience,
23 both of them, appearing before Town Court, and they
24 also have criminal law prosecutorial experience. So
25 I am -- I recommend that the Village, you know,

1 appoint them for this purpose.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't have a problem.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, let's approve it
4 temporarily tonight, it's fine with me.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. I'll make that motion to
6 approve it temporarily? I mean, until such -- I
7 don't know if it's -- do we want to say temporarily,
8 or just approve it?

9 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I think -- I think --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: If there's a problem, we can
11 make a modification.

12 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You could -- you could
13 authorize me, if -- just to satisfy Trustee Brennan,
14 and I think it's valid that you should see their
15 resumes, you could authorize me to appoint them on a
16 temporary basis until the next meeting, when you'll
17 ratify their appointment.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

19 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Does that make sense?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That does.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

22 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'll make a motion to
24 appoint them on a temporary basis until the next
25 meeting, when we would ratify the appointments for

1 the Board --

2 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And their hourly rate.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

4 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: As written.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second. Oh.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's okay. Go ahead, Patrick.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

14 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Thank you.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: We will turn it over to the
16 Trustees. Lily, do you have anything for today?

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have much,
18 but I do -- and it's not confirmed, but I did reach
19 out to the volunteers for the Camera Obscura, and,
20 hopefully, maybe if the weather holds, Sunday we'll
21 have it open. But I don't --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Wonderful.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have times
24 that it's open for. But that's really all I have at
25 this time.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we kind of just
3 finished --

4 (Laughter)

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- finished my major point.
6 I attended the Wardens meeting.

7 The Halloween Parade, of course, I get to dress
8 up as the head witch, so, you know, I get to ride my
9 broom a little bit further, as my husband and son
10 would say sometimes.

11 I know the Code Committee will be presenting to
12 the Board at the next Work Session, once we've
13 discussed our final decision, wording on some of the
14 additional code changes coming up.

15 We at the Code Committee have created a list of
16 where we're going to start moving forward, along with
17 the Mayor's input on some things as to what was
18 priority.

19 Other than that, I'm looking forward to getting
20 back to walking around the Village and talking to
21 some more people about code changes, and having
22 coffee at Aldo's, I guess.

23 (Laughter)

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's pretty much it for
25 me. Thank you.

1 HARRY LEWIS: At 5 o'clock (Indicating Thumbs Up).

2 (Laughter)

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Harry, I'll meet you there.

4 HARRY LEWIS: (Indicating Thumbs Up).

5 (Laughter)

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I was just -- a couple of
8 notes, mainly items for discussion, future
9 discussion.

10 One of the things that I'm going to be bringing
11 to the Board is the idea of looking into angled
12 parking on Front Street, and doing some research on
13 it. And there are studies done that not only is it a
14 safer way to park, it can be used as a traffic-calming
15 thing, and it probably would increase the amount of
16 parking spaces that would be available.

17 My committee is going to be discussing the
18 possibility of making Front Street one way heading
19 west, which would make an option to do diagonal
20 parking on the south side of Front Street. So I'm
21 going to be bringing more information to the Board
22 next month on that. I've started that research.
23 Again, I'm going to be talking about sidewalks and
24 grants that are available.

25 And another area of concern to me, this was

1 personal, I was mentioning to Kevin yesterday, is
2 that how can we control the use of electric scooters
3 and bikes, and the dangers that they present to
4 pedestrians, because I think that they are going to
5 be a problem.

6 My brother-in-law, who was in New York City the
7 other day, and actually he was crossing the street
8 with three other people, and they were all hit by an
9 electric bike, believe it or not; knocked to the
10 pavement and the driver of the bike just took off.
11 So, you know, I know we're not New York City, but I
12 think that we need to figure out a way, maybe in
13 discussion with the Town, if there should be some
14 kind of regulation about where these bikes should be,
15 and something we could at least do to control them.

16 That's it for me. Thank you.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Real quick. I sent out -- on
19 the Waterfront Advisory and Planning Committee, I
20 sent out a message to the committee heads to -- a
21 reminder to continue to make reports to Trustee
22 Dougherty-Johnson. It's important that each of the
23 subcommittees share with her what we're working on,
24 so that the Communications Committee will have some
25 content and things that they can get out to the

1 public, and it's just a reminder.

2 I know everyone's very busy actually doing
3 their work, and I've certainly missed a few reports.
4 And like I said in my email, I am -- I'm committed to
5 trying to sharpen my pencil on that. Trustee Lily,
6 did you have any specific requests?

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I appreciate that.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No, no specific
10 requests. I mean, really, it could be any -- because
11 I know you sent out like a template for a report, but
12 if that's not doable for people, it could be any
13 information. Any information is better than none.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, great. Just a quick
15 update on the Harbor Management and Infrastructure
16 Committee. We continue to meet on Tuesday's at
17 5 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse. And we had to skip a
18 couple of meetings because there were conflicts with
19 the committee members, but we met yesterday, or two
20 days ago. And I was very pleased to have Mary Bess,
21 and her husband Mark, and her son Nate come in to
22 share their perspective on the harbor and Stirling
23 Basin, and I thought it was a very good conversation.
24 I hope you felt some satisfaction.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I hope that -- I hope you

1 were able to glean from the conversation that was
2 going in three different directions from three
3 different, three different visions within the
4 Phillips Family. But Stirling, as I said, Stirling
5 Harbor, the creek opening is an important component.
6 As I described to you, Stirling Harbor is its own
7 economic engine in there, and I think it's important
8 that -- people don't really realize how many
9 businesses are within Stirling Basin.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So I think that's an
12 important component.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I did get that. So the --
14 maintaining the channel, particular at the mouth is
15 high priority, so thank you.

16 And then the last thing I had, it's not really
17 in the report, it's a question, and maybe this is for
18 future discussion, I don't want to put the
19 Administrator on the spot, but I did want to talk
20 about what the Village policy is on building permits
21 and approvals for municipal facilities, because we
22 had an issue come up with the Firehouse, where it
23 seems like some work may have been done without a
24 permit. I wasn't even aware that the Village was
25 requiring building permits on their own buildings.

1 And maybe you could speak to this a little bit.

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. It's not putting
3 me on the spot. We actually did a little research on
4 this with Attorney Stolar, and it does turn out that
5 we are required to get permits for construction.
6 What the Village is permitted to do is to not to --
7 not absolve, it's the wrong word, but to not adhere
8 to zoning by resolution for a particular project, but
9 not -- not for building permits at State level code
10 that is required. So we will in the future have a
11 review to make -- to see if a permit is required, and
12 if so, we will get one.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So --

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's all internal anyway,
15 but it -- you know, it -- but yes.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You're administering the
17 permit to yourself in this case.

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. I -- yeah, I
19 sign the permit, ask Alex to look at it and give it
20 back to me.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But this has not been the
22 policy prior?

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The only -- this is the
24 first project I think that I've been directly involved
25 in that needed one.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So yeah.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You are correct.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. So it -- and it's
5 usually small. It is mostly small projects. Large
6 projects would be handled differently. But this,
7 yeah, we will in the future get permits.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So like the reroofing work
9 didn't require a permit on the building?

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. It was just
11 shingles. If you don't -- you're not replacing
12 sheathing complete, then you don't need it.

13 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Repair.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. We did get into
15 sheathing repairs on those buildings.

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Repair, but it was --

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: There was a change, there was
18 a change order for structural sheathing.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, but it depends,
20 if you're not removing all of the sheathing. It's if
21 you're repairing pieces, and that's what this --
22 those projects were, was repairs to --

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes. Well, I think it
24 certainly makes sense, that, of course, we're going
25 to follow the State Law on the permits. But as a

1 policy, I guess I would suggest that if the Village
2 is changing its policy, we should be mindful not to
3 implement policy on a project that is underway, or if
4 we do it, we do it in a way where it's not too
5 disruptive, because it did cause a little bit of
6 anguish or something.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll take full responsibility
8 for it. The moment I was made aware that a project
9 was going on, and we determined very quickly in
10 talking to Counsel, together with the Village
11 Administrator, that we needed a permit. So I had a
12 duty as Mayor to make certain that a permit was put
13 in place, so we did that.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. Well, I --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think my concern, and
16 since I was at the Wardens meeting last night and
17 kind of bore the brunt of quite a lot of questions, I
18 think that I agree with you, that there's a policy
19 that needs to be put in place. But I do believe that
20 there needs to be a system where the Building
21 Department either becomes the -- the Building
22 Inspector becomes involved and with the Village
23 Administrator in a communication way, where it's
24 clear what needs to be done before the project
25 starts.

1 I believe that in this particular instance --
2 and I thank the Mayor for solving it, because that's
3 how it got solved. I think that that's something
4 that needs to be worked out with internally.

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know if it's -- I mean,
7 generally, I don't know if this is anymore
8 complicated. There's no policy, it's State Law that
9 we have to have a building permit, so --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I'm not -- I'm not
11 disputing that, but I'm just --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: The Village will adhere to
13 State Law from then forward on any municipal building
14 that they work on, it's really that simple.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The change, if I may,
16 Mr. Mayor, is just literally me alerting the Building
17 Inspector upon outset of the project is the --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- is the entirety of
20 what needs to happen.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Once that happens,
23 everything will fall into place properly.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: If we're asking the community
25 to get a building permit to do something to their

1 house, we should be held to exactly the same
2 standard. That is the law, so we will do so.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, no argument there,
4 absolutely.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There is no argument.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's absolutely the right
7 thing to do and --

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It wasn't --

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- the Department needs to
10 follow the law, and there's safety issues here.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not arguing with that.
13 What I'm -- in addition to the kind of internal thing
14 that has to happen between the Administrator and the
15 Building Department, I guess there are cases where,
16 like in this building, where the Fire Department and
17 the Village -- it's a Village building, the Fire
18 Department is using it, and you may have a -- what I
19 would say like a layperson is spearheading a project.
20 They need to be brought up to speed or informed that
21 this could require a permit, because it might change
22 the planning of the project or the timing. And so I
23 guess it's --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's a communication thing.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Communication policy,

1 education issue.

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, so the -- for this
3 building in particular, this would be the only
4 building, the only facility we have where things
5 would be done outside of not necessarily crossing my
6 desk, if they're doing volunteers, which is what was
7 happening in this case. So I will have a
8 conversation with the Chiefs just to alert them to
9 advise me of -- in advance of any projects, and get
10 some details, and then we'll bring the Building
11 Inspector in at that point.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So I'm not sure it's
13 only this building. I mean --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it would be any fire
15 building.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Or the Carousel. Like the
17 Carousel had a project that was spearheaded by
18 Friends of Mitchell Park and, you know, we ran into a
19 little bit of --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: No, that was a -- that was a
21 Village issue, the last administration. The Friends
22 didn't manage the project.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: If they funded --

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I misspoke.

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Trustee Brennan, just to
2 be clear, there's a difference between a funding and
3 execution. So this project here was -- both was
4 funded and executed within the Fire Department.
5 Anything that happens at any other building would
6 have to, by necessity, come across my desk at some
7 point, usually at the beginning.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That would include things
9 like the Mini Railroad?

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, no, the Mini Railroad was
13 not us, that was the Rotary, correct?

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. But we --
15 ultimately, we will own the building, but that did
16 have a building permit.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but the building permit
18 was issued to the Rotary.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Rotary.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: And the Village will not be
25 taking possession of it until Paul --

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're not a -- they're not
2 a district.

3 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, no. I was asking
4 whether there's any kind of lease or any -- what the
5 relationship between the Fire Department and the
6 Village who owns -- Paul was explaining to me.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So to be clear, and correct me
8 if I'm wrong, Paul, in the agreement, and Jared and
9 Brian probably have not read the agreement since it
10 was signed under the last administration, my
11 understanding of the agreement, to my reading of it,
12 is the Rotary owns the entire responsibility of
13 building everything there, and then they hand it over
14 to the Village fully complete.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: So the Village, when we -- we
17 will need to make certain that every box is checked
18 and it is fully complete --

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- before we accept the
21 ownership of --

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- all the infrastructure over
24 there.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Question. Mary Bess, were you
2 on the Board when the Fire Department, when the
3 addition was put on the side here?

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, you mean the --

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The building.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I wasn't.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The building.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I was not on the Board
9 then. I mean, I know about the drama that went along
10 with it.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, okay. Something like
12 that certainly would have had to be eligible for a
13 building permit. Whether it happened or not, we
14 weren't on the Board, so.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That, I mean, I can't
16 answer, because that -- to be honest with you, that
17 whole situation, if I remember correctly, turned into
18 lawsuits, because the contractor went bankrupt.
19 There was other issues, I believe, that certain
20 documentation wasn't taken care of. So that was --
21 you know, that's -- that's the past, and we need to
22 let that one rest.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And I know this is a total
24 no-brainer, but, of course, fees are waived on any
25 building permits that the Village gives --

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- itself, correct?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Would anybody from the public
6 like to speak?

7 (No Response)

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Fisher, is your sign in for
9 the historic designation? Thank you. I'm sorry to
10 put you on the spot.

11 DON FISHER: No, no.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm looking forward to helping
13 you dig a hole for it.

14 (Laughter)

15 DON FISHER: There you go, we're going to do
16 that. First off, thank you for getting that letter
17 of acceptance and support in a timely manner. I was
18 able to get our Museum of Long Island letter of
19 intent up to the Pomeroy Foundation. It was accepted
20 before the end of the day, and within a day or two I
21 had the whole application up there.

22 Applications are being taken by the Pomeroy
23 Foundation through Saturday, November 11th. After
24 that, all of the applications throughout the state
25 will be reviewed by their granting team, and we

1 should hear some time in December or the first part
2 of 2024 that it's been accepted for the grant of the
3 transportation sign and marker to be put up on Fourth
4 Street. So that's moving along very smoothly.
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Fantastic. And would -- if I'm
7 again putting you on the spot, it was great to go get
8 the train loaded on the tracks. Where is -- where
9 are -- I want to say the Rotary, but I know you're
10 the one sort of leading the effort to get it up and
11 running for that.

12 DON FISHER: No problem. We've completed
13 everything on the train that needs to be done prior
14 to an inspection. We've got two things left. We
15 have to have an operable horn. And I understand from
16 Frank's mechanic, Tony Cassone, that they
17 disconnected the horns, so that should be a fairly
18 simple fix.

19 As we reassembled the trains over in
20 Moore's Wood, we found that two of the undercarriage
21 vacuum lines, they're copper lines, had been crushed
22 at some time over at the Peconic County Miniature
23 Railroad. So I'm assembling a group of guys to come
24 down with me from the Railroad Museum. We literally
25 have to take the cars off the tracks and roll them

1 over and make repairs underneath there. It sounds a
2 lot worse than it is, but it is time consuming.

3 So I told Richard that if we can get this done
4 and have the inspection from the State Labor
5 Department before Halloween, he may be able to have
6 the students ride on it, as he wishes. But I told
7 him, you know, time and getting people together, I
8 mean, physically, we're going to have to roll these
9 things over. It's not an easy process. I said, "I'm
10 not making any promises for you." So he told me
11 yesterday that he was on a 10-week vacation -- a
12 10-day vacation, I'm sorry, and that he'd see me back
13 on the 29th, so I've got two weeks to work on it.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.

15 DON FISHER: That's where we're at, but we're
16 down to two issues, make the horn blow and straighten
17 out this, this break line.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Battery issue resolved?

19 DON FISHER: Batteries, we -- actually, half
20 the breaks are working.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

22 DON FISHER: And Monday, Columbus Day, we
23 actually ran it around for about half an hour,
24 45 minutes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, great.

1 DON FISHER: You know, loop after loop after
2 loop. Tony was getting used to getting back in the
3 saddle with it, and each progressive turn he did
4 better and better and he really got the feel for it.
5 It is -- I can tell you from experience, it's the
6 sort of ride where you're controlling it and it's by
7 the seat of your pants, and Tony's very good at it.
8 He drove that train for many, many years over at
9 Frank's property, and it was like -- I said, "Well,
10 it's like falling off a bike, you get back on it."
11 Yeah. He said, "It's been a long time since I've run
12 this," but he felt really good, and he was very -- he
13 was very, very pleased, as I have been, with the
14 track work that was put in. Very smooth, you get a
15 really nice ride, and I'm looking forward to you all
16 having a good time with it.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Good. These two will
18 appreciate it, since both of you have been in
19 construction, really, as well. When the team was
20 arriving with the trains, and the Electric
21 Department, of course, had them stored over at the
22 electric plant, put them all on the trucks and
23 brought them over. I was able to go meet Don and the
24 team with it to, you know, help, and photograph, and
25 get there. And the construction team had installed

1 the fence around the tracks literally that morning,
2 hours before we arrived.

3 (Laughter)

4 MAYOR STUESSI: And they had to lift it all
5 above the tracks and then lower it down. It was fun.

6 DON FISHER: Yeah, we -- that was -- that
7 wasn't a problem, I just have to say.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: It all worked out.

9 DON FISHER: Yeah, really, we -- fortunately --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Which is one of those things
11 you always run into with construction, where, you
12 know, one trade gets a hold ahead of another and --

13 DON FISHER: I didn't see it as a problem.
14 Fortunately, Paul's foreman there, Doug Jacobs, did a
15 great job with the crane.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that was all done safe.

17 DON FISHER: We put those trains right in, and
18 you and Colin were there to help us get them on the
19 tracks. And what I will do is -- we actually
20 videotaped the one turn-around on the track, so I
21 will email to you the link.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, great.

23 DON FISHER: You guys can --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I'll share it with the
25 Board.

1 DON FISHER: -- can look at it and see, and
2 it's a fantastic ride.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, exciting.

4 DON FISHER: And people are going to enjoy
5 getting back into it.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you again for all your
7 help on it.

8 DON FISHER: My pleasure.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody from the -- anybody
10 else from the public have anything to say? No?

11 (No Response)

12 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, I will make a motion
13 to close the meeting. May I have a second?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

21 Meeting is adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

22 (The Meeting was Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.)

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3 STATE OF NEW YORK)

4) SS:

5 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

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7 I, LUCIA BRAATEN, a Court Reporter and Notary
8 Public for and within the State of New York, do
9 hereby certify:

10 THAT, the above and foregoing contains a true
11 and correct transcription of the proceedings taken on
12 October 19, 2023, to the best of my ability.

13 I further certify that I am not related to any
14 of the parties to this action by blood or marriage,
15 and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of
16 this matter.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
18 this 1st day of November, 2023.

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