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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR SESSION  
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Station One Firehouse  
Third and South Streets  
Greenport, New York 11944  
March 28, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

- B E F O R E:  
KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR  
MARY BESS PHILLIPS - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE  
PATRICK BRENNAN - TRUSTEE  
LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE  
JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE  
  
BRIAN STOLAR - VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
CANDACE HALL - VILLAGE CLERK

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

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll make a motion to open the  
3 Thursday, February 28th regularly scheduled meeting  
4 of the Mayor and Board of Trustees. May I have a  
5 second?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

13 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 (Pledge of Allegiance)

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Please continue standing for a  
16 moment of silence for the departed in the Village of  
17 Greenport. Ryan Thomas Farrand, Mary Gajek,  
18 Richard Lesser, Dorothy Faucon, Elvis Abad.

19 (Moment of Silence)

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated. Good  
21 evening, everybody. Thank you for being here. We  
22 have a few announcements this evening.

23 Village Hall will be closing at 12 o'clock  
24 tomorrow, Friday, March 29th, in observance of Good  
25 Friday.

1           The water machine at the power plant was  
2 temporarily out of service. Our fantastic Village  
3 Electrical Crew was able to disassemble one of the  
4 machines and make the other one work again. But for  
5 anybody that does utilize it, we do have two brand  
6 new machines, which are on order and are supposed to  
7 be shipping out next week, which the Village Board  
8 funded last month.

9           Village brush pickup begins on April 9th of  
10 this -- next week. A bi-weekly schedule has been  
11 posted to the Village of Greenport website.

12           I would encourage anybody who is able to, to  
13 please put leaves and grass clippings in recyclable  
14 brown paper bags. It helps out the Village Crew, and  
15 it also helps keep those products out of our  
16 wastewater drains, which are causing us some issues.

17           The Village of Greenport Budget Public Hearing  
18 meeting will be held on 6 p.m., April 11th, at the  
19 Red Schoolhouse.

20           And the Business Improvement District's annual  
21 Egg Roll, in cosponsorship with the Village, will be  
22 held this coming Saturday, March 30th, from 10 a.m.  
23 to noon. Friends of Mitchell Park is sponsoring free  
24 Carousel rides for children for two hours after the  
25 event.





1 30 days we're able to vote on it, correct?

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: If you close the hearing --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

4 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- you have 60 days to take  
5 action.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, 60 days.

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Not 30 days? Okay. So with  
9 that, I'd like to make a motion to close that public  
10 hearing. Do I have a second from the Board?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second

12 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

18 The next item up is a *Public Hearing to discuss*  
19 *and possibly take action amending and restating*  
20 *Chapter 88, entitled "Noise" in the Greenport Village*  
21 *Code. Public Hearing also remains open from March 21st,*  
22 *2024 Work Session.*

23 Is there anybody from the public that would  
24 like to speak in regards to the Noise Code?

25 RANDY WADE: Randy Wade, Sixth Street,

1 Greenport. There was just some talk last time about  
2 the burden of expense, and I wanted to put this study  
3 in the records that shows that for the economics of  
4 switching from gas to battery-powered with a mid-range  
5 property size and run time would be 9.7 months, and  
6 then for a larger property, it's 10.5 for the  
7 break-even -- even point, because of all the extra  
8 costs that are involved also in gas-powered leaf  
9 blowers. So I'm not sure who to get it into the  
10 minutes. Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from the  
12 public that would like to speak in regards to the  
13 proposed Noise Code?

14 MS. CORWIN: Marilyn White Corwin, Fifth Avenue,  
15 Greenport. The Noise Code would be to -- it would --  
16 are we putting a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers in  
17 the Noise Code? So is that how the Noise Code is  
18 going to be -- so, in other words, are we banning  
19 gas-powered leaf blowers?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: The newly proposed Noise Code  
21 does include a phased-in ban this year on gas-powered  
22 leaf blowers, correct.

23 MS. CORWIN: Okay. But you can use battery  
24 operated?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

1 MS. CORWIN: And if they're as loud as the  
2 gas-powered, is this going to be a problem? I  
3 mean --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: The Noise Code still applies on  
5 decibels.

6 MS. CORWIN: So with the Noise Code, so if we,  
7 if we have, you know, like bans and different things,  
8 you know, noise things, then each individual instance  
9 is addressed at the time. So if there's an excess of  
10 noise, you know, that -- you know, that the code --  
11 that comes up in the code, that would be addressed at  
12 the, at the moment, or when it happens, or whatever,  
13 correct? I mean, like with music or loud whatever,  
14 parties or whatever, that would be an individual  
15 thing, right? We're not banning those things. So  
16 the only thing we're going to ban with the Noise Code  
17 are leaf blowers?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: So music, by example, is banned  
19 after a certain time at night in the outdoor.

20 MS. CORWIN: Right.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: There's a number of things in  
22 the code that are there.

23 MS. CORWIN: Then would that kind of be the  
24 same thing with the leaf blowers? I mean, if -- how  
25 do we pick and choose what we're actually taking away

1 from the residents? That's, that's what I don't  
2 understand. So I just want to understand this, that  
3 it's a, it's a noise ordinance, but within that noise  
4 ordinance you're actually banning certain things?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: There are different things that  
6 aren't allowed at certain times of the day in different  
7 places

8 MS. CORWIN: Okay, so certain times of the day.  
9 So that means with the, with the, with the gas-powered  
10 leaf blowers certain times of the day that residents  
11 would be allowed to use them?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: No. Gas-powered leaf blowers  
13 have been proposed to be eliminated.

14 MS. CORWIN: To be banned.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

16 MS. CORWIN: Under the noise ordinance.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

18 MS. CORWIN: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Did you have anything you  
20 wanted to say in regards to that --

21 MS. CORWIN: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to the Board?

23 MS. CORWIN: Yeah, I disagree with it. And I  
24 hope that, that the members of the Board that are  
25 voting for this ban, I hope they're thinking long and

1 hard on this, because I think it's going to open up a  
2 can of worms. And I just also hope that this isn't  
3 just, you know, a way to, well, thank the people.  
4 You know, I hope it's -- we're not fulfilling, we're  
5 not fulfilling election promises. All right?  
6 That's all.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I think somebody else had their  
8 hand up to speak. Yes, please.

9 MS. GULLEY: Hillary Gulley, 451 Sixth Street.  
10 Believe it or not, I have more things to say on top  
11 of the two emails I sent you guys yesterday. I'm  
12 going to read them off of this lithium battery-powered  
13 device that I hope does not explode in my hand while  
14 I read.

15 It -- I came across this great article, it's  
16 "The Upside of Recessions". And it turns out they've  
17 done this study where the worse the economy gets, the  
18 longer we live. And we might think that that would  
19 be because we're not working as much, so we get to  
20 relax and all of this stuff. But it turns out that  
21 when the economy is bad, we're in a recession, people  
22 don't commute as much, and when people don't commute  
23 as much pollution is down. And the longer lifespan  
24 has been linked directly to the lack of production --  
25 pollution produced by cars.

1           Now people have cited stats that the use of a  
2 leaf blower for however many minutes is like driving  
3 from like Denver to L.A. I think that's just worth  
4 considering and I wanted to add it to the conversation.  
5 And that is all. Thanks.

6           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Yes, sir, please.

7           MR. VAZQUEZ: I represent W Vazquez Landscaping,  
8 439 Fifth Street. And I am kind of late to this  
9 meeting, but I do have a few questions. Like when  
10 you say banning the leaf blowers, this is just for  
11 commercial purposes, or this goes with the homeowners  
12 as well?

13          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's for both.

14          MR. VAZQUEZ: Both, okay. And just leaf  
15 blowers or the weed whackers as well?

16          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, just leaf blowers.

17          MR. VAZQUEZ: Or mowers?

18          MAYOR STUESSI: Just leaf blowers --

19          MR. VAZQUEZ: Okay.

20          MAYOR STUESSI: -- is the only thing, as  
21 Mary Bess said in the language.

22          MR. VAZQUEZ: Thank you.

23          MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome. Is there  
24 anybody else from the public that would like to speak  
25 in regards to Noise Code?

1 MR. BARRETT: John Barrett, 633 First Street.  
2 Just a couple of quick comments. You know, I walk  
3 around the Village a lot, talk to a lot of people.  
4 It seems to me that in my informal polls, that usual  
5 response when I ask about this issue is, "I don't care."  
6 Okay. So say a majority of the Village doesn't care,  
7 there's obviously people who care a lot, it seems to  
8 me all we're doing is disadvantaging some hardworking,  
9 local, predominantly Latino people who have been here  
10 for a while, built up their businesses, and they are  
11 supporting the local economy. That's all that we're  
12 doing. Twenty minutes on my lot, 20 minutes next  
13 door, I don't care, but -- so when I say I don't  
14 care, I'm against it.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Is there anybody  
16 else who would like to speak?

17 KEN LUDACER: (Raised Hand).

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, sir.

19 MR. LUDACER: Ken Ludacer, Sixth Street. And  
20 I'll try to make this as quick as possible.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: You have two minutes.

22 MR. LUDACER: Okay.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

24 MR. LUDACER: Starting now. Let's put aside  
25 the fact that gas-powered leaf blowers are a significant

1 producer of greenhouse gas emissions. Let's take  
2 that off the table and focus exclusively on the  
3 negative impact of gas-powered leaf blowers within  
4 Greenport Village.

5 Now what we do know for sure by way of confirmed  
6 data is that air and noise pollution from gas-powered  
7 leaf blowers pose multiple health, health risks,  
8 including high blood pressure, cardiovascular  
9 disease, heart attacks, respiratory illness and  
10 hypertension, and that the high intensity noise from  
11 gas-powered leaf blowers produces a particularly --  
12 is particularly harmful to the developing ears of  
13 infants. Now it seems to me for any Board Member  
14 claiming to have the best interest of Greenport  
15 residents in mind when they vote, this can't be  
16 ignored. A Board Member can't pretend it's not  
17 there. It has to be addressed and considered when  
18 voting whether or not to ban gas-powered leaf blowers.

19 Now do we know how many residents, children or  
20 adults have been -- have already suffered or are  
21 likely to suffer some degree of hearing loss, high  
22 blood pressure, etcetera, from the use of gas-powered  
23 leaf blowers? No. Those dots are difficult to  
24 connect, but the fact is those dots are there. There  
25 is a proven link between the use of gas-powered leaf



1 blowers and hearing loss, high blood pressure,  
2 cardiovascular disease and heart attacks. So the  
3 question is what counter-argument posed so far  
4 carries the necessary weight, is so compelling that a  
5 Board Member can in good conscience vote against a  
6 ban on gas-powered leaf blowers? Is it the argument  
7 that chainsaws make a lot of noise, too? That  
8 roasting coffee beans can also be a health hazard?  
9 That Greenport allows sandwich boards on the  
10 sidewalk, and that's an inconvenience, too? And I'm  
11 not making that last one up.

12 Argumentatively speaking, there's not much meat  
13 on the bone with any of these points. Or maybe it's  
14 just a matter of how many people step up and say,  
15 "I'm against a ban, it's stupid, there are more  
16 important issues." Does that carry the day and give  
17 a Board Member enough cover to vote against a ban and  
18 leave residents at increased risk?

19 Landscapers might lose money, they might.  
20 There's no evidence of that, and, in fact, the only  
21 evidence out there suggests they'll save money. It's  
22 unknown. So the question now is, is that unknown  
23 enough for a Board Member to reasonably vote against  
24 the ban to prioritize the landscapers' unknown  
25 economic loss or gain over the multitude of known

1 health risks that these machines pose to Greenport  
2 residents? And if so, what do Board Members who vote  
3 against the ban say to residents now suffering or  
4 will come to suffer from respiratory or cardiovascular  
5 issues? What do they say to the parents of kids who  
6 now suffer or will come to suffer from hearing loss  
7 or elevated lead levels? One thing they can't say is  
8 that gas-powered leaf blowers had nothing to do with  
9 it. This can't -- they can't say that, because the  
10 cause-and-effect link has been established and  
11 they're aware of it.

12 All a Board Member can honestly say is that  
13 after weighing the evidence, they felt it was more  
14 important to safeguard the landscapers from a  
15 potential increase in operating costs, that that was  
16 more important than safeguarding Village residents  
17 from all the known and documented health risks posed  
18 by the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers. But  
19 once they say that, another thing they can't say is  
20 that their vote against the ban was in the best  
21 interest for the Greenport community. Thank you.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

23 (Applause)

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else who would  
25 like to speak?

1 JOHN SALADINO: (Raise Hand).

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, please.

3 JOHN SALADINO: John Saladino, and I also live  
4 on Sixth Street. I went to a parochial school and I  
5 never saw guilt generated like that in my life.

6 (Laughter and Applause)

7 JOHN SALADINO: I kind of dispute a lot of what  
8 was just said. We don't know the facts in the, in  
9 the stat --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Statistics.

11 JOHN SALADINO: In the numbers that are being  
12 quoted. How far away do you have to be? How loud  
13 does it have to be? At what decibel level? Is the  
14 kid operating the leaf blower?

15 We're worried about -- is this about noise or  
16 is this about environmental, because I have an answer  
17 to both. Like somebody said before, and the Mayor  
18 kind of ducked the question, yeah, a lot of things, a  
19 lot of things in the code are prohibited at certain  
20 times of the day. And the original draft of this  
21 Noise Code, leaf blowers were prohibited at certain  
22 times of the day and certain days of the week, but  
23 that wasn't enough for some people. Ban them  
24 altogether, throw the baby out with the bath water.

25 Some things were said here about there's a

1 growing trend that a lot of people are doing this. I  
2 was curious about that, so I Googled -- and I'm sure  
3 there's a lot of phones in the audience, they can  
4 Google this themselves. I Googled how many cities  
5 towns and villages in the United States have banned  
6 leaf blowers. The number is 100. And I says, well,  
7 that may or may not be a lot, I'm not sure. So I  
8 Googled how many village, towns and cities are in the  
9 United States, and there's 19,475. So out of  
10 19,000 -- and one state, California banned the leaf --  
11 so 49 chose not to and one state did. So out of  
12 19,100 villages, I did the math with a computer, with  
13 a calculator, and it's .0005%. I don't even know how  
14 to say that number in real life.

15 I said, well, maybe the air pollution is bad  
16 here. I always thought the air in Greenport was  
17 good. The Mayor quoted Washington D.C., working very  
18 well in Washington D.C. The air quality in  
19 Washington D.C. is -- anything under 100 is  
20 considered acceptable and good. The air quality in  
21 Washington D.C. was 59, average. In Greenport, the  
22 air quality on average for the last three years was  
23 29. So I'm not seeing the big, the big health hazard  
24 here by air-quality-wise of using these things.

25 Will contractors lose money? No, because

1 they're going to pass it on to the, to the, to the  
2 customer, they're not going to lose money. There's  
3 an upfront cost, but I'm sure there's a few  
4 contractors in here, they could tell you better than  
5 me, they're not going to absorb that, I'm going to  
6 absorb it, we're going to absorb it.

7 Plus, I don't know how many -- there's 950  
8 properties in Greenport. I don't know how many are  
9 serviced by contractors, 25%, 30%, 40%. That means  
10 the rest of those properties are serviced by  
11 homeowners. You're saying, you're saying that every  
12 one of these homeowners now have to get rid of, if  
13 they have a gas leaf -- I don't, people know that --  
14 get rid of their gasoline powered leaf blower and buy  
15 a battery-operated leaf blower, an electric leaf  
16 blower.

17 So to say it's -- well, it's the Village  
18 against the contractors, no it's not. You're  
19 mandating -- and you never did that with any other  
20 business. This new code that was drafted, and I know  
21 a little bit about it, nowhere did somebody mandate,  
22 except for a fee for a permit, or this or that, that  
23 you retool and buy new equipment to do your business.  
24 It's kind of unfair, it's kind of unfair to the  
25 population of Greenport.

1           You guys are here to represent everybody.  
2           Again, I can't tell how many people are sitting here,  
3           70 people. I don't know how many are for or how many  
4           are against, but you shouldn't legislate -- you  
5           should legislate with your heads instead of your  
6           hearts. You shouldn't legislate because 12 whiny  
7           guys like me show up and say, "Well, you shouldn't  
8           ban it," and 12 whiny guys on the other side show up  
9           and say, "Well, yeah, you should ban it." That's not  
10          how these things works.

11           There's 2200 people in Greenport, 950 property  
12          owners, there's maybe 70 people in here. That  
13          shouldn't be how you guys worked. You know, like I  
14          said last week, put it on the ballot. There's a  
15          ballot in March. There's a ballot in March, put it  
16          on the ballot. You know why I hear pushback, why  
17          some elected officials don't want it on the ballot?  
18          Because they know it will pass, they know it will  
19          pass. Two -- 500 people vote, 251 say, "Yeah, ban  
20          it," then you ban it, 251 says no, then you don't.  
21          It's easy. Isn't that kind of how democracy works?

22           We heard a lot of stuff. I don't want to get  
23          into any old stuff. We heard a lot of stuff, people  
24          deserve consideration. You shouldn't because some  
25          people have a perceived fear of having a heart attack

1 or asthma. Again, the data might be there that this  
2 causes it, but we don't know the entire story. Do  
3 you have to operate it to be at risk? Do you have to  
4 be 100 feet away, 200 feet away? Can I sit in my  
5 backyard and the guy's doing Claudio's, am I at risk  
6 then? Use your heads. Thanks, guys, thanks for  
7 listening.

8 (Applause)

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Do you have  
10 something new?

11 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah.

12 MS. KREHLING: As new as that was.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Just ask you to keep it to two  
14 minutes, please. Thank you.

15 MR. TAYLOR: I'll be as long as that guy.

16 (Laughter)

17 MR. TAYLOR: I don't -- James Taylor,  
18 Sixth Street. I'm really tired of coming up here and  
19 saying the same thing over and over again, so I  
20 won't. But just in response to some of the people  
21 who have spoken, this really has nothing to do with  
22 people fearing heart attacks, or worried about  
23 getting asthma, although, you know, those are very  
24 valid concerns. And we've all repeated the facts and  
25 the dangers about this stuff ad nauseam, and all

1 those facts are there, and they're irrefutable,  
2 undeniable, and are the same facts that are causing  
3 many communities around the country to do something  
4 about it and ban these machines.

5 And you're right, if there's only 100, that's a  
6 tiny percentage of the towns in the country, but  
7 let's see what that number is in 10 years or 20 years.  
8 You know, I'm sure in 1965 nobody thought they'd ever  
9 be driving an electric car, but 50 years from now I'm  
10 sure we all will be, if we're still here. So that's  
11 just the way the world is going, whether we like it  
12 or not.

13 There's no question anymore about whether  
14 gas-powered leaf blowers represent the future of  
15 landscaping, they don't. That's an inevitability  
16 that is already happening elsewhere, and that is the  
17 way the world is turning, frankly. And there's  
18 nothing anyone can do about it, because that's just  
19 what's happening, because it's based on technology  
20 and the way things are happening.

21 Every other industry has altered its machinery,  
22 altered its technology, everything. Think about  
23 everything that you use every single day. How does  
24 it compare to what you used as a child, or,  
25 you know, 30 years ago? It's completely different,



1 everything has changed, and this is just one of the  
2 things that's going to change.

3 So I think it's really just an argument. So,  
4 at this point, it's like there's nothing else I can  
5 say about it, you know, it's just something that --  
6 it's just, it's just the way it is. I don't believe  
7 any landscaper ever went into business thinking that  
8 they would never have to update or upgrade their  
9 equipment. That's just insane as well, because why  
10 wouldn't you? And, you know, why would you want to  
11 cling to something that isn't working for you or  
12 working for anyone else?

13 And, you know, some people have compared --  
14 you know, the lady who spoke before, talking about,  
15 you know, this being part of the Noise Code.  
16 You know, I think that's a valid question, because,  
17 you know, we're talking about noise, but a lot of the  
18 concerns about leaf blowers is regarding the dangers  
19 between pollution, and health, and so on, and, you  
20 know, wildlife, the environment, everything. But the  
21 noise from a leaf blower doesn't begin, you know, and  
22 is incomparable to the noise of say live music down  
23 the street, or, you know, coffee being roasted, or  
24 barking dogs, as someone mentioned last week.

25 You know, I think some people may just -- I

1 don't know, maybe you just don't get it, but like  
2 this is my daily reality. I'm just going to -- this  
3 is what it's like for me, okay?

4 (Mr. Taylor Played Recording of Leaf Blower)

5 MR. TAYLOR: Hours every day.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hours?

7 MR. TAYLOR: Hours.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. If I could ask you  
9 to wrap up, please.

10 MR. TAYLOR: Maybe we should conduct the  
11 meeting with this going. Would you like, I mean --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Sir.

13 MR. TAYLOR: I'm just thinking --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

15 MR. TAYLOR: -- because I have to work through  
16 that every single day. I'm working for a living, I'm  
17 trying to, you know, survive like everyone else.  
18 That's it.

19 MS. FINNE: Tina Finne, 120 Center Street,  
20 Greenport. We're all trying to survive here,  
21 including the contractors. We've been surviving here  
22 for years. And I understand noise. I've lived in  
23 the neighborhood where I've had to deal with drugs.  
24 I mean, maybe it's the tale of different neighborhoods,  
25 because I can't worry about a leaf blower in my

1 neighborhood. It's gotten better, but, I mean, yeah,  
2 we had a girl that was chopped with a machete, then  
3 strangled to death. I've dealt with drugs, I've  
4 dealt with a lot of things. To think that the  
5 biggest problem I have in my neighborhood is leaf  
6 blowers is ludicrous.

7 And I've like -- I got to calm down. Talk  
8 about high blood pressure. Because the reality of  
9 living in Greenport, I've heard last week, it was,  
10 "Oh, I lived in Greenport when you didn't have to  
11 dust." Baloney. I've lived here my entire life.  
12 And you know what, I've raised five kids, I've helped  
13 other people raise children. Nobody's gone deaf from  
14 a leaf blower yet.

15 And, I mean, we can argue points, we can argue  
16 facts, we can put numbers down. You've got numbers,  
17 I've got numbers, everybody's got numbers. But you  
18 know what, we have to learn to live here together,  
19 and it's a lot of you and me. And you know what,  
20 last week coming here, it's like -- it was like this  
21 was a done deal and we should sit down and shut up,  
22 is how I felt we were treated, not necessarily by the  
23 Board. But, you know, we can all agree to disagree.

24 I think this should go out to a vote, but,  
25 you know, I -- I've lived in this Village my entire

1 life, and I've struggled, and we have struggled  
2 financially, we have struggled with our children, we  
3 have struggled to maintain our home. We've done all  
4 those things, and I do my yard myself. But each  
5 time, like last week, when -- you know, this is about  
6 noise, but, yet, we were told to keep to noise, but,  
7 yet, we get up and we talk about health. It's either  
8 noise or it's health. But either way, I think people  
9 should be given the chance to vote about it.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

11 MS. FINNE: Thank you.

12 (Applause)

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else who would  
14 like to speak on this subject?

15 (No Response)

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody from the Board?  
17 Somebody want to make a motion on the Noise Code?

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I just ask a  
19 question about reading letters into the minutes,  
20 because people have asked me.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We -- they're included in the  
22 minutes of the meeting. We've, you know, received a  
23 lot of them on this over the last many weeks, or,  
24 frankly, many months as part of it.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is it ever the practice to

1 read the -- to acknowledge that a letter was received  
2 by a certain person, even if you don't read the  
3 content of the letter? Should we be doing that at  
4 the meeting?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I simply could do that if we  
6 establish some sort of cut-off time for it. I know  
7 were all getting copied when Candace sends them out.  
8 You know, it's difficult to collate them all, unless  
9 we get them like the day before, but that would be  
10 easy to do. I think we should -- we can talk about  
11 that at our next work session.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I think some people  
13 probably feel like --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- maybe their letter is not  
16 in the record and they have some anxiety about that.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think they have the  
18 anxiety that we're not listening to them.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that's part of it.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But there are times that we  
23 have just acknowledged the letter, you know, that we  
24 have received a letter from or an email from the  
25 Village, we've done that over the years.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So why don't we, why  
2 don't we talk about that at our Work Session?

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just have one questions,  
4 as I -- and I wanted to ask a couple of the people  
5 who are against gas leaf blowers. But my understanding  
6 in looking at decibel levels and the mile per hour  
7 that comes out of the tubing for both the electric  
8 and for the gas, that they both kick up the same  
9 amount of dust and dirt, so -- and that they do make  
10 noise. So I'm really having a hard time understanding  
11 when we get into some of the discussion of the dust  
12 being around. It's the same, it's the same with an  
13 electric leaf blower or gas leaf blower.

14           I don't use either one, so maybe, Patrick, you  
15 might have an idea, or maybe, Julia, you, or someone  
16 that's worked in construction that deal with leaf  
17 blowers, because I can't see what the difference with  
18 the noise between the two. They both make noise.

19           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, it's a fine line,  
20 you know, in terms of what decibel level, you know,  
21 you would measure. And like John was saying, it  
22 really depends on distance and how close you are to  
23 the source of the sound and everything else. I  
24 believe that the sound from an electric leaf blower  
25 is a higher pitched sound than the -- a more vibration

1 type noise that comes from a gas leaf blower, but I'm  
2 not -- you know, I'm not talking about, you know,  
3 apples and oranges here. You know, I have an opinion  
4 on this, and I'll say it now, or I can it when we do  
5 the vote, one or the other, when I make my comment.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, I'll just respond to  
7 your question. So setting aside the noise difference  
8 between electric and gas, I think the health issues  
9 that would arise from particulate matter being spread  
10 around are not that different between the two devices,  
11 it really depends on the power and the velocity of  
12 the air coming out of the device.

13 And my understanding right now is that,  
14 generally speaking, the electric blowers tend to not  
15 be as powerful as some of the gas blowers, so like  
16 the volume of air, the speed at which it's leaving  
17 the blower. I think that's going to change, right?  
18 So as these electric tools keep getting better and  
19 more efficient, I think you'll -- I think we've  
20 already noticed this, so you'll see cordless blowers  
21 that are coming onto the market that are more  
22 powerful each year. So I don't think it's -- I don't  
23 think it's a gas/electric question about whether the  
24 leaf blower is presenting a health hazard from  
25 particulate matter being spread around. Does that

1 answer your question?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it does. Okay.  
3 Because I, in observing, and I've observed for a  
4 while that the landscaping industry, gas leaf blowers  
5 for them is, is actually a business option to do. In  
6 other words, they're coming in on a postage stamp  
7 size property with five leaf blowers, they don't  
8 really need to do that. You know, to me, it's more  
9 of a human, human reaction of how they're doing  
10 business. Yes, they're loud, okay?

11 Yes, I did receive the email from the couple  
12 over on Sixth Street, and the church was doing a lot  
13 of leaf blowing. I would assume that they had asked  
14 Father Peter at some point to try to ask the landscapers  
15 to calm it down, or people have contacted their neighbors.  
16 I'm assuming that those that have spoken haven't tried  
17 that route yet.

18 But I just -- having been in an industry where  
19 management has created where we've had to buy new  
20 equipment, with Fisheries Management, we have to buy  
21 a new net because they've change the size. I do  
22 sympathize with the fact of having to retool. I'm  
23 not going to tell you what it cost me to retool, but  
24 that's not -- neither here nor there. But I'm  
25 wondering if the length of time that we have on here



1 is long enough for them to have the opportunity to  
2 retool in a, in a way that's fair to both sides.

3 We did put in restrictions on times. We had  
4 suggested that no commercial landscaping on Saturdays  
5 and Sundays, and we restricted the times during the  
6 day in the original, in the original, so we did give  
7 it some thought. But I -- at this point, I'm torn,  
8 I'm really torn as to what kind of a decision to make  
9 on this when we get to it. If we vote on it tonight,  
10 I'll have further comments, okay?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: So is there anybody from the  
12 Board that wants to make a motion to either continue  
13 to keep this open or to close the public hearing?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not going to -- well, I'm  
15 going to read what I was going to say when we vote.  
16 You can decide whether you want to keep it open or not.

17 I thought that the Code Committee did a well  
18 thought-out job of revising the code, and I was  
19 prepared to approve it with the revised hours to  
20 limit landscapers to how many hours a day, and Monday  
21 through Friday only. However, the code, I believe,  
22 was hijacked by a group of residents who wanted the  
23 code to address the environment. The impact will be  
24 borne by the most vulnerable workers. I find it  
25 especially disingenuous that some claim to care about

1 the health of the workers. If they cared about the  
2 workers, they would not insist that the Village take  
3 away their means of making a living and feeding their  
4 families.

5 So I'm going to vote no. And if you all want  
6 to hate on me for doing it, so be it, but I do care a  
7 lot about the people in the Village of Greenport.

8 (Applause)

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I would say that we  
10 could close the public hearing at this point.

11 MS. KREHLING: I was going to say I was  
12 sitting --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Ma'am. Ma'am, please we --

14 MS. KREHLING: I was sitting -- you didn't  
15 close the public hearing.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We didn't close this.

17 MS. KREHLING: You didn't close it. I was  
18 about to stand up when you said it.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. If you'd like to stand  
20 up, then, please.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Don't, don't close  
22 it yet.

23 MS. KREHLING: Okay.

24 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Name.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Name and address.

1 MS. KREHLING: Lorrain Krehling, Central  
2 Avenue. I stood here last week and talked about the  
3 health of the workers, and it's not disingenuous of  
4 me to do so.

5 One of the things that happens is that these  
6 leaf blowers are 80 to 85 decibels. They're holding  
7 them up against the side of their face, and that  
8 decibel level -- these are, these are not figures  
9 that you're throwing around. This is, this is the  
10 EPA, this is the government, and it was -- this was  
11 issued in the last administration, so you might want  
12 to take that into consideration.

13 The -- at 80 to 85 decibels, it takes two hours  
14 to start damaging hearing. The difference between a  
15 gas-powered leaf blower and an electric leaf blower,  
16 one of the main things is that gas-powered leaf  
17 blowers, as people have said, are two-stroke engines  
18 which emit a large portion of fuel with their engine.  
19 It's a -- these are engines that are outlawed in the  
20 third world or the developing world, as we might call  
21 it, and the reason is because gasoline has enormous  
22 numbers of carcinogens in it. Now perhaps if you're  
23 not standing beside it you won't be breathing that  
24 much of it, but there are high levels of butane,  
25 Benzadrine, formaldehyde, and particulate matters,

1 all of which cause cancer.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Cigarettes.

3 MS. KREAHLING: Yeah, well, I don't smoke  
4 cigarettes, except sometimes.

5 (Laughter)

6 MS. KREAHLING: So -- and particulate matter  
7 are -- is what everybody, all of us went indoors for  
8 during the Canadian wildfires, because we were  
9 protecting our lungs. Well, I saw workers out there  
10 in that time, and this is -- that is also a carcinogen.

11 And I want to remind people about -- who live  
12 in the historic houses, what I was going to say is  
13 that I actually worked for a real estate trade  
14 organization as an editor and writer for -- reporter  
15 for many years, and what I learned was that in the  
16 industry, it really took a lot to get anybody to make  
17 any regulations at all, because it always affected  
18 the bottom line. And when asbestos was outlawed, I  
19 knew that it was really bad, because it -- you know,  
20 it was getting legislation to outlaw it, and it's now  
21 been outlawed, finally, nationally. But in these  
22 houses in the Historic District, there are asbestos  
23 shingles, which have saved a lot of houses, including  
24 the ones on either side of me when my house burned  
25 down. But the newer generation is taking these

1 asbestos shingles off, and I have seen it done and  
2 it's not being regulated.

3 So if you think that those asbestos fibers are  
4 not near your house, if you think that that lead  
5 paint that you smell being sanded off old clapboard,  
6 which happens all the time without any regulation, if  
7 you think that's not in the soil that's being dusted  
8 up when your leaf blower comes through to blow leaves  
9 or grass clippings, then you're wrong. And it's not  
10 just the landscapers who are going to pay this price,  
11 it's young children particularly.

12 So they're a health hazard, but it's a noise  
13 hazard, I would say first and foremost, but it's a  
14 health hazard on many levels. And what I would say  
15 to the folks that say, "Well, don't tell me what to  
16 do," well, keep your leaf blower out of my yard, you  
17 know? I don't want to hear its sound and I don't  
18 want to hear -- have its dust. Thank you.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

20 (Applause)

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, so you were making a  
22 motion to close the public hearing?

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes, just because I  
24 think we've heard a lot, which I appreciate, but I  
25 feel like we've -- I mean, we keep hearing the same

1 thing, so I think it's time to close it and move  
2 along.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a second on that?  
4 Patrick?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I would make a second  
6 to close the public hearing.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. All in favor of closing  
8 the public hearing?

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

14 Next item up is the *Public Hearing amending*  
15 *Chapter 44, entitled "Assemblies" and Chapter 101,*  
16 *entitled "Recreation Areas and Beaches" of the*  
17 *Greenport Village Code. The public hearing remains*  
18 *open from last week's March 21st Work Session. Is*  
19 *there anybody from the public this evening that would*  
20 *like to speak in regards to the Mass Assemblies and*  
21 *Parks Code?*

22 MS. KREHLING: Does this have a dog code in it?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

24 MS. KREHLING: Does this have a dog code in it?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: There are some items referred

1 to -- referring to dogs and leashes within the code,  
2 yes.

3 MS. KREAHLING: I would just like to --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Please. State your name and  
5 address again for the record, please.

6 MS. KREAHLING: Lorraine Kreamling, Central  
7 Avenue. I just wanted to say that I heard the people  
8 who were here last week talking about the dog code,  
9 the -- and I wanted to make a recommendation.

10 The woman who was speaking was worried about  
11 summer camps and dogs on the beach, and I heard what  
12 she was saying. I love dogs and they don't, they  
13 don't terrify me at all. But I was wondering if it  
14 could -- if there could just be a sign or a ban  
15 during camp hours against dogs on the beach to  
16 respect what this woman was saying. You know, it's  
17 terrifying these young kids and it's terrifying her.  
18 It wouldn't hurt anyone to do it during those hours  
19 during the summer, and all it would take is a sign.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Is there anybody  
21 else from the public that would like to speak in  
22 regards to the Parks and Mass Assemblies Code?

23 (No Response)

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody from the Board want to  
25 make a motion to --

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Just prior to that. So this  
2 is, again, about a letter. So Shawn Buchanan had  
3 submitted a letter about the Third Street basketball  
4 court, and I think it applies to this discussion on  
5 Chapter 44 and Chapter 101. And he, again, asked a  
6 second time if it could be read into the record. I  
7 understand we're not doing that. I just want to  
8 acknowledge that we have received Shawn's letter.  
9 I've personally studied it. I do want to make a  
10 comment about Mr. Buchanan's letter, because I know  
11 my colleagues have seen it, I think you've all seen it.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I just want to applaud his  
14 letter and the way he presented this, because he  
15 has -- it's a quality of life issue about Third  
16 Street Park, and he presented it in a way that was  
17 very thoughtful. He included a group of neighbors,  
18 even had a diagram or a map of whose households were  
19 affected. It was very professionally done, and he  
20 also included suggestions about what we might  
21 contemplate to address his concerns. So hats off to  
22 him, I think, for providing a very constructive  
23 commentary on this issue.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I know Mary Bess has a  
25 few ideas with the Junior Police Department group



1 that we're going to talk about next Work Session,  
2 too.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I also think we need to  
4 clarify that he's really talking about the basketball  
5 court.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Oh, I'm sorry, yes.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not --

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The basketball court on Third  
9 Street.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's two separate things  
11 down there. He's speaking about the basketball court  
12 only, not the park across the street from him.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Correct. That's my mistake,  
14 yes. I'm aware, I'm aware of the basketball court.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We need, we need to clarify  
16 that one, because --

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, I just want --

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not endorsing his view on  
20 this, I just -- I like the way that he presented  
21 his --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. It was well thought  
23 out, yep.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes. I had -- after reading  
25 this, and actually a couple of weeks ago, before the

1 letter came, I had discussed with the Mayor some  
2 thoughts about working together with Southold Police  
3 Department and the PBA to try to create something,  
4 which, hopefully, we'll be able to maybe come to the  
5 next Work Session with.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I've already reached out to  
8 them, I'm waiting for a response. I think that there  
9 needs to be a community effort, not only from the  
10 neighbors, but from the children that work -- that  
11 play there, to learn respect as well. So it's a  
12 learning experience for everybody. So that's the way  
13 I'm approaching it, okay?

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a comment on the dog  
15 leash issue with the parks and the beaches. So the  
16 Village really only has one beach for swimming,  
17 right, it's the beach at Fifth Street. And I think --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's the only swimming  
19 area that has lines around it --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Lifeguards.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that has a lifeguard.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So they're swimming on Fourth  
24 Street and Widow's Hole as well.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's swim at your own risk.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, but not --

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- according to the  
4 proposed code, there's not legal swimming.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: With a lifeguard, right.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, in the other  
7 areas.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I don't want to split  
10 hairs, but the beach at Fifth Street is really the  
11 park that's most suited for swimming at the beach,  
12 right? And it's also a park that has a playground,  
13 it's used by people of all ages.

14 I would just suggest that we just don't allow  
15 dogs off leash in that park really at any time.  
16 There are other beaches that you can take dogs to.  
17 Southold does allow dogs on the beach at times when  
18 the lifeguard is not on duty. I believe that's how  
19 it works in Southold. Since we only have that one  
20 waterfront park with the beach, it seems like it  
21 would be reasonable to just not allow dogs off leash  
22 there.

23 See, I'm kind risk averse, and I just -- I  
24 would hate to see an accident with a child, or even  
25 just someone who's afraid of dogs, maybe they were

1           unsure on their feet and maybe they would fall over  
2           if they were frightened or something.

3           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So the proposed code  
4           does state they would need to be on leashes.

5           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I guess I'm saying I  
6           support that, yeah.

7           MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a motion from anybody  
8           on the Board to either keep this open or close it?

9           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, I'm going to make a  
10          motion to close this public hearing on Chapter 101,  
11          "Recreational Areas and Beaches".

12          MAYOR STUESSI: And the same with 44?

13          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I -- I have a  
14          question about this, because I know when we discussed  
15          things, at least I know lots of things were  
16          discussed. But like the thing about not allowing  
17          people to throw balls, I thought we were all in  
18          agreement about, but it's still in there as written.  
19          So --

20          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we're not voting on it  
21          tonight.

22          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, I understand.

23          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sure we'll have the  
24          opportunity at Work Session to --

25          MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, we can, we can put this in

1 Work Session --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Gotcha.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to make changes to it, which  
4 we would need to close it in order to do so.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right. Okay, gotcha.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll second the motion.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

13 Public Hearing closes --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: On Chapter 101.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on 101. And you said 44 as  
16 well, correct?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I only said 101.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Is there a motion on 44?

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Did you take comments on that?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Did you --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: I opened it for both of them  
23 together.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: That's why I thought you were

1 closing it for both of them.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I only heard the  
3 discussion from the public on 101. Is there anybody  
4 that wanted to comment on Chapter 44? Just it was --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I had opened it on both and  
6 asked if anybody did.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Was there anybody that felt  
9 like they wanted to say something and didn't?

10 (No Response)

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, then I'll make the  
12 motion to close Chapter 44 and Chapter 101.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion. I think maybe  
15 going forward we should split these two things into  
16 two separate line items.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: We can do that at our next  
18 meeting, yeah.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, because they might,  
20 they might progress on a different schedule.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Uh-huh.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

3 Next up, we are going to take public comment  
4 for anything that is on tonight's agenda. Is there  
5 anybody who would like to speak?

6 MR. LIVESEY: Am I late coming, or --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: No, you're welcome to speak.

8 MR. LIVESEY: Paul Livesey, 150 Sterling  
9 Avenue, Greenport. Hopefully, this isn't going to be  
10 as controversial as leaf blowers, but we'll see how  
11 we go.

12 I've submitted a Mass Assembly Permit  
13 application for use of Mitchell Park for a weekly  
14 farmers market Friday evenings, 3, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.,  
15 from the 17th of May through to the 11th of October.  
16 That will be a true farmers market in the sense that  
17 it would be farmers, fishermen, producers. It won't  
18 be a craft market, it won't be T-shirts, candles.

19 We have also submitted an application to the  
20 New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets  
21 in order to become a designated market, which means  
22 that we will be able to have vendors such as  
23 wineries, cideries, distilleries who are able to sell  
24 alcohol products.

25 As part of the application, we're asking you

1 waive the no-alcohol requirement -- the no-alcohol  
2 restrictions in Mitchell Park during the hours of the  
3 market, so that those vendors can provide samples.  
4 They will need to have the requisite sampling permits  
5 from the State Liquor Authority to be able to do  
6 that, but we ask you waive those restrictions.

7 We are also looking to set up a not-for-profit  
8 501(c)(3) entity for the market, farmers market  
9 organization. As such, we ask you waive the fees  
10 associated with the application under those  
11 circumstances.

12 I believe there's been a number of submissions  
13 to Candace from residents and business owners alike,  
14 and from what I'm hearing, they'll be in the record,  
15 but won't be read out.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, they will be, as we had  
17 stated earlier.

18 MR. LIVESEY: Okay. And we also took an online  
19 petition, which we got over 228 signatures to that  
20 petition in support of the market. Again, I shared  
21 that with Candace, so I think that's on record as well.

22 So that's the kind of form, but I'd like to say  
23 a couple of more words in support of this application,  
24 if I may. Do I have time to do that?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Please, yes.



1           MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. I think many of us have  
2 read and seen the media articles about the struggles  
3 of the farming industry and the loss of farmland, not  
4 just nationally, but here in New York. And there's  
5 also articles about the aging demographic of farmers,  
6 is there going to be a younger generation that are  
7 going to come through and take on the whole lifestyle  
8 of farming. I believe we have a responsibility to  
9 support and maintain the heritage that we have in our  
10 farming and fishing here on the North Fork, so I  
11 think we should be supporting the farming industry in  
12 every way we can. But it's not just about that.  
13 It's about making access to that a lot easier, and  
14 having direct walkable, easy access to those products  
15 for the residents of our Village, and making it a lot  
16 more accessible and improving our wellbeing.

17           And I'm not the person behind this application,  
18 it's the local farmers. Pete Treiber and Brooke Parrett  
19 from Treiber's Farm are here tonight. I can't see  
20 them. Oh, there you are. And those guys, and people  
21 like Graham and KK's, they are behind this application,  
22 and they want to make this happen, they want to have  
23 access and interaction with their local community.  
24 They go to farmers markets at Shelter Island, Sag,  
25 East Hampton, Springs, Amagansett, as far as Montauk.

1 They want to be able to have that here in their  
2 community, and I think we should support that and  
3 help them survive and thrive.

4 I also think it enriches our, enriches our way  
5 of life. It brings people together in the Village,  
6 in the heart of the Village downtown. You can stroll  
7 down to the market on a Friday evening, meet friends,  
8 go to the market, stay for the band afterwards, go  
9 for drinks and dinner. I think that is only a  
10 positive thing for this community.

11 I've also been speaking to other organizations  
12 that are important to the Village, so I met Cathy at  
13 CAST, about how we can involve CAST and engage CAST  
14 in the market. Cathy wants to have a stall at the  
15 market as a point of outreach for the community, and  
16 also as a point for donations into CAST's good work.

17 I spoke to Sonia Spar about how we can reach  
18 out to a lot of the Spanish-speaking community.  
19 That's a really difficult -- it's not an easy answer  
20 to that, but we started that conversation, and we  
21 will keep with that to see if there is anything we  
22 can do.

23 Cathy at CAST has also had experience in  
24 implementing nutrition programs, such as SNAP.  
25 Again, we won't have that in place for starting this

1 market, but it's something we can look at it and see  
2 if we can help the affordability of the produce for  
3 our community.

4 And if we get approval, I'm meeting Christine  
5 Kelly on Saturday, and Christine's the Chair of the  
6 Board for the Friends of Mitchell Park. I want to  
7 see how we can link in with her and get other events  
8 on at the same time as the market. That could -- I  
9 don't know. That could be Tai Chi, it could be yoga,  
10 it could be reading hour for children and linked in  
11 with the library, it could be a number of things, but  
12 we just want to work with them and see what we can do.

13 But Mitchell Park is imperative for us. If we  
14 don't get approval for Mitchell Park, we won't be  
15 holding a farmers market here in the Village. I want  
16 to say Mitchell Park is the hardscaped area where the  
17 ice rink goes. It's not the amphitheater, it's not  
18 the area by the Carousel. It's the hardscaped area  
19 and then the -- some of the adjacent grass areas  
20 around there. So using that would probably still  
21 leave 60% or so of the park as open for those people  
22 who don't want to go to the farmers market, just want  
23 to enjoy the park. It's still there in the majority  
24 for people to do that.

25 We've thought about logistics. I don't know

1           whether you want me to talk to that or I can take  
2           questions. But, briefly, I -- do you want --

3           MAYOR STUESSI: Are there any questions from  
4           the Board now? I know it's scheduled to be voted on  
5           later on in the evening, and now might be an  
6           opportune time to ask any questions of the group.

7           TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have a lot of questions  
8           about logistics, actually.

9           MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

10          TRUSTEE ROBINS: I do. So you say you're going  
11          to be setting up in the hardscaped area, correct?

12          MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

13          TRUSTEE ROBINS: What about the Greenport Band?  
14          I mean, they have a concert at -- you know, that  
15          time. So what are you going to do?

16          MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. They start at 7:30, we'll  
17          be finished at 6:30. Obviously, we have to dismantle  
18          and leave. I actually walked the park with Colin  
19          Van Tuyl, who's the band leader. I walked the park  
20          with him earlier this week. No, I'm sorry. Was it  
21          late last week? Just so I know exactly where they  
22          set up, and we can make sure we don't use the direct  
23          area where that band sets up, and then we'll be  
24          dismantled and gone before the performance starts.

25          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Do you have a schematic of

1 where you're going to locate the tables and booths,  
2 and all that kind of stuff?

3 MR. LIVESEY: No, but we're using the  
4 hardscaped space only with the adjacent grass areas.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And where are you going to  
6 park the trucks that bring the goods?

7 MR. LIVESEY: So we'll use First Street. By  
8 the Blacksmith's is the most obvious route to get  
9 access into Mitchell Park for setting up. Farmers  
10 will unload, and then they will not be parking in  
11 that area. They'll either park down at the ferry or  
12 Jitney car parking or on Adams Street. And then I've  
13 actually spoken to Anthony, who's the Postmaster,  
14 about getting exclusive access to their parking lot  
15 at the conclusion of the market, so that we can use  
16 that as the unloading site at the end of the market.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Because the post office right  
18 now has 15-minute limit for postal customers only, I  
19 believe, until at least 5 o'clock.

20 MR. LIVESEY: Yes, so --

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Are they going to waive that?  
22 Because people, a lot of people go to the post office  
23 at that time of day.

24 MR. LIVESEY: No, we're not going to be using  
25 during the operating hours of the post office. So

1 we'll unload to start the market on First Street, and  
2 then at 6:30, once the post office is closed, that  
3 parking lot will be closed off exclusively for us, we  
4 hope, and then that will be when we use it, after the  
5 hours of the post office are finished.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Going back to your access  
7 coming in by the Blacksmith's Shop, are you proposing  
8 that they come and drive their vehicles in and then  
9 drive into the area --

10 MR. LIVESEY: No.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- where they're going to set up?

12 MR. LIVESEY: No. So --

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: They will stay in that circle?

14 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. They will stay in that  
15 circle, yeah.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Which is what we've allowed for  
18 the band on Friday night.

19 MR. LIVESEY: Well, they actually use some of  
20 the grass as well --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, yeah.

22 MR. LIVESEY: -- when they drive in, but we're  
23 not proposing to do that.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Very thoughtful. Thank you.  
25 Any other questions from the Board?

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Did you have more questions?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Not, not at the moment. You  
3 know, I understand that you're going to be a  
4 501(c)(3), but you're not at the moment, right?

5 MR. LIVESEY: No. And if we don't get an  
6 approval, there's no need for us to set one up.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So I think maybe approval  
8 tonight by this Board is a little bit hasty, to be  
9 honest with you. I think I would need a little more  
10 time to consider this.

11 MR. LIVESEY: Okay. From our perspective,  
12 really, we don't have a time. We've got a lot to get  
13 in place before the 17th of May, and setting up that  
14 entity is a big part of that. We're going to procure  
15 insurance, we've got to get vendors on board.

16 We haven't reached out to vendors yet, because  
17 we haven't got an approved space. And we're not --  
18 we don't want to talk in concept that we have a  
19 market in Greenport, because we don't have a market  
20 in Greenport if we don't have Mitchell Park. So  
21 there's a lot of work we need to do to make it  
22 happen, and if we can't get quick approval, I think  
23 we're probably not doing it this year.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do you have other questions,  
25 Trustee?

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just, you know, I'm totally in  
2 favor of farmers markets, but I'm not really thinking  
3 that Mitchell Park is the right place for this, just  
4 my thoughts so far.

5 MR. LIVESEY: Okay. We don't think it can work  
6 if we don't, if we don't --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick, did you have any  
8 questions?

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I have a bunch of  
10 questions. I want to start by saying I like to  
11 support community initiatives from people who are  
12 doing interesting projects and events, so I applaud  
13 your efforts. I could get behind the idea of a  
14 farmers market, but I really need some convincing,  
15 especially on the location.

16 I've never really seen this area like in need  
17 of a farmers market, because I thought we were pretty  
18 well served by farm stands, fish markets, roadside  
19 vendors for small things.

20 So I got a bunch of questions for you. First  
21 and foremost, though, I don't understand the urgency.  
22 So I understand you have a timeline, you want to get  
23 this going for the summer, but why are you in a time  
24 crunch?

25 MR. LIVESEY: I mean, yeah, quite frankly, we



1       should have come to the Board meeting a month ago.  
2       We're in a time crunch because we've been getting our  
3       ducks in a row and getting our thoughts together  
4       about approaching you guys to use Mitchell Park, and  
5       whether we could do something without using Mitchell  
6       Park, and the answer to that was no. So we are in a  
7       time crunch with that, and we can only apologize for  
8       that, but that's the position we're in.

9               As a -- as far as it goes in the number of farm  
10       stands around, we are in conversations with the very  
11       immediate farm stands and they're, they're supportive  
12       and want to be on board. Deep Roots, for example,  
13       said they don't have the capacity this year to get  
14       involved, but they're supportive of the concept.

15              So the farms, the farmers see a benefit, and I  
16       see a community benefit that you can walk down into  
17       the heart of Greenport. You're not getting in your  
18       car, you're not causing pollution. If you don't have  
19       a car, you can't get to the farm stands.

20              TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

21              MR. LIVESEY: It brings that access easy to  
22       people and it helps the wellbeing. But it also helps  
23       people socialize around something in Mitchell Park,  
24       and I believe that's what that, what that park is  
25       there for. And we're not using the major portion of

1 the park.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So back to the time  
3 crunch and the urgency, I feel like you're presenting  
4 an ultimatum to the Board. Like you're saying if not  
5 now, it's never, if it's not in Mitchell Park, it's  
6 nowhere. And I guess I would just ask you to be a  
7 little bit more flexible on those matters, because I  
8 don't like having an ultimatum put to us in this way  
9 on such short notice. I think we talked about this  
10 last weekend.

11 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right?

13 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm happy to meet with you  
15 and discuss it, it sounds like an exciting idea.

16 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But there's a lot to this,  
18 and you're pressuring us to make a response, but we  
19 have a lot of questions. So let's just go --

20 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Let's just go through. You  
22 talked a little bit about the location and the  
23 timing. How many vendors do you think you're going  
24 to have on a typical Friday evening?

25 MR. LIVESEY: I think that site, we could get

1 comfortably 30-plus vendors in that site.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thirty.

3 MR. LIVESEY: I'm not saying we will.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

5 MR. LIVESEY: But I think it could comfortably  
6 fit that without spilling out into any other areas  
7 that I've discussed in Mitchell Park.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right. So then to --  
9 following up on Trustee Robins' concerns, the  
10 logistical part I think is tricky with the --  
11 particularly with the unloading on the south end of  
12 First Street, right, because that's a very small  
13 area. Trying to get 30 vendors --

14 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- with small vans, or  
16 whatever, in there to get their tables and tents out,  
17 I think you should rethink that. That would not be  
18 my suggestion to -- where to unload. They may have  
19 to unload a little further away and walk a little  
20 further with their --

21 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. We talked about also using  
22 the ferry parking lot and using the boardwalk in from  
23 there as well.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well --

25 MR. LIVESEY: So we'll manage that to make sure

1 that we can get across.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And then I certainly like the  
3 idea about like walkable events and activities, and  
4 getting people down into the park for a new reason or  
5 another reason where they might enjoy it. But you  
6 presented a petition to us that had probably about  
7 200 signatures. I don't know what the percentage is,  
8 maybe 40 people were from Greenport, 50.

9 MR. LIVESEY: From Southold Town, I would say  
10 there was a lot. And I tried to explain some of that  
11 to Candace as well. I identified a number of  
12 people --

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right, right.

14 MR. LIVESEY: -- whose address was elsewhere,  
15 but they have homes here in Greenport.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. So I think that  
17 petition is good in showing like support for the  
18 idea. It runs a little bit counter to the walking,  
19 parking, traffic thing, because many of those people  
20 are not within walking distance of the park. So if  
21 there's a benefit to having a walkable event in the  
22 Village, it's a little bit offset by making it an  
23 attractive nuisance where people will have to drive  
24 to the event. And maybe, maybe that's not correct,  
25 but that's kind of how I see it.

1 MR. LIVESEY: Okay.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So it's a little bit of a  
3 trade-off.

4 The business entity that you're talking about  
5 setting up, you said it's going to be a 501(3)(c),  
6 right? And you're working on that, but you're not  
7 really pursuing that until you get the okay from us.

8 MR. LIVESEY: Well, yeah. There's no need --

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

10 MR. LIVESEY: -- to set up that entity and  
11 spend that expense.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So would you be looking for  
13 us to give you a conditional approval? Because we're  
14 not going to approve to waive fees --

15 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah, I accept that.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- for an entity that doesn't  
17 exist.

18 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah, I accept that.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do you have a sense of how  
20 long it would take to get this going?

21 MR. LIVESEY: From what I've -- I figure it  
22 will be within four weeks we should, hopefully, have  
23 that entity, from what I've tried to research and  
24 hone down where we would go to get that. Four weeks  
25 would be the earliest, probably.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. And how do you go  
2 about securing insurance for this if you don't have  
3 the entity? Can you do that?

4 MR. LIVESEY: You can -- well, I have -- you  
5 can incur costs, but I'm not sure whether we would be  
6 able to procure insurance. But our expectation is we  
7 would have that entity in place ahead of the -- our  
8 opening the market, or we would present another form  
9 of insurance, we just need to work that through.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So like this Board may  
11 be able to give you some sort of conditional  
12 approval, whereby we say we're supporting this idea,  
13 but it's conditioned on the entity existing, the  
14 insurance being in place. And you may run right out  
15 of time, I don't know. You know, you may run right  
16 into summer. I, for one, would not really be willing  
17 to give a blanket approval without being secure in  
18 the knowledge that you can pull those other parts  
19 together.

20 MR. LIVESEY: Okay.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is it necessary to create a  
22 new entity? Could you have partnered with someone  
23 else to do this?

24 MR. LIVESEY: We've, we've looked -- we're  
25 looking at a couple of other options, like the entity

1 that already existed previously for the farmers  
2 market. I'm talking with the person who's got that.  
3 So we are looking at other options, but our fallback  
4 is creating a new entity.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So I don't know the  
6 answer, my colleagues will know more about this, but  
7 how does Friends of Mitchell Park work? Do they put  
8 on events?

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: They fund it.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: They sponsor events.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: They sponsor.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They sponsor it.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But they don't host events.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: They've never hosted an event.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: No.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Who is hosting the Dances in  
17 the Park, is that the Village itself?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, historically, it's been  
19 the Village, but we're changing that.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: To who?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Undetermined. It's a funding  
22 issue.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But it would be some other  
24 entity?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, something that would be

1       formed, much like these guys are doing. And as he  
2       mentioned a moment ago, they're looking to go to  
3       Friends of Mitchell Park to get some sort of funding  
4       to do other things, story hour, or whatever it was he  
5       had suggested as part of it, too.

6                TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, what about BID, is BID  
7       an entity that can put on an event?

8                MAYOR STUESSI: They do. We have one in front  
9       of us for Cherry Blossom Festival. They're  
10       sponsoring the Easter Egg Roll this weekend as well.

11               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So --

12               MAYOR STUESSI: But Business Improvement  
13       District represents the existing businesses, they  
14       don't represent farmers that are coming from points  
15       east and west.

16               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, but they may have an  
17       interest. Like I don't know what their perspective  
18       is. They may be interested in this event, because it  
19       might bring more people to the Village and might  
20       support their business goals, I don't know.

21               But I guess what I'm getting at is, for this  
22       initial season, which is kind of a test run, do you  
23       need to create this from whole cloth, or could you  
24       partner with someone that allows you to get into this  
25       sooner? It might also give the Board a little bit



1 more comfort knowing who it is that we're allowing to  
2 operate this. You follow what I'm saying?

3 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So I guess I'd like  
5 you to think about that.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had another question. Have  
7 you ever done this before, or is this just an idea  
8 kind of thing that you --

9 MR. LIVESEY: Have I ever run a farmers market?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, run a farmers market.

11 MR. LIVESEY: No.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No. So this is --

13 MR. LIVESEY: But I have worked in business,  
14 and so far it's --

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The farm business?

16 MR. LIVESEY: No, not a farm business, but so  
17 far this has kind of -- there's been a lot of  
18 similarities in organization and pulling things  
19 together.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Just so that I can clarify  
21 that a little bit, because you do not have to be a  
22 farmer to have a farmers market. You have to have  
23 the -- you have to have the permit, or be allowed by  
24 the Department of Ag and Markets as an organization  
25 to proceed forward with a farmers market.

1 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You usually have a Board of  
3 Directors. That falls under your different user  
4 groups, if that's the way you go.

5 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But it doesn't need to be  
7 that way, just so that everybody is clear on that, as  
8 I've been involved with farmer markets before. And I  
9 do have a couple of questions when --

10 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- my colleagues are  
12 finished, okay?

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So my next question, so what  
14 was your -- what's your reaction from BID, are they  
15 in support of this?

16 MR. LIVESEY: I've spoken to two people  
17 involved in BID and they are supportive. I've spoken  
18 to local businesses as well, generally supportive.  
19 Obviously, Shelley at The Market is nervous on the  
20 impact to her. And, obviously, Mary Bess will have a  
21 concern from the fish market. Shelley is -- Shelley  
22 was actually grateful I went and had a conversation  
23 with her, and she just wants cross-acknowledgment  
24 from others in the farmers market that she's there  
25 seven days a week and we're there for three hours, so

1 we shouldn't be crossing over the line in some way.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What about the bakery, Blue  
3 Duck Bakery?

4 MR. LIVESEY: I haven't managed to speak to the  
5 person at that bakery.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, because she does a  
7 fair amount of farmers markets, Blue Duck does.

8 MR. LIVESEY: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, I know, because she  
10 does --

11 MR. LIVESEY: I haven't --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: She does it with us, so.

13 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. I haven't had that  
14 opportunity yet, but I've been trying to get around.  
15 And, as I said, some of the other feedback I had was,  
16 "Well, if there's going to be a candle store, I want to  
17 be the candle store." No, there's not going to be a  
18 candle store, so that was reassuring for some of the  
19 businesses owners as well.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. And then, you know,  
21 you talked about the benefit, that this kind of  
22 activates the park in a new way, it's a new social  
23 opportunity and people to be neighborly, and I get  
24 all that. And you had some very eloquent letters  
25 from some people who are supporting this idea. I

1 didn't see anyone write anything in opposition, but I  
2 think the public is probably just learning about this  
3 now.

4 But I think when you think about Mitchell Park,  
5 that's a place that is alternately a passive  
6 recreation and an active space, right? So when it's  
7 Dances in the Park, it's very active. On an early  
8 weekday morning, it's more of a passive place, people  
9 can go there for quiet, quiet time.

10 And when I think of farmers markets, the ones  
11 that I'm familiar with and the ones that I've  
12 attended over the years is they're often put  
13 somewhere to help revitalize like an underutilized  
14 space or a quiet downtown. Like they might use a  
15 train station parking lot on the weekend, because  
16 there's no one commuting on the weekend, and it's a  
17 good, it's a good way to activate the parking lot.  
18 Or they might use like a blighted kind of parking lot  
19 in the middle downtown or an empty lot. This is not  
20 the case with this, right? So you're taking  
21 something like Mitchell Park, which is already well  
22 used and well liked, and you're layering on another  
23 activity. So I just want to be clear, it's not in my  
24 mind a -- it's not in my mind a -- necessarily like  
25 an added, like a plus, a plus-plus situation here,

1 where you're taking -- turning a negative into a  
2 positive.

3 The other thing I was concerned about is the  
4 frequency. So you're talking about maybe 20, 20 to  
5 22 events.

6 MR. LIVESEY: Twenty-two, yeah.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Twenty-two events. So  
8 that's -- again, that's like a big ask for a group  
9 that doesn't have any track record with the Village.  
10 I was thinking maybe you would consider a softer  
11 launch on this, where you maybe ask for less, or,  
12 you know, have them staggered out. Maybe you could  
13 talk to. Is it important that you be there every  
14 Friday?

15 MR. LIVESEY: I think it's important for the  
16 vendors, so that they know they've got that market,  
17 the farmers, they know they've got that --

18 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Could you just  
19 speak into the mic a little more.

20 MR. LIVESEY: Sorry. I mean, maybe  
21 Peter Treiber can speak to this more than I can  
22 later, but I think it's probably important for the  
23 vendors to know that they are -- have got a regular  
24 market that they are attending. If they don't have  
25 that regularity, there's a lot of other farmers

1 markets they can just go to and be part of and just  
2 abandon the Greenport Farmers Market.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

4 MR. LIVESEY: So, as I say, Peter can probably  
5 speak to that more than I can.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I would expect that  
7 that's the case. So it makes it difficult to have  
8 a --

9 MR. LIVESEY: To attract them and --

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: To attract them if you don't  
11 have enough events.

12 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. Go ahead.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: How would you deal with rain,  
15 since we have rain all the time? Would you just not  
16 do the event if it's raining?

17 MR. LIVESEY: No. Rain or shine's okay. I  
18 think we would, we would obviously call it off if we  
19 know there's going to be severe wind and severe  
20 stormy weather, because that could become a safety  
21 hazard. But rain, rain, it would be on.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Because they have a big  
23 farmers market up in Riverhead, obviously, but that's  
24 indoors, so they don't have to worry about dealing  
25 with weather and stuff like that, so.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, thanks for answering  
2 my -- all my questions.

3 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I did warn you that I would  
5 have a lot of questions.

6 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But I thought --

8 MR. LIVESEY: And I apologize that you think  
9 we're putting a gun in your head. I mean, I guess  
10 I -- I guess because it's not been successful  
11 elsewhere, Mitchell Park is critical to this, and,  
12 unfortunately, that's just the reality. And I didn't  
13 mean to make it sound like it was an ultimatum.  
14 That's the reality from the farming community.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I guess I don't agree  
16 entirely with those assumptions, but --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if I can jump in, I will  
18 say that I've talked to the woman who runs most of  
19 the farmers markets on the South Fork, and I've had a  
20 number of people in the community approach me about  
21 why don't we consider doing a farmers market, and one  
22 of things she said that was most important was to  
23 have consistency on a regular basis.

24 There have been historically seven different  
25 farmers markets on the South Fork over the past many

1 years. East Hampton has had so much demand, they're  
2 adding another one this year in the Village of  
3 East Hampton that Mayor Larsen, who I was with  
4 yesterday, they just approved, and then they also  
5 have one in the Springs. All of theirs tend to be in  
6 like park center areas, both of the ones in East Hampton.  
7 The one in the Springs is in the center of the  
8 Springs. Montauk is right in the park area in the  
9 center of town as well. I forgot, they're adding one  
10 in Amagansett, too, which is right in the, you know,  
11 public square area of Amagansett. You've got  
12 Southampton, Westhampton, etcetera.

13 I've talked to two of the different Board  
14 Members, including, you know, Mary Bess, who had  
15 participated in the nascent one that happened in  
16 Greenport and bounced around a number of different  
17 places, and one of the things I heard from a number  
18 of them was the problem was there wasn't consistency  
19 with the location as part of it, and that was really  
20 important to have. Mary Bess or Lily?

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm going to take this from  
22 a different one, because you're asking for -- to be a  
23 farmers market designated program, which is a little  
24 bit different than the farmers markets that some  
25 people are used to, because this one would be able to



1 sell beer and wine, with the availability of having  
2 tastings.

3 I'm having a problem with the tastings, because  
4 your request to waive the open bottle portion of our  
5 code for the liquor. I'm not sure how you'd be able  
6 to enforce that if you're asking if the whole -- it  
7 would be Mitchell Park, okay? And that's a concern  
8 for me, okay? That's number one.

9 It would have -- from my mind, I would be  
10 looking for no tastings, because trying to enforce  
11 that would be extremely difficult for you to have  
12 somebody who's coming in from a local restaurant with  
13 an alcohol drink in their hand, and Mitchell Park is  
14 now under the nonrestriction of the open alcohol law,  
15 okay? I have a problem with that, okay?

16 Number two, 30 vendors in that spot. You and I  
17 had a conversation this morning, which I very much  
18 appreciate. I learned a lot, I think you learned  
19 a lot.

20 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And as I explained to you,  
22 for years, when I was the Board President for Cornell  
23 Cooperative Extension, I used to do a lot of lobbying  
24 with the local Legislators. And when they heard that  
25 I was from the Village of Greenport, they would go,

1 "Oh, you're so lucky to have a sewer system," and,  
2 "Don't let anybody ruin the openness of Mitchell  
3 Park."

4 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay? So you know where I'm  
6 coming from, okay?

7 You also mentioned to me a variety of sizes of  
8 tents. I think you need to be consistent with one  
9 size tent, so that you know exactly how many you can  
10 get in there.

11 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah, there's only -- there's two  
12 sizes, 10-by-10 and 5-by-5, because that is --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, most of them, most  
14 farmers markets are 10-by-10s.

15 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay? So you need to kind  
17 of think about that.

18 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. That's consistent with  
19 other farmers markets, how their, how their taking  
20 people on.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Farmers markets can be  
22 extremely messy, okay? And I hope that's something  
23 that you begin to realize, that that's going to come  
24 with the territory.

25 MR. LIVESEY: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As far as the -- and, Mayor,  
2 I have to disagree with you. I've been dealing with  
3 farmers market, and I was on Long Island Farm  
4 Bureau's Board of Directors for a long time. A lot  
5 of the farm stands on the south side have ceased to  
6 exist, so the farmers markets are extremely important  
7 on the South Fork. We still have a fair amount of  
8 farmers who are still farming on the North Fork, and  
9 Suffolk County is still one of the larger farming  
10 communities in New York, okay? So I just -- I  
11 understand where that's coming from. My concern  
12 is --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry. What did you  
14 disagree with me on? I wasn't understanding.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: On the south side with the  
16 farmers markets. There are less farm stands for the  
17 farmers on the south side than there are now on the  
18 North Fork, but we can debate that at another time.

19 But my concern is the designation. You know,  
20 you're going into a different direction with the  
21 farmers market with previous farmers markets here.  
22 And that's my concern, okay, is the -- I have -- in  
23 part of this description here, it says that they're  
24 able to sell bottle by the -- I mean, beer by the  
25 bottle, okay? You know, these are some of the things

1 in reading what a farmers market designation program  
2 is. I have some questions, and I'm not sure that my  
3 colleagues on the Board have read the description for  
4 that.

5 The other question I have is, is May a set date  
6 for you, or June is a date that you could move  
7 forward with to accomplish some of the questions that  
8 have been raised here tonight?

9 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. The May 17 was so that we  
10 could be operational before Memorial Weekend, which  
11 would be an ideal launch for the market. So the idea  
12 of backing, backing -- going back one week was to  
13 iron out any wrinkles, and make sure we have all our  
14 ducks in a row for a good May Memorial Weekend start.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Because I do know  
16 most farmers markets or vendors have signed up for  
17 other markets, because they start January and  
18 February.

19 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So that's why I'm asking, is  
21 that, you know, some of them may now find that they  
22 have time to sign up for it, or they could fit it in  
23 with their schedule. That's why I'm asking if that  
24 May, May date is such as set in stone? It's a good  
25 question.

1 MR. LIVESEY: It's a -- yeah. I mean --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just asking.

3 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay? Because I'm hearing  
5 hesitation on the Board here, and I'm trying to be  
6 fair.

7 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I explained to you --

9 MR. LIVESEY: I mean, it's the ideal, it's the  
10 ideal date.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. As I explained --

12 MR. LIVESEY: Again, it comes back to getting  
13 vendors --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

15 MR. LIVESEY: -- and farmers to think, "Yeah,  
16 we've got a full season of a farmers market?"

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And your, and your  
18 application, if I understand from this morning, has  
19 been put in by Treiber and K -- KK, the other farmers  
20 that you're using to get this designated?

21 MR. LIVESEY: Under their designated, yeah.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

23 MR. LIVESEY: You need to name two, as you  
24 know --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You need to name two.

1 MR. LIVESEY: -- two produce, yeah.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Mary Bess, can I ask you a  
3 question on your comment? Do we have the ability to  
4 waive the alcohol restriction in the park?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we do.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: We did it for Pride, we do it  
8 for Maritime.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I had suggested we  
10 do it for Dances in the Park this year, which  
11 everyone seemed okay with when I had suggested it.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not okay with that for  
13 Dances in the Park, by the way, just to go on record,  
14 okay?

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My concern is enforcement on  
17 your end, okay? That's my concern, because according  
18 to what I'm reading here, it's only supposed to be  
19 like little, little cups of -- a sip of something.

20 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah. And the winery or the  
21 cidery would need to have the requisite State Liquor  
22 Authority license, some kind of license with them, on  
23 them, to be able to do that.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But my concern is the  
25 liability for the Village of someone coming in from a

1 local bar --

2 MR. LIVESEY: Coming elsewhere.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- carrying their glass with  
4 them, that's my concern, okay?

5 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I've seen that happen,  
7 where we haven't enforced it, but I've seen it happen  
8 over the summer where it -- you know, it happens,  
9 okay? Other than that, you and I had a conversation.

10 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah, yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So I pretty much, and  
12 Patrick has pretty much, and Julia pretty much had  
13 the same questions I brought up this morning, so.

14 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, by the way, thank you  
16 for taking the time, okay?

17 MR. LIVESEY: No. Thank you. Thank you, all  
18 of you who met me and --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, any questions before  
20 we --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have any  
22 questions.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- open it up to any other  
24 public comments?

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have

1 questions. I have comments, but I can wait.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Thank you. Is there  
3 anybody else from the public that would like to speak  
4 this evening?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thanks, Mr. Livesey.

6 MS. GULLEY: It could be on any -- I just --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: You need to go to the podium if  
8 you want to speak. Thank you.

9 (Applause)

10 MS. GULLEY: I'm not, I'm not going to waste  
11 your time. I just have, I have --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: If you could state your name  
13 and address.

14 MS. GULLEY: 451 --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Name and address.

16 MS. GULLEY: I'll just -- 451 Sixth Street,  
17 Hillary Gulley. I just -- since we're talking about  
18 Mitchell Park and liability, I had something really  
19 important to mention that I didn't even intend to  
20 mention tonight, but like it got me thinking about  
21 what he was saying and people coming in and out of  
22 Mitchell Park.

23 Last September, my mother-in-law was here  
24 visiting from England. She fell on the sidewalk in  
25 front of Port, across the street from Port. She went



1 absolutely flying, shattered her wrist, broke her  
2 arm. She couldn't live independently for months, and  
3 she now has like a metal plate in her arm that she  
4 can feel. She's still in a lot of pain. She broke  
5 her dominant hand, which is her left hand, but in  
6 England they use the stick shift, and it's in the  
7 middle and you're on the other side of the car, so  
8 she can't -- she couldn't drive herself around for  
9 ages.

10 And I was not able to help my family with this  
11 problem, because I was actually in France, because my  
12 uncle, at the exact same week, right before she  
13 spilled, fell on the sidewalk, tripped on a crack and  
14 he died. He was 72. And I learned a lot about how  
15 when you are older and you take a fall like that, the  
16 injury can really affect you. And older, by older, I  
17 just mean like 60 and over. You know, it can really  
18 affect you in a way that you do not expect, and you  
19 really can die.

20 And so I -- the Village was notified about this  
21 particular spot on the sidewalk in September or  
22 October, I think, at the latest of last year. I know  
23 you fixed some stuff downtown on Front Street. I  
24 wanted to ask you specifically, and have it on  
25 record, tell you on record, first of all, that both

1 sides of the sidewalk, from Wiggins, well, basically  
2 from the train station, but from Wiggins up into  
3 Front Street, both sides, like where Port is and  
4 where Sterlington Deli is and everything, they are  
5 terrible, they are very, very bad.

6 So if you are walking from the train station,  
7 if you don't know this Village and you come up  
8 through there, you might have some problems,  
9 especially if you're arriving on that last train in  
10 the dark. And I wanted to get a -- get an idea from  
11 you guys when you intend to even fix that particular  
12 stretch, since it is so trafficked, and it is,  
13 you know, an entrance to Mitchell Park as well.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, firstly, I'm very sorry  
15 to hear about your family member in this.

16 MS. GULLEY: Thanks.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: As you mentioned, there was a  
18 lot of work that was done in the downtown district on  
19 both Front and Main Street. On our agenda tonight is  
20 approval to proceed with bids to redo the entirety of  
21 the ferry terminal nexus, which includes a lot of  
22 sidewalk work over there as well. In addition to  
23 that, our Board is prepared to bond for close to a  
24 million dollars for a significant amount of sidewalk  
25 and asphalt work throughout the Village, but there's

1 still more to do. But I'd be glad to reach out to  
2 you separately and make sure we have that spot  
3 listed. But there is --

4 MS. GULLEY: Thank you.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- not just what we did in the  
6 last few weeks, but a significant amount that's going  
7 to be happening over the next six to eight months.

8 MS. GULLEY: Okay. Do you think that stretch,  
9 though, where the -- where it's very trafficked, by  
10 especially tourists, like will be happen by the  
11 summer?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd have to look at it with you  
13 separately and the time line for everything, but I  
14 don't think it would be done before summer, no.

15 MS. GULLEY: Okay, okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: There's other spots in the  
17 Village, too, that we've marked, but there's a lot of  
18 work that's going to be done.

19 MS. GULLEY: Yeah, okay.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It takes time and funding, and  
21 we're working through it right now.

22 MS. GULLEY: Okay.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

24 MS. GULLEY: All right. Thanks.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from --

1       yes, sir. State your name and address for the  
2       record.

3               MR. RIVARA: Hi. I'm Gregg Rivara, Carpenter  
4       Street. I'd like you to work with Paul about the  
5       Mitchell Park farmers market. We'd love to be able  
6       to walk there and buy local produce. Thank you.

7               MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

8                       (Applause)

9               MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from the public  
10       that would like to speak? Mr. Treiber?

11               MR. TREIBER: Peter Treiber, Jr., 320 County  
12       Road 48, Peconic. I just want to thank Paul for  
13       coming in sort of late in this sort of dreaming  
14       process about getting the farmers market here in  
15       downtown Greenport. We had approached Kevin a few  
16       months ago, Mayor Kevin a few months ago about the  
17       idea. And it's something that I've been thinking  
18       about basically since I moved out here to start  
19       farming almost eight years ago in May of 2016,  
20       You know, wondering, you know, how I was going to be  
21       marketing my produce. And, at this point, we work  
22       with restaurants, we do the Sag Harbor farmers  
23       market, and we sell on farm.

24               But I just -- since working at the Sag Harbor  
25       farmers market, I just -- I keep coming back to this

1 idea of really loving the idea of being on the North  
2 Fork and being local, and not driving away from my  
3 community, and I always had this dream of feeding my  
4 neighbors. And, you know, if you don't have like a  
5 really well established old farm stand, it's pretty  
6 difficult to, you know, wave people down and get them  
7 off the road, and especially on 48 where we are, that  
8 stretch of highway is, you know, where people are  
9 going 65 miles per hour.

10 Anyway, yeah, I'm really happy to have Paul on  
11 board, and he did a lot of really great leg work in  
12 the past couple of weeks, and meeting with Board  
13 Members, and the Postmaster, and the band member, the  
14 band leader and all that, and it just shows the  
15 dedication to the whole idea and the whole dream.  
16 And, yeah, I just -- I love the idea of being able to  
17 market my products in Greenport on the North Fork for  
18 all of my community.

19 And as -- personally, anywhere I am outside of  
20 my home, I try and find a farmers market to attend.  
21 It's really a wonderful place to be, and to meet  
22 people and to gather. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

24 (Applause)

25 MR. HALACZINSKY: (Raise Hand).

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Next, please.

2           MR. HALACZINSKY: Hi. I'm Thomas Halaczinsky,  
3           1116 Main Street, and I just want to speak out and  
4           support this proposal. I think it will actually  
5           increase quality of life in the Village, and also  
6           will attract more people to the Village, and so I  
7           want to just support the proposal. Thank you.

8           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Yes. Oh, he beat you.

9           MR. RACANELLI: Hi. Luigi Racanelli,  
10          516 Madison Avenue, Greenport. I totally support  
11          this, I think it's a fantastic idea. My wife and  
12          daughter, 2 1/2-year-old daughter, I'm sure would  
13          absolutely love to stroll down into town and go to a  
14          farmers market.

15          My only question is with regards to the timing.  
16          I think this is a great opportunity to, as people had  
17          mentioned, bring in new business, bring more people  
18          into town, but I just wonder if a different day may  
19          be a more viable option. When you talk about a  
20          Friday, there's already a lot of traffic, you already  
21          have a lot of other events. You have a lot of people  
22          already coming in, bars are already busy. I feel  
23          like this is a great opportunity to do it on a --  
24          perhaps a Thursday, to make another day also  
25          extremely viable, increase that.

1           There's a -- also, you're concerned about  
2 alcohol drinking and consumption. Thursday's a lot  
3 easier, a lot better in that sense, that, you know,  
4 Fridays, people are more inclined to consume a little  
5 bit more than they are on let's say a Thursday.

6           And, also, so, yeah, I think Thursday or  
7 perhaps another day. I question whether another day  
8 would also be viable for the farmers on that, on that  
9 end. I think Fridays are, again, just extremely busy  
10 as is, and I think this is a great opportunity to do  
11 it on another day. So I just question whether that  
12 is also potential and whether that could work, so I  
13 just want to throw that out there. Thank you.

14           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

15                           (Applause)

16           MS. WALTON: Frances Walton, 171 Central  
17 Avenue. I wasn't originally planning to speak  
18 tonight, so I don't have prepared remarks, but I do  
19 want to speak in favor of the farmers market. It's  
20 something that I think is a wonderful amenity for the  
21 residents of not just the Village, but the  
22 surrounding area as well.

23           When I bought my house in 1989, I didn't have a  
24 car, so I think the issue of walkability is significant  
25 to some people. I have managed to acquire one by

1 now, but, at the time, you know, I didn't, I didn't  
2 have one.

3 I think that -- I applaud Paul for this effort,  
4 it's not an easy one. And I think the Village has --  
5 the Trustees have raised some important questions in  
6 this process. I don't think we're going to have all  
7 the answers right off the bat, and it may be a little  
8 bit of trial and error, but I think it's worth trying.

9 And I know over the course of the years that  
10 I've been here, we've had farmers markets on and off,  
11 and they've, they've -- it was a regular part of my  
12 routine, it used to be a Saturday morning. And there  
13 might be other times, as per the speaker that just  
14 before me mentioned, but I know that a lot of the  
15 farmers are committed to other locations at different  
16 points in time. So I believe that the -- a lot of  
17 consideration and thought has gone into this  
18 proposal, and that there are probably reasons why  
19 it's being proposed in the, in the manner that it is.  
20 Thank you.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

22 (Applause)

23 MR. FEIBUSCH: Hello. My name is Jacob Feibusch,  
24 on Peconic Bay, I'm an Oyster Farmer, Site 313. As  
25 far as on land goes, I work out of Treiber Farms on



1 County Road 48. I'd just like to show my support for  
2 the potential of a farmers market.

3 I got my start at farmers markets, rowing a  
4 10-foot boat out many years ago, and it has allowed  
5 me to grow my business, you know, to a 10-acre  
6 operation on Peconic Bay, and scale up and push  
7 forward. It would also mean a lot to be able to sell  
8 my product on land to, you know, the community on the  
9 shore that I could see, you know, from my farm, so it  
10 would be pretty cool.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: How far were you traveling to  
12 farmer markets to sell?

13 MR. FEIBUSCH: Well, I still travel pretty far,  
14 Malverne, Glen Cove. It's a hike, it's all the way  
15 up-Island. But it would be nice, you know, go right  
16 from the dock and then get ready for the market on  
17 Fridays.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank you.

19 (Applause)

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from the public  
21 like to speak this evening?

22 MS. WADE: Randy Wade, Sixth Street, Greenport.  
23 I was delighted to see the farmers market was on the  
24 agenda. I had no idea that this wonderful thing was  
25 being contemplated. I was so sorry to miss when,

1 Mary Bess, you stopped having it at the ice house,  
2 and when Latham stopped doing it in that parking lot.  
3 When we go away for a couple of weeks in the winter,  
4 I always look, farmers market search, find whatever  
5 days of the month, and I'm really sad if I --  
6 sometimes it's not every week -- if I've missed that  
7 time when the farmers market's going to be there.

8 But you're raising a lot of good questions.  
9 And I hope you'll consider this more of a partnership,  
10 because it sounds like they could really use your  
11 nurturing to figure it out, and to make sure that,  
12 you know, they fit on the hardscape, and, you know,  
13 maybe have rubber mats on the lawn where if it's  
14 going to get a lot of traffic, so a little bit.  
15 Anyway, so I hope you work on it together. Thank you.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from the  
19 public that would like to speak this evening?  
20 Nobody?

21 MR. BAUER: Yeah, I'll speak. David Bauer,  
22 South Street. I think it's -- I think it's a  
23 no-brainer to have a green market in Greenport.

24 (Laughter)

25 MR. BAUER: I think it's time people start

1 facing up to the fact that this is our identity, and  
2 this is how people gather, around local products on  
3 foot in a green space, near the water, in the air.  
4 I mean, it's ridiculous.

5 (Laughter)

6 MR. BAUER: You know, work out the details,  
7 details -- not details, but bring the community  
8 together so it's a good fit, so it works, so it  
9 stays. It's time, people are ready. I mean, it's  
10 just us. Don't fight, figure it out.

11 (Laughter and Applause)

12 MS. GRANT: Sally Grant, 150 Sterling Avenue  
13 Greenport. I just want to show my support for the  
14 farmers market, not just because I'm Paul's wife.

15 (Laughter)

16 MS. GRANT: But I have never learned to drive,  
17 so the idea of just being able to walk down and,  
18 you know, go to the farmers market. I love when you  
19 go to farmers markets that are in the center of a  
20 Village and they're bustling.

21 And I get about, you know, reviving areas that  
22 maybe are, you know, a little bit more downtrodden.  
23 But so far, it seems as though the farmers markets  
24 that have been in other places just haven't quite  
25 worked out. And I think the idea of them being in

1 Mitchell Park, you know, in the center of the  
2 Village, would just be wonderful. Let's hope --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Before you leave, I just wanted  
4 to publicly thank you for all you've done for our  
5 library. The arts events you're putting on have been  
6 outstanding.

7 MS. GRANT: Thank you.

8 (Applause)

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

10 MS. PARRETT: My name is Brooke Parrett, I live  
11 at 5 Robin Lane, Shelter Island. I just want to say  
12 thank you to Paul for really -- Peter and I have been  
13 thinking about this for months, and months, and  
14 months, and meeting with Kevin and having coffee  
15 talks and thinking about it. And Paul's really the  
16 one that has been able to help us think through all  
17 of the like logistical stuff.

18 I'm a farmer, Peter is a farmer. We don't  
19 really have time to be market managers as well on top  
20 of our regular farming jobs. And Paul has done just  
21 an incredible, incredible job of really helping us  
22 think things through in terms of some of the like  
23 other questions that have been raised. I think those  
24 are great questions.

25 And Paul and I have been working really closely

1 together, and I think that the ultimate goal is to  
2 benefit as many people and as many farmers and as  
3 many Greenport people, I'm sure plenty of people. I  
4 can't think of anything more that I would want to do  
5 on a Friday afternoon, and then take the ferry over  
6 and walk from the ferry to come to Mitchell Park and  
7 go to the farmers market.

8 So, you know, back to what I was saying before,  
9 to benefit as many people as possible. I'm sure that  
10 there's some flexibility in terms of start date, or  
11 what that would look like in terms of alcohol, or  
12 whatever it may be. I really just want to see it  
13 happen.

14 I work in Southold, I take the ferry every day.  
15 You know, I just think Peter has mentioned this so  
16 many times before. We go to the Sag Harbor farmers  
17 market. Most of the farms that are in the farmers  
18 market are a lot of North Fork farms, and all of  
19 those customers that we see regularly every single  
20 week in Sag Harbor have never been to the North Fork  
21 or to our farm store in Southold. So I would love to  
22 be able to expose and just have more people that  
23 maybe don't even know where our farm is, and maybe  
24 they live in Greenport and we're just down the road.  
25 So, yeah.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

2                           (Applause)

3           MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from the  
4 public that would like to speak? No?

5                           (No Response)

6           MAYOR STUESSI: I just wanted to say a couple  
7 of things. Somebody sent me something the other day,  
8 and as I stare at the voting machines, it really  
9 becomes timely. It was a year ago we had an election  
10 in this Village, and three of us out of seven  
11 candidates were elected, and we were elected because  
12 people believed in us to do the best for our Village.  
13 And we may not always get it right, but I can assure  
14 you that not just the three of us, but the five of us  
15 are always going to do our very best to listen to the  
16 Village, and that takes a lot of time and energy.  
17 Fred Thiele said it to me best, we're the ones who go  
18 in the grocery store with a shopping list and come  
19 out with a list that's four times as long. That  
20 being said, we will always work hard for the community.

21           I think the farmers market is a wonderful idea.  
22 I hope the Board, when we vote, will consider giving  
23 it a shot. Somebody earlier said let's give it a  
24 chance. Jan Claudio, who I respect a lot, she and  
25 her late husband ran one of the most successful

1 businesses, Claudio's, of course, in the Village and  
2 said, "Give it a shot." I think we can do that. We  
3 did that with the Pride Festival last year. It was a  
4 group, it was Laurie, the hairstylist, "Oh, we want  
5 to do a big parade and festival," and we did that and  
6 it was enormously successful, we're voting on that  
7 again tonight, so much so that the Police Chief said  
8 it was one of the best events that's ever been done  
9 in the Village by far. I think we can certainly put  
10 conditions on it relative to waiver of fees,  
11 etcetera, relative to getting through the process and  
12 getting approvals, but I'll leave it to the Board to  
13 discuss further when we come to voting on it.

14 But it's hard to believe it's been a year since  
15 seven of us were running for office, and I just  
16 wanted to say thank you, and I am committed, and I  
17 know our entire Board is, to continue to do the best  
18 for our community. With --

19 (Applause)

20 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, one brief public  
21 announcement on Mitchell Park. In case you didn't  
22 catch in the newspaper from the Greenport Symposium  
23 that was hosted by the newspaper, we just received a  
24 \$3 million Federal grant to rebuild the bulkhead wall  
25 in Mitchell Park, which was --

1 (Applause)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. It's signed off by  
3 the President, Senate and Congress a week ago. This  
4 goes to show sometimes when people work together,  
5 good things happen.

6 (Applause)

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So we are going to be planning  
8 for that. And it will be under construction this  
9 winter, and we will have a brand new bulkhead, which  
10 is hugely important in this Village, because that is  
11 a large part of the economic engine, that marina  
12 there, that supports a lot of what we do, and it also  
13 supports Mitchell Park, which is the heart and soul  
14 of this Village. And a lot of effort was put to  
15 putting it together years ago.

16 And I'm really excited to say we've got some  
17 wonderful opportunities with additional grants and  
18 funding, and a lot of it ties towards bringing  
19 together the community, whether it's downtown  
20 revitalization or some other things, and there's much  
21 to do, and we are continuing to work on it. With  
22 that, I will turn --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wait, wait, wait.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think we all need to, to



1 acknowledge something in reference to the grant for  
2 the Mitchell bulkhead, because for years, since we  
3 did do the study we have been reaching out, searching.  
4 And it's through your, your thoughtfulness and --  
5 thoughtfulness and determination that we were awarded  
6 that grant. And I think you need to get a big hand  
7 for that, because you put in all the work for it.  
8 Yes, we're supporting you, but you're the one that  
9 led the charge on it and made it a success in getting  
10 the money.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

12 (Applause)

13 MAYOR STUESSI: There was a -- there was a  
14 point when Congress was going wonky that I said to  
15 Candace and the group, "Are you prepared to take a  
16 day off? And I'm going to call the Jitney. We're  
17 going to take a bus to D.C. and stand on the Capitol  
18 Hill steps." But our local Congressman even sent a  
19 letter to the Republican Leader saying, "Keep it in  
20 the bill and don't lose it," which was pretty  
21 remarkable. So bipartisanship got it done.

22 With that, Lily or Julia, who are we starting  
23 with on resolutions? Thank you, everybody.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I can start.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: All right, Lily.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-1,*  
2 *RESOLUTION adopting the March, 2024 agenda as printed.*

3 So moved.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

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. Motion carries.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-2,*  
12 *RESOLUTION accepting the monthly reports of the*  
13 *Greenport Fire Department, Village Administrator,*  
14 *Village Deputy Treasurer, Village Clerk, Village*  
15 *Attorney, Mayor and Board of Trustees. So moved.*

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: 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. Motion carries.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-3,*  
24 *RESOLUTION approving the application of Jon Versheck*  
25 *for membership to the Phenix Hook and Ladder Company 1,*

1        *of the Greenport Fire Department, as approved by the*  
2        *Village of Greenport Fire Department Board of Wardens*  
3        *on March 20th, 2024. So moved.*

4                TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

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. Motion carries.

11                TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-4,*  
12        *RESOLUTION authorizing the attendance of Village*  
13        *Deputy Treasurer, Adam Brautigam at the NYAPP*  
14        *Business Meeting at Saratoga Springs, New York from*  
15        *April 16th, 2024 through April 18th, 2024 at a*  
16        *conference fee of \$375.00 per person and a room rate*  
17        *not to exceed \$160.00 per night, plus all applicable*  
18        *travel and meal costs in accordance with the Village*  
19        *of Greenport Travel Policy to be expensed from*  
20        *Account Number A.1325.400 (Treasurer Contractual*  
21        *Expense). So moved.*

22                TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

23                MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24                TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25                TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-5,*  
5 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
6 *approve agreement with Robert Haft Talent Experts,*  
7 *and authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to sign*  
8 *agreement between the Village of Greenport and Robert*  
9 *Haft Talent Experts for part time treasury assistance,*  
10 *not to exceed \$25,000. So moved.*

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion, please.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So what's the, what's the  
16 plan here? This is an interim measure to help  
17 support Adam?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a -- yeah, some additional  
19 help with Robert Brautigam (sic), to support him  
20 while we're interviewing for the Treasurer and  
21 Assistant Treasurer position.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Good. And we're continuing  
23 with Robert --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- Brandt as well?

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

2           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The -- to explain, there's a  
3 lot of backup work that needs to be completed. We  
4 also have to get caught up, because our auditors will  
5 be coming in in July for the electric audit, and then  
6 we have our normal annual audit. And in talking to  
7 Adam, because of the shortness of staff upstairs,  
8 keeping to the day-to-day operations has been a  
9 little overwhelming, and there's a lot of backup that  
10 this type of person coming in could be able to do the  
11 accounting sections of things that need to get  
12 completed for our auditors, as well as some of our  
13 day-to-day operations.

14           MAYOR STUESSI: And, ironically, one of the  
15 people that's coming through then is interested in a  
16 full-time position as well, so that might actually  
17 pan out nicely.

18           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

19           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Vote.

20           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we have a resolution.

21           MAYOR STUESSI: Do we have a second?

22           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, we have a second already.

23           MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-6,*  
5 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
6 *perform attached Budget Amendment #5583 to*  
7 *appropriate sewer fund reserves to partially fund*  
8 *J.R.H. Consulting Infrastructure Review and directing*  
9 *that Budget Amendment #5583 be included as part of*  
10 *the formal meeting minutes of the Regular -- of the*  
11 *March 28th Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.*

12 So moved

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-7,*  
21 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
22 *perform attached budget Amendment #5594, to*  
23 *appropriate light fund reserves to fund purchase of*  
24 *secondary current transformers for CT rated electric*  
25 *services and directing that Budget Amendment #5594 be*

1 *included as part of the formal meeting minutes of the*  
2 *March 28th Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.*

3 So moved.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

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. Motion carries.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-8,*  
12 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
13 *perform attached Budget Amendment #5595 to*  
14 *appropriate light fund reserves to fund emergency*  
15 *repairs to truck G-16 - bucket truck and directing*  
16 *that Budget Amendment #5595 be included as part of*  
17 *the formal meeting minutes of the March 28th Regular*  
18 *Meeting of the Board of Trustees. So moved.*

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have question. I thought,  
21 and maybe I need to go back in our resolutions, but  
22 did we not at one point, Julia, go forward for  
23 purchasing a new bucket truck for the Electric  
24 Department? Wasn't there resolutions for that?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Have they been -- oh, okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: It's in process. I'm  
5 forgetting when the delivery date it.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's what I want.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: But this, yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: This is, this is needed to  
10 cover it, and so, yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just -- yeah, I just --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: You know how these things are,  
13 they take a year to two years, depending on what it is.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just couldn't remember.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's why I'm asking.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I want to say it's due to us  
18 before the end of the year.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. Okay.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: But you're correct.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: It's in there.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Vote.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Was there a second on that?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Lily seconded it.



1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-9,*  
9 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
10 *perform attached Budget Amendment #5596 to*  
11 *appropriate light fund reserves to close out the*  
12 *Microgrid Project and directing that Budget Amendment*  
13 *#5596 be included as part of the formal meeting*  
14 *minutes of the March 28th Regular Meeting of the*  
15 *Board of Trustees. So moved.*

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: 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. Motion carries.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-10,*  
24 *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
25 *perform attached Budget Amendment #5597 to transfer*

1        *funds from McCann's park refuse and grounds to*  
2        *McCann's park expense to fund improvements at*  
3        *campground and directing that Budget Amendment #5597*  
4        *be included as part of the formal meeting minutes of*  
5        *the March 28th Regular Meeting of the Board of*  
6        *Trustees. So moved.*

7                TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

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. Motion carries.

14               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What number am I on? What  
15        number did you just do?

16               TRUSTEE ROBINS: Eleven.

17               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Eleven.

18               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Eleven. *RESOLUTION #03-2024-11,*  
19        *RESOLUTION authorizing Deputy Treasurer Brautigam to*  
20        *perform attached Budget Amendment #5640 to*  
21        *appropriate funds from the general reserves to fund*  
22        *the removal of trees and stumps along Village-owned*  
23        *streets and directing that Budget Amendment #5640 be*  
24        *included as part of the formal meeting minutes of the*  
25        *March 28th Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.*

1 So moved.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: 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. Motion carries.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-12,*  
10 *RESOLUTION amending RESOLUTION 10-2023-8 approving*  
11 *amended Supplemental Agreement Number 1 between the*  
12 *Village of Greenport and the New York Department of*  
13 *Transportation and Authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign*  
14 *Supplemental Agreement Number 1.*

15 *WHEREAS, a Project for the Village of Greenport*  
16 *to reconstruct existing North Ferry Terminal, P.I.N.*  
17 *Number 0761.79 (the Project) is eligible for funding*  
18 *under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for*  
19 *the appropriate -- apportionment of the costs such*  
20 *program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds*  
21 *and 20% non-Federal funds; and*

22 *WHEREAS, the Village of Greenport desires to*  
23 *advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of*  
24 *the non-Federal share of the cost of \$686,584.*

25 *NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the*

1 *Village of Greenport, duly convened duly hereby --*  
2 *does hereby*

3 *RESOLVE, that the Board of Trustees of the*  
4 *Village of Greenport hereby approve the above-subject*  
5 *project; and it is hereby further*

6 *RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the*  
7 *Village of Greenport hereby authorizes the Treasurer*  
8 *of the Village of Greenport to pay in the first*  
9 *instance 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of*  
10 *the construction cost of \$2,682,917.00 work for the*  
11 *projects or portion thereof; and it is further*

12 *RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,682,917.00 is*  
13 *hereby appropriated pursuant to a Bond Resolution and*  
14 *made available to cover the cost of the participation*  
15 *in the above phase of the program; and it is further*

16 *RESOLVED, that in the event the full Federal*  
17 *and non-Federal share cost of the project exceeds the*  
18 *amount appropriated above, the Board of Trustees of*  
19 *the Village of Greenport shall convene as soon as*  
20 *possible to appropriate said excess amount*  
21 *immediately upon the notification by the*

22 *Village Administrator thereof, and it is further*

23 *RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of*  
24 *Greenport be and is hereby authorized to execute*  
25 *Supplemental Agreement No. 1.*

1           *RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator of the*  
2           *Village of Greenport be and is hereby authorized to*  
3           *execute all necessary agreements, certifications or*  
4           *reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or*  
5           *Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Greenport*  
6           *with the New York State Department of Transportation*  
7           *in connection with the advancement or approval of the*  
8           *project and providing for the administration of the*  
9           *Project and the municipality's first instance funding*  
10          *of the project cost and permanent funding of the*  
11          *local share of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid eligible*  
12          *Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations*  
13          *thereof -- therefore -- excuse me -- that are not so*  
14          *eligible, and it is further*

15           *RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this*  
16          *resolution be filed with the New York State*  
17          *Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to*  
18          *any necessary agreement in connection with the*  
19          *Project. And It is further*

20           *RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect*  
21          *immediately. So moved.*

22           TRUSTEE ROBINS: For clarification, in terms of  
23          language, going back to the last page --

24           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We need a second.

25           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: For clarification, just in  
2 terms of language, it says, "RESOLVED, that the  
3 Village Administrator of the Village of Greenport."  
4 Would that be you, Mayor Stuessi?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. In the absence of a  
6 Village Administrator, the Mayor serves as Village  
7 Administrator.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Thank you.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: So that is I.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do we need a roll call?

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: So I --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do we need a roll call vote  
13 for this?

14 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Because it's the funding,  
15 you do.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I would change the two points  
18 where it does say Village Administrator to Mayor.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: As amended.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We'll amend it as such. Lily,  
22 second on that?

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: We'll do a roll call.

25 (Roll Call by Mayor Stuessi)

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: And I'll vote aye as well.

6 Motion carries.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-13,*  
8 *RESOLUTION ratifying the hiring of William Frances*  
9 *Cunningham as a part-time, seasonal pump-out boat*  
10 *operator for Mitchell Park Marina at an hourly wage*  
11 *of \$30.00 per hour, effective May 1st, 2024. So moved.*

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-14,*  
20 *Resolution awarding the contract for the Mitchell*  
21 *Park Public Restrooms 2024 from bid dated*  
22 *February 6, 2024 (sic) (February 26, 2024) to Robert*  
23 *Bohn LLC, the lowest bidder, at a bid entry of*  
24 *Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$82,500.00)*  
25 *and authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign the contract*

1       *between the Village of Greenport and Robert Bohn, LLC.*

2       So moved.

3               TRUSTEE BRENNAN:   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.   Motion carries.

10              TRUSTEE BRENNAN:   Are we going to table this  
11       next resolution or --

12              ATTORNEY STOLAR:   Well, if you want to move  
13       forward with the, with the actual approval, you can  
14       do the predicate resolution, SEQRA resolution, just  
15       identical language as you have in Resolution  
16       3-2024-27.   Just replace where it says Bill 01B of  
17       2024 with the Costello wetlands permit application.

18              MAYOR STUESSI:   Yeah.   I am personally not  
19       comfortable moving forward with this yet.   I'd like  
20       to have further discussion in our Work Session and  
21       bring somebody in to have a discussion about a living  
22       shoreline there.   This is one of the last pieces of  
23       property in the Village that isn't yet hardened, and  
24       it's not immediately adjacent to boats, etcetera.

25              In the Southold Town rules, those type of areas



1 utilize rock revetment, instead of hardening  
2 bulkhead. And so I would like to make a motion to  
3 table and have further discussion with the CAC to  
4 come present to us and discuss it, together with an  
5 extra outside representative in our next Work  
6 Session.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Um --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I think I had mentioned I went  
9 and toured the new rock revetment with the Mayor of  
10 Patchogue that did incredibly well in the last storm  
11 about a month-and-a-half ago, and I would encourage  
12 everybody to get down there and take a look at it.  
13 It seems like an absolutely appropriate place to be  
14 doing it and taking a look at it.

15 I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you. I  
16 just wanted to reiterate what I had said before on it.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I, I know that area well.  
18 Part of it is the flooding situation. I really --  
19 okay. I wish that had been brought up during Work  
20 Session and we hadn't put the resolution on the  
21 agenda. I think we should have had that discussion  
22 when the contractor was here.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mary Bess, my recollection was  
24 the contractor said that there was a sense of urgency  
25 about getting this done.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's what I'm  
2 saying, there was. But I understand where the Mayor  
3 is coming from, and there is a lot of activity with a  
4 living shoreline. But I also know Stirling Creek  
5 just as well as I'm sure Patrick does, and lots of  
6 things flood and they go over living shorelines,  
7 period. And given the sensitivity of what's in that  
8 area --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm suggesting that we wait  
10 three weeks.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right. Yeah, as long as  
12 there's going to be a major discussion on the Work  
13 Session, yeah, okay. So, Patrick, you -- we have to  
14 table 15 and 16?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, they're one in the same.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do we need a motion to table  
17 these, or are you tabling them?

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No, he's got to  
19 table. We have to have a motion to table.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, I've made a motion to  
21 table them.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'll second it.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. Thank you. Next  
4 item, who's up?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think I'm up.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Pat's up -- Patrick's up.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *We're going to skip to 17,*

8 *RESOLUTION #03-2024-17, RESOLUTION approving*

9 *the Public Assembly Permit Application submitted by*

10 *Robert Vitelli on behalf of the New York LGBT Network*

11 *Festival for use of specified Village streets and*

12 *Mitchell Park from 12 noon through 5 p.m. on*

13 *June 22nd, 2024; road closures to include the closure*

14 *of Main Street from Front Street to the south end of*

15 *Main Street, and Front Street from Main Street to*

16 *Third Street to begin at the end of the LGBT Network*

17 *scheduled parade and Festival activities to end at*

18 *5 p.m. Parade route street closure from Broad Street*

19 *down Main Street, Front Street to Third Street from*

20 *10 a.m. to 2 p.m. So moved.*

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second. Just a discussion.

22 They are following the same format that they did last

23 year, which followed the Maritime Festival, where the

24 streets were closed for their vendors?

25 CLERK HALL: No.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm trying to  
2 get out of this. Okay.

3 CLERK HALL: My apologies. So if they are  
4 following the same as last year, it would be from  
5 Main down to Third Street, from my memory. My  
6 memory --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: On Front Street.

8 CLERK HALL: Yeah, on Front Street. I'm sorry.  
9 So the parade route would close down Main down to  
10 Front Street, and then when the parade ends, Main  
11 Street would open up basically to the corner of --  
12 the corner where Main and Front Street intersect,  
13 that intersection.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, I think  
15 that's what they did last year. The street was  
16 closed all the way from Broad --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- and Main and  
19 Front for the parade --

20 CLERK HALL: Right.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- from 10 to 2,  
22 and then just Front Street was --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Front Street from Main to --

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: To Third --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To Third.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- was closed, just  
2 for like the --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So it was a shorter  
4 version of what the Maritime Festival does.

5 CLERK HALL: Exactly.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

7 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: This is a smaller closure  
10 than last year, correct?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I thought --

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think it was closed from --  
13 didn't they ask it to be closed from Park?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, they did.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I feel like it's down a  
16 block.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They did ask from Park.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So now it's only  
19 closed from Main Street and Front Street to the south  
20 end of Main Street. So they're not closing the area  
21 in front of the Northwell Health Center or --

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- former D'Latte.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. There wouldn't be exit  
25 out of the parking lot.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That might make  
2 sense, because, I mean, I don't -- I don't think I  
3 was working that day, so I don't think I went to the  
4 festival. But I mean, I think it was more contained.  
5 You know, it's not Maritime, they didn't have maybe  
6 enough vendors or enough --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, as you recall, there --  
8 the people they had were in the park.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, there a number of folks.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They weren't selling anything  
12 in the park.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They were just giving  
15 away --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, they were selling some  
17 T-shirts and things that were going to charity, yeah.

18 CLERK HALL: Yeah. So in the park there were,  
19 as Mayor Kevin said, specific vendors, if you will,  
20 and then on the street, on Main -- I'm sorry. On  
21 Front Street is where the vendors who were selling --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: The commercial vendors, yeah.

23 CLERK HALL: Right, exactly.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Much like, much like Maritime.

25 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Probably mostly  
2 just Front Street, or could be. I mean, it's a lot  
3 of space.

4 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So I think that  
6 makes sense to close it less.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think it makes sense, too.  
8 When we had this resolution before, has the Police  
9 Chief already looked at this?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

11 CLERK HALL: When I send the application out to  
12 you all, I copy the Police Chief on the initial  
13 application. But that comment earlier was in an email  
14 from someone in support of this, so I'm not sure.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. So the Police Chief  
16 reviews all these, and if he has an issue, he picks  
17 up the phone and calls and --

18 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- we would speak in regards to  
20 it. He did mention our last year's event was one of  
21 the best events he ever managed in the Village.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we don't need to approve  
23 this subject to the Police Chief's approval?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: No, no.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Already done. Did we have a  
2 second on that?

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, I seconded it.

4           MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. All in favor?

5           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

6           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

7           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

8           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

9           MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

10          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-18,*  
11 *RESOLUTION authorizing the suspension of the open*  
12 *container law of the Village of Greenport, per*  
13 *Section 35-3B and 35-3C of the Greenport Village*  
14 *Code, within the Festival parameters of the New York*  
15 *LGBT Network Festival, from noon through 5 p.m. on*  
16 *June 22nd, 2024. So moved.*

17          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

18          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Discussion, please. Within  
19 the festival parameters. So the goal is that they're  
20 going to have vendors out in the street serving  
21 alcohol, is that what their goal is?

22          CLERK HALL: I do believe that's what happened  
23 last year.

24          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25          CLERK HALL: There were vendors that were set



1 up on either side of the street, some of which sold  
2 alcohol. I believe primarily the vendors that were  
3 in Mitchell Park, as Mayor Kevin said, those vendors,  
4 if there were any items for sale, the money went  
5 towards, I guess, a specific cause. I know there  
6 were schools set up in Mitchell Park.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the hospital was there,  
8 the --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I know. I'm just --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the commercial ones were  
11 all on Front Street.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, the festival parameters.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm -- you know,  
15 should we designate that as being the commercial  
16 portion of the festival, Brian?

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: If you want to be specific so  
18 that you can enforce it, you should identify it with  
19 specifics. What is -- what is festival-- festival  
20 parameters is not defined here.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I know, it's not  
22 defined.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I assume it's referring to  
24 the prior resolution where it --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's a permitted area.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- where it discusses  
2 Mitchell Park and certain road closures.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I'm pretty  
5 sure we did this last year and I don't think there  
6 were issues.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: We did, yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I'm just -- no, I'm  
9 just --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I know. I'm just --

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No, it's a good point.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's a valid point these days.

13 CLERK HALL: When it was -- and at least for  
14 this time, I can't speak to last year, but this  
15 festival parameters is referencing their application  
16 in the prior resolution, is what that reference is  
17 intended, as we -- as I wrote it, but I see your  
18 point.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, we could  
20 add it.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: So why don't we say,  
22 "Parameters as defined by the approved" --

23 CLERK HALL: Application.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: -- "application"?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, okay. So we are going

1 to amend that?

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That will be okay.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So we're amending it to --

4 CLERK HALL: "Parameters as defined on the  
5 approved application"?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So moved.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'll second that.

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 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-19,*  
15 *RESOLUTION approving the Public Assembly Permit*  
16 *Application submitted by Agro Council / Greenport*  
17 *Business Improvement District for the 3rd Annual*  
18 *Cherry Blossom 5K fundraiser starting and ending from*  
19 *corner of Center Street and Third Street and includes*  
20 *the use of specified Village streets from 8 a.m.*  
21 *through 12 p.m. on April 20th, 2024. So moved.*

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-20,*  
5 *RESOLUTION approving the Public Assembly Permit*  
6 *Application submitted by Denise Gillies on behalf of*  
7 *The Friends of Mitchell Park, for the use of a*  
8 *portion of Mitchell Park from 9:00 a.m. through*  
9 *10:00 a.m. every Saturday from May 5th, 2024 through*  
10 *October 25th, 2024 for Tai Chi instruction, which*  
11 *will be offered at no cost to the public. So moved.*

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second. And discussion.  
13 This is about 25 Saturdays, I counted. Is this  
14 consistent with prior years?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

16 CLERK HALL: Yes.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is it an expansion of that or  
18 is the same?

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I think it's the same.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think it's the  
21 same.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: It's the same.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's pretty much  
24 May to October always.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-21,*  
8 *RESOLUTION approving the Public Assembly Permit*  
9 *Application submitted by Greenport Farmers Market for*  
10 *the use of Mitchell Park from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*  
11 *every Friday from May 17th, 2024 through October 11th,*  
12 *2024 for a Farmers Market. So moved.*

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I want to -- yeah, I'm either  
17 going to ask to have a discussion or to table this.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I make some  
19 comments?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, please.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I have questions,  
22 because I'm totally supportive of this. There was a  
23 farmers market in Greenport for many years, I mean,  
24 not a lot of people to know that, and it was in  
25 various different spots. It had wanted to be in

1 Mitchell Park. And I think making it successful is  
2 really important, so that it can continue, because  
3 that was the issue with the farmers, and also not  
4 always having the space. But the Village did give  
5 that space to farmers markets. It was on green space  
6 when it was at the polo ground on grass, it didn't  
7 ruin anything.

8 A couple of other things from what people were  
9 saying. Consistency of having it every Friday is  
10 important for the farmers and vendors, for sure.  
11 It's also important for customers, because I'm not  
12 going to remember if it's every other Friday, and  
13 like people aren't going to be able to come if they  
14 don't know the dates. I just think that both for  
15 customers and for vendors it's really important.

16 The other thing is a lot of people have been  
17 asking for something like this in the Village,  
18 farmers market, farm stand. People miss Latham's,  
19 Latham's misses being in Greenport, and I know that  
20 the farmers market has talked to them.

21 So I just think there's so many good reasons to  
22 work with -- for this and work with this, and try it  
23 for a year. I mean, I don't see, I don't see what  
24 could really go wrong, there seems to be a lot of  
25 support. And I understand everyone's concerns up

1 here, and I understand like, you know, weighing the  
2 risks, but it just seems like, yeah, farmers market  
3 seems like something that we should be supportive of,  
4 to me.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I, you know, Lily, you know,  
6 have been involved in farmers markets myself, okay?  
7 And part of my thought process here is that they're  
8 really looking -- in order for them to proceed to see  
9 if they can even get the vendors, because they  
10 haven't gotten that far yet, they're coming up late  
11 from the -- to the program, to be honest with you. I  
12 would think that it would be positive for them to get  
13 a sense from this Board if we could give them the  
14 sense that the farmers market idea for a year is a  
15 positive thought. But, you know, can they change the  
16 date? Can they -- you know, how many vendors are  
17 they going to have? We're getting information to try  
18 to agree on something that we don't have all of the  
19 facts. So I don't know if we could do a -- in ZBA  
20 sometimes we used to do a straw vote or a -- you  
21 know, a kind of comment of, you know, "Do you think  
22 you agree with this or not," not voting for it, just  
23 making a comment of a general -- if each one of us  
24 think it would be worth continuing going forward with  
25 it, working with them, and having them come back,

1       you know, with information at the Work Session to see  
2       how far you've gotten in getting some of your facts  
3       and figures together as to how many vendors you think  
4       you're going to have, you know, what's your  
5       operation, your farmer market operation's going to  
6       be, which is part of all that goes along with a  
7       farmers market.

8                It's a lot of work, been there done that, but I  
9       think, in fairness, we should give them a shot, let  
10      them see what happens. But, you know as I said,  
11      they're asking for a different type of market than  
12      what other people are used to, because it's being a  
13      designated market, which is allowing different type  
14      of vendors in within the craft beer and the wineries.

15              So, you know, I for one would like to say give  
16      them a vote of support to continue working on it and  
17      fill us in at Work Session to come up with a  
18      definite, you know, plan of action of, or yes, you  
19      know, yes or no. I think that that, you know, I'm --  
20      I would probably vote yes for it, if that's where we  
21      were going to go at this point.

22              And, believe me, I'm a big proponent of open  
23      space, but they put a lot of effort into it. I have  
24      seen farmers markets not succeed here, and it wasn't  
25      for lack of trying, believe me. There was a lot of



1 advertising. And Latham's has been approached by  
2 other people to come back into the Village that I  
3 know, because I know who approached them. So I think  
4 at this point there's a lot of positives here, but  
5 there's a lot of questions as well, so that's my  
6 thoughts.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, I agree, I think it's  
8 important to try to signal to the applicant which way  
9 we want to go with this, so that they can continue.  
10 I'm generally in favor of the farmers market, but I  
11 do have a lot of questions. And I think there were  
12 some very valid concerns about logistics, or alcohol,  
13 different things. So I think we could do what  
14 Mary Bess was suggesting, where we maybe table this,  
15 but we take like a straw poll to signal to the  
16 applicant, or we could -- the alternative is we make  
17 changes to this resolution where we attach conditions  
18 to it.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And that would probably be --  
21 in some ways that would be a little bit more concrete  
22 for the applicant. So, if someone felt like they  
23 could craft a resolution with conditions that address  
24 some of the major concerns, like the business entity,  
25 the insurance, you know, the number of vendors,

1 logistics, this issue with alcohol consumption.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, their operation, in  
3 other words, the farmer market's operation, how  
4 they're operating.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So can we, can we  
6 create a resolution that has enough conditions in it  
7 that allows us to move forward with this, while, at  
8 the same time, requiring the applicant give us more  
9 information in a timely manner?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I would assume --

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I would prefer to see this  
12 brought up as a topic of discussion at Work Session.  
13 I just have too many questions, and there's a lot of  
14 details that are missing from this right now, you  
15 know. And for us to go all in on a five-month  
16 commitment, I can't do it right now. I'm sorry,  
17 but --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I don't think it's  
19 actually a five-month commitment. I think what I'm  
20 trying to say is to give them the idea that we do  
21 need to have all this information, but they're not  
22 going to be able to get all of this information  
23 unless they can have the feeling that we're going to  
24 support them. And we can always vote no afterwards.  
25 I mean, it's a matter of they can't move forward to

1 give us the information unless we give them the  
2 opportunity to try.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So if I could make a  
4 point. There is nothing in here right now for waiver  
5 of, you know, alcohol in this. I know that was part  
6 of the discussion, but the open container has not  
7 been addressed.

8 It would seem to me that in order to give them  
9 the ability to proceed, it makes sense, as was  
10 suggested earlier, to approve it. We could do this  
11 conditional on that they are diligently pursuing  
12 getting their 501(c)(3). Such, you know, that they  
13 get that, we would waive the fee, as we do for other  
14 organizations for it, and also conditional upon  
15 meeting with the Board at the next Work Session with  
16 an update on their plan, and, you know, share with  
17 us --

18 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Insurance.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Insurance and indemnification.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and insurance and  
22 indemnification.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So, in your mind, would this  
24 conditional approval allow them to actually begin the  
25 farmers market?

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

2           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Ahead, even if these conditions  
3 aren't --

4           MAYOR STUESSI: No, no. I'm suggesting that  
5 the conditions need to be met, that they need to  
6 have -- before they actually have their first farmers  
7 market, the 501(c)(3) would need to be formed, the  
8 insurance needs to be provided, and what was the last  
9 item?

10          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Indemnification.

11          MAYOR STUESSI: Indemnification, yeah.

12          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, yet, they would need to  
13 come back to us at the first available meeting,  
14 whether it's a Work Session or the Regular Meeting,  
15 to update us on their progress.

16          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Why don't we just give them  
17 approval to do one as a trial and we'll see how it  
18 goes?

19          MAYOR STUESSI: They won't get the commitments  
20 from the farmers.

21          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

22          MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, you have people that  
23 are paying for a season. That's how it's done in all  
24 eight of them on the South Fork.

25          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just think we --

1 I mean, I know it's different, but, I mean, Tai Chi  
2 runs for however many weeks, the band runs for  
3 however many weeks. There's lots of things we  
4 approve that are multiple times that are kind of  
5 intensive use. Dances in the Park is very intensive.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Maritime Festival, Pride  
7 Festival --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that we just approved for  
10 the second time. They don't have a layout of where  
11 things are going and all of that. We're working with  
12 the applicant.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I think  
14 this is what our public parks are kind of for, not  
15 just exclusively farmers markets, obviously, but  
16 these types of community events that have a lot of  
17 community support behind them.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But this is a -- but this is  
19 a community that is commercializing a certain section  
20 of Mitchell Park and --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But the farmers  
22 market is not -- I mean, I understand what you're  
23 saying, people are selling things, but you can also  
24 walk around and not buy anything.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm not debating, I'm not

1 debating that, okay? But what I'm trying to say is I  
2 think we need to be fair and let them try to continue  
3 forward. I see no reason why they shouldn't come  
4 back and fill us into as to what their layout, how  
5 they're going to --

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I agree.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. No, I'm suggesting  
8 exactly --

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Agreed.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm saying.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think we're in  
12 agreement on that one.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm saying.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I agree with that, too.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So then if we approve it right  
17 now, though, how are you going to -- what's the  
18 procedure of them coming back and giving us -- are we  
19 approving them as is tonight, or are we approving  
20 them --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Conditional. We are approving  
22 them conditional upon providing proof of insurance  
23 liability --

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Logistics?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: -- the 501(c)(3), and an

1 operating plan.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: An operating plan, okay.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Does that sound fair?

4 MR. LIVESEY: It is. It helps us move forward.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I think --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And the Town of Shelter  
7 Island, in all honesty, for the Havens Farmers Market  
8 requires that information to the Town of Shelter  
9 Island every year, so it's not something that's not  
10 done, okay?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: And we might want to start  
14 doing that with other events, too.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So I just -- at this point,  
16 I think this gives them an opportunity. The  
17 community is saying that they're interested in  
18 pursuing it, or that they are interested in  
19 supporting it.

20 I think we have a lot of questions, which is  
21 our responsibility. We have to protect our assets,  
22 that's what our job is, as well as listening to the  
23 community. So I feel give them the opportunity to  
24 come back with the information. We -- that's what we  
25 need. We need the information, and that's what I

1 explained to you this morning when we had our  
2 discussion, okay?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Now this, this refers to the  
4 Public Assembly Permit, which does ask for the  
5 serving of alcohol, you know, sampling of alcohol  
6 at --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's --

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- farmers market, and I'm  
9 not, I'm not really on board with that, to be honest  
10 with you.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that goes with the  
12 designation of the type of permit they're getting,  
13 but we are able to put restrictions on that.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. That's not, that's not  
15 listed in here with the alcohol --

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No, but it is in the  
17 application.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, but it is.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's part of it. That's  
20 part of it.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is part of the public  
22 assembly permit that we received.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: But they don't have approval  
24 for it yet. So I think that would be part of the  
25 operating plan and we would need to review it at



1 that time.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, to be honest with you,  
3 I will email everybody off of the Department of  
4 Ag and Markets what this designated farmer market  
5 means, so that you can understand it, because as I  
6 said, it is a little bit different than a normal  
7 farmers market.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You have a document that we  
9 haven't seen, right, Mary Bess, about --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I pulled it off the  
11 Ag and Markets.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I read it.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, so.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: But if you could share it with  
16 the rest of the group.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, I'll share it with  
18 them, yeah.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So you listed like what, four  
20 conditions? Brian, did you get those?

21 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah. The problem I'm having  
22 is you're leaving open the operations, you're leaving  
23 open the logistics and not making a determination. I  
24 think you're better off, and I think this satisfies  
25 what the applicant is looking for, and that is a

1 motion that provides, if you want to go this far,  
2 that the Board is supportive of granting a public  
3 assembly permit for the Greenport Farmers Market to  
4 be operated on Fridays, 3 to 6:30, and leave it at  
5 that. And then you can deal with the details and  
6 approve, if that's the path you take, approve the  
7 application after you have those details in place,  
8 and can impose the conditions on the application  
9 based on those details, rather than leaving some of  
10 those details for later to try to modify an existing  
11 approval.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So then you would suggest  
13 that we do the resolution supporting the farmers  
14 market upon them coming back to us at Work Session  
15 with the information that we're looking for? Is  
16 that --

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Correct.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what you're -- in  
19 simple terms?

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Exactly.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

22 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No different than a straw-pull.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry, you do legalese,  
24 I do simple. What can I say?

25 (Laughter)

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So is that all right to do  
2 the motion that way, is to --

3 ATTORNEY STOLAR: You have to modify the  
4 motion, essentially, to provide the Board is  
5 generally supportive of the application, subject to.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Is that strong  
7 enough for them to get vendors and like move forward?  
8 Because it seems a little bit like -- I mean, it's  
9 supportive, but like upon the conditions we haven't  
10 really set yet. Do you know what I'm saying?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think it's  
12 supportive, but it's on when they come to us. I  
13 don't think there's any one of us that are going to  
14 disagree that they need to reach out for the vendors.  
15 I think what we're having issues with is some of the  
16 finer points of their operation.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So why can't we, why can't we  
18 have a motion to approve it subject to meeting the  
19 following conditions, which includes an operating  
20 plan signed off by the Village Board?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But it's more than just an  
22 operating plan.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So at least it's an affirm --  
24 well, it's -- as we already discussed, it's the  
25 insurance, the liability and the 501(c)(3).

1           ATTORNEY STOLAR: In which case, if the -- if  
2 you go that path and the operating plan is not  
3 satisfactory, there's no -- they can't meet the  
4 condition, they won't be approved.

5           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's right.

6           ATTORNEY STOLAR: And there will be approval if --

7           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but the intent would be  
8 that we're working it out with them.

9           ATTORNEY STOLAR: Right, the approval would  
10 lapse.

11          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So that's why I think you're  
12 using the word supportive, correct?

13          ATTORNEY STOLAR: Uh-huh.

14          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

15          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I prefer the method that you  
16 just described. I would -- I'd rather not be vague  
17 about what we're supporting or approving, because I  
18 think --

19          MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- I think the applicant may  
21 come away with a different understanding. So, for  
22 example, I have not made up my mind whether I'm  
23 voting in favor of waiving the fee, right? We don't  
24 even know who the entity is, we don't know what the  
25 mission is, although we have an understanding that

1       it's about wellbeing and health. There's concerns  
2       about the alcohol, the designated markets piece. I  
3       would rather that we approve this subject to very  
4       specific enumerated conditions or exclusions, or  
5       conditions and exclusions, like the conditions being  
6       what we've already discussed, the insurance, the  
7       indemnification, those things, the operational plan,  
8       the diagram of the layout. But I'm not willing to  
9       approve things that are like the alcohol consumption,  
10      or the fee waiver at this point. So I would like to  
11      exclude that from our --

12               MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

13               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- specifically exclude that  
14      from our approval for the moment, so that we have  
15      more time to work with the applicant. Now I hope the  
16      applicant doesn't find that those exclusions are a  
17      make-or-break issue for them, because I don't want it  
18      to be a make-or-break, I want to come to a compromise  
19      here.

20               MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think the -- those  
21      exclusions would be they need to -- they're going to  
22      need to provide, you know, definitive proof of a  
23      501(c)(3), and they can come back to us at that point  
24      for the waiver of the fee. And then the other one as  
25      it relates to the alcohol is they need to get the

1 New York Ag and Markets certification, and they need  
2 to talk through that with us on how that would be  
3 managed.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So on that point, I  
5 don't want to imply that if they get the certification,  
6 then the -- then it's allowed. It's not subject to  
7 the State, it's subject to our approval, is what I'm  
8 trying --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: On the alcohol.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes. That's what I'm trying  
11 to get at. Did you --

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, I agree with that.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: It seems fair, yes.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You just heard that?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Does that make sense?

17 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah, it does. I'm comfortable  
18 with that. I think a resolution approving it is  
19 meaningful for us to be able to go to speak to  
20 farmers. A resolution supporting it doesn't quite  
21 give us that oomph behind that, and so farmers are  
22 going to say, "Well, you don't have approval for  
23 anything." So I think what you've just outlined we  
24 can live with and are comfortable with, and we'll  
25 come back to you and work with you on all the details

1 you need.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: You want to take an attempt  
3 at it?

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I want Brian to see if --  
5 (Laughter)

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, he's doing it.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- to give feedback to this.  
8 But I also want Brian's counsel again on whether --  
9 because this is a different method than what Brian  
10 was suggesting.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it is.

12 ATTORNEY STOLAR: It's okay to do it, but,  
13 you know, the -- I have a number of problems with it,  
14 but those all go away if we make it subject to  
15 operational details, management details.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Logistics?

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: All of those logistics, setup  
18 time, cleanup time, you know, things of that nature.  
19 But the other part is are you comfortable at this  
20 point also stating that it would include the sale and  
21 distribution of alcohol?

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I am not.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And the only thing --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I think what we're saying on  
25 the alcohol is we let that be something they come

1 back to us on.

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Okay.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Which he just agreed to.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Conditional approval does not  
5 include that --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- specific measure.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And, you know, the thing  
9 that -- again, I will repeat, this was mentioned  
10 earlier, you know, I don't particularly like your  
11 almost threat, you know, it's now or never, you know,  
12 put up or shut up. I mean, that's -- I don't, I  
13 don't like that kind of pressure, you know. I mean,  
14 I like to make deliberate decisions, I like  
15 information. So, you know, I'm just saying that's  
16 how I feel, but, you know, I think if Brian could  
17 come up with language that satisfies my concerns --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Shall we give Brian an  
19 opportunity to do that and table this for the moment,  
20 and come back to it after we get through some of the  
21 other things?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, let's go through the  
23 rest --

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Let's get through the rest.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: -- while Brian is over there



1 furiously writing away.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right. So we need to  
3 table this, though, Brian, to come back to it?

4 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I'll get to it before you're  
5 done tonight. As long as you read the SEQRA motion  
6 in full, I'm fine.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So we don't -- we  
8 just --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: We don't need to do anything.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We don't need to do anything.

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No, it's tabled for now.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. I guess  
13 I'm up.

14 *RESOLUTION #03-2024-22, RESOLUTION accepting*  
15 *the resignation of Paul E. Parks III as a full-time*  
16 *Wastewater Treatment Plant Helper for the Village of*  
17 *Greenport, effective April 2nd, 2024. So moved.*

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-23,*

1        *RESOLUTION approving the attached Agreement from*  
2        *JP McHale Pest Management, LLC, Tick Mosquito and*  
3        *Deer Repellent Service Agreement in the total amount*  
4        *of \$2,375.00 for treatments from April 2024 through*  
5        *August 2024 for the Tick Management for McCann*  
6        *Campground and authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign the*  
7        *agreement.*

8                I'm going to vote yes for this. And I'm  
9        probably only saying this because I'm reading it, but  
10       I do think in the future we should think about how we  
11       are treating areas around Moore's Woods in this type  
12       of way. But that said, so moved.

13               TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

14               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion.

15               MAYOR STUESSI: Discussion.

16               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Discussion.

17               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I agree with Lily's concerns.  
18       This campground is right at the outfall of Silver  
19       Lake, and then it drains out into Moore's Woods, and  
20       eventually out into Peconic Bay. So is that what you  
21       were getting at, you want to look at what's being  
22       used as a --

23               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

24               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- deer tick pesticide?

25               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Yeah,

1       because I looked at that agreement and it doesn't  
2       really specify. I figure it's -- and I'm not sure  
3       how even effective things like that really are,  
4       especially in that kind of area, and I just think we  
5       just need to think about it. I'm not necessarily  
6       saying it's a bad idea, but I just think it's  
7       something we should think about for the future.

8               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I believe, if I remember  
9       correctly, that was one of the requirements this  
10      company does take into consideration, because the  
11      DEC, I believe, has had to -- and I can't remember,  
12      because this is -- they've used this before, that  
13      that was one of the criteria last year when we  
14      contacted this company, that it did do  
15      environmentally, environmentally -- it was an  
16      environmental practice, especially since there's  
17      Moore's Drain there. But I also know that we -- they  
18      had a major problem there last year, and that the  
19      campers were concerned about deer ticks and other  
20      issues for health reasons. So I understand where  
21      everyone's coming from, but I believe this company  
22      was that way, and I wish that the invoice -- I  
23      haven't seen the invoice yet to see how the  
24      description is.

25              CLERK HALL: It's in your packet.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's in the packet? Okay.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's in there, it  
3 just doesn't really specify exactly.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: There's different levels and  
6 I -- you know, longer term, we might be able to do  
7 better there. I'll state what I stated before, and I  
8 intend to have it on our agenda for the Work Session.  
9 My hope is that we're actually looking at affordable  
10 housing there instead of camping in the future, but  
11 that's another subject altogether.

12 Did we have a second on this?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, Julia seconded it.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, I was just going to --  
15 yeah. I was just going to mention I actually have  
16 done business with this company as a property  
17 manager, and I do believe that they do offer some,  
18 you know, environmentally friendly treatments, so you  
19 might want to consider that.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is this me?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Julia.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-24,*  
4 *RESOLUTION accepting the report of the Greenport Fire*  
5 *Department for member year-end points for the*  
6 *calendar year 2023, for the Greenport Fire Department*  
7 *Length of Service Awards Program. So moved.*

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-25,*  
16 *RESOLUTION accepting the bid submitted by Will Reid*  
17 *Hansen (Southampton Ice Rink) in the amount of*  
18 *\$10,100.00 for the purchase of the Ice Rink, per the*  
19 *Surplus Bid opening on March 22nd, 2024. So moved.*

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

2           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-26,*  
3 *RESOLUTION accepting the attached proposal as*  
4 *submitted by J.R. Holzmacher P.E., LLC dated*  
5 *March 19th, 2024 to prepare the required Annual MS-4*  
6 *Report; and to submit the Annual MS-4 Report to the*  
7 *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation,*  
8 *at a total cost of \$1,500; and authorizing Mayor Stuessi*  
9 *to sign the agreement between the Village of*  
10 *Greenport and JR Holzmacher P.E., LLC. So moved.*

11           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second. Can I  
12 discuss something here, too? So I remember looking  
13 at this report last year and it said that we didn't  
14 spray any pesticides. And so like that's where the  
15 tick spraying to me, it's some kind of pesticide.  
16 Like we can say it's environmental, but it's some  
17 kind of pesticide. So, to me, that's just where it's  
18 not totally clear to me, and I do think we should at  
19 some point think about it.

20           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Well, so the report will  
21 be shared with the Board when we have it, and if  
22 there's anything inaccurate, any one of us should  
23 state something on that and make sure it's corrected.

24           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the MS report -- okay.

25           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm not sure.

1 I mean --

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What is it?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Are we talking about the MS4  
4 report?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. What does that have to  
8 did with pesticides?

9 MAYOR STUESSI: It's outfall into the bays.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, it just talks  
11 about what the Village does. Like it includes  
12 talking about education, and like the pet poop bags  
13 we have, ways that we're keeping --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I believe it --

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- like things out  
16 of the water.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But it deals with the  
18 Peconic Estuary, if I remember correctly.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It seemed to me  
20 that there were just questions of like does the  
21 Village use any pesticides, and if so, which ones,  
22 and it said none. So, anyway --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So as I stated --

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: -- we will make sure that this

1 report is accurate --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just wanted to  
3 bring that up.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and reflects anything that  
5 should be listed.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Anyway, second.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Does this report say anything  
8 meaningful about the condition of the stormwater  
9 system, like does it shed any insight onto --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: It simply states facts in what  
11 is actually happening.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only reason we're in the  
13 MS4 program is Stirling Creek.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: And we might not need to be,  
15 which we'll have a separate conversation --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- at Work Session.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But we need this report done,  
19 it's not --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: We have to have it to be in the  
21 program currently.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.



1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

4 Are you ready, Brian?

5 ATTORNEY STOLAR: (Shook Head No).

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Not yet?

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I have a whole long  
9 thing to read.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. Who's up next?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Lily is.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION #3-2024-27,*  
13 *Negative Declaration Pursuant to New York State*  
14 *Environmental Quality Review Act.*

15 *WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental*  
16 *Conservation Law and the regulations of the Department*  
17 *of Environmental Conservation as contained in 6 NYCRR*  
18 *Part 617 require review of the possible environmental*  
19 *consequences of various actions under consideration by*  
20 *the Board of Trustees; and*

21 *WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is considering*  
22 *the adoption of Bill 01B of 2024, a proposed local*  
23 *law to amend and restate Chapter 88 of the Code of the*  
24 *Village of Greenport, to amend regulations relating*  
25 *to noise and enforcement of noise regulations in the*

1 *Village; and*

2 *WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered*  
3 *the nature and impact of the proposed action; and*

4 *WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed a*  
5 *Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared with*  
6 *respect to the proposed law.*

7 *NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board*  
8 *hereby finds and concludes that the Board of Trustees*  
9 *is the Lead Agency with respect to environmental*  
10 *impact review of proposed Bill 01B of 2024 (to be*  
11 *adopted as Local Law 1 of 2024) as defined in the*  
12 *State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations*  
13 *(SEQRA), and*

14 *A. The proposed adoption of Bill 01B of 2024 is*  
15 *an Unlisted Action under SEQRA;*

16 *B. The Board has considered the adoption of*  
17 *Bill 01B of 2024, a local law to amend the Code of*  
18 *the Village of Greenport in relation to the imposition*  
19 *of fees by Board of Trustees resolution;*

20 *C. The Board has thoroughly reviewed the Short*  
21 *Environmental Assessment Form and the supplemental*  
22 *Description of the proposed action;*

23 *D. The Board has also made -- has also*  
24 *considered the following factors and made the*  
25 *following conclusions in respect to its review of the*

1 *environmental impacts of the proposed action:*

2 *i. the proposed action would not result in any*  
3 *Substantial adverse change in existing air quality,*  
4 *ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic*  
5 *or noise levels, nor any substantial increase in*  
6 *solid waste production, nor create a substantial*  
7 *increase in the potential for erosion, flooding,*  
8 *leaching or drainage problems;*

9 *ii. the proposed action would not result in*  
10 *the removal or destruction of large quantities of*  
11 *vegetation or fauna, substantial interference*  
12 *with the movement of any resident or migratory fish*  
13 *or wildlife species, impacts on a significant habitat*  
14 *area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or*  
15 *endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat*  
16 *of such a species, or other significant adverse*  
17 *impacts to natural resources;*

18 *iii. the proposed action would not impair the*  
19 *environmental characteristics of any Critical*  
20 *Environmental Area;*

21 *iv. the proposed action would not conflict*  
22 *with the community's current plans or goals as*  
23 *official approved or adopted;*

24 *v. The proposed action would not impair the*  
25 *character or quality of important historical,*

1        *archeological, architectural or aesthetic resources*  
2        *or of existing community or neighborhood character;*

3            *vi. the proposed action would not result in a*  
4        *major change in the use of either the quantity or*  
5        *type of energy;*

6            *vii. the proposed action would not create a*  
7        *hazard to human health;*

8            *viii. the proposed action would not create a*  
9        *substantial change in the use, or intensity of*  
10       *use of land, including agricultural, open space*  
11       *or recreational resources, or in its capacity to*  
12       *support existing uses;*

13           *ix. the proposed action would not encourage or*  
14       *attract large numbers of persons to any place for more*  
15       *than a few days, compared to the number who would*  
16       *come to such place without such action;*

17           *x. the proposed action would not create*  
18       *changes in two or more elements of the environment no*  
19       *one of which would have a significant impact on the*  
20       *environment, but when taken -- taken considered*  
21       *together would result in a substantial adverse impact*  
22       *on the environment;*

23           *xi. the proposed action would not create*  
24       *substantial adverse impacts when considered*  
25       *cumulatively with another -- any other actions,*

1        *proposed or in process;*

2                *xii. the proposed action would not result in*  
3        *substantial adverse impact with respect to any*  
4        *relevant environmental consideration, including*  
5        *noise, aesthetics, traffic, air quality, water*  
6        *quality or adequacy of water supply, drainage, soil*  
7        *conditions, or quality of life in the community in*  
8        *general and the immediate neighborhood in particular;*

9                *xiii. the proposed action would enhance the*  
10        *protection of the environment in the Village, in*  
11        *that it would preserve and maintain the existing*  
12        *character of the Village;*

13                *E. The proposed action would not have a*  
14        *significant adverse environmental impact;*

15                *F. No further environmental review is required*  
16        *with respect to the proposed action, and*

17                *G. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to*  
18        *execute the Short EAF in a manner consistent with the*  
19        *foregoing findings concluding the proposed action*  
20        *will not result in a significant adverse environmental*  
21        *Impact. So moved.*

22                MAYOR STUESSI: And, Brian, we need a roll call  
23        vote on this, correct, with each Board Member  
24        acknowledging that they have -- are familiar with  
25        SEQRA in this?

1 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Because of Recent case law, yes.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

3 ATTORNEY STOLAR: They've read it and they  
4 know -- they've read it before today, they understand  
5 what they're voting on. So that you can ask, make  
6 sure they can confirm that. It doesn't have to be a  
7 roll call vote, just find out that each Board Member  
8 has, in fact, read this, understands it, and knows  
9 what they're looking, what they're looking at.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

11 (Roll Call by Mayor Stuessi)

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: As do I.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Trustee Robins, did you  
18 second that resolution?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Was that --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It wasn't a resolution, we were  
21 just to --

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No, before.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: She did, yes.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think I seconded it.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, she did. I'm sorry.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, she did.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It was so lengthy.

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. Motion carries.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION #03-2024-28,*  
10 *Chapter 88 Noise (Law) Adoption Resolution.*

11 *WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been*  
12 *considering the adoption of a local law that amends*  
13 *and restates Chapter 88 of the Code of the Village of*  
14 *Greenport, to amend regulations relating to noise and*  
15 *enforcement of noise regulations in the Village*  
16 *(Bill VOG01B-2024); and*

17 *WHEREAS, the law is not a zoning law subject to*  
18 *referral to the Suffolk County Planning Commission;*  
19 *and*

20 *WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the*  
21 *proposed law is an Unlisted Action under the State*  
22 *Environmental Quality Review Act and will not result*  
23 *in a significant adverse environmental impact; and*

24 *WHEREAS, the Board held published and posted*  
25 *legal notice of a scheduled public hearing on the*

1       *proposed law; and*

2               *WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the*  
3       *proposed local law on [set forth dates]; and*

4               *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board*  
5       *of Trustees of the Village of Greenport hereby adopts*  
6       *the proposed law (VOG 01B-24) as Local Law 1 of 2024,*  
7       *a local law amending and restating Chapter 88 of the*  
8       *Code of the Village of Greenport, to amend regulations*  
9       *relating to noise and enforcement of noise regulations*  
10       *in the Village; and*

11               *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs*  
12       *the Village Clerk to file the law with the New York*  
13       *State -- New York Secretary of State and take other*  
14       *actions as may be required upon adoption of a local*  
15       *law. So moved.*

16               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second. Discussion, please.  
17       Can we take a break?

18               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. I think she might  
19       like to take a break.

20               TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's a good suggestion.

21               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

22               MAYOR STUESSI: You've always got her back.

23               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I need to stand.

24                               (Laughter)

25               MAYOR STUESSI: You need to keep this guy close.



1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

2 (The Meeting was Recessed at 8:40 p.m. and  
3 resumed at 8:44 p.m.)

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. We had a second, and  
5 somebody had suggested discussion before we did a  
6 quick break.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I seconded it and then  
8 I asked for a discussion. Prior to this meeting, I  
9 had reached out to Counsel about providing some  
10 advice. And, Brian, do you -- you didn't get back to  
11 me, but are you --

12 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I'm ready, I just wrote it  
13 all out. No, I'm ready.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So the question I had  
15 for you was to clarify for the Board who our  
16 constituents are, or who is the Board responsible to?

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Okay. The Constitution  
18 essentially sets you up as a political subdivision of  
19 the State, and your --

20 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, Brian, could you  
21 just bring that microphone closer?

22 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Sure. So what I was saying  
23 is that the New York State Constitution sets you up  
24 as a local government or political subdivision of  
25 New York State, and, essentially, you become what we

1 call a Home Rule Entity, and you have certain rights  
2 to operate as a Home Rule Entity. Within the  
3 discretion that you have to operate as a Home Rule  
4 Entity, there's certain guidance that comes through  
5 the New York State Constitution. The Municipal Home  
6 Rule Law, Village Law all pretty much say the same  
7 thing, and that is that the government protection  
8 order, health, safety, conduct, and welfare of  
9 persons or property in the Village, and essentially I  
10 think that's the way to look at it, the persons or  
11 property in the Village is your constituent. And  
12 within that, you know, there are -- you're allowed to  
13 take actions that are consistent with general laws,  
14 consistent with the Constitution, and as are  
15 delegated to you by that general provision as to what  
16 your, what your duties are, or how you -- you know,  
17 what your -- who your constituency is with respect to  
18 people and property.

19 You know, so there a number of -- when we talk  
20 about a general law that you -- that you're guided  
21 by, or Constitution, as long as what you do is not in  
22 conflict with a -- with the Constitution or -- and  
23 not in conflict with the general law, and the general  
24 law is one that is specifically adopted by New York  
25 State where they essentially seek to occupy the

1 field. So there are very few laws in that -- of that  
2 nature where they seek to occupy the field. Instead,  
3 they pass a lot of it on to the villages.

4 So, for instance, you have the Environmental  
5 Conservation Law. Under the Environmental  
6 Conservation Law, you become stewards of the  
7 environment as part of your duties to your people  
8 and -- people and property within the Village.

9 So, you know, we just went through the noise  
10 law. For instance, the noise law fits perfectly  
11 under your guidance and what you're supposed to do  
12 for protection of people and protection of property,  
13 as well at the same time being stewards of the  
14 environment.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So you got ahead of me here,  
16 because I was only asking you about who our  
17 constituents were, but then you got into -- my second  
18 question is what is our purview, which is I think  
19 what you're talking about now.

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Uh-huh.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Can we just go back to  
22 constituents? So you said persons or property.

23 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Correct.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So the way it's summarized in  
25 the NYCOM handbook, it just says inhabitants, so that

1 seems like not a correct substitute.

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: There -- no. It say  
3 inhabitants. It says -- there are different laws.  
4 So the Constitution is the one I was referring to,  
5 protection, conduct, all of that, persons and --  
6 where it says persons and property. Then you get  
7 into -- I think, the Municipal Home Rule Law  
8 identifies that, and also talks about inhabitants.  
9 It's not just limited to inhabitants. You know, it's  
10 all of these laws when you look at them together. I  
11 think I've read the provision in the NYCOM handbook  
12 that you're referring to, and it's correct, but it's  
13 not complete.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. No, it's vague.  
15 Yeah. No, it's a vague statement.

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: And I think it's a vague  
17 statement possibly intentionally, because what is  
18 inhabitants? Inhabitants is everything in the  
19 Village, and then there's the -- you know, anybody in  
20 the Village who is either a resident, a voter, or  
21 just somebody, somebody --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, inhabitant could be  
23 somebody spending the night in a hotel for the night.

24 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Passing through.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

1 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Exactly.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Could also not be a  
3 human to me, an inhabitant, but that's --

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So the reason I'm asking is  
5 because in light of so many things that we're talking  
6 about now, whether it's the farmers market or noise  
7 ordinance, we get -- you know, the Board often gets  
8 feedback from people saying, you know, their opinion  
9 on things, and they're looking for recourse and  
10 representation. So the way you're defining it is  
11 it's not about whether you own property, it's not  
12 whether you have a lease, long-term or short-term; is  
13 that correct? It's irrelevant whether you own  
14 property in the Village?

15 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Correct.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. What about a case  
17 where someone lives outside the Village, but they  
18 have -- they own a commercial property in the  
19 Village?

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That's property.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So that -- so they're under  
22 that umbrella of constituency. So we're responsible  
23 to them?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Their property, you're saying,  
25 if I'm hearing you correctly.

1           ATTORNEY STOLAR: You're not necess -- your not  
2 responsible to any -- maybe I'm saying it wrong.  
3 You're not responsible to any individual, any  
4 particular property, any -- you know, any property  
5 owner, anybody whose passing, who's directly passing  
6 through. You are -- your jurisdiction is guided by  
7 people or property in the Village. It doesn't mean  
8 that you, you answer to any particular person, or you  
9 answer to any particular property owner, it's a  
10 general provision.

11           So your goal is to look at the whole, and to  
12 seek to, you know, to legislate as the Trustees  
13 legislate, and the Mayor is the Executive and also a  
14 Trustee. It's kind of obvious that he's on the  
15 Board, he's one of the five members of the Board of  
16 Trustees. But your goal is to look at the entirety,  
17 look at the whole, address it as a whole, and not,  
18 and not seek to govern based on an individual  
19 commercial property owner or an individual  
20 residential property owner. Really, the whole, the  
21 whole of what is the public health, safety, order,  
22 and general welfare.

23           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In other words, the whole  
24 residency within the Village of Greenport.

25           ATTORNEY STOLAR: Uh-huh. Which is hard,

1 because not everybody is going to have the same --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Opinion.

3 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- opinion, not everyone is  
4 going to have the same, same needs. So, you know,  
5 you have to do what you think is best for the  
6 general, general welfare involving the people and  
7 property in the Village.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And how, as we are a Board,  
9 able to discern that? I mean, is it just from  
10 letters, is it people who show up at meetings, is it,  
11 you know, I mean --

12 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Showing up at meetings --

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: How do we make a fair  
14 judgment?

15 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah. Showing up at meetings  
16 or sending a letter doesn't give you any rights  
17 greater than someone who doesn't. You're  
18 representing everybody, the twenty -- I think  
19 somebody mentioned 2200 people in the Village, it's  
20 that and more. So, you know, it doesn't matter how  
21 much -- you know, if somebody is staying silent, they  
22 still have the same rights to be governed by you as a  
23 local government on their behalf through the  
24 Constitution.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. And my next question

1 was about jurisdiction, purview, authority, powers of  
2 the Board.

3 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Uh-huh.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You were, you were getting  
5 into that.

6 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah. I mean, that's --  
7 that's a very -- there are specific provisions in the  
8 Village Law that identify the -- and the Constitution  
9 and Municipal Home Rule Law that identify what your --  
10 a little more detail on what your responsibilities  
11 are and what your jurisdiction is and what you can  
12 consider.

13 I used an example of the Environmental  
14 Conservation Law, where you are stewards of the  
15 environment through that law, because that's  
16 something we addressed tonight, and have been  
17 addressing on a number of occasions with a number of  
18 the laws. That's the reason I threw that out there.  
19 But there are many laws that you are essentially --  
20 you're enforcing laws that apply within the Village,  
21 you're enforcing laws that apply generally through  
22 the United -- through the -- through New York by way  
23 of statutes that are adopted by the State. There are  
24 certain things that they send your way that you don't  
25 want to deal with, but you have to deal with them,



1 because that's your obligation, and they're all set  
2 out in the Village Law or some other laws.

3 I can give you some more details on the  
4 specifics within the Village Law as to the items  
5 that you have jurisdiction of, but that, I think  
6 you'll find that primarily in Village Law 4-412,  
7 I think. Yeah, 4-412. So you'll see it there. And  
8 then there are other provisions in Municipal Home  
9 Rule Section 10, and a whole bunch of, you know,  
10 ii(a), ii(3). There are a bunch of items within that  
11 law that set forth what you can do. And then the  
12 Constitution, Article IX of the Constitution  
13 identifies some of the items that you are responsible  
14 for.

15 So it's -- you know, it's a -- it's a -- it's a  
16 wide expanse. You know, I can -- I could start to  
17 talk about some of the ones that you're responsible  
18 for, management of your property, management of the  
19 Village, management of the roadways, but we can go on  
20 and on and on.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So the reason I ask that  
22 question is that from time to time an applicant, or a  
23 speaker, or maybe someone writing a letter will make  
24 a claim that something is not within our purview.

25 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Okay.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we had an applicant here a  
2 few months back said -- we were discussing something,  
3 and said, "That's not your purview."

4 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Okay.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't agree with that, I  
6 didn't agree with that applicant. We had a  
7 speaker -- no, I'm sorry, a letter-writer, a resident  
8 wrote something in about a matter before this Board  
9 and said, "That's not your purview, you can't" --  
10 "you can't make a determination on that." I don't, I  
11 don't agree with that either. I mean, I -- it was an  
12 environmental issue.

13 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Uh-huh. I could address that  
14 on a case-by-case basis each time somebody makes that  
15 claim. There's almost always, hopefully there is, a  
16 provision of law that identifies what your responsibility  
17 is and what you can and can't do as a Board, but a  
18 lot of it is generic, is very general. The section I  
19 read to you from the Constitution basically is as  
20 broad as it gets, except if there is a general law  
21 where the State occupies the field and says this is  
22 not something we want to pass along to the villages  
23 and the towns and the counties, or the cities.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other discussion items from

1 anyone on the Board before we take a vote?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Brian. Brian, I just want  
3 to get a clarification, just because I worked on  
4 writing this, but there's been a lot of discussion,  
5 okay? It's my understanding that we are banning --  
6 we will be -- a certain piece of equipment that is  
7 powered by gas, or another -- an electric leaf blower  
8 that needs to be hooked up, they're not allowed to  
9 charge the batteries by a generator or by their  
10 vehicles, correct?

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: You're not allowed to use it  
12 while it's hooked up to an adjoining property or a  
13 generator.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Number two, the  
15 violation goes against the property owner?

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: As I recall.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I don't know if  
18 everybody realizes that, it goes against the property  
19 owner, okay? And --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, my recollection was that  
21 we made that change because we were concerned --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that, you know, some  
24 landscape person would get penalized.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: And it goes to the property  
2 owner allowing --

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

4           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

5           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what -- okay. And  
6 what was the third one? There was a third one. The  
7 thing about the people not realizing that the  
8 property owners are responsible for the fines.

9           And the other thing is, is as far as an  
10 enforcement, if for -- if they're doing an electric,  
11 an electric leaf blower, okay, and they are  
12 increasing the technology on that, and the tubes, in  
13 what I've read, the tubes for the mile per hour for  
14 disbursement of debris is just as powerful as a gas  
15 blower. But how do we enforce, or what would be the  
16 consequences for the electric leaf blower that all of  
17 a sudden we now start having complaints from neighbors  
18 because they're too noisy?

19          ATTORNEY STOLAR: Well, you have a -- you have  
20 some of that already worked into the code. You have  
21 a decibel level provision in your code that prohibits  
22 noise exceeding beyond the property line a certain  
23 decibel level. So if there comes a time where we  
24 have a decibel meter and can use that to enforce,  
25 then that's potentially going to be a violation. If

1       there is no way to determine that, and the noise  
2       doesn't otherwise violate one of the other provisions  
3       in your Noise Code, there's no --

4                TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we have a lot of other  
5       provisions within the Noise Code.

6                ATTORNEY STOLAR: Right. There's no enforcement,  
7       but there may be another -- you know, I was going to  
8       say next, there may be another provision in the Noise  
9       Code where it does apply. So what the leaf blower  
10      portion of the legislation does is just identifies  
11      one particular --

12               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Certain pieces of equipment.

13               ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- piece of equipment that is  
14      prohibited, regardless.

15               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

16               ATTORNEY STOLAR: The use of the other one,  
17      other pieces of equipment are still subject to other  
18      provisions in the Noise Code. Should it be in  
19      violation, there could be enforcement.

20               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So this leaf blower is  
21      not -- it is being restricted from not just  
22      landscapers, but from any contractor using it, any  
23      other person using it, correct?

24               ATTORNEY STOLAR: I think that's correct. My  
25      computer died, so I can't get the language.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, you know, I think -- I  
2 mean, I'm pretty sure that that's how I read it.  
3 Okay. In other words, it's just pinpointing a  
4 specific piece of equipment --

5 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That part.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- that makes noise, and  
7 there's plenty of other noise in the Village that is  
8 just at the same, or potentially have the same  
9 decibel levels as a leaf blower.

10 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Entirely possible.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So my objection is that this  
13 is a noise ordinance, starts out as Chapter 88  
14 "Noise", and it references noise three other times in  
15 the, in the law, and basically singles out one piece  
16 of equipment. Only one piece of equipment makes the  
17 noise that's not going to be acceptable here, and  
18 that's why I can't support it, so.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other Board comments before  
20 we vote.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah I have, I have comments.  
22 Lily, do you have comments?

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Go ahead.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right. So I wrote these  
25 down, so forgive me from reading from my notes. But

1 if I speak extemporaneously on this and I get  
2 interrupted, I'm going to lose track of where I want  
3 to be.

4 We're talking about amending Chapter 88 of the  
5 Noise Code, and I want to put some context around  
6 this. This has been an effort that's at least five  
7 years in the making, and Trustee Robins and Trustee  
8 Phillips could confirm that. I recall this is at  
9 least five years old when it was being discussed last  
10 time.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: I think it's seven, actually.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was discussed when  
13 Trustee Martilotta and Trustee Roberts came onto the  
14 Board.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is it '17, Mary Bess, I think?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It might have been, yeah.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Seven years.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- we're in a time where  
20 we're seeing like an increased level of interest in  
21 our Village and activity, and this sometimes results  
22 in competing interests. In this case, I think this  
23 is a matter of residential enjoyment versus commercial  
24 activities.

25 And I want to remind everyone that updating

1 Chapter 88 with the new amendments is really a  
2 critical piece of our entertainment permit. So this  
3 discussion has become very much about leaf blowers,  
4 but the Chapter 88 amendments are much broader than  
5 that, it's about all kinds of noise, it's about new  
6 mechanisms and thresholds for enforcing them. It  
7 dovetails with our entertainment permits, which were  
8 really designed to do two things. It was designed to  
9 create a better enforcement mechanism, so that  
10 residents had more recourse when they were disturbed  
11 by commercial activities like a bar or restaurant  
12 having live music, but it was also designed to help  
13 level the playing field between competing commercial  
14 interests.

15 So some bars and restaurants might be good  
16 actors and some might be bad actors. And by having  
17 this entertainment permit coupled with a stronger  
18 Chapter 88, we could do a better job of enforcing  
19 that, and that would be in a sense fairer for many of  
20 our commercial businesses who want to provide live  
21 music and things like that.

22 I'm going to read -- just bear with me. I'm  
23 going to read what the purpose of Chapter 88 is.

24 "The purpose of this Chapter is to minimize the  
25 exposure of residents and visitors in the Village of



1 Greenport to unreasonably loud and excessive sound,  
2 which is harmful to the peace, welfare, and comfort,  
3 safety, convenience, good order and prosperity of  
4 residents and visitors of the Village of Greenport.  
5 It is the public policy and findings of the Village  
6 of Greenport Board of Trustees that every person is  
7 Entitled to be protected from sound that is  
8 detrimental to life, health and the enjoyment of his  
9 or her property. The intent of the Village of  
10 Greenport Board of Trustees is to enact legislation  
11 that: (A) serves to control the level of sound in a  
12 manner which promotes commerce, the use, value and  
13 enjoyment of property, sleep and repose and the  
14 quality of the environment by establishing limits on  
15 sound levels within the Village of Greenport;  
16 (B) provides for appropriate exceptions to the provisions  
17 of this Chapter to allow for the functioning of  
18 commercial businesses and the operation of construction,  
19 landscaping and emergency equipment; and (C) provides  
20 clear guidance that certain sound-producing activities  
21 constitute unreasonable noise and are therefore  
22 prohibited by this Chapter."

23 Now we've heard a lot from the public, we've  
24 had lots of good input. There's very valid concerns  
25 on both sides of this argument, which I'm particularly

1 talking about the leaf blower argument right now.  
2 And our job up here, I believe, is to really listen  
3 and to try to take those things in and not get into a  
4 debate with someone who's speaking before us, because  
5 debating someone at the podium is going to discourage  
6 other people from getting up and speaking, and that's  
7 not really fair, and that doesn't really encourage  
8 good public comport -- discourse.

9 So this is my opportunity to address some of --  
10 to make comments in some of the feedback that we've  
11 gotten. So having listened very carefully, my  
12 takeaway on this is that support for the proposed  
13 code in general, now I'm not just speaking about leaf  
14 blowers, but in support for the amendments to  
15 Chapter 88 "Noise", is generally about the fact that  
16 nuisance noise negatively impacts the quality of life  
17 for residents.

18 Addressing this issue is within the power of  
19 the Board of Trustees, and I believe our Counsel just  
20 confirmed that. Addressing this issue should be  
21 considered a responsibility of the Board, right?  
22 Because when you have certain powers, and the Village  
23 has very broad powers, along with that comes a  
24 certain amount of responsibility.

25 Outright prohibitions on certain activities

1 that contribute to nuisance noise fits squarely  
2 within the proposed Chapter 88, and it better  
3 facilitates compliance. Within Chapter 88 in the  
4 proposal, there's 12 specific activities that are  
5 prohibited, and there's 13 specific activities that  
6 are exempted from the Noise Code. That's what I  
7 would say is the primary argument to support this.

8 There's some secondary arguments that we've  
9 heard a lot about, and these secondary arguments  
10 really surround the leaf blower issue specifically.  
11 And the first argument is that emissions from  
12 internal combustion engines is harmful to people and  
13 the environment. This would be an ancillary benefit,  
14 right? So if we could limit the use of gas-powered  
15 equipment, we could better protect people and the  
16 environment. But that's not really germane to  
17 Chapter 88 "Noise". I brought this up in the  
18 beginning. We contemplated whether this is the  
19 appropriate place for that, but I feel in my mind  
20 that I need to separate the argument for emissions  
21 from internal combustion engines with respect to how  
22 we consider Chapter 88.

23 There are alternatives to how we deal with  
24 this. I mentioned these earlier about education,  
25 community outreach and lobbying other authorities.

1       There's also an argument that these emissions are  
2       harmful to the workers that use the equipment. So I  
3       like the compassion, the neighborliness, the sympathy  
4       for the workers who have to operate that equipment.  
5       But I would caution the public a little bit from  
6       using such notions in their argument here, because I  
7       feel like those notions, they risk oversimplifying  
8       the challenges that are faced by certain specific  
9       cohorts of our community.

10       Another argument is that dust created from  
11       blowing debris presents a health hazard to people and  
12       animals. Again, dust pollution is not really germane  
13       to Chapter 88 "Noise". And within our proposal we're  
14       allowing for electric leaf blowers, which conceivably  
15       present very similar hazards. There are alternatives  
16       to dealing with this issue, again, education,  
17       community outreach. There's also existing laws that  
18       we have the ability as a Village to enforcement, for  
19       example, how lead paint is handled.

20       There's another argument being made that  
21       excessive blowing denudes the landscape of beneficial  
22       organisms, that in turn harms our flora and fauna.  
23       While I agree with that, it's not germane to  
24       Chapter 88. Here, again, electric leaf blowers are  
25       being allowed by this code and they pose similar

1 threats to harming the landscape.

2 Most of the opposition that I've heard from  
3 this proposed amendment seems to focus around the  
4 gas-powered leaf blower. The primary argument that  
5 I'm hearing is that prohibition on gas-powered  
6 leaf blowers really presents an undue hardship for  
7 two groups. One is the residents who prefer to use  
8 gas-powered leaf blowers to maintain their yards.  
9 They're making an argument that it's unfair for them  
10 to have to replace their current equipment with more  
11 expensive or newer electric equipment.

12 The other group that's impacted by this is  
13 landscapers, who rely on gas-powered blowers for  
14 their business operations. They're making a similar  
15 argument that retooling is too expensive, and that  
16 it's also less efficient, and that there'll be  
17 increased costs to their business, and that may  
18 either impact their employees, or it may have an  
19 impact on their customers.

20 So we have relatively small properties in our  
21 Village, and I think that there's a range of electric  
22 blowers that do an adequate job at this scale. For  
23 residents who maintain their own yards, there are  
24 blowers available from very low-powered corded  
25 versions, starting at about \$25, and that goes on up

1 to very high-powered cordless versions costing \$400,  
2 including batteries and chargers.

3 For professionals who are doing landscaping,  
4 and due to the mobile nature of their work, it's  
5 definitely more challenging for them to retool and  
6 outfit their crews effectively. And then adopting  
7 new equipment creates an added cost for doing  
8 business for these professionals. This will likely  
9 be passed on to the customer, the timing of which and  
10 the extent of which is really an individual business  
11 decision.

12 There's been a bunch of secondary arguments for  
13 those opposed to the amendment. The first is that  
14 this is a slippery slope. So people are concerned  
15 that if we ban this one particular device, that will  
16 lead to further prohibitions on other types of  
17 equipment, and that's really like infringing on our  
18 residents' right to choose. I think that's where  
19 it's really a sensitive issue, is that I feel like  
20 it's infringing on their rights and limiting their  
21 choices.

22 So my answer to that slippery slope argument is  
23 that that could very well happen. So weed whackers,  
24 lawnmowers, chainsaws, that could be next, but that's  
25 not what's being contemplated here today, we're only

1 talking about leaf blowers. And there's really not  
2 commercially viable alternatives to the lawnmower  
3 right now, as far as I know, not for, not for  
4 commercial application. So relatively low-powered  
5 string trimmers and lawnmowers are available, and  
6 they're really suited for homeowner use. But  
7 powerful, like industrial grade electric lawnmowers,  
8 are not really available at a reasonable cost, as far  
9 as I know. There are very powerful electric  
10 chainsaws on the market and a lot of industries have  
11 already adopted their use.

12 There's a concern that the slippery slope will  
13 bleed out into other industries, too, like the  
14 construction industry, and we've talked a lot about  
15 that. The construction industry is a little bit  
16 different, because the work tends to be stationary,  
17 and they've already moved much further into adopting  
18 electric cordless tools and electric equipment. The  
19 construction industry is about 35 to 40 years ahead  
20 of this already, compared to where the landscape  
21 industry is right now. They already use quieter  
22 equipment like air compressors, and they have options  
23 for quieter portable generators to power their tools  
24 when there's no electric onsite.

25 There's another argument being made that we're

1       wasting too much time on this. I have a difficult  
2       time with that argument, because the claim is that  
3       we're squandering Village Board and Village  
4       Administrative resources and that we have more  
5       pressing matters to focus on. But creating any kind  
6       of legislation is really a laborious process, but  
7       it's designed that way so that it solicits public  
8       feedback and public input, it just takes time. And  
9       this Board and administration, and many other  
10      volunteers in the community, are simultaneously  
11      working on a multitude of Village issues. Anyone  
12      that comes to these meetings and hears the updates  
13      from the Mayor knows that we're working on traffic,  
14      parking, sidewalks, streets, parks, infrastructure,  
15      sewer system, stormwater, bulkheading. So I don't  
16      think the "wasting too much time" is really a valid  
17      argument.

18                There's another argument that says  
19      overregulating nuisance noise is inconsistent with  
20      the Village's character, the Village character. We  
21      had a speaker who was nostalgic for open sewers,  
22      dumps, burning garbage, and fish processing odor.

23                               (Laughter)

24                TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Now that's completely  
25      nonsense. And that kind of comment really diminishes



1 the efforts made by all the past Board Members, the  
2 past Mayors, administrators, and other volunteers,  
3 other community members. People put a lot of effort  
4 into creating and maintaining the great infrastructure  
5 that we have here in this Village. People put a lot  
6 of time into refurbishing those things, like our  
7 electrical plant. I know the prior administration, I  
8 think, did a substantial overhaul in the electrical  
9 plant.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Two administrations.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Two administrations. Those  
12 are physical things like parks, marinas, our  
13 electrical and sewer plants. But there's also less  
14 tangible things like creating and updating essential  
15 local laws, like our zoning code, which our current  
16 administration and the Code Committee, headed by  
17 Trustee Phillips, is working on. So to say that it  
18 would be preferable and to go back to a time where we  
19 had more nuisances doesn't really resonate with me.

20 There's another argument being made that what  
21 we're doing is effectively useless, so attempting to  
22 try to curtail emissions from two -- small two-stroke  
23 combustion engines is impractical and ineffective.  
24 The value of limiting those engines was compared to  
25 large polluters like the Long Island Railroad.

1       Buying into that argument requires an exceptionally  
2       pessimistic and hopeless outlook, I don't subscribe  
3       to it.

4               We've also been told by a letter-writer that  
5       it's not within the Board's purview to legislate fuel  
6       emissions or combustion emissions. I think we just  
7       heard from our Counsel that that's not true, that  
8       it's not beyond the power to contemplate how we might  
9       regulate emissions, pollution and dust or particulate  
10      matter. That notion runs counter to the concept of  
11      Municipal Home Rule. It also ignores the extremely  
12      broad powers granted to the Board of Trustees.

13              Why would we have a Village entity if we were  
14      not willing to exercise Municipal Home Rule Law?  
15      Would the Village prefer to cede the responsibility  
16      to the State? Should we not have a Wetlands Review  
17      Board, so that only New York State DEC regulates our  
18      wetlands? Should the State of New York not have  
19      their own accessibility requirements and just cede  
20      that responsibility to the Federal Government because  
21      they have the American Disabilities Act?

22              So I worked in the construction industry most  
23      of my life. I'm sympathetic to the challenges that  
24      the professional landscapers are talking about here,  
25      about how they're going to have to pivot and adapt to

1 new regulations. It is a real challenge and I think  
2 there's a real cost, and I don't want to ignore that.

3 Although we're seeing a proliferation in the  
4 use of professional landscapers throughout the  
5 Village, and we're seeing an increase in the  
6 application of powerful leaf blowers, I believe, but  
7 we're also simultaneously experiencing a significant  
8 increase in interest of living in the Village,  
9 coupled with changing in live/work habitats. This  
10 conflict of interest that we're in the middle of  
11 right now really is not a surprise, this could have  
12 been anticipated.

13 I think that the decision before this Board  
14 right now is how do we balance or weigh our  
15 residents' interest in limiting nuisance noise versus  
16 unnecessarily hampering legitimate commercial  
17 activities, like restaurant, bars and landscaping?

18 Thanks for hearing me out.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Anybody else from  
20 the Board?

21 (No Response)

22 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. We had a second.  
23 I'll call a roll call vote on this.

24 (Roll Call By Mayor Stuessi)

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm going to vote yes with a  
3 comment. I worked hard on this, along with other  
4 members of the Code Committee, and 98% of this, as  
5 you told me the other day when we had a conversation,  
6 is important to continue moving forward.

7 I strongly feel, and I have felt from the  
8 beginning, that the leaf blower issue should have  
9 been separated out into a separate code that would  
10 have given parameters for the landscapers, and for  
11 the homeowners as well, with rules and regulations,  
12 and perhaps permitting, as some other municipalities  
13 have done. But I have to think that when we did this  
14 discussion, we went on the past complaints, what came  
15 forward as being the most number one complaint within  
16 the community dealing with noise.

17 We went through a lot of discussion on it, of  
18 what was reported into the Village as far as being  
19 noise violations, and leaf blowers did not come up,  
20 okay? Not one complaint about leaf blowers. That in  
21 its own right is how we created the verbiage that was  
22 in the original document, which we felt was giving  
23 the opportunity to start testing the waters, to have  
24 weekends free for people who wanted to have their  
25 weekends without having the leaf blowers.

1           I have observed and I really feel that the  
2 landscapers have a responsibility to, to think about  
3 a different operation, because having five, five  
4 gas-powered leaf blowers on a pencil size piece of  
5 acreage really doesn't make sense. And that's on the  
6 landscapers' part, but it's also on the people who  
7 hire the landscapers and the residents as well to  
8 have either complaint or have reached out to their  
9 landscapers to say something.

10           I believe that neighbor to neighbor should be  
11 part of the Village of Greenport, instead of imposing  
12 a ban on a piece of equipment. We are a community.  
13 We had complaints about children playing in a pool at  
14 10 -- 9, 10 o'clock at night from neighbors. Well,  
15 that should be a neighborhood decision, that  
16 shouldn't be coming as a complaint, that shouldn't be  
17 coming where we have to legislate that. We live in a  
18 community where the lots are small, and we look into  
19 each others windows, let's be real, okay?

20           So I just -- at this point, I'm disappointed in  
21 the community that didn't bring forth the problem.  
22 I'm disappointed in the landscaping businesses that  
23 didn't realize what they were doing to the community.  
24 And I really do not want to vote for this, but  
25 because I believe that 98% of it is important to

1 continue with the other portions of comfort for this  
2 community, I have to vote yes for it.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Lily?

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes. I don't have  
5 too much to say, because I think a lot has been said.  
6 But I would just say that this did come before the  
7 Board like seven years ago, so I think that it has  
8 been a complaint. That's all.

9 And I thank everyone for all of their thoughts  
10 and ideas, and we're definitely not always going to  
11 agree, but we do all have to live together.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Good points from everybody.  
13 The motion passes. Thank you, everybody, for your  
14 work on this.

15 Brian, are you ready for the farmers market  
16 resolution?

17 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Sure. All right.

18 *WHEREAS, application has been made for a*  
19 *farmers market to be operated this summer season and*  
20 *from May through October at Mitchell Park.*

21 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board*  
22 *conditionally approves a Public Assembly Permit to*  
23 *authorize the nonexclusive use of Mitchell Park from*  
24 *3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Fridays, from May 17th, 2024*  
25 *through October 11th, 2024 for a farmers market on*

1        *the following conditions, all of which shall be*  
2        *completed prior to the Board's April 18th, 2024*  
3        *meeting.*

4            1. *The applicant shall provide the name of the*  
5        *entity operating the market.*

6            2. *Applicant shall apply for tax exempt status*  
7        *as a 501(c) entity.*

8            3. *Applicant shall provide to the Board site*  
9        *details and proposed market logistics to include at a*  
10       *minimum the number of vendors, vendor setup and*  
11       *cleanup details, including time of setup and cleanup,*  
12       *vendor loading details, proposed vendor vehicle*  
13       *parking, location and access for customers, proposed*  
14       *details regarding the liquor and beer tasting, and*  
15       *enforcement of any State Liquor Authority or Village*  
16       *requirements concerning sale or distribution of*  
17       *alcohol.*

18           4. *Applicant shall provide the Village with*  
19        *insurance and indemnification.*

20           5. *Applicant shall provide the Village with*  
21        *proof of the Agriculture and Market approvals and/or*  
22        *certifications for the proposed use, and shall*  
23        *certify that it will comply with such approvals.*

24           *AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt*  
25        *and review of the aforesaid information, the Board*

1        *may adopt conditions applicable to the operation of*  
2        *the market.*

3                TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Patrick, it was your  
4        resolution originally.

5                ATTORNEY STOLAR: This would be a modification  
6        of that one that you had that was seconded.

7                TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Of 03-2024-21?

8                ATTORNEY STOLAR: Right.

9                TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. So I'm going to  
10       say so -- I can say so moved, unless we need a  
11       second, then we can discuss it.

12               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second it.

13               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So moved.

14               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second it.

15               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion. I lost track of  
16       what you were saying, Brian, it was so long.

17                                (Laughter)

18               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Did -- does anyone feel like  
19       all bases were covered?

20               MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I definitely feel like  
21       the bases were covered.

22               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

23               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

24               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, he got most of the  
25       them.



1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think he got most of them, too.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. The only item that I saw  
3 that might potentially be problematic is New York Ag  
4 and Markets approval by date certain, you know,  
5 wondering what that timeline is. It would seem to  
6 me --

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They've already applied.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I mean, that they've  
9 applied, and if there's a holdup on that, we can,  
10 you know, still move it forward subject to the --

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: So you might add to that,  
12 provide proof of -- that the application has been  
13 filed, and upon approval --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- provide the approval  
16 and/or certification from the Ag and -- Ag and  
17 Markets.

18 MR. LIVESEY: Can I ask a question?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

20 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Before you do, can I, can add  
21 another one, Number 6?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

23 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Any other information  
24 that the Board determines to be necessary.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So moved.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was going to be my  
2 statement. Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Did you have a question?

4 MR. LIVESEY: Sorry, I lost a little bit of  
5 track. Could you read just the first part again?  
6 Just I'm trying to work out -- I've had a  
7 bereavement, so I'm going to be away for two weeks.  
8 I'm just trying to work out -- I'm trying to work out  
9 what's due on the 18th, so I've got it clear in my  
10 head. Yeah, but I wondered if you could you just --  
11 the bit about the entity and the --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Your business entity, proof of  
13 insurance, liability, that you've applied for your  
14 501(c)(3).

15 MR. LIVESEY: Okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: An operating plan includes  
17 locations, proposed locations. So if you start with  
18 10 locations, you show where those are.

19 MR. LIVESEY: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Show where 20 would be, how  
21 you're loading in and out, and how your managing  
22 trash.

23 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, Brian, it's only that  
25 they've applied for a 501(c)(3), not that they've

1           obtained that certification?

2                   MR. LIVESEY: That's what I wanted to check.

3                   ATTORNEY STOLAR: There was a time when a  
4           501(c)(3) would take many months to obtain. So I  
5           don't, I don't think you should commit to that, just  
6           ask that they apply for it for now and see where that  
7           leads them.

8                   TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yeah, that's the bit I wanted  
9           clarity on.

10                   MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Did we have a second on it?

11                   TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, I seconded it.

12                   MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

13                   TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

14                   TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

15                   TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

16                   TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

17                   MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

18                   Congratulations. Thank you for your time, and  
19           sorry about your loss.

20                   Should we move on to the next item?

21                   TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, goody, okay. It's me.

22                   No, it's Patrick. Excuse me.

23                   MAYOR STUESSI: Is it back to Patrick?

24                   TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

25                   TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yep.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What item are we on?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: 29.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: ParkMobile.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right.

5 *RESOLUTION #03-2024-29, Resolution Authorizing*  
6 *Agreement with ParkMobile, LLC.*

7 *WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a local law*  
8 *establishing a paid parking program to regulate*  
9 *parking in areas to be determined by the Board; and*

10 *WHEREAS, in accordance with the adopted local*  
11 *law, upon approval by resolution of the Board of*  
12 *Trustees, the Village is authorized to procure*  
13 *Software programs and other equipment and services*  
14 *determined necessary to implement and manage the paid*  
15 *parking program; and*

16 *WHEREAS, consistent with the Village*  
17 *procurement policy, the Village has researched*  
18 *various companies providing a mobile paid parking*  
19 *application that would be appropriate for use in the*  
20 *Village; and*

21 *WHEREAS, ParkMobile, LLC operates such programs*  
22 *in numerous East End municipalities; and*

23 *WHEREAS, ParkMobile, LLC has submitted to the*  
24 *Village a proposal to provide a mobile parking*  
25 *program accessible by vehicle owners as an*

1       *application via a personal electronic/mobile device;*  
2       *and*

3               *WHEREAS, the Village has determined that the*  
4       *proposal would be fair and in the best interest of*  
5       *the Village and the ParkMobile program is adequate*  
6       *and reliable to manage and support the Village's paid*  
7       *parking program.*

8               *NOW, THEREFORE, subject to review by the*  
9       *Village Attorney of the form of the agreement, the*  
10       *Board authorizes the Mayor to execute the Park --*  
11       *the proposal from ParkMobile, LLC to provide for a*  
12       *paid parking management system via a mobile*  
13       *application accessible by vehicle owners, for an*  
14       *initial management period running through, blank.*  
15       *This is to be determined, I guess.*

16               MAYOR STUESSI: *Yeah.*

17               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *At a cost as set forth in the*  
18       *proposal. So moved.*

19               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *Second.*

20               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *Can we discuss?*

21               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *Discussion.*

22               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *Yeah.*

23               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *Did someone else ask for a*  
24       *discussion?*

25               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *I --*

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Go ahead.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I just  
5 thought what you sent us had two -- like the proposal  
6 had two options.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So there would be no  
8 cost for the Village for this. There's an  
9 incremental cost that would be borne by the  
10 individual who is paying for the parking. That would  
11 be put together in a legal agreement they would be  
12 sending us.

13 And as you recall from I believe it was our  
14 last Work Session, I had discussed the two different  
15 companies that managed most of this on Long Island,  
16 Flowbird being the one that has Patchogue, and then,  
17 of course, ParkMobile, which I know Julia and the BID  
18 did quite a bit of research on a few years back, who  
19 in addition to now running Sag -- a portion of  
20 Sag Harbor for the past two years, they also do  
21 East Hampton, and just signed an agreement for  
22 Shelter Island's beaches as well, and has, you know,  
23 a lot more, you know, call it bandwidth out here  
24 where people already have adoption on it, and  
25 seemingly running very successfully.

1           So what would happen now is we get a legal  
2 agreement from them, which basically spells out that  
3 we would, you know, run this test for a year, and our  
4 Board at our next Work Session would review plans in  
5 where exactly we want to do this on Front and Main,  
6 and for what periods of time, and we would establish  
7 rates, etcetera, as part of that.

8           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So the option would  
9 be the one where like they take a -- we get a  
10 percentage and they take a percentage of the hourly  
11 rate?

12           MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

13           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And we set the  
14 hourly rate?

15           MAYOR STUESSI: Yep, absolutely.

16           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And --

17           MAYOR STUESSI: All the rates, the times, all  
18 of that is entirely up to the Board.

19           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This is still  
20 getting enforced by someone walking around looking at  
21 what the people have --

22           MAYOR STUESSI: Correct. But it's a lot  
23 easier --

24           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

25           MAYOR STUESSI: -- for enforcement, and it

1 could be done on a mobile device and --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Because they can  
3 see who is like --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Exactly, yeah.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the test, once again,  
6 just to be clear, this -- and this is just a test  
7 along Front and Main Street, which are the high  
8 end --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- parking spaces.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: For in the season, you know.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In season. That's what I --  
13 okay.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Exactly. And we can dive into  
15 all the details at our next Work Session of, you know,  
16 what dates we want to initially set for it, and,  
17 you know, how much the rates would be, where else we  
18 might want to do limited, you know, 30-minute free  
19 parking, by Colonial Drug by example.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We'd have to be changing  
21 some of the code. I mean, I know we did the code to  
22 do paid parking, but to do a test pilot, Front and  
23 Main, we'd have to change the code at some point?

24 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay, all right.



1           ATTORNEY STOLAR: We set it up in the adopted  
2 code that you can adopt it all by resolution going  
3 forward.

4           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's all right.

5           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, we have to  
6 put a period on this.

7           ATTORNEY STOLAR: You still need to do that.

8           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay.

9           TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: A time period for  
10 this resolution, correct, like this blank?

11          ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yes.

12          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We have to fill  
13 that for now --

14          ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yes.

15          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- in order to ...

16          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do we have a second on this?

17          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

18          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

19          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, I did it.

20          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: When did we get this material  
21 for this agreement?

22          MAYOR STUESSI: We don't actually have a legal  
23 agreement yet. I sent through the materials on  
24 ParkMobile, I don't know, four days ago, I guess it  
25 was, or three days ago. And then Julia had sent

1 something many, many months back to our group as  
2 well.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think it was  
4 maybe yesterday.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Was it? I thought it was the  
6 day before.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'd have to look at that.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I feel like I haven't had  
9 adequate time to review this. So the resolution  
10 sounds great, all the conclusions, but I can't  
11 honestly endorse that. I don't really feel like I  
12 know much about this.

13 I think this is a little bit about a larger  
14 issue, actually, where we got inundated with  
15 materials for this meeting up until like moments  
16 before the meeting. I don't know if my other  
17 colleagues share that concern.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It was like drinking out of a  
20 firehose today.

21 (Laughter)

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, we're dealing with an  
23 entertainment application issue, too, which we're  
24 going to talk about in a few minutes.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I'm not opposed to this

1 parking app thing. I can't honestly endorse this or  
2 suggest to the community that I know anything about  
3 this. So I have a little bit of trouble authorizing  
4 this at this moment. Is there -- does it need to be  
5 done today?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: It will allow us to have some  
7 work put together by then with dual mapping to come  
8 in front of the Board at our next meeting in order to  
9 do that. I don't know that we're bound to do  
10 anything until, you know, we actually sign off on it.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, they must  
12 also have like a minimum amount we'd have to charge,  
13 right? Like because we couldn't say -- because they  
14 would make no money if we were like, "Let's make it  
15 two cents an hour," or something, right? So they  
16 have a -- there's a bottom.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, there's places where they  
18 do three hours free, and then it's \$4 an hour. And  
19 so in many cases, you know, they're not paid anything  
20 off some of those parking spots.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, okay. I'm  
22 just wondering in their proposal if there is like a  
23 minimum, a minimum. Like if we're -- if we have to  
24 be between -- you know, like it wouldn't make sense  
25 for them monetarily if we were going to charge two

1 cents an hour. It wouldn't make sense for us either,  
2 so I'm not saying we do that, but I just wonder what  
3 their parameters are.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I was not told of any minimum  
5 when we discussed it.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I haven't seen it yet, and we  
8 could very easily, you know, cross that out as well.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't know. Maybe I'm  
10 alone in this. Do the other Board Members feel like  
11 they're up to speed on this?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, I'm familiar with it,  
13 because I've been dealing with it for years now, so.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So does your committee  
15 support it?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, it did, yeah. I mean,  
17 we made a recommendation when I had the committee  
18 prior to this administration. We had a committee and  
19 we made a recommendation. That's when I did that  
20 presentation and had somebody come. And the BID, we  
21 had somebody a couple of years ago make a presentation  
22 to the BID. So, I mean, I think its' a good system,  
23 actually. I think it will work great, and it's a  
24 good trial, that's all. I mean, this is just a trial  
25 period, so --

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But, Julia, has the committee  
2 that you're currently on, have they not discussed  
3 parking?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, we haven't discussed it.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You haven't discussed this  
6 proposal, or you discussed parking?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: You discussed paid parking  
8 within the downtown district, not --

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, we haven't really, we  
10 haven't really talked about parking.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Not ParkMobile in particular?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, not really, I mean, just a  
13 little bit. I mean, we spoke, you know, about --  
14 more about what -- really dealing with signage and,  
15 you know, way-finding, if you will, than parking. It  
16 was kind of the one thing that we haven't really  
17 discussed as a group, yet. But my previous committee  
18 we did, you know.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I know you did a, you  
20 did a report from the group with Bill and Eric --

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- early last year.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Eric Elkin, yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Or late last year, I should say.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. I mean, somebody asked

1 me, I think Suzy asked me if I could find that out.  
2 I will bring that to the meeting next week.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So you feel, you feel  
5 comfortable with it?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes, I do, I think it's a good  
7 product. And, I mean, it's being used all over the  
8 country, you know --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: And so none of the parameters  
10 or anything would be set until we're all together  
11 within the Work Session, we can make those  
12 determinations.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll be honest with Patrick,  
14 I'm more comfortable with this one than I am on some  
15 of the other stuff that we're going to get to after  
16 this one.

17 (Laughter)

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because that one came in  
19 really late, and, you know, that -- I'm more  
20 comfortable with this. But, then again, I've heard  
21 about ParkMobile, because years ago, before  
22 Trustee Robins even came on the Board, I had called  
23 Port Jefferson, who was using ParkMobile, and trying  
24 to get paid parking, you know, within a certain area  
25 of the Village of Greenport years and years ago. So

1 it's not something that hasn't been discussed for  
2 awhile.

3 It's a matter of -- you know, the suggestion  
4 was that we make a test run on Front and Main Street,  
5 because they're the most expensive parking spaces.  
6 They're the ones that need to turn over and they're  
7 the ones that are not turning over to -- in the  
8 downtown district to accommodate people to come in  
9 and get out.

10 But, as I said, I'm more -- I'm a little  
11 more -- I'm familiar with this than the other things  
12 that are coming up, okay?

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I understand what  
14 you're saying, Patrick. I think there's been like  
15 information, but not that much. And it does -- to me  
16 the proposal, because it has two options, like are we  
17 accepting the proposal with both options, and then  
18 we're making that determination later?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: We would make the determination  
20 in our Work Session --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Gotcha.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on exactly how we want to  
23 charge.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I don't --  
25 it seems like as a trial, I'm okay with moving

1 forward with it.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So was there a second?

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There was a second.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There was a second, I did it.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Opposed?

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'll abstain.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'd just inform the public  
13 that I'm not up to speed on this. I don't think it  
14 would be appropriate --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- to vote on it.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I guess I get the  
18 next one.

19 *(RESOLUTION) #03-2024-30, Resolution*  
20 *Authorizing Agreement with McBride Consulting &*  
21 *Business Development Group.*

22 *WHEREAS, the Board has received a March 27,*  
23 *2024 proposal from McBride Consulting & Business*  
24 *Development Group to professional services including*  
25 *grant writing and advisory services; and*



1           *WHEREAS, the provisions of such services*  
2           *constitute professional services; and*

3           *WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the*  
4           *proposal would be fair and in the best interest of*  
5           *the Village.*

6           *NOW, THEREFORE, subject to review by the*  
7           *Village Attorney of the form of the agreement, the*  
8           *Board authorizes the Mayor to execute the proposal*  
9           *from McBride Consulting & Business Development Group*  
10          *to provide for grant writing and advisory services as*  
11          *provided in the proposal for a one-year period at a*  
12          *cost as set forth in the proposal. So moved.*

13          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second. And I  
14          think there's going to be discussion. But can I also  
15          go back to the one before? I don't think we filled  
16          in the blank.

17          ATTORNEY STOLAR: Right.

18          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But we could do  
19          that later.

20          ATTORNEY STOLAR: We could do it now.

21          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do it now, all  
22          right.

23          ATTORNEY STOLAR: To the end of the year.

24          MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we just do it to the end  
25          of the year.

1 ATTORNEY STOLAR: All right. So December 31.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. So --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Which effectively, likely,  
4 would only be for I think probably Columbus Day,  
5 practically speaking, and we could take a look at it.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do you amend that  
7 and second and vote or --

8 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That's included

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. All right.  
10 So second to the, to the Resolution 30.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Discussion on this?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I apologize, I didn't bring --  
14 I had an email to myself about my questions and I  
15 left my phone at home. But, basically, from what I  
16 understand here, this company requires a \$6500  
17 monthly retainer fee from us?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So that will come to somewhere  
20 in the neighborhood of 72, 72, \$73,000 --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- for the year. But what I  
23 don't see anything are additional billable hours, if  
24 they do occur. In their statement of, you know,  
25 their services, they say, "Even though we" you know,

1 "guarantee a great product, nothing is guaranteed."  
2 I think they used the term, "Nothing is guaranteed in  
3 this life. And we will" -- you know, "Our services  
4 will offer everything we can to expedite things and  
5 make things happen for your Village, but there's no  
6 guarantee." So it's really more about the billable  
7 hours, you know. I mean, we're going to be on a, on  
8 a contract of \$6500 a month, so I'd like to know, are  
9 they going to provide us with that?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So that is, that is an  
11 unlimited amount of work. And what we would do is we  
12 would set what it is that we're looking to apply for  
13 over the next 90 days. And so that would really be a  
14 key time of them coming in to meet the Board,  
15 etcetera, and look at the game plan for it.

16 The first item of business that we talked about  
17 at our last meeting would be the NYSERDA grant, which  
18 is \$150,000, which we are, you know, very easily teed  
19 up for, and that would be to look at the long-term  
20 repositioning of our electric plant, and then, also,  
21 as part of, you know, what needs to happen with  
22 Haugland, and looking at the arrangement over there, too.  
23 And moving into the next one, which is really sort of  
24 key, is the Downtown Revitalization Grant. And each  
25 of these are, you know, coming up in the next 45

1 days.

2 And, you know, my recommendation would be that  
3 this isn't, you know, in perpetuity, but there is,  
4 you know, a review that's done after this 90-day  
5 period, when we are, you know, looking at the game  
6 plan and sort of setting tasks that are being done,  
7 and they're committed to coming to meet with the  
8 Board as well as part of that.

9 So, in reality, we're approving a maximum  
10 exposure of, what would it be, \$19,500 off of,  
11 you know, a few initial key grants. And as we've all  
12 seen, you know, looking at the success that we've  
13 done off of just the Federal infrastructure grant of  
14 \$3 million we just got, I think the \$19,500 is well  
15 worth spending over the next 90 days. It's budgeted  
16 in the last budget and in our upcoming budget. And,  
17 you know, put them to work and help have them put a  
18 plan together for us.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So this is not a year contract  
20 we're signing with them?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: What I'm suggesting is that  
22 we -- that the legal agreement would actually state  
23 that there is a review in 90 days.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: And we have the ability to walk

1 at that point if we're uncomfortable, and then we  
2 could set some different thresholds for it as well.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And their, you know, agreement  
4 with us is not performance-based. In other words,  
5 you know, they --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know of any grant writers  
7 that do performance-based work. I think that's, you  
8 know, up to us in the contract, that if we're unhappy  
9 we, you know, have the ability to cut ties.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Just as we do with our current  
12 grant writing person.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: "To engage in grant writing  
15 and advisory services." Exactly what advisory  
16 services, in reference to the grant or other  
17 services?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: So that's really about looking  
19 at any and all funding opportunities in putting that  
20 plan together.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: "To craft a plan and  
22 priority list, if necessary, and/or emergency public  
23 improvements." I'll be honest with you, I didn't  
24 have a chance to read this. It came in so late  
25 that -- and this funding is going to be coming out of

1 the budget from the grant writing? I mean, the --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: It comes out of many different  
3 departments, so there's a little bit from each of the  
4 departments, just as we've been funding it.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's confusing,  
6 because you have line items in the budget for a grant  
7 writer. Is that where this is coming out of?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That's pulled out of the  
9 different departments, so that's pulled out of --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- sewer, by example,  
12 electrical.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, as Trustee Robins says,  
14 the \$6500 retainer per month, that doesn't have any  
15 additional services attached to that?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So how do we budget for that,  
18 for the additional services portion?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: There isn't, there isn't an  
20 additional fee. The \$6500 covers anything we put  
21 together in the plan and all of the associated,  
22 you know, grant writing for it. If there's a  
23 specialized engineering study, let's say, that would  
24 come out of, you know, a grant or something else. By  
25 example, NYSERDA, that grant is \$150,000. Putting

1 all that together is covered under the 6500, but then  
2 the \$150,000 would go towards hiring, you know,  
3 anyone in the company that are State certified to do  
4 the actual work.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As a side --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Same thing with like the  
7 Downtown Revitalization Grant. So the DRI process,  
8 which is run through the State, of which, as we've  
9 talked about before, we qualify for a slightly lower  
10 category, which is all about walk of the villages,  
11 there's "X" amount of dollars that are awarded, and  
12 then you go out and you do the studies with different  
13 groups, engage the community, etcetera, as part of  
14 that. There's funding towards that, and, ultimately,  
15 if you win it, you win the \$4.5 million. That's the  
16 10 million that Riverhead had last that we talked  
17 about.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And their, their work  
19 becomes our work, correct? They -- we own the  
20 property of the work, okay? They're not --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, they're a consultant to us.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. So all right.  
23 Now I did have an opportunity to quickly go online to  
24 just see where else they had worked, and I saw that  
25 Conifer was on there.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, and Catholic Charities. I  
2 had mentioned before that former County Legislator  
3 Bridget Fleming joined them several months back, and  
4 she's leading up a lot of the energy practice, so  
5 she'd be the one leading up the NYSERDA grant for us.

6           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I know you keep  
7 saying -- that's a question I have. That's a  
8 question for another time, because we're governed by  
9 NYPA, not NYSERDA. That's where I'm a little  
10 confused with it. That's another questions down the  
11 road.

12           MAYOR STUESSI: No, you're thinking LIPA versus  
13 NYPA. NYSERDA is the State governance on all energy,  
14 who we would be getting the funding through, not  
15 New York Power, who we get our power from.

16           TRUSTEE ROBINS: New York Power Authority, NYPA.

17           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: NYPA, yeah, not NYSERDA.

18           MAYOR STUESSI: NYSERDA is a State agency that  
19 governs all of that. They're the funding, they're  
20 the funding mechanism for the study.

21           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We'll have to discuss that  
22 one, because I'm a little --

23           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

24           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm a little -- our stuff  
25 goes -- okay. We'll discuss it later. That has



1 nothing to do with this, this issue at the moment.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It seems to me that  
3 more help -- I mean, I understand the maybe hesitancy  
4 because of cost, but if we can get so much back with  
5 grants, that it just seems like -- and I know this  
6 was something that we originally talked about in the  
7 budget --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- last year. So  
10 getting started on it seems like a good idea to me.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Except that I kind of agree  
12 with Patrick, that you're going to have to look into  
13 the fine print here. And it's nothing against --  
14 you're very capable at it, Mayor, and you're very  
15 good at it for negotiations, but I also have a  
16 responsibility to, and I think Patrick is seeing it  
17 the same way, to just make sure we make -- get the  
18 full understanding of it, and trying to read it now  
19 is not working.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It's really only four  
21 paragraphs there. Yes, I wish we had it sooner, but  
22 I do think it makes sense to move forward on the  
23 limited amount of funds, so that we can get them here  
24 and start working on a plan. And the legal  
25 agreement, as I said, we would put in there that

1 there's a 90-day review and --

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And I Googled them, we can see  
3 their web page. You know, they're a big international  
4 firm. Obviously, they do a lot of things, not just  
5 grant writing as one of their areas.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: How does -- again, I asked  
7 you this before. How does this service either  
8 compliment or supplement the person who's assisting  
9 the Village?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: So Susan is focused on wrapping  
11 up this Federal grant that we just got, which there  
12 will be some administrative work to be done with that  
13 once we receive it from the Federal Government.  
14 She's also doing all the closeout on the microgrid  
15 project. And then she is working with us, and will  
16 continue to work with us, on the ferry terminal  
17 project. She is a -- she's fantastic, I've gotten to  
18 know her, but she's a one-man band. This is a firm  
19 with a lot more reach and resources within the firm  
20 that I think will be able to, you know, really take a  
21 look at the bigger picture, and will be able to map a  
22 chart of what it is we look to apply for here over  
23 the next several months to the end of the year, and  
24 then start the work of, you know, doing exactly that.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So they will be giving us as

1 a full Board updates and information that -- so that  
2 we'll get it in a timely manner to make decisions?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, absolutely, and building  
4 a plan together on the things that, you know, we  
5 want.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm willing to give them a  
7 three-month trial.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm supportive of the idea of  
9 bringing more help on to get these grants, so I  
10 definitely agree with that. I don't like getting a  
11 proposal dated March 28th and being expected to --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- be able to digest it and  
14 speak with any degree of confidence about it at this  
15 meeting. I would just have preferred that it either  
16 came earlier, or that we push it to the next meeting.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I understand that, and I know  
18 we've talked about this group at our last meeting and  
19 the meeting prior, but we didn't, we didn't get it  
20 sooner, I apologize, an earlier draft and we got  
21 this. But I do think it is absolutely worth the  
22 investment. I've talked to a lot of other  
23 municipalities and different people, and spent a lot  
24 of time with Susan, and I've done it on the private  
25 side of things. I've got a lot of confidence in

1       them, and we'll know in three months if we're happy  
2       with, you know, the plan that's been put together and  
3       where we are on a few initial things. And, at that  
4       point, if we want to put additional conditions in, we  
5       can very easily do it at that point. Anybody else?

6                TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think a  
7       three-month trial period is worth, worth going for.  
8       I understand people's concerns about the whole last  
9       minute. I did get a chance to read it, so I don't --  
10       I'm all right with it.

11               MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Did we have a second?

12               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I think we did.

13               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

14               MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. All in favor?

15               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

16               TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

17               TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

18               CLERK HALL: I'm sorry. Who was the second?

19               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I second it.

20               CLERK HALL: Okay.

21               TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Abstain.

22               MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries. Who has the --

23               TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I do. Resolution --

24               MAYOR STUESSI: -- last one before we get to  
25       the walk-on one we need to discuss for the entertainment

1 permit?

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION*

3 *#3-2024-31, RESOLUTION approving all checks per the*  
4 *Voucher Summary Report dated March 28th, 2024, in the*  
5 *total amount of \$1,165,487.07 consisting of:*

6 *o All regular checks in the amount of*  
7 *\$971,490.47, and*

8 *o All prepaid checks (including wire transfers)*  
9 *in the amount of \$193,996.60. So moved.*

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

17 So the last item we have is a resolution  
18 temporarily suspending requirements for underlying  
19 final site plan approval as part of the entertainment  
20 permit applications. I know I was able to speak to a  
21 few of you very briefly on this. And I'll let Brian  
22 jump in, since he also deals with Planning Board.

23 This really comes as a result of the code and  
24 the process that was developed by the Code Committee,  
25 which I think to your point earlier, Patrick, did a

1 phenomenal job within the language of the Noise Code  
2 and tying it back to this entertainment permit.

3 As everybody recalls from going through this  
4 with the business community, we spent many months  
5 talking about this, taking feedback, making changes,  
6 and then it was ultimately approved. A number of  
7 businesses have been very slow to apply, even though  
8 we gave them plenty of notice, and it was also sent  
9 out to the BID, etcetera. And where we find  
10 ourselves as a Village is some of these getting  
11 jammed up now in Planning relative to timing.

12 Anything you'd like to add on this and why the  
13 necessity, other than in order to allow people to  
14 open up for the summer business, Brian?

15 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Sure. And that's exactly  
16 what's happening, where somebody requires conditional  
17 use, or site plan approval and an entertainment  
18 permit, the process now, especially if they require  
19 conditional use permits, the process now involves a  
20 presubmission conference. So what's happening is the  
21 entertainment permits that are now being processed by  
22 the Planning Board, they are approving them subject  
23 to obtaining final site plan approval and conditional  
24 use approval, if it's necessary. But because of the  
25 presubmission conference, it's not likely that any of

1 the businesses would require the additional approval,  
2 we'll be able to obtain it in time to operate during  
3 the summer.

4 So what we're proposing is, because the new  
5 law requires these steps, give them so some leniency,  
6 latitude, whatever it may be, as long as they're  
7 diligently pursuing the predicate -- the conditional  
8 relief, which is the conditional use permit and the  
9 site plan. If they're doing that, then the  
10 entertainment permit condition, essentially, that  
11 requires that they have it will be -- it's not going  
12 to be eliminated, but it will be temporarily -- as we  
13 call it, temporarily suspended. They don't need to  
14 get in time, as long as they continue to take steps,  
15 as we outlined here, which is, number one, have your  
16 application in by April 19th; number two, continue to  
17 process it, and process it in a way that everything  
18 is being done timely within the requests and the  
19 requirements of the Planning Board.

20 And that we provide that the end date for the  
21 suspension is July 31. So, hopefully, everybody by  
22 then will be able to get in their -- get their site  
23 plan approval and get their conditional use permit.  
24 It may be somewhat tight, and we may have to have  
25 this discussion again later.

1           But, again, it only applies if you are -- if  
2           you've already -- if you're an existing business and  
3           you've already taken the steps, and you continue to  
4           take the steps, and you continue to take the steps  
5           and show us that you're doing what you need to do,  
6           there's no reason to let the current law and the  
7           application law by the Planning Board essentially  
8           undo the entertainment permit process, undo what the  
9           Board tried to accomplish and the Code Committee  
10          tried to accomplish in modifying the code.

11           So this allows for everybody to continue to  
12          operate and do what you're doing, pursue your  
13          approvals timely and diligently, and you're helping  
14          these businesses get open --

15           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have --

16           ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- with the entertainment part.

17           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a comment on that.  
18          I've been watching the process, and the applicant --  
19          who's going to be making sure that they're continuing  
20          to keep forward? Because we've had a few stalls  
21          along the way, I could think of one major company,  
22          and another one with difficulty finding -- difficulty  
23          in finding backup data within Village Hall, because  
24          we all know what the situation is with the records  
25          and the property files. I'll just be honest, okay,



1 they're a mess, point-blank, they're a mess. I'm  
2 sure that some of it's going to rely on institutional  
3 history to even think about where the file is --  
4 where the file is filed, since I kind of have that  
5 history. But, in the meantime, who's going to --  
6 you know, we can't ask the Planning Board Chair to be  
7 the, the enforcer on this one. So where's that  
8 coming from?

9 ATTORNEY STOLAR: It's a combination of staff,  
10 Planning Board, Village Attorney.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: And we've been doing that. I  
12 mean, the large, the large group you mentioned, I  
13 know I've sent a couple of letters to the Board from  
14 Legal Counsel, and there have been innumerable  
15 amounts of meetings. And we do have the site plan,  
16 which arrived Monday, I think it was. So --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's only one of  
18 them. The other ones, you know, the history of them  
19 going back to find their site plans, some of them  
20 haven't been before the Planning Board in years.

21 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Right. But that shouldn't be  
22 put on them, and that's one of the reasons for this.  
23 This accounts for that kind of delay that is not  
24 their fault.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What, that they haven't been

1 before the -- to update their site plans?

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: They shouldn't have been in  
3 the past, but, you know, the ability to locate the  
4 information in time shouldn't --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, no, I know, that's why  
6 I'm saying, you know, it should --

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- shouldn't delay them in  
8 getting an entertainment permit.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: So, to Brian's point, this is  
10 to try and solve for some of the issues with poor  
11 recordkeeping in the Village on items that we don't  
12 have information on, we're having to dig for where  
13 the files were.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But, basically,  
15 we'll be making it so like July 31st -- I mean, they  
16 have to get their application in, they're supposed to  
17 diligently work and then --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and continue pursuing it,  
19 right.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But then July 31st  
21 is kind of now the cutoff for like --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Unless it needed to be extended  
23 for some reason.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Unless -- yeah.

25 ATTORNEY STOLAR: And we could address it

1 again, if necessary.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which we originally had as  
3 May 1st as being the date, if I remember correctly.  
4 Didn't we have the May 1st date?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct, it was May 1st.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was May 1st.

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: For?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Cutoff for --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: To have -- to start the  
10 enforcement of the entertainment permit.

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Correct.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Did we put that legally  
13 someplace, or was that just --

14 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That was a resolution.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So do we need to fix that?

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No, leave this, leave this in.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

18 ATTORNEY STOLAR: And I've told the Planning  
19 Board, at least the members that I've spoken to,  
20 about this resolution, that they still have to move  
21 forward the same way they've been moving forward,  
22 and, you know, I don't want to say hold the  
23 applicant's feet to the fire, but make sure that they  
24 are doing what they're supposed to be doing with  
25 respect to their approval. So if you're granting an

1 approval, as they have been, for the entertainment  
2 permit and saying it's conditioned on obtaining site  
3 plan approval, continue to do that, even with this  
4 temporary suspension.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

6 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Because, at the end of the  
7 suspension, that automatically kicks in, unless  
8 there's a further suspension.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Are you comfortable with the  
10 July 31st date? It seems very soon to me.

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: It may be. It may be, but,  
12 you know, at the same time, I think you need to have  
13 some date that lets the applicants know that they  
14 should be moving forward. And if -- you know, if  
15 they still are, and we realize later on maybe some  
16 time in June that, in fact, it's -- you know, there  
17 still needs to be some time, you can address it then.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. But you have to  
19 understand my frustration. There was a lot of  
20 reach-out to the business community that this needed  
21 to take place, and it's exactly what we discussed was  
22 going to happen, let's leave it to the last minute.  
23 Are we going to run into the same problem with these  
24 dates now, too?

25 ATTORNEY STOLAR: The -- they've all started to

1 get in their entertainment permit applications.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

3 ATTORNEY STOLAR: That's not the -- that's not  
4 the problem. The problem is the second step --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

6 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- which is they need, still  
7 need to have site plan and/or conditional use permit.  
8 If that's the case, that's what's causing the problem,  
9 the second, that second step, that conditional step.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right. Do we know how  
11 many have been approved?

12 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I think there are three, and  
13 there are three more on the April 12th calendar,  
14 maybe four more on the April 12th calendar. So,  
15 yeah, we're already starting to progress. And,  
16 again, this only applies to anyone who has submitted  
17 their entertainment permit, to your point just now,  
18 their entertainment permit application by April 19th.  
19 If you -- you know, as you say, if they -- they have  
20 notice, and if they don't put it in by April 19th,  
21 this doesn't mean anything to them.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other questions from  
24 anybody?

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Somebody want to read the  
2 resolution?

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll read it, if you want,  
4 since I'm the one that created this thing.

5           *RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR*  
6 *UNDERLYING FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR ENTERTAINMENT*  
7 *PERMIT APPLICATIONS*

8           *WHEREAS, in October 2023, the Board adopted*  
9 *Local Law 3 of 2023 ("Local Law"), which Local Law*  
10 *incorporates significant amendments to the Zoning*  
11 *Code; and*

12           *WHEREAS, the Local Law includes various*  
13 *predicated approvals and application steps for*  
14 *businesses, including restaurants, that propose*  
15 *catering and/or entertainment as part of their*  
16 *operation; and*

17           *WHEREAS, existing businesses that seek to cater*  
18 *and/or entertain are required to obtain an*  
19 *entertainment permit from the Planning Board by*  
20 *filling (sic) (filing) an application and taking*  
21 *other required statutory steps as now outlined in the*  
22 *Village Code §150-51; and*

23           *WHEREAS, a condition of any such entertainment*  
24 *permit issuance, the approval of the entertainment*  
25 *permit is necessarily predicated on the business*

1        *operation (including the entertainment/catering*  
2        *aspect) being in compliance with an approved site*  
3        *plan that includes the proposed/approved*  
4        *entertainment/catering ("Site Plan Approval"); and*

5                *WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Law, a*  
6        *predicated step for Site Plan Approval may approve*  
7        *(sic) (involve) a pre-submission conference process;*  
8        *and*

9                *WHEREAS, the pre-submission conference*  
10        *procedure provides for a thorough and helpful*  
11        *guideline for a site plan application, but the*  
12        *process, when combined with each of the required*  
13        *statutory steps, including a final site plan*  
14        *application, may take a period of time; and*

15                *WHEREAS, a consequence of the various*  
16        *procedures, it has become apparent that existing*  
17        *businesses may not be able to complete the entire*  
18        *site plan application process in time for their*  
19        *proposed entertainment operation during the*  
20        *upcoming peak summer season; and*

21                *WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recently*  
22        *approved certain initial entertainment permit*  
23        *applications for existing businesses conditioned on*  
24        *Site Plan Approval being completed and additional*  
25        *entertainment permit applications will be considered*

1        *in the forthcoming weeks; and*

2                *WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the time involved*  
3        *in obtaining Site Plan Approval may render the*  
4        *entertainment permit issuance moot and impact*  
5        *business operations during the peak 2024 summer*  
6        *season.*

7                *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board*  
8        *hereby suspends for a period through July 31st, 2024,*  
9        *any requirement for an existing business issued an*  
10       *entertainment permit to obtain a Site Plan Approval,*  
11       *subject to the following conditions:*

12               *(a) No later than April 19th, 2024, the*  
13       *business has filed a pre-submission conference*  
14       *application, where a pre-submission conference is*  
15       *required, and where no such conference is required,*  
16       *has filed a site plan application;*

17               *(b) The existing business is pursuing Site Plan*  
18       *Approval diligently. To be considered diligent, the*  
19       *business must timely submit all required and*  
20       *requested information to the Planning Board, and*  
21       *attend and present testimony and/or responses to*  
22       *questions at a Planning Board meeting, or as a*  
23       *followup within five (5) business days to inquiries*  
24       *made during the hearing;*

25               *(c) The business must post and/or mail required*



1 *hearing/conference notices in a timely manner;*

2 *(d) The business must respond to all requirements*  
3 *of the Planning Board and Building Department in a*  
4 *timely manner.*

5 *(e) The business shall be in compliance with*  
6 *Chapter 88 (Noise) of the Village Code and shall have*  
7 *no new violations issued by the Building Department*  
8 *in connection with Chapter 88 and any other Zoning*  
9 *Code provision applicable to the business operation*  
10 *(sans the Site Plan Approval requirement).*

11 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the expiration*  
12 *of this temporary suspension and/or further Board*  
13 *approved suspensions, all businesses requiring Site*  
14 *Plan Approval as a condition of an entertainment*  
15 *permit must have received Site Plan Approval or the*  
16 *entertainment permit may be deemed to be invalid on*  
17 *account of a failure to comply with the permit*  
18 *approval conditions and the Village may take*  
19 *such action, including the enforcement action, as*  
20 *permitted by law; and*

21 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this suspension*  
22 *does not waive or otherwise suspend any other*  
23 *requirements or laws or any other -- and only applies*  
24 *in the manner provided in this resolution. So moved.*

25 *TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.*

1 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

7 The only other item I have is we had an annual  
8 organizational meeting scheduled for next week. As  
9 some of you may recall, I had questioned when we got  
10 into office last year why it needed to be two days  
11 after we got into office, and was incorrectly told at  
12 that time that it needed to be that time, that it was  
13 a scheduled date. That is incorrect. I've checked  
14 with both NYCOM and with Village Counsel as well.  
15 There's not even a prescribed date suggested that  
16 it's within the first month.

17 And what I would like to suggest doing is  
18 moving the organizational meeting, which took us, I  
19 think it was 35 or 40 minutes maximum, together with  
20 our regularly scheduled meeting the last Thursday of  
21 the month, that would be the 25th, because next week  
22 I've got several different doctors appointments I  
23 need to do. And I think everybody could use the week  
24 to focus on the budget and be prepared for our budget  
25 meeting the following week.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have one question for  
2 Brian. Our annual meeting has always been held at --  
3 organizational meeting has been held on that day for  
4 a long time. Do we have -- or maybe the Clerk can  
5 tell me. Do we have reappointments to Statutory  
6 Boards that need to take place?

7 CLERK HALL: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Their end date is --

9 CLERK HALL: Would it be that date, though? Is  
10 it a specific date?

11 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Not that --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: They're on holdover.

13 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Exactly.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I was going to say  
15 they're on holdover --

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yep.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- but we need to make them  
18 aware they're on holdover, do we not?

19 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Anybody who you'd be  
20 appointing, that would be for the one-year term, or  
21 for particular Boards with staggered five-year terms.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, you're holding them  
23 over, you're holding them over until the organizational  
24 meeting date, correct?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: It's the Chairs. I'll be glad

1 to reach out to them to -- I've already talked to all  
2 the Chairs and they're prepared to stay on. So I'll  
3 be glad to let them know that their official  
4 appointment would be two weeks later.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's my only question,  
6 is that's why there was consistency.

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I have one Village that  
8 doesn't meet for two months until after the official  
9 date. So, yeah, three weeks is not much.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said this, this, this  
11 Village, okay, has had a set date for that for  
12 decades.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: So I think there's two -- I  
14 mean, putting aside my personal medical issues --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: -- which I don't want to get  
17 into here --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, that's not, that's not  
19 necessary.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- there's a couple of  
21 advantages. When I'm no longer Mayor in three years  
22 and somebody else is taking over, you know, frankly,  
23 my suggestion would be to the Board that it is  
24 scheduled for later in the month, so that that  
25 individual has a solid three weeks to be ready for

1 this meeting, rather than trying to do it in two  
2 days, which was an absolute nightmare last year, as  
3 you might recall.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I understand that. I  
5 just want to -- you know, we have appointments,  
6 that's why I'm -- you know, that's a major --

7 ATTORNEY STOLAR: They become holdovers.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I just want to make  
9 sure. Okay.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we did a whole number of  
11 them last year for that very reason. And I think the  
12 other advantage is it's also the same night as the  
13 Fire Department elections.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, it is.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: And it would be nice, frankly,  
16 for anybody from the Fire Department who wants to  
17 attend that meeting --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm not --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to be able to do so, so  
20 we're not in conflict with the Fire Department.

21 So with that, I'm going to make a motion to,  
22 and, of course, Candace will properly notice this in  
23 the paper, reschedule the annual organizational  
24 meeting from next Thursday to Thursday, the 25th, at  
25 6 p.m., the same time of our regularly scheduled

1 meeting for the Village. May I have a second, please?

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I have --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have one.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: One more thing?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have one question.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Brian, we passed that  
11 resolution at the organizational meeting, there was  
12 an actual resolution we passed. So do we have to  
13 amend that resolution?

14 ATTORNEY STOLAR: You just passed the resolution --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: -- that essentially supersedes  
17 that resolution.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm just checking.

19 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I hadn't voted.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's fine. Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick and Julia?

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't have any questions.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay? What's the vote, aye?

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye, yes.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Here-here.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye, yes.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. Motion passes.

9 Thank you. Thank you, everybody.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have just a comment. The  
13 organizational meeting reminded me that we're  
14 entering an election year, right, there'll be an  
15 election next year?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I'm hoping that somebody  
19 in the community, independent of this body, will  
20 maybe put together a group that works on voter  
21 education, election integrity, those kind of issues.  
22 It would be nice if some people would take it up. I  
23 know Rena Wilhelm had put a lot of effort into the  
24 debates and things like that.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. There were a couple of

1 people who had wanted to do that. I intended on  
2 bringing it up at our next --

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- meeting, at our Work Session  
5 to discuss, because we want to make sure, also, that  
6 Candace has the support separately to provide  
7 anything for any potential candidates, etcetera, and  
8 that we are operating as transparently as possible as  
9 a Village, because the election itself falls under  
10 her responsibility directly.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we'll get into it next  
12 meeting.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep. All right. Thank you,  
14 everybody.

15 I'll make a motion to close the meeting.

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 The meeting is closed. Thank you.

24 (The Meeting was Adjourned at 10:13 p.m.)

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## Candace Hall

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**From:** Paul Livesey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 2:48 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Board of Trustees meeting 3/28  
**Attachments:** petition\_signatures\_jobs\_37933372\_20240324193413.pdf

Hi Candace

I submitted the mass assembly application to use Mitchell Park for a farmers market. This is going before the Village Board of Trustees meeting this coming Thursday.

I believe some people may have emailed you expressing their support for this application. I am unsure how the process works, but are you able to forward those on to the relevant person, if that is not you, to be entered on record?

More than 200 people also signed an online petition in support of this, which I have also attached for the record. (Please note that addresses for certain individuals do not reflect that they are home owners in the Village e.g. Bauer, Central Ave; Dolle, 4th St; Betz, Main St; Fleming, Kaplan Ave; Tuck, Sterling Ave; Guerriere, Kaplan Ave etc.)

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Kind regards

Paul Livesey

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<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Postal Code</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Signed On</b>
<b>Paul Livesey</b>	Greenport	NY		US	2024-03-14
<b>Peter Treiber Jr.</b>	Peconic	NY	11958	US	2024-03-15
<b>Sophie Dawson</b>	New York	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
<b>Brooke Parrett</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Sarah Dawson</b>	cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
<b>Christine Dawson</b>	New York	NY	10016	US	2024-03-15
<b>Carolyn Melillo</b>	Rockville Centre	NY	11570	US	2024-03-15
<b>Glenn Dawson</b>	Valley Stream	NY	11580	US	2024-03-15
<b>Lorraine McIntosh</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-15
<b>Donna Travers</b>	New York	NY	10128	US	2024-03-15
<b>Sheila Gleason</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-15
<b>Jeanne Lofgren</b>	Jamesport	NY	11970	US	2024-03-15
<b>Donna Wright</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Tammy Schwab</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Diane Arpaia</b>	Cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
<b>Deborah de Jong</b>	Syracuse	NY	13204	US	2024-03-15
<b>Mark Arpaia</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11201	US	2024-03-15
<b>Kara Hoblin</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Christa Klatsky</b>	Peconic	NY	11958	US	2024-03-15
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<b>Jason Diaz</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
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<b>Verona Penalba</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
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<b>Donna Whelan</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Jenn Dolle</b>	Alexandria	VA	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Kirsten Kesicki</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Sally Grant</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>David Benthall</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Charles Schwab</b>	Denver	CO	80218	US	2024-03-15
<b>Shawn Ehlers</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-15
<b>Daina Reynolds</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>joseph flotteron</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Eric Koch</b>	Linden	NJ	7036	US	2024-03-15
<b>Dominic Cannistra</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Claudine McShea</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Anthy Antoniou</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-15
<b>Dale Weinert</b>	Riverhead	NY	11901	US	2024-03-15
<b>dani inzerillo</b>	southold	NY	11207	US	2024-03-15
<b>Julie Bauer</b>	St. Petersburg	FL	33701	US	2024-03-15
<b>abbey smith</b>	Kings Mountain	NC	28086	US	2024-03-15
<b>Danielle Rodger</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Joan M</b>	Cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
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<b>Jade Eckardt</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-15
<b>jill angelichio</b>	charlotte	NC	28204	US	2024-03-15
<b>Elizabeth Burke</b>	Mattituck	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
<b>Jon Inwood</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11226	US	2024-03-15
<b>Carmen Laguna</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Patricia Hammes</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Lila Schott</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Carly Lakes</b>				US	2024-03-15
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<b>Mike Gugliada</b>	Cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15
<b>Jenny Smith</b>	Cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-15

<b>Mia Santa Cruz</b>	Ridge	NY	11961	US	2024-03-15
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<b>Shelby Nine-Durso</b>	Tarrytown	NY	10591	US	2024-03-15
<b>Michael Javidi</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Norma Sanchez</b>	San Antonio	TX	78238	US	2024-03-15
<b>Michael Nagin</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Lauren Nagin</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-15
<b>Frank Longhitano</b>	Queens	NY	11385	US	2024-03-16
<b>Suzanne Sattler</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Simone Levien</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11238	US	2024-03-16
<b>Kurt Nolting</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11211	US	2024-03-16
<b>Micah Halsey</b>	East Marion	NY	11939	US	2024-03-16
<b>Gail Barlow</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Sarah Kravitz</b>	Philadelphia	PA	19142	US	2024-03-16
<b>Alexis Wachtel</b>	Shelter Island	NY	11964	US	2024-03-16
<b>Alexander Gamberg</b>	Lynnwood	WA	98036	US	2024-03-16
<b>Bethany Opara</b>	Norwich	NY	13815	US	2024-03-16
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<b>Robert Chester</b>	Jupiter	NY	11935	US	2024-03-16
<b>bryce norbitz</b>	East Marion	NY	11939	US	2024-03-16
<b>Madison Baer</b>	Mastic	NY	11950	US	2024-03-16
<b>Natalie Todd</b>	New York	NY	10011	US	2024-03-16
<b>Claudia Cifuentes</b>	New York	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Robert Fuller</b>	Queens	NY	11102	US	2024-03-16
<b>N C</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-16
<b>Jeffrey Rogers</b>	East Marion	NY	11939	US	2024-03-16
<b>Willard Weatherly</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Erin Kelly</b>	New York	NY	10029	US	2024-03-16

<b>Liridona Ferhati</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Maria Bertelle</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11213	US	2024-03-16
<b>Paul Monahan</b>	New York	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Kaitlin Macomber</b>	Cheshire	CT	6410	US	2024-03-16
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<b>Nicole Anderson</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-16
<b>Priscilla Johnson</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-16
<b>Alana Preziosi</b>	Swedesboro	NJ	8085	US	2024-03-16
<b>Gerardo Sanchez</b>	Yuma	AZ	85365	US	2024-03-17
<b>Patricia Salazar</b>	San Diego	CA	92101	US	2024-03-17
<b>Arshiya Yasin</b>	Sugar Land	TX	77479	US	2024-03-17
<b>Erika Rikhiram</b>	Clermont	FL	34711	US	2024-03-17
<b>Vincent Macchirole</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-17
<b>Rich Stalzer</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-17
<b>Whitney Robert</b>	Shepherdstown	WV	25443	US	2024-03-17
<b>Charmaine Bynum</b>	Trabuco Canyon	CA	92679	US	2024-03-17
<b>Cynthia Bruen-Gud</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-17
<b>Chloe Steadman</b>	New York	NY	10011	US	2024-03-17
<b>Kelly Hultgren</b>	Simsbury	CT	6070	US	2024-03-17
<b>James Betz</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11208	US	2024-03-17
<b>Chasity Braud</b>	Natchitoches	LA	71457	US	2024-03-17
<b>Pi waller</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-17
<b>Kristie Lutz Waller</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-17
<b>Joseph Keating</b>	Orient	NY	11957	US	2024-03-17
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<b>Lisa Finegan</b>	chapel Hill	NC	27514	US	2024-03-18
<b>Gloria Milanese</b>	Shenandoah , Pe	PA	17976	US	2024-03-18
<b>Stephen Karl</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-18
<b>Lacy Katl</b>	Atlanta	GA	30319	US	2024-03-18
<b>Marc Cantone</b>	Riverhead	NY	11901	US	2024-03-18
<b>Megan Barron</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-18
<b>Nancy Butkus</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-18

<b>Caroline Bowyer</b>	Mastic Beach	NY	11951	US	2024-03-18
<b>Judy Barron</b>	Youngstown	OH	44512	US	2024-03-18
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<b>Ron Barron</b>	Youngstown	OH	44512	US	2024-03-18
<b>Carol Edwards</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-18
<b>Murray Greenfield</b>	The Bronx	NY	10452	US	2024-03-18
<b>Morgan Jones</b>	West Hartford	CT	6107	US	2024-03-18
<b>Seodin O'Toole</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-18
<b>Noah Carter</b>	GREENPORT	NY	11944	US	2024-03-18
<b>Katie Schelin-Carls</b>	Southold	NY	1971	US	2024-03-18
<b>James Clarke</b>	New York	NY	11944	US	2024-03-18
<b>Jenny Smith</b>	Cutchogue	NY	11935	US	2024-03-18
<b>Rhonda Talley</b>	Nashville	TN	37211	US	2024-03-18
<b>Rachael Perry</b>	Pell City	AL	35128	US	2024-03-18
<b>Brooke Hawthorne</b>	East Longmeadow	MA	1028	US	2024-03-18
<b>YOANDRYS BUENC</b>	Miami	FL	33032	US	2024-03-19
<b>Anonymous Person</b>	Elkhart	IN	46514	US	2024-03-19
<b>Vasily Kozyreff</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-19
<b>James Rice</b>	Acworth	GA	30101	US	2024-03-19
<b>Sue Fleming</b>	Wellesley	MA	2481	US	2024-03-19
<b>Cat Guerriere</b>	Boston	MA	2120	US	2024-03-19
<b>Dee Halfhill</b>	Phoenix	AZ	85014	US	2024-03-19
<b>Anna Lease</b>	Denver	CO	80209	US	2024-03-19
<b>medihane biniam</b>	Milan		medihane	US	2024-03-19
<b>Cody Carlson</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-20
<b>Vallery Mendez</b>	Central Falls	RI	2863	US	2024-03-20
<b>KC Smith</b>	Alexandria	VA	22304	US	2024-03-20
<b>Siana Wanner</b>	Parrish	FL	34219	US	2024-03-20
<b>Cranston Williams</b>	Pegram	TN	37143	US	2024-03-20
<b>Jessica ZazaJessic</b>	Laconia	NH	3249	US	2024-03-20
<b>Ioanna P</b>	East Marion	NY	11939	US	2024-03-20
<b>Stel Psaroudakis</b>				US	2024-03-20

<b>Hillary Kelbick</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-20
<b>Fred Salzberg</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-21
<b>stef savastio</b>	Philadelphia	PA	19142	US	2024-03-21
<b>Pam Dodson</b>	Alto Pass	IL	62905	US	2024-03-21
<b>Susan Foster</b>	Houston	TX	77093	US	2024-03-21
<b>Kaiah Buller</b>	Nixa	MO	65714	US	2024-03-21
<b>Cheryl Horsfall</b>	New York	NY	10118	US	2024-03-21
<b>Carmine F Arpaia</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-22
<b>LeeAnn Trevino</b>	Pendleton	OR	97801	US	2024-03-22
<b>Marty Reza</b>	Las Vegas,	NV	89030	US	2024-03-22
<b>Andrew Floyd</b>				US	2024-03-22
<b>Terrena Anderson</b>	Simpsonville	SC	29680	US	2024-03-22
<b>Thomas Halaczinski</b>	Brooklyn		11218	US	2024-03-22
<b>Heather Tuck</b>	2330 Riley Creek	TN	37360	US	2024-03-22
<b>Aiden Hana</b>	Spring Hill	FL	34609	US	2024-03-22
<b>Liz Gillooly</b>	New York	NY	10022	US	2024-03-22
<b>Gregg Rivara</b>	GREENPORT	NY	11944	US	2024-03-23
<b>Eric Martz</b>	Brooklyn	NY	11208	US	2024-03-23
<b>Gordon Poston</b>	Kingstree	SC	29556	US	2024-03-23
<b>elizabeth sweeney</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-23
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<b>Laura Sweeney</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-23
<b>Glorybell Perez</b>	Fort Lauderdale	FL	33317	US	2024-03-23
<b>Nadira Vlaun</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-23
<b>Adrian Cockerill</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-23
<b>Stacey Krumenack</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-23
<b>Steve Weiss</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-23
<b>Brooke Ovsianik</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-23
<b>Chris Bianchi</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-23
<b>Adam Kaluba</b>	Burleson	TX	76028	US	2024-03-24
<b>Frances Walton</b>	New York	NY	11944	US	2024-03-24
<b>James R Penney</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-24



<b>Andrea Rashish</b>	Southold	NY	11935	US	2024-03-24
<b>Heaven Moreno</b>	Sulphur	OK	73086	US	2024-03-24
<b>Miranda McMillan</b>	Dry Branch	GA	31020	US	2024-03-24
<b>Margaret Hoag</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-24
<b>Michael Conklin</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-24
<b>Patrice Conklin</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-24
<b>Christine Hasbun</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-24
<b>CHERI SOUKUP</b>	Mattituck	NY	11952	US	2024-03-24
<b>Stephen Plowden</b>	Southold	NY	11971	US	2024-03-24
<b>Cynthia Roe</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-24
<b>JoAnn Wind</b>	Greenport	NY	11944	US	2024-03-24

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Janice Claudio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:50 AM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Greenport Farmers Market In Mitchell Park

Hi

I believe a Farmers Market in Mitchell Park on a Friday is a "Let's Try It" idea. There is often less use of the park on a Friday, versus the weekend, and there is a more local resident benefit to it as well. I think it would be a nice added element to the Village.

Janice Claudio

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Patricia Hammes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 2:00 AM  
**To:** Kevin Stuessi; Mary Bess Phillips; Patrick Brennan; Julia Robins; Lily Dougherty-Johnson  
**Cc:** Paul Livesey; Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Farmers Market

Dear Board of Trustees:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Village's grant of permission for a farmer's market in Mitchell Park on Friday afternoons. It is well recognized that farmer's markets play an integral part in supporting local agriculture and aquaculture. Moreover a farmers' market provides a great space for community interaction and growth. Mitchell Park is the ideal place for a farmers' market given its central location in the Village as well as its importance as a community gathering space. A strong farmers' market will provide a draw to the Village that will complement local businesses as well as providing support for local businesses that are participating. A thriving farmers market will provide local residents with access to fresh locally produced foods without a need to drive to multiple stores and farm stands outside the Village.

Mitchell Park is intended to be a gathering place for the community and a venue for Village events. It is the heart of the Village and it is hard to imagine a better place for a farmers' market. The Village deserves a vibrant and successful farmers' market. I encourage the Board to vote to permit the use of Mitchell Park for a farmers' market. I respectfully request this email be entered into the public record in connection with the Board's consideration of this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Best  
Tricia Hammes

Tricia Hammes  
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## Candace Hall

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**From:** Ali Tuthill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 2:44 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Ali Tuthill Letter of Support for Greenport Farmers Market

Hello Candice,

I was hoping you could enter the below into record? I am unable to attend the meeting tonight!

Dear Village Board Members,

As a proud member of our vibrant community, I've come to deeply appreciate the invaluable contributions made by our local farmers, fishermen, and producers. Their dedication not only enriches our plates with fresh, wholesome goods but also serves as the lifeblood of our local economy, sustaining the diverse tapestry of businesses that make Greenport thrive.

Despite the undeniable importance of these artisans, our community has faced a noticeable setback with the absence of a successful farmers market - with the lack of a central and visible location being the biggest hindrance to its potential to flourish within our village. However, I firmly believe it's time to meet this challenge, and provide our local producers with the platform they deserve, and to cultivate a vibrant hub for community connection centered around homegrown products.

Beyond the economic benefits, a farmers market serves as a cultural epicenter within our community. It's a place where neighbors come together, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie that transcends the transactional nature of commerce. From the laughter-filled exchanges at vendor stalls to the aroma of freshly baked goods wafting through the air, the farmers market encapsulates the essence of our shared identity and heritage.

That's why I'm reaching out to you today. We're rallying for approval from the village to designate Mitchell Park as the official venue for our long-awaited weekly seasonal market. By securing this space, we not only empower our farmers and artisans but also invigorate our community with a shared appreciation for locally sourced fare. It's a win-win scenario that promises to enrich our lives and strengthen the bonds that tie us together as neighbors.

This endeavor transcends the mere establishment of a market; it's a testament to our commitment to fostering a sustainable, interconnected community—one that cherishes its roots and celebrates its bounty. Your support is pivotal in making this vision a reality.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

Ali Tuthill [REDACTED]

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Rebecca Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:05 AM  
**To:** Kevin Stuessi; Mary Bess Phillips; Patrick Brennan; Lily Dougherty-Johnson; Julia Robins  
**Cc:** Valerie English; [REDACTED]; Victoria Brannigan; Jenna Williams;  
[REDACTED]; Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Feedback on proposed code update regarding village beaches and recreation areas

Dear Board,

Thank you for taking the time to update village laws. We're writing to oppose the language in the proposed law on recreation areas that has a minimum \$500 fine for off leash dogs.

For many years, many people have been allowing their dogs off leash, under their control, in large, empty recreation areas, whether for exercise, socialization, or training. While technically against the rules, no one has complained or asked us to stop. Instead of creating a more punitive law, which also may not be enforced, we hope you take this opportunity to match the new law with community behavior and needs. We're parents of now older kids, but we've spent plenty of time on village beaches and parks, and never noticed problems with off leash, under control dogs.

Please include this letter in the public hearing on the recreation chapter.

Thank you,

Rebecca T. Miller & Stephen Morrow  
[REDACTED]

Valerie English & Tibor Ullmann  
[REDACTED]

Victoria & David Wright  
[REDACTED]

Jenna & Donald Williams  
[REDACTED]

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## Candace Hall

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**From:** Ikessey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:53 PM  
**To:** Kevin Stuessi  
**Cc:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** LGBT Network open container

Dear Mayor Stuessi and Trustees,

I would like to state that I am in favor of allowing the open container request for the 2nd annual PRIDE celebration in our village.

The organization had it lifted last season and it was a glorious celebratory day. Southold Police Chief Flatly commented that it was a great event.

Thank you,  
Linda Kessler  
KESSIE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Rena Wilhelm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 11:25 AM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Support for Farmer's Market

Good Morning Candace!!

Happy Monday. I just wanted to send in an official letter stating that both Jason & I, owners of The Weathered Barn in Greenport, are in full support of a summer farmers market for Mitchell Park. I think it's a great idea and will create a nice buzz.

Hope you are well!

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Rena

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The Weathered Barn  
[REDACTED]

## Candace Hall

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**From:** chris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 11:31 AM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Farmers Market

Good afternoon,

I am a village resident at [REDACTED] and business owner at [REDACTED]. I will not be able to make the upcoming village meeting regarding the potential farmers' market in Mitchell Park. I fully support having a farmers' market in the village. I believe it is benefit for village residents as well as visitors. It helps to support our local farms, both land and water based and provides healthy food options to people.

Best regards,

Chris Dowling  
One Love Beach





## Candace Hall

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**From:** Poppy Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Farmers market

Please put it on record that I am FOR the Farmers Market!

Thanks

Poppy Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Michael Noone  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 6:33 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Cc:** Jeanmarie Oddon  
**Subject:** FW: Leaf Blower Regulation

**From:** Daniel Hulsebosch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 5:19 PM  
**To:** Michael Noone [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Leaf Blower Regulation

Dear Mr. Noone,

I'm hoping you can forward this email to the Village Trustees, who are scheduled to vote this evening on an amendment to the Noise Ordinance. The key amendment is the addition of subsection N to Chapter 88-5 ("Prohibitions"). This proposed amendment would limit, and later eliminate, "gas-powered leaf blowers and leaf blowers powered by a generator, off-site electrical conduit or vehicle."

I support this amendment. My wife and I hired a landscaper two years ago primarily because he and his crew use only battery-powered equipment (mowers, blowers, etc.). This company is Ecologix, based locally in East Marion. The owner, like us, has young children, and he is committed to a healthier and greener way of maintaining the landscape, for the benefit of his crew and his clients' families. The noise and odor reduction has been significant.

I understand that only a few landscapers have transitioned to electric equipment. But they must be aware that such a shift is underway across the region. Many communities in New York have already limited or banned gas-powered and similar landscaping equipment. The village where I grew up in Westchester, for example, enacted a seasonal ban on gas-powered leaf blowers in 1994—thirty years ago. These measures are no longer outliers, and it is likely they will continue to spread.

Thank you for your assistance,  
Daniel Hulsebosch  
[REDACTED]

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Clamity Janes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 6:50 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Greenport Farmer's Market // Support

I would like this email to be formally added to the record.

To the Greenport Village Trustees,

I would like to voice my support for the addition of a Farmer's Market to Greenport.

Having the opportunity for small business owners to sell their products and share their stories in Mitchell Park would not only be an opportunity to support small business — it would give locals a chance to enjoy and purchase local products, and grant visitors to Greenport an opportunity to interact with farmers and gain a deeper understanding of the richness of the agricultural and aquaculture history of the North Fork and Greenport.

When it comes to travel, people form deeper connections to a place when they meet the people who make up the community. A Farmer's Market is a venue that encourages those connections. I think it would be a miss to not have a Farmer's Market centrally located in Mitchell Park. Both for the local community and for our visitors.

As a small business owner based in Greenport, I would love to have a venue to sell my products where I live. At the moment, my opportunity to do so is to go to Shelter Island at their farmer's market on Saturday's. This will be my first season there, but I understand that tthe Havens Farmers Market has become a beloved fixture in Shelter Islander's Saturday routines. Wouldn't it be nice if Greenport could grow and develop their own beloved Friday Farmer's Market tradition?

Please enter it into the records, that as a local citizen and small business owner, I support a Greenport Farmer's Market.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Horsfall  
Co-Founder, Clamity Janes

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Margo Andrea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall; Michael Noone  
**Subject:** Leaf blower info from a Greenporter who cannot attend this evening's meeting

Greetings Candace Hall and Michael Noon,

I know this will be addressed this evening but I am working and cannot attend the meeting.

From Monday-Wednesday this week the soundscape all over Greenport was grrrrrrrrrr. We should not accept this new attack on our quality of life. It is spring. I can't listen for the birds. My backyard neighbor had a landscaper leaf blowing Wednesday and it was impossible to work in the yard with the smell of gas and the noise. This is a relatively new problem and exponentially getting worse. I can attest this as a Greenport home owner since 2000 and renting resident from 1995-2000. Now, when nextdoor neighbors have weekly landscaping, I am forced to leave my home and make sure windows are shut. I am sure you are aware of the ill effects of noise, fumes and dust on human health, not to mention the health of animals. (Naturally a side topic is the health of our biome that flourishes in the leaves on the ground, home to pollinators and bird food.) Electric powered landscape equipment will be the only option soon in California. Greenport can be a leader on this issue for the North Fork, Long Island, and the State of NY.

Thank you for acknowledging the importance of this issue for our village and for your willingness to be our Trustees and leaders.

Your neighbor from Second Street,  
Margo Andrea

**Candace Hall**

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**From:** Jenn Hartnagel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:36 PM  
**To:** Kevin Stuessi; Mary Bess Phillips; Patrick Brennan; Lily Dougherty-Johnson; Julia Robins; Candace Hall  
**Cc:** Bob DeLuca; kbashen; Rachel Bosworth  
**Subject:** Re: Group for the East End - Letter of Support - Noise Code Amendments  
**Attachments:** GFEELetterofSupportNoiseOrdinance.pdf

Please see the attached, correct copy of Group for the East End's letter of support for the proposed noise ordinance amendments. I apologize for the confusion. Please include this into the public record.  
Thank you,  
Jennifer Hartnagel

**From:** "Jenn Hartnagel" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Kevin Stuessi Mayor" [REDACTED], "Mary Bess Phillips Deputy Mayor, Trustee" [REDACTED], "Patrick Brennan Trustee" [REDACTED], "Lily Dougherty-Johnson Trustee" [REDACTED], "Julia Robins Trustee" [REDACTED], "Clerk and Administration Candace Hall Village Clerk" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Bob DeLuca" [REDACTED], "kbashen" [REDACTED], "Rachel Bosworth" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:10:42 PM  
**Subject:** Group for the East End - Letter of Support - Noise Code Amendments

Dear Mayor Stuessi and Members of the Village Trustees,  
On behalf of Group for the East End, please see the attached letter of support for the proposed noise code amendments. Please include the attached letter into the public record. Thank you in advance for taking the opportunity to review our support, particularly as it relates to the proposed restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.  
Thank you,  
Jennifer Hartnagel

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**Jenn Hartnagel**  
Environmental Advocate | **Group for the East End**  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Web: [www.GroupfortheEastEnd.org](http://www.GroupfortheEastEnd.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/GroupEastEnd/>

*Protecting the nature of the place you love*

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# Group FOR THE East End

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March 21, 2024

Mayor Kevin Stuessi and  
Village Trustees  
Village of Greenport  
236 Third Street  
Greenport, NY 11944

### Re: Memorandum In Support of Proposed Noise Code Ordinance

Dear Mayor Stuessi and members of the Village Trustees,

On behalf of Group for the East End, I would like to lend our support for the adoption of the proposed noise ordinance regulations. We appreciate that the code amendments pertaining to gas-powered leaf blowers are encompassed within the broader noise-ordinance code, and believe that addressing the issue of gas-powered leaf blower use an essential part of this broader effort to support and enhance the well-being of the environment and the local community. Our specific comments are focused on the issue of leaf blower use and are provided below.

#### Summary Statement:

Gas-powered leaf blowers contribute significantly to air pollution, disrupt quality of life throughout East End neighborhoods, and can also impact public health. Group for the East End supported similar legislation in East Hampton, Southampton, the Villages of East Hampton, Southampton, and North Haven and urges the Village of Greenport to join and create a regional, unified approach to managing the impacts associated with the widespread use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

#### Environmental Impacts of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers:

Strong scientific evidence illustrates the environmental impacts of gas-powered leaf blowers. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, fuel and exhaust emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers are substantial, "The amount of CO (carbon monoxide) emitted from a typical backpack leaf blower for just 1 hour is equal to CO coming from the tailpipe of a current year automobile operating for over 8 hours" (NYSDEC). The Environmental Protection Agency has shown that gas-powered leaf blowers create toxic and carcinogenic emissions such as benzene, butadiene, formaldehyde, and other fine particulates.

In addition, the powerful nature of gas-powered leaf blowers (often creating air movement up to 200 mph) has been found to generate large amounts of particulate matter including pollen, chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides among others that are harmful to air quality and potentially impacts human health. The particulate matter has been found to remain in the surrounding air for some time after use.

Further, gas-powered leaf blowers have the potential to impact soil health by depleting the top layer of topsoil and depleting important soil microbes. This in turn impacts plant health and negatively impacts insects that many other species of wildlife depend on.

**Benefits of Electric Blowers:**

We advocate for the consideration of electric blowers as an alternative to gas-powered leaf blowers as a cleaner and more sustainable alternative. Electric blowers produce zero planet-warming emissions, are cost-effective in the long term, and generate less noise than their gas-powered counterparts (Environment America).

**Public Interest and Outreach:**

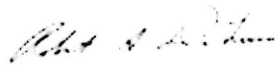
We have observed significant public interest in regulating gas-powered leaf blowers, and we believe the Village must address this concern. We recommend conducting outreach and education directed toward commercial landscapers to ensure a smooth transition to any new regulations. This outreach will facilitate cooperative compliance and help mitigate potential challenges.

**Conclusion:**

A growing number of municipalities across the U.S. have either banned the use of gas-powered leaf blowers or have taken measures to significantly reduce their use. Alternatives are available that are far less polluting, significantly reduce the nuisance and noise issues, and protect the environment and residents' quality of life. We urge the Village of Greenport to join neighboring towns and adopt similar legislation.

Thank you for taking the time to review our comments and thank you in advance for supporting this measure. I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Robert S. DeLuca  
President

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Shawn Buchanan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:51 PM  
**To:** Kevin Stuessi; Mary Bess Phillips; Julia Robins; Lily Dougherty-Johnson; Patrick Brennan; John Saladino; Diana Gordon; Patricia Hammes; Michael Noone; Candace Hall  
**Subject:** For the meeting tonight  
**Attachments:** Supplemental BBall Court 3.21.24.pdf; Third Street Court Letter to the board 3.21.24.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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All,

Sharing a letter I prepared on behalf of 18 neighbors surrounding the Third Street Court ask of the Village to address your concerns. Please note that this list of neighbors includes only those who were available to sign on. The remainder of neighbors were not available this weekend when we were having our meetings. If we had more time we would have loved to have gotten their feedback.

The purpose of our letter is to ask the Village to address the issues of Noise, lighting, and illegal behavior that occurs at Third Street Court before updating the codes for noise, parks, and assembly. We also included a supplemental document with the names of property owners/ renters in support of this letter, a map with their properties highlighted, images of the neglect of the park, and links to companies that specialize in products that help deal with noise, and links to studies on creating buffering for noise and light. Those studies include one for racetracks and another for pickleball courts.

Please read the attached letter into the public record. The supplemental document is for your reference and we hope will be helpful for dealing with the issues at this site.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am happy to discuss.

Thanks!  
Shawn



Dear Mr. Mayor, Board of Trustees, and Code Committee Members,

This is an email to the Board of Trustees and Code Committee outlining the frustration of the neighbors of Third Street Basketball Court with the Village of Greenport's unwillingness to find a way to mitigate the excessive noise and lighting, enforce the code violations, and illegal activity at Third Street Basketball Court. Please note, that this is a follow-up email to a message sent to the Mayor and Trustee Phillips on December 16, 2023. That letter is also attached. Unfortunately, many of us are unable to attend the meeting, but will do our best to be at the next hearing.

For context, we are not opposed to having a basketball court in the neighborhood. We are aware by the number of people playing basketball and hanging out at the court, and we recognize the importance to the community. The problem is that Village has never and continues to refuse to take responsibility and action to make this court less of a burden on the neighborhood. There is currently nothing surrounding the court to help manage the excessive noise and the recently installed stadium lighting that floods our neighborhood with light. This location is often the loudest place in the village. You may not be aware of this fact as none of the Board members live near enough to this court to be impacted. And likely, have not spent a significant amount of time in the area regularly. There are also no patrols on foot by police in the evenings. Many nights people are partying and camping/ sleeping in the park after it is closed. Both are illegal by the current codes.

During the summer, fireworks are regularly set off at the court, which is incredibly dangerous based on the proximity to our homes. Again, the Village does not care to enforce and puts the burden on the neighbors to intervene and or call the police.

There is frequently trash that sits for days and longer on and around the court along with downed lines that have been hanging from the electrical pole since 2020. Those lines are still hanging from that pole today. There are time-stamped photos attached in a supplemental document.

The current code states that parks close one hour after dark. Not Third Street. The basketball court remains open until 10 pm 365 days a year. We have pleaded with the Village to turn off the lights and again, the solution from the Village is to call the police. None of the neighbors think calling the police is a solution. Again, the problem is not the activity at the court, it is the Village's unwillingness to address the issues they are responsible for.

Many of the neighbors surrounding the court have asked the Village to manage issues at the court for decades across different administrations. These requests have been ignored and dismissed. This is particularly concerning at this moment in time as updates are being made to the Noise, Assembly, and Park Codes. We want to ensure that these updates to the code do not further impact our neighborhood and quality of life.

Third Street Court is never maintained or monitored by the Village in the same level as Mitchell Park and Fifth Street Beach and Park. If/ or when businesses in the downtown are reported for violating codes there are consequences including fines.

Our goal is for the Village to pause on updating and passing the amended Noise, Assembly, and Park and Beach Codes until the Village has had an opportunity to meet with the neighbors of the court and observe the court and surrounding neighborhood during peak times. We believe that by spending time in our neighborhood, you will more closely understand the impact that this location has on the neighbors. We welcome you to observe from our homes and our yards. We also recommend the Village perform a sound study of the residential neighborhoods. This is not unlike what was required by the Board of Claudio's several years ago. We believe this will clearly illustrate the difference in noise at this location and for extended periods in our neighborhood, year-round. This does not seem unreasonable to ask for your help as this is a village property and you are the legislative body.

Worth noting, this court/ park is unlike any other public space in the R2 of Greenport. No other park is sandwiched in between houses on three, buildable lots. There is also a flag lot adjacent to the property. The flag lot has two, multifamily dwellings. Adding additional condensed homes on a smaller footprint. Placing the court in the front lawns of these properties.

It is disappointing that previous administrations have never attempted to address the neighbor's concerns with noise and safety. Specifically, when improvements (resurfacing of the court, new backboards, and hoops) were made to the courts as recently as 2014.

We are optimistic that this board is different. We have seen the power of this administration. And when motivated, you have made a significant impact and great change in a relatively short time. In the past year, you have:

- imposed a moratorium.
- emerging from a moratorium.
- rewritten many sections of the code with more in the works
- adding entertainment permits
- partnering with the police and neighboring towns to align on common goals
- condemning private properties and had ten demolished to make way for new construction.
- members of the board at a public hearing made a declaration to be the first on the Northfork to ban gas-powered leaf blowers (We hope you are as motivated to resolve the issues at Third Street Court as you are to ban leaf blowers.)
- and you have done much, much, more. And thank you for your hard work!

In closing, we have a few questions for the Mayor and the Trustees to consider. Since we are not able to attend the meeting and ask in person?

1. In 2024, if the opportunity presented itself would you take three buildable lots in the R2 (adjacent to homes) and build a basketball court, or tennis courts, or pickleball courts? If yes,

would you build it without trying to mitigate the noise, light, and illegal activity to lessen the impact on the neighbors? NOTE: For this question, affordable Housing is NOT an issue you need to consider for this question.

2. Would you be open to building a park like this court, with the same intensity of use that currently exists on third street next to your home? And without any attempt to mitigate sound, light, etc? Would you also allow it to be open until after 10 PM with stadium lighting 365 days a year?

3. With all the work this board has done to correct and update codes and issues from the past to plan for the future, why is mitigating the sound, light and illegal activity, which has been neglected and ignored by the board and previous administrations so insurmountable when related to Third Street Court?

Thank you for the opportunity to share our collective concerns and for your partnership in finding a way to correct the issues of that past as we look to the future.

Best,

Shawn Buchanan

On behalf of the residents and owners referenced in the list in the Supplemental Document

## Supplemental Information for the Board

For the next section, we are outlining the following sections we will be including

1. Letter to Trustee Phillips and Mayor Stuessi from early December
  2. Suffolk County Tax Map of the neighborhood with the Basketball Court lots in Green and Residence in support of the Board of Trustees and Code Committee addressing our concerns in the above letter and letter from 12/2023. *(note that the properties that are not colored PINK were not available at the time this letter was drafted and have not been approached. Everyone who was approached about this letter signed on in support)*
  3. A list of residents and property owners surrounding the court in support of this letter, the previous letter 12/2023 and asking for the village to address our concerns.
  4. Images of the court showcasing the neglect of this park by the village and lack and the intensification, which is prompting an intervention by the Village.
  5. Links with information on ways to buffer noise and noise studies on racetracks and pickleball courts
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1. Letter to Trustee Phillips and Mayor Stuessi from early December

**From:** Shawn Buchanan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 12:09 PM  
**To:** Mary Bess Phillips [REDACTED]; Kevin Stuessi [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Checking in

Hi both,

Great seeing you at Karen and Greg's afterparty. And the parade and tree lighting were magical! Congratulations!

I wanted to follow up with you on my email from the summer addressing the noise and overall enforcement at the Third Street Park and Basketball Court. I know you've both had a lot on your plate and want to ensure the park stays top of mind as you are working on the noise codes and other codes that may impact the future enforcement.

Since my last email I have connected with many of the neighbors who live and/ or own property around the court. These neighbors are directly impacted by the lack of sound proofing, light pollution, and overall lack of any enforcement at the park. When I mentioned that I was speaking with the Village about Third Street Park, these neighbors shared their frustrations and agreed to sign off on this email and to having their names included.

Below is our updated request for The Village to take action and enforce the codes at Third Street Park and Basketball Court.

We are requesting the Village of Greenport prioritize addressing the excessive noise and increased lighting, and enforce illegal activity and safety concerns after sunset, at Third Street Park and Basketball Court.

Some of the families and property owners neighboring the basketball court have asked the Village to mitigate the excessive noise, stadium lighting, and prioritize safety for decades. We want to clarify that we are not opposed to having a park in our neighborhood but do expect the Village to enforce the codes that govern this community and specifically, Third Street Park. The Greenport Village Code related to Recreation Areas and Beaches (101-2. Hours.) states, "All village-owned, -leased or -maintained parks or beaches shall close at one hour after sunset." But because the Village has the court lit until 10 PM, this location is consistently one of the most active and noisiest places in the R2 after sunset. Worth noting, two of the three lots are zoned R2

To address these concerns, we have several requests for the Village to consider:

1. The Village to work with the Southold Police Department in a similar capacity that it has in the business district to increase police visibility with patrols and encourage officers to patrol the park regularly, on foot, after hours, to ensure there is no illegal activity and/ or camping.
2. The Village to amend the current code so that the park closes at sunset and no longer grant permits for large gatherings that go past sunset and/ or use amplified sound, music, and/ or public address system.
3. The Village develop a plan and prioritize budget to help minimize the noise by installing soundproofing barriers as has been a requirement for some of the businesses in the downtown.
4. Improve the overall look of the park by investing in landscaping to help absorb additional sound.

Below is the full section of the code on Park Hours for your reference.

**Chapter 101 Recreation Areas and Beaches**

**§ 101-1 Purpose.**

The Village of Greenport, for the preservation and maintenance of suitable recreation facilities for its citizens and their guests, hereby enacts this chapter so as to ensure the peaceful, orderly and most beneficial use of any and all recreational facilities supported, in whole or in part, or owned by the Village of Greenport.

**§ 101-2 Hours.** [Added 5-16-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996; 10-16-1997 by L.L. No. 3-1997]

**A.** All village-owned, -leased or -maintained parks or beaches shall close at one hour after sunset, with the following exceptions:

**(1)** The area set aside for the village campsite; and

**(2)** The park and recreation areas on Front Street known as "Mitchell Park," which shall close at 12:00 midnight.

**B.** No person or persons shall remain in or enter a village-owned, -leased or -maintained park or beach after the closing time without a permit.

Below is the list of neighbors who have signed off on this email. I will be following up with other neighbors but have not been able to connect with the rest of the neighborhood.

**Center Street**

126 Center Street, Apt. B  
220 Center Street  
314 Center Street

Nikki & Mike Fortino  
James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz

**Third Street**

408 Third Street  
409 Third Street  
410 Third Street

James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz

**Second Street**

410 Second Street  
415 Second Street  
421 Second Street  
422 Second Street

Maryann Malzone  
Shawn Buchanan  
Liz & Jim Morrison  
Alex & Walker Hawkins

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Shawn 917-684-1203

2. Suffolk County Tax Map of the neighborhood with the Basketball Court lots in Green and Residence in support of the Board of Trustees and Code Committee addressing our concerns in the above letter and letter from 12/2023. (Note that the properties that are not colored PINK were not available at the time this letter was drafted and have not been approached. Everyone who was approached about this letter signed on in support)



3. A list of residents and property owners surrounding the court in support of this letter, the previous letter 12/2023 and asking for the village to address our concerns.

**Neighbors of Third Street Basketball Court & Park Asking for the Village to address the issues of excess noise & light and illegal activity**

**Center Street**

126 Center Street, Apt. B  
206 Center Street  
220 Center Street  
314 Center Street

Nikki & Mike Fortino  
Robert White & David Mager  
James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz

**Third Street**

408 Third Street  
409 Third Street  
410 Third Street  
414 Third Street  
416 Third Street  
418 Third Street

James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz  
James Olinkiewicz  
Jon & Stephanie Galler  
Maureen Shelbourn Wahl  
Eleanor Spaulding

**Second Street**

410 Second Street  
415 Second Street  
421 Second Street  
422 Second Street  
431 Second Street  
437 Second Street

Maryann Malzone  
Shawn Buchanan  
Liz & Jim Morrison  
Alex & Walker Hawkins  
Sedar Tasiran  
Steven Chierchie

**North Street**

213 North Street  
215 North Street

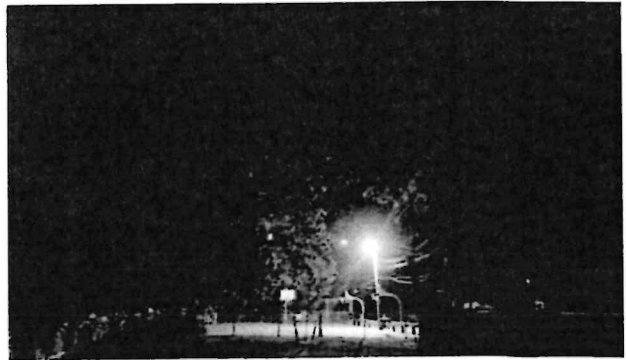
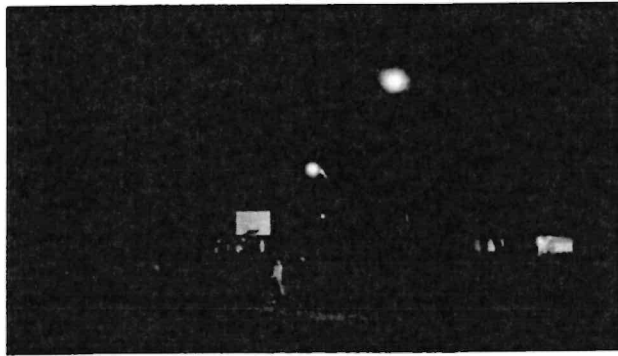
Kim Pirreca  
Kim Pirreca

4. These images are a snapshot of the court showcasing the neglect of this court by the Village and the intensification, which is prompting an intervention by the Village.

**Lighting in 2021 vs updated stadium lighting in 2023**

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< **Greenport**  
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Downed lines in the park. I brought to Paul Pallas's attention multiple times and was never addressed. These lines are still hanging off the pole in 2024. There is also constant litter and never cleaned up as frequently as Mitchell Park or Fifth Street Beach. These are examples of the neglect and an example of the Village ignoring the park and the neighbors request to maintain and enforce the codes.



**5. Links with information on ways to buffer noise and noise studies including racetracks and pickleball courts**

<https://www.rubberrunningtrack.com/sale-13893935-soundproof-outdoor-basketball-court-flooring-silicon-pu.html>

<https://www.acousticalsurfaces.com/blog/gymnasium/soundproofing-indoor-and-outdoor-courts/>

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/buffers/guidelines/6\\_aesthetics/4.html](https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/buffers/guidelines/6_aesthetics/4.html)

<https://acoustiblok.com/acoustiblok-commercial-soundproofing/commercial-facility-noise-reduction/sports-facilities-noise-reduction/>

<https://www.centennialco.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/documents/city-projects-and-initiatives/centennial-pickleball-noise-assessment.pdf>

## Candace Hall

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**From:** normajc [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:56 AM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Subject of gas powered leaf blowers

Unfortunately I can't attend the public meeting. The reason being I will be training future volunteer firefighters. That said passing a law against gas powered leaf blowers is just opening a can of worms and absolutely ridiculous. Set hours and stop wasting time on such silliness and maybe go for more important things. Like homeless living in the woods. Drugs being sold on our streets. Potholes that can swallow a car. All of this that becomes a huge problem for our volunteers in the fire department that get up 24/7. We have to fight fires in the woods, try and save the overdose and drive on the pothole streets. But most of all we have gas powered tools, that we use to save lives by cutting open a crushed car, open a roof to stop a fire and the list goes on. I understand the village gets loud at times but really leaf blowers. I really hope you all think long and hard before you pass a silly law like this one being talked about. It will cause a ripple we can't afford. But hey just my opinion. Thanks for your time.  
Norma Corwin

[REDACTED]

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Jerome Mounier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:22 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Comment re pending noise code - chapter 88

Dear Ms. Hall,  
Kindly forward the statement below to the board of trustees and enter it into the public record.  
Many thanks

To whom it may concern,  
I understand a law relating to the regulation of leaf blowers is currently under consideration by the village board of trustees due to certain noise and pollution concerns expressed by various well intentioned folks residing within, and in certain cases outside of, the village.  
I wish to state my opposition to it as I believe the noise concerns - as they might arise - are already addressed in the relevant chapter(s) of the village code. As for the pollution-related issues, I would submit that these matters are outside the purview of the village and should rest with more qualified authorities at the county, state or, in a more perfect world, federal level.  
Furthermore, from a purely practical point of view, it seems to me that the implementation deadlines set in this proposed piece of legislation are unreasonably tight and put an unfair and onerous burden on the landscapers and their customers.

Respectfully,  
Jerome Mounier  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Candace Hall

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**From:** Deborah Gove [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:54 PM  
**To:** Candace Hall  
**Subject:** Farmers Market

Hi Candice,

I spoke to Paul Livesy yesterday. He explained the proposed Farmers Market Friday afternoons in Mitchel Park. I think it's a great idea, I support it. Consumers will have to walk to it and the foot traffic is good for us. I understand there maybe some businesses that feel it's taking from them or competing. I would sympathize with their opinion but overall I believe it will help us (even if there is a winery selling their own products).

By the way, I'm wishing you the BEST of luck in your position, I was happy to see it was you. I'm Deb Gove, Amelia's Mom, I believe we met.

All the best!

Deb Gove  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



# VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

## Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2024 Period: 3 Trans Type: B2 - Amend Status: Batch  
 Trans No: 5594 Trans Date: 03/06/2024 User Ref: ADAM  
 Requested: D. JACOBS Approved: Created by: ADAM 03/06/2024  
 Description: TO APPROPRIATE LIGHT FUND RESERVES TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF SECONDARY CURRENT TRANSFORMERS FOR CT RATED ELECTRIC SERVICES  
 Account # Order: No  
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
E.5990	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,127.20
E.0369	METERS - MISC MATERIAL	3,127.20
<b>Total Amount:</b>		<u><u>6,254.40</u></u>

# VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

## Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2024 Period: 3 Trans Type: B2 - Amend Status: Batch  
 Trans No: 5595 Trans Date: 03/06/2024 User Ref: ADAM  
 Requested: D JACOBS Approved: Created by: ADAM 03/06/2024  
 Description: TO APPROPRIATE LIGHT FUND RESERVES TO FUND EMERGENCY REPAIRS Account # Order: No  
 OF TRUCK G-16 BUCKET TRUCK Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
E.5990	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	5,350.38
E.0804	TRANSPORTATION MAINT	5,350.38
<b>Total Amount:</b>		<u>10,700.76</u>





# VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

## Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2024                                      Period: 3                                      Trans Type: B1 - Transfer                                      Status: Batch  
 Trans No: 5597                                      Trans Date: 03/06/2024                                      User Ref: ADAM  
 Requested: R. ALBANESE                                      Approved:                                      Created by: ADAM                                      03/06/2024  
 Description: TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM MCCANN'S REFUSE AND GROUNDS TO                                      Account # Order: No  
                                     MCCANN'S PARK EXPENSE TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT                                      Print Parent Account: No  
                                     CAMPGROUND

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.7180.413	MCCANN TRAILER PARK REFUSE AND GROUNDS	-5,000.00
A.7180.400	MCCANN TRAILER PARK.EXP	5,000.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>		0.00

# VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

## Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2024 Period: 3 Trans Type: B2 - Amend Status: Batch  
 Trans No: 5640 Trans Date: 03/15/2024 User Ref: ADAM  
 Requested: W. SCHULZ Approved: Created by: ADAM 03/15/2024  
 Description: TO APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO FUND THE REMOVAL OF Account # Order: No  
 TREES AND STUMPS ALONG VILLAGE OWNED STREETS Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.5990	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	15,775.66
A.8510.400	TREE COMMITTEE EXP	15,775.66
<b>Total Amount:</b>		<u>31,551.32</u>