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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION  
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Station One Firehouse  
Third and South Streets  
Greenport, New York 11944  
July 18, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:  
KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR  
MARY BESS PHILLIPS - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE (Absent)  
PATRICK BRENNAN - TRUSTEE  
LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE  
JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE  
  
BRIAN S. STOLAR - VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
CANDACE HALL - VILLAGE CLERK  
ADAM BRAUTIGAM - VILLAGE TREASURER

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

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to make a motion to  
3 open the Work Session of Thursday, July 18th. Do I  
4 have a second?

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

12 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 (Pledge of Allegiance)

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated. I just  
15 wanted to make an announcement that Trustee  
16 Mary Bess Phillips is, unfortunately, under the  
17 weather tonight, so she is not in Village Hall.

18 With that, Chief?

19 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Thank you very much,  
20 Mayor.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Would you like to address the  
22 Board? Thank you.

23 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Good evening, Mayor and  
24 Village Board. My name is Chief Albie de Kerillis,  
25 Greenport Fire Department. A very short report.

1 We're happy to announce Bryce Reed to the  
2 Greenport Fire Department Juniors, and Anne Susan  
3 Kostal to the Greenport Fire Department Rescue Squad.

4 In a bit of great news, this September's  
5 class, an EMT class, is a full EMT class. We're,  
6 hopefully, going to have five members become EMTs.  
7 It's going to be a great help and a great asset to  
8 the Greenport Village, and Greenport Fire  
9 Department as well.

10 And we cannot forget the Standard Hose  
11 Chicken Barbecue Saturday, August 17th, 4 to 7 p.m.  
12 Tickets are going real fast, so I'm just throwing  
13 it out there.

14 (Laughter)

15 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: And that's all I have, Mayor.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Chief, did you have some  
17 questions? I know you were looking for some  
18 updates on --

19 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: I did. I emailed, I  
20 emailed the Mayor and Mary Bess, and I'm awaiting  
21 the same email reply back. I'll probably get that  
22 in a couple of days.

23 MAYOR STUCESSI: Okay.

24 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUCESSI: Thank you.

1 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Thank you very much.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Appreciate you being here.

4 First up for public comments, Matt, I know  
5 you wanted to address the Board on a potential  
6 grant. If you'd like to go to the podium. And if  
7 you could state your name and address, and just  
8 walk the Board through this grant that  
9 you're looking to --

10 MR. MICHEL: Sorry, yeah.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- work with the Village to  
12 apply for. We'll listen, everybody can ask  
13 questions, and then we'll discuss it later in the  
14 meeting.

15 MR. MICHEL: Okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

17 MR. MICHEL: Yeah, great. Matthew Michel,  
18 400 Main Street. Good evening. I did write  
19 something here, so. So I'm here tonight to appeal  
20 to this Board to consider my project at 400 Main  
21 Street for submission to New York State for the  
22 Capital Improvement Grant for Pro-Housing Communities,  
23 which I know we are now -- you're now certified  
24 here in Greenport.

25 This grant aligns seamlessly with the vision

1 and objectives of our proposed project, and the  
2 betterment of our community. It speaks to the  
3 essence of what we seek to do at 400 Main Street by  
4 investing in capital improvement projects within  
5 Pro-Housing certified communities. We will be able  
6 to foster the growth of available housing, facilitate  
7 blight removal, and drive infrastructure enhancements,  
8 and place-making investments to make our Greenport  
9 community better. All of these things are covered  
10 by this grant, stated specifically in the information  
11 for the grant as well.

12 Many of you know I've owned and operated  
13 1943 Pizza Bar and Brix and Rye for 10 years now.  
14 And beyond our mission of making the best pizza on  
15 the North Fork, we've always strived to be an  
16 essential part of the community, creating quality  
17 employment, staying open year-round, and being  
18 involved in local events and charities. This  
19 project will allow us to continue to do all of  
20 these things on an even greater scale, continuing  
21 to contribute to Greenport's economic development  
22 by creating more job opportunities during our  
23 construction phase, and by providing ongoing  
24 employment opportunities in our restaurant and  
25 adjoining apartments, once operational.

1           With the addition of six thoughtfully  
2           designed apartments on the property, we aim to  
3           address the need for housing in the community,  
4           fostering more inclusive and diverse residential  
5           landscape.

6           Furthermore, the development of the  
7           restaurant building promises to breathe new life  
8           into the northern section of downtown Main Street,  
9           infusing it with renewed vibrancy and interest.  
10          And as the property was once a gas station,  
11          environmental remediation is also possible, which  
12          this grant does cover.

13          The support and enthusiasm we've gotten from  
14          the surrounding neighborhood echo our revision for  
15          the revitalization of this blighted lot into a  
16          beacon of community pride.

17          I urge this esteemed Board and the Village of  
18          Greenport to lend their support to our project,  
19          recognizing the transformative potential of  
20          400 Main Street, and the sustainable progress we  
21          can make together. Thank you.

22          MAYOR STUESSI: And if you could just  
23          summarize where you are in the planning process,  
24          what's, what's been submitted

25          MR. MICHEL: Sure. Yeah, we -- we're through

1 the presubmission meeting. So there's two  
2 presubmission meetings, and we're now headed to  
3 Historical to do kind of a casual look-over of the  
4 project with them. I don't think it's official yet.

5 And then we'll be waiting on our report from  
6 Planning Board. They're giving us a 40, 50-page  
7 report on what we can expect, and what we should  
8 change, and things like that. I guess some details  
9 on what we should do before we resubmit.

10 And then we'll have to go to Zoning and a few  
11 other things.

12 But, you know, I saw this grant and it seems  
13 that like exactly -- and I could read off of the  
14 paperwork. I'll read this top line, which is,  
15 "Capital grant funding is available to support  
16 capital improvement projects located within a  
17 Pro-Housing certified community that will lead to  
18 the increase of available housing, support blight  
19 removal, infrastructure improvements, and  
20 place-making investments to create thriving and  
21 sustainable communities." All of those things I  
22 believe we are doing with this project seems to fit  
23 perfectly, and I really thought it would be a great  
24 opportunity to present it to you guys.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. As I mentioned, we've

1 got one other resident who's going to be speaking  
2 on something this evening, and then we're going to  
3 be having a smaller conversation, and our grants  
4 consultant is taking a look at these. We've added  
5 you onto the list as one possibility, and they'll  
6 give us some advice that the Board will be able to  
7 review and get back to you expeditiously.

8 Does anybody on the Board have any comments  
9 or questions in -- or more questions in regards to  
10 this? It's obviously, you know, very preliminary  
11 relative to what he's trying to do, but there is a  
12 timing sensitivity for applications.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think I've seen an  
14 elevation now; is that correct? I've seen the  
15 elevation of what you're going to do with the  
16 building.

17 MR. MICHEL: Yeah.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's a more traditional. I  
19 know two, three years ago, you had a different  
20 proposal --

21 MR. MICHEL: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- and it was a lot more  
23 modern looking. I like what you're doing here  
24 right now.

25 MR. MICHEL: Yeah, thank you.



1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think the Historic  
2 Preservation will like it as well. How many  
3 apartments do you think you're going to be  
4 creating?

5 MR. MICHEL: Six apartments.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Six.

7 MR. MICHEL: About 11 bedrooms.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Eleven bedrooms.

9 MR. MICHEL: So the size, two bedroom --

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Size, roughly?

11 MR. MICHEL: They're a good size, actually.  
12 I think they're -- I actually can't say offhand. I  
13 want to say between 800 and 1,000 square feet each.  
14 I don't know if that's accurate or not. I think  
15 it's close, but I can follow up with you on that.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. Very interesting  
17 project. I'm very --

18 MR. MICHEL: Thank you. Yeah, we tried to  
19 consider the neighborhood a little more within --  
20 the first rendition got away from us, and I ended  
21 up really not liking it, so.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. No, this seems much  
23 more suitable, and the grant sounds like a perfect  
24 match.

25 MR. MICHEL: Yeah. Well, thank you.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Mr. Michel, thanks for  
2 bringing this to us and --

3 MR. MICHEL: Sure.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- I wish you good luck. I  
5 know you've got a lot of permitting work still  
6 ahead of you.

7 MR. MICHEL: Right.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't know if this is a  
9 question for you, or perhaps the Mayor. It's not  
10 clear to me what role this Board plays in this  
11 grant. So do we have to sponsor this?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: So this particular grant we  
13 would ultimately need to sponsor. And we're  
14 getting some clarity from the grants team on that,  
15 but that is my understanding, and his as well,  
16 based upon the one he's applying for.

17 MR. MICHEL: Yeah. And there is a little bit  
18 of time sensitivity, so I hope you can take that  
19 into account. It's basically the end of this  
20 month. It has to be submitted, and I have to pay  
21 to have the grant written, too. So as soon as you  
22 can decide would be great. You know, I know that's  
23 a tough ask, but that would be helpful if --

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

25 MR. MICHEL: If there wasn't other projects,

1 I think --

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

3 MR. MICHEL: -- you know, it would be a good  
4 project for Greenport.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

6 MR. MICHEL: And, obviously, that building is  
7 an eyesore, so.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: And then the one thing the  
9 grants team needs to evaluate for us as well is,  
10 based upon this one, and the other one we're going  
11 to hear tonight, and then one other potential one,  
12 is there any conflict on, you know, the number that  
13 could be submitted, too, to New York State.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, that's what I'd like  
15 to know.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Are we -- we're --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And so they're going to send  
19 us a summary in the next couple of days.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. So promoting this  
21 project, is it at the expensive of another?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, exactly.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we're limited.

24 MR. MICHEL: Yeah, and I can speak to that a  
25 little bit. So there is, I think, some competition

1 for this grant money, as it's a new grant, so  
2 picking the best project for the grant is really  
3 important within the Village. So like if the other  
4 project doesn't fit the parameters of the grant  
5 that well, and ends up losing out on the grant  
6 money, and this project would have won the grant  
7 money, it's important to think about what fits the  
8 parameters best, because I know I've heard there is  
9 a lot of competition for this one specifically.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And that's very much a  
11 correct statement.

12 MR. MICHEL: Yeah.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, I know, too.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So this timeline at the end  
15 of -- which is coming up soon, this affects the  
16 other potential application --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep, yeah.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- applications as well?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

21 MR. MICHEL: Thank you very much.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I just real quick?

23 MR. MICHEL: Yeah, of course.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I did look at the  
25 Planning Board plans, but can you really quickly

1 just remind us and walk us through? It's like the  
2 restaurant is in the front, like on Main Street,  
3 and then are you still having the apartments in a  
4 separate building that's more on --

5 MR. MICHEL: No, the apartments are second  
6 and third story.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

8 MR. MICHEL: Yeah.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So just one  
10 building this time.

11 MR. MICHEL: Yeah, and it's roughly 4 or  
12 5,000 square feet on the first floor, with some  
13 outdoor seating. Two thousand square feet of that  
14 is the kitchen, so that, you know, we're not  
15 prepping in sheds and things like that. And then  
16 now there's two garage bays in the building as well  
17 for, for my trucks, and then we show about 20 parking  
18 spaces in the back.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you  
20 for that, it's helpful.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: And, again, everything is  
22 still only in presubmission, and it's being closed  
23 soon.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, right. I  
25 did look at it, I just needed a refresher to

1 remember.

2 MR. MICHEL: And I'm not sure if being in  
3 progress really affects whether or not I can get  
4 the grant. I don't believe it does, and I talked  
5 to Chris Kempner about it. And I believe you could  
6 submit for it and not quite be through the approval  
7 process. So she's actually coming here, too, so I  
8 think she can speak to that, if you ask her.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And we'll probably ask  
10 for legal advice separately as well.

11 MR. MICHEL: Okay.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

13 MR. MICHEL: All right, great.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Perfect. Thank you.

15 MR. MICHEL: All right. Thank you.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Lucy, next up. If you could  
17 state your name and address for the record.

18 MS. BARNES: Could I give you copies?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, please.

20 MS. BARNES: Hi. Good evening. My name is  
21 Lucy Barnes, and I'm here to talk --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Could you pull it a little  
23 bit closer?

24 MS. BARNES: I'm here to talk about the

25 434 --

1           MAYOR STUESSI: You need to state your  
2 address as well.

3           MS. BARNES: Oh. I'm Box 644, Orient, NY  
4 11957 is my address, and my name is Lucy Barnes.

5           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

6           MS. BARNES: I'm here to talk about 434 Main  
7 Street, that we most commonly know as the Greenport  
8 Auditorium building. And I'm here because I would  
9 like the Village to consider supporting my application  
10 for a grant, which is connected, actually, to the  
11 grant that Matt just mentioned, which is the Main  
12 Street grant. And they have a sub program of it,  
13 which is called the Anchor on Main Street, and it's  
14 specifically for buildings which are within, within  
15 a neighborhood or a district which is hoping to be  
16 restored or rejuvenated, and it's not linked to  
17 housing. It's just a building or a project that  
18 would enhance a community and -- and enhance the  
19 community and impact in a certain area of downtown,  
20 which needs a little love. And so I could read my  
21 statement or --

22           MAYOR STUESSI: Please, yeah.

23           MS. BARNES: Or do you want to just go into  
24 question?

25           MAYOR STUESSI: No. If you have a statement,

1 please.

2 MS. BARNES: I know that you're all very  
3 familiar with the building.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: If you have a statement,  
5 please read it.

6 MS. BARNES: Okay. So the Anchor grant is,  
7 you know, specifically to provide community impact,  
8 to stimulate reinvestment in Main Street buildings.  
9 And it's focused, also, on small business development  
10 in traditional downtowns that perhaps are a little  
11 quieter on the off-season. And so the Auditorium  
12 would draw from a diverse patronage of year-round  
13 residents, weekend and seasonal visitors, boaters  
14 and tourists to the western end of the Commercial  
15 District, offering an economic boost to adjacent  
16 businesses, a centralized community hub, and a  
17 visitors center, retail shopping in the general  
18 store, and a group work space, and live performances,  
19 and venue rentals.

20 And this business and the Anchor Program  
21 seeks to have businesses that will market the  
22 district, prospective business and residential  
23 projects. So the Auditorium would be the jewel in  
24 the crown of western Main Street, an architectural  
25 and cultural magnet, pristinely restored, at the



1 intersection of Central Avenue and Main Street,  
2 with a front entrance on the corner of Main Street,  
3 and a landscaped garden and open space.

4 Our target market includes the community,  
5 first and foremost, visitors to the Village, retail  
6 shoppers, pedestrians, and shared work space  
7 clientele, and uses, uses of, of the shared work  
8 space.

9 And then -- and the Anchor Program also  
10 covers to ensure the capital investments of public  
11 funds, enhance aesthetics and local economy, while  
12 respecting and maintaining historic architecture.

13 And we've been working closely with SHPO, and  
14 we are seeking to not only protect the exterior of  
15 the building, but also the interior of the building.  
16 It's a very special building. And so the planning  
17 is already underway to restore the interior as well  
18 to its original condition, and the exterior.

19 We've just had a meeting with Historic about  
20 what the next steps are to put a new roof on and to  
21 start to paint the exterior.

22 We believe in the beauty of the building.  
23 It's an iconic building for Greenport Village. And  
24 retail and programming offerings will greatly  
25 contribute to the beauty and economic vitality of

1 Greenport's historic Commercial District.

2 And the Anchor Grant also covers the adaptive  
3 reuse of Main Street buildings. But, in this case,  
4 the Auditorium, after, you know, being used  
5 differently for many years, will be returned to its  
6 origins as a working theater, with community  
7 celebrations, having a place to gather, and also a  
8 center for educating, enriching, and inspiring  
9 Greenport and its community. To that, to that will  
10 be added the contemporary conveniences of a shared  
11 workspace, and a retail store, which will be open  
12 year-round.

13 And then, lastly, we will be encouraging ADA  
14 and code compliance. And while we're obviously  
15 dedicated to trying to preserve the building as it  
16 is, we will be adding, you know, every ADA  
17 convenience and bring it up to code. So there  
18 would be ramps, elevators, ADA bathrooms, because  
19 at present the building is not ADA accessible, so.

20 So I'm really hoping that you'll support my  
21 application for applying for this grant, and we  
22 hope to be the anchor on Main Street.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So just in point of clarity,  
24 because I do know a bit about this project, and,  
25 please, correct me if I'm wrong. As I understand

1       it, you and your partners are in contract to  
2       purchase the property, but you are currently in  
3       front of the Historic Board to replace the roof,  
4       and then do exterior maintenance work utilizing  
5       this large grant that was given by the County  
6       several months ago, correct?

7               MS. BARNES: Yes.

8               MAYOR STUESSI: And nothing has been filed  
9       with the Planning Board for any longer term  
10      renovations, correct?

11              MS. BARNES: No, because we're going through  
12      the SHPO process, which is, you know -- and making  
13      interior and exterior survey of the building.  
14      Until that's completed and we have their  
15      recommendations on how to preserve and restore the  
16      building, then we don't want to finalize our  
17      interior plans, because it's, it's quite  
18      complicated to incorporate ADA without, without  
19      ruining the historic beauty of the building.

20              So our interior plans will -- we have to wait  
21      for SHPO to rule on that. But our exterior plans,  
22      because we're keeping everything as is completely --

23              MAYOR STUESSI: SHPO being the State Historic  
24      Preservation Office?

25              MS. BARNES: Yes, yes. And so with the

1 exterior, we could actually, with, you know, the  
2 HPC's blessing, the Historic Preservation Commission's  
3 blessing, we could actually start to repaint the  
4 building, to make the roof water tight, and to try  
5 and get the building stabilized before we start the  
6 next phase.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I know I speak for a  
8 lot of folks in the community who would love to see  
9 the building looking good again, for sure.

10 MS. BARNES: Yeah. I think -- I hope everyone  
11 is pretty excited about it.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, I'll turn it over  
13 to the Board. Julia, do you have any questions for  
14 Lucy?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think you came before the  
16 Board a few years ago, right?

17 MS. BARNES: Yes, yes.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is this basically the same  
19 design that you had at the time?

20 MS. BARNES: A little different. And so  
21 we've actually figured out a way now to bring the  
22 bathrooms back inside the building. Before we were  
23 thinking we would have to, we would have to put  
24 them in an annex out in the back of the building,  
25 but we've actually designed it now where we can

1 bring them into the building.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: But, again, you're still a  
3 ways from filing anything with the Planning  
4 Department. This is purely just about exterior  
5 maintenance work.

6 MS. BARNES: Yes. We're waiting for SHPO to  
7 certify us and get through the process. And then,  
8 then, if they approve the plans that we have, then  
9 we can present them to Village.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm just curious on the real  
11 estate side. You're in contract. Do you have  
12 conditions on that contract, whether or not -- is  
13 it based on if you get a grant?

14 MS. BARNES: No, but the owner would like us  
15 to help to use the grant that we already have in  
16 place, which is solely for restorations. He would  
17 like us to start spending that money on the building,  
18 because the roof is pretty, is pretty leaky now.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So you're talking about  
20 replacing the roof completely?

21 MS. BARNES: Yes.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Ripping it off, and going  
23 down to sheathing and the whole thing?

24 MS. BARNES: Well, I think we'll have to, yes.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The roof.

1 MS. BARNES: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And a paint job, too.

3 MS. BARNES: Yes, yes.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's a big job. Okay.

5 MS. BARNES: It's a big, it's a big job, but  
6 we're excited about it. And it's been great working,  
7 working with SHPO. You know, they've been making  
8 some great recommendations and giving us a lot of  
9 advice. And, also, Preservation Long Island has  
10 been really, really helpful. They've been holding  
11 our hand throughout, and making introductions, and  
12 hooking us up with the right people in the State.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Sounds like you're in a  
14 different place than a few years ago when you  
15 brought this project.

16 MS. BARNES: Yes. No, we found our team.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

18 MS. BARNES: We have, yes.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Thank you.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't have any questions,  
21 but, Ms. Barnes, thank you for bringing this to us,  
22 and I wish you great success. It's an exciting  
23 project for the Village.

24 MS. BARNES: Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: My only question  
2 is that you're looking for sponsorship from the  
3 Village, like similarly to Matt, correct?

4 MS. BARNES: Yes, but it's -- we're not --  
5 the program that we're applying for actually  
6 dovetails with Matt's. And so the Main Street  
7 project actually encourages several different  
8 businesses and several different projects to apply  
9 at the same time, and they kind of link together  
10 like a, like a necklace. And so the Anchor Grant  
11 is sort of -- is slightly different than people who  
12 are applying for housing, so.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Thank you for being here.

15 MS. BARNES: Thank you. Thank you for listening.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from  
17 the public that would like to speak this evening on  
18 any subject? Yes, sir?

19 MR. MACKEN: Hi. Sorry. Hi. Yes, my name  
20 is Frank Macken, 138 Sterling Avenue. I sent an  
21 email. I didn't have time to print out stuff.  
22 This is about several issues on Sterling Avenue,  
23 traffic and safety issues. But I did send an email  
24 to -- with a diagram to all the Board Members just  
25 a short while ago.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: This is like 45 minutes ago?

2 MR. MACKEN: About 10 minutes ago.

3 (Laughter)

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I haven't read it yet, but I  
5 saw it pop up.

6 MR. MACKEN: Okay, yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: But you're welcome to speak  
8 on it and we can read it later on.

9 MR. MACKEN: Yeah, okay. So this is an issue  
10 about the junctions at both ends of Sterling Avenue.  
11 And at the north end, there's at Carpenter, where  
12 you meet Carpenter Street, which is a very narrow  
13 street, it's like 20 feet wide. And when they were  
14 redoing the sidewalks a couple of years ago, for  
15 some reason they left a little grass strip that's  
16 two feet wide by 50 feet long on the Carpenter  
17 Street side of the, of the -- on the east side.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: This is where that truck with  
19 the snow plow was parked?

20 MR. MACKEN: Yeah, yeah, right, exactly.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: That we had removed, yeah.

22 MR. MACKEN: Exactly. So that's something.  
23 And I have found on busy days in the neighborhood,  
24 when people are parked on both sides, and maybe  
25 somebody's related to the snow plow guy, there's a



1 monster mudder truck, a huge pickup that sometimes  
2 appears on that corner on the west side. And I was  
3 coming out one day and trying to turn onto Carpenter,  
4 I couldn't see, I couldn't see either way. And  
5 just as I began to turn onto it, a pickup came  
6 flying up Carpenter and nearly hit me. So that's  
7 when I realized that this is going to be a problem  
8 going forward, especially both the issue with the  
9 junctions is going to be especially a problem  
10 when -- as 123 Sterling fills up. That's a big  
11 building that got their own parking. There's going  
12 to be a lot of parking -- of traffic exiting that  
13 building and coming in and stuff, so Sterling  
14 Avenue is going to get really busy.

15 So, and the other thing is that's a safety  
16 issue. When people are parked next to that grass  
17 strip, it really narrows the street. So, God forbid,  
18 there's a fire at some point and Greenport Fire  
19 Department has to access Sterling Avenue. It's  
20 really difficult to turn a truck into Sterling  
21 Avenue as it is if there's any kind of parking  
22 there on either side.

23 So what I'm suggesting is that the grass  
24 strip be removed. It serves no purpose whatsoever.  
25 That they -- and then the -- I think there,

1 Patrick, is it daylight windows? There's some,  
2 there's some official way of describing when you  
3 create a no-parking area at junctions.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: It's called daylighting at a  
5 corner --

6 MR. MACKEN: Yeah, daylighting.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in a no-parking area. A  
8 lot of times we'll bring out the curbing and planting --

9 MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: -- so that it slows traffic  
11 near it.

12 MR. MACKEN: Right. But you can also --  
13 I mean, we have them in the commercial area, say,  
14 at -- I think it's Central and -- or Bay and  
15 Carpenter, where there's a setback right there at  
16 American Beech.

17 So I'm just suggesting that maybe we could  
18 create some windows on all four corners of that, of  
19 that junction, because there's a fire hydrant right  
20 there. And that particular junction is notorious  
21 in Greenport Fire Department history, as there was  
22 a terrible tragedy there, and two firefighters lost  
23 their lives in the house on the west side, where  
24 that house has been replaced.

25 At the other end of the avenue, I've noticed

1 as people are visiting, maybe there's an open  
2 house, or this or that, people are parking in front  
3 of 123 Sterling all the way down to the end. And  
4 when you're coming around, if there are people  
5 parked on the other side, on the, on the west side,  
6 there's a fire hydrant there as well, just the  
7 other side of Mr. Kelly's driveway. So if there --  
8 people are parking there, it's really difficult to  
9 come on and kind of see what's coming down Sterling  
10 Avenue when you're trying to get in from Sterling  
11 Street. So I think there should be another window  
12 there, another daylight window right there. I  
13 understand you probably have to have hearings for  
14 this.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, we would.

16 MR. MACKEN: Yeah, okay. And then one final  
17 thing is on the dinghy dock, right at the end of  
18 Sterling Avenue, there's a -- there's an access  
19 ladder to the Village dock, to the dinghy dock  
20 there, which is set right against the bulkhead,  
21 which means that the upper, upper step is actually  
22 two inches wide. You have to put your foot  
23 sideways on it to get down to the next step. And I  
24 looked at it and it's very easy to do, it could be  
25 just moved out four inches, and be bolted. The

1 blocking is there and everything. It could be  
2 moved out four inches, too, so that people -- we're  
3 all getting older, and, you know, my wife has  
4 issues getting down onto the dock that way, just  
5 for one. But just it's a very simple thing to  
6 remedy, so that people can get there top -- get  
7 their foot on the top step and going up or down.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick, are you aware of  
9 this from the Harbor Management Study you guys have  
10 been doing?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I can, I can  
12 visualize what you're talking about, and it sounds  
13 like a reasonable recommendation and --

14 MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that might be an easy  
16 fix. We'll take a look at it with our Marina  
17 Manager right away and see if we can correct it.

18 MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: As for the other pieces in  
20 regards to the streets, all of us will review what  
21 you've sent. But do know that a later subject,  
22 which we've talked about a little bit, is  
23 potentially the Village doing a larger parking and  
24 traffic study. We have a lot of different  
25 potential developments in the Village, and each one

1 of them is doing their own traffic studies, but we  
2 need to look at a larger one.

3 And your -- this area would actually be part  
4 of the Downtown District, because, of course,  
5 Carpenter runs behind a lot of businesses.

6 MR. MACKEN: Right.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: And so as part of that, you know,  
8 from the few folks that I talked to who would  
9 commission such a study, there would be public  
10 engagement, and we would be having them meet with  
11 folks, and this would be an easy thing to incorporate  
12 as part of that, and to identify these spots.

13 MR. MACKEN: Okay.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: But we're looking for a  
15 longer term plan for the Village.

16 MR. MACKEN: Great. Okay. And just on the  
17 bulkhead thing, there is a photograph, but it, for  
18 some reason, attached to the email, that is Google  
19 Doc, because for some reason it wasn't, or  
20 something.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll ride my bike over in the  
22 morning.

23 MR. MACKEN: But there is a photograph of  
24 exactly what the condition is there. Okay. Thank  
25 you very much.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for being here.

2           MR. MACKEN: Thank you.

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

5           MS. KEMPNER: Hi. My name is Chris Kempner,  
6 I know some of you. I used to live in Greenport,  
7 I'm in East Quogue now. I was just here to support  
8 Matt and Lucy. I'm sorry, I came a little bit  
9 late. I wasn't sure what the agenda is tonight, if  
10 you're discussing it. But I've worked on quite a  
11 few Main Street grants for the Town of Riverhead,  
12 and then the grant that Matt's talking about is a  
13 new grant. But I did talk to ESD a little bit  
14 about it, they liked sort of the preliminary  
15 details.

16           So if there are any questions about any of  
17 it, you know, I'm very well versed in grants. And  
18 we would write the grants, even though it has come  
19 from the Village. The Village has to be the actual  
20 applicant on both of those, but we can do all the  
21 heavy lifting on the grants.

22           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, both of them had  
23 clarified that before you arrived.

24           MS. KEMPNER: Right. Okay.

25           MAYOR STUESSI: Did anybody on the Board have

1 any questions for her? No?

2 (No Response)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

4 MS. KEMPNER: Is there an agenda for the Work  
5 Session today?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

7 MS. KEMPNER: Oh. Is it online or no?

8 CLERK HALL: Yes.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's online woman.

10 MS. KEMPNER: Okay. It's not coming through  
11 on my phone. Thank you.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from  
13 the public who would like to speak this evening?

14 MR. MICHEL: I just wanted to ask one quick  
15 question.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: If you wouldn't mind stating  
17 your name and address again for the record.

18 MR. MICHEL: Matt Michel, 400 Main Street. I  
19 actually have to leave, but do I need to stay?  
20 Would it be helpful to stay? I just want to make  
21 sure.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: No, there's no reason for you  
23 to stay.

24 MR. MICHEL: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. We're not going to be

1           answering anything this evening, but --

2                   MR. MICHEL: You'll be discussing it and  
3 then --

4                   MAYOR STUESSI: We'll be discussing it, and  
5 then we're going back to our grants team, who will  
6 be sending a summary to the Village Board.

7                   MR. MICHEL: Okay. So then when will a  
8 decision be made, just like --

9                   MAYOR STUESSI: I can give you an indication  
10 in the next couple of days on what timing would be  
11 just relative to them reviewing it.

12                  MR. MICHEL: Okay. All right. Thank you.

13                  MAYOR STUESSI: Happy to. Have a good  
14 evening. Thank you.

15                  MR. CARR: Ed Carr, 71 Locust Lane,  
16 Northport. I'm an agent for Rosemary Gutwillig at  
17 109 Bay Avenue. We -- I'm here on behalf of Pam  
18 Setchell, who couldn't make this meeting, just to  
19 find out if the Board had any additional comments  
20 or concerns on what had been submitted. This is  
21 for an application to rebuild her bulkhead.

22                  We had received a one-page commentary from  
23 the CAC and we took these conditions, looked over  
24 each of them and responded back. In many cases,  
25 due a little bit to the vagueness of them, sediment



1       containment, barriers, upland, stuff like that, we  
2       added the term, "In accordance with DEC," since  
3       they had very strict requirements regarding things  
4       like containment booms, and what you can store a  
5       barge, and the area above the bulkhead that's not  
6       to be disturbed. The CAC had recommended 5 to 10  
7       feet. They've actually asked that we maintain  
8       10 feet, so it's stricter than what the Village  
9       had.

10               The CAC had asked for letters from -- where  
11       the disposal site is. That was difficult to get.  
12       So we went with Winter Brothers, because then we  
13       could actually get a letter from them, and some of  
14       the other conditions.

15               But I just want to let you know, if you have  
16       any questions or concerns, I'll leave you with my  
17       number, and if you could reach out to me, we'd like  
18       to at least meet these terms and conditions by next  
19       Thursday, so nothing holds up the issuance.

20               MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, thank you. We received  
21       the package from Pam. Pam or -- did you say Pam or  
22       Pamela?

23               MR. CARR: Yes, Pam.

24               MAYOR STUESSI: Pam. That was sent to the  
25       whole Board. I don't have any other questions

1 myself. Julia, do you?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No. I looked over the  
3 packet, though, so I think I'm good. Thank you.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't have any further  
6 questions, but thank you for making the effort to  
7 come and get before us again. And I know you did  
8 reach out by email, and I've reviewed the package.  
9 I could see that you've tried to address many of  
10 the concerns, so thank you.

11 MR. CARR: Okay. And If there are additional  
12 ones, please let us know before Tuesday.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have  
14 anything.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: (Shook Head No)

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank you so much for  
18 coming this evening.

19 MR. CARR: Thank you very much.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I appreciate it. Is there  
21 anybody else from the public that would like to be  
22 heard this evening?

23 MS. LENIHAN: Good evening. Cathy Lenihan,  
24 139 Fifth Street. Just for --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: If you wouldn't mind just

1 speaking into the microphone. Thanks.

2 MS. LENIHAN: Just for clarification, on  
3 the -- there is on the agenda the test speed bump  
4 for Fifth Street. Is this the only time that we  
5 have a chance to talk about that, or --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: So it's for a Board discussion  
7 later on, but it's going to be on our agenda for a  
8 vote next week --

9 MS. LENIHAN: Okay.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to install the one test  
11 speed bump, per engineer's approved plan. So  
12 you're welcome to talk about it now, or you could  
13 come back next week as well, or talk both times if  
14 you'd like.

15 MS. LENIHAN: Okay. Well, I think what I  
16 would ask, last year we submitted a petition that  
17 had over 70 signatures from Fifth Street. You all  
18 have the email addresses of everybody on Fifth  
19 Street who signed that petition. And I think it  
20 would be nice that folks were notified of next  
21 week's meeting so that people can come out.

22 It's the summer. Many of us just found out  
23 today that this was going to be an agenda item.  
24 And so if it is going to be discussed next week,  
25 you know, putting that out to the folks who

1           responded to that petition.

2           MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Candace, can you take  
3 a note on that? If we're able to, we would be glad to.

4           CLERK HALL: I --

5           MAYOR STUESSI: What I would encourage you to  
6 do is to spread, spread it among the neighbors.

7           CLERK HALL: And I just want to correct part  
8 of your statement. This was put on the agenda per  
9 your request last month when you all came to speak,  
10 so the Mayor asked me to make sure it was on the  
11 agenda in July. Actually, it was two months ago,  
12 if I'm not mistaken. So they had requested that  
13 this be brought back up at this meeting. I'm not  
14 in possession of that petition. It happened before  
15 I was put into my position, so if you wouldn't mind  
16 sharing it.

17           But the agendas are posted. I try to make  
18 sure they're up at least 24 to 48 hours before the  
19 meeting, to the best of my ability. So I would  
20 encourage you to check our website to make sure if  
21 there are any items on there that you guys want to  
22 be heard on, that you would attend the meeting.

23           MS. LENIHAN: Yeah. And I think that's,  
24 that's what happened in the last two days in our  
25 neighborhood, is that folks saw it on the agenda.

1 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

2 MS. LENIHAN: But it's the summer and it's --

3 CLERK HALL: Understood.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Totally understand, and we'll  
5 double-check with --

6 MS. LENIHAN: So if we know next week it's  
7 going to be a public comment on this, it would  
8 really be helpful. I think it's, you know --

9 CLERK HALL: So I don't know if it's -- the  
10 Mayor said it would be a resolution for the Board  
11 to vote on, but public comment is welcomed tonight  
12 and next week as well if you guys want to be heard.  
13 But it's not a Public Hearing where it's, you know,  
14 noticed in a way. It's not going to be noticed in  
15 the paper, it would just be added to the agenda for  
16 the Board to ultimately make a decision at next  
17 week's meeting if they're going to move forward  
18 with it. So what I mean is it's not specific  
19 public comment dedicated --

20 MS. LENIHAN: I understand.

21 CLERK HALL: -- as a Public Hearing for  
22 this --

23 MS. LENIHAN: I understand.

24 CLERK HALL: -- one situation.

25 MS. LENIHAN: I understand. And I guess my

1 comment is there were 70 signatures on that, it was  
2 provided to the Village, you have the email  
3 addresses, and I think it would -- you should be  
4 notifying people. It's not my responsibility to  
5 notify my neighbors, although I'm sure some of us  
6 will, but you've got it. You know that this is --  
7 people spent a lot of time to gather those  
8 signatures, feel very passionate about this, and I  
9 don't think it's my responsibility to have neighbors  
10 show up here.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

12 MS. LENIHAN: Yeah.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Understood. Is there anybody  
14 else from the public who would like to speak?  
15 Mr. Saladino?

16 MS. KEMPNER: I'm just curious where the  
17 agenda is. Is it online? Because the meeting  
18 notice says this meeting is not available. So the  
19 agendas are posted some --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Ma'am, we're, we're in the  
21 middle of public comment right now, okay?

22 MS. KEMPNER: Okay. So I'll go up there and ask.

23 JOHN SALADINO: Hi, Chris.

24 MS. KEMPNER: How are you?

25 JOHN SALADINO: John Saladino, Sixth Street.

1 I would just like -- and for the interest of the  
2 public, I'm a member of the Conservation Advisory  
3 Council. I would just like to expand on some of  
4 the answers we heard from Taplow.

5 I had -- and in the interest of full disclosure,  
6 I haven't spoke to my colleagues on the CAC since  
7 our report was given. We gave the report the night  
8 of the Public Hearing. I thought it was, it was  
9 kind of self-explanatory. We didn't think it was  
10 too laborious to comply with. We heard some stuff  
11 from, from the other expediter, the other  
12 consultant that, that -- anyway, I'll just -- most  
13 of the, most of the items on our list seem to be  
14 being complied with.

15 As far as covering the spoils, we see that as  
16 a no-cost item. You know, I want to remind the  
17 Board -- I'm sure I don't have to remind the Board.  
18 Let me remind the public that the Village of  
19 Greenport is the last permitting agency. You guys  
20 carry the ball, you guys have the ball. So  
21 regardless what the DEC says, what's usual and  
22 customary for the DEC, as long as it's more  
23 restrictive, you have the right to do it.

24 So -- and, again, the DEC, I said this to  
25 some folks outside, the DEC is a big-picture

1 organization. You know, the Village of Greenport  
2 is unique in its one square mile. And as members  
3 of the Conservation Advisory Council, we don't  
4 think it's unreasonable to present our concerns and  
5 recommendations to the Board if they make sense, if  
6 they're usual and customary as it relates to the  
7 Village of Greenport, not how it relates to other  
8 areas of Long Island.

9 So, having said that, there are a few things  
10 that I take exception to. But the one major  
11 concern was we asked that all the construction  
12 material be stored on the barge. The consultant  
13 said nothing will be stored on the barge, there'll  
14 be no barge, were her words. I even went back and  
15 checked the minutes.

16 Again, not having spoke to my colleagues, but  
17 I'm sure they would agree with me, although I'm not  
18 going to speak for them, because I get in trouble  
19 when I do, we look at Bay Avenue, Bay Avenue is a  
20 two-way, one-lane street. We look at the property.  
21 There is no access to the property, there's a stone  
22 wall around the property. We don't know how the  
23 construction material would get onto the property.  
24 We don't know how the consideration material -- we  
25 don't know how to mitigate traffic and parking on



1 that street. I know we don't usually concern  
2 ourselves with parking, but that area is kind of  
3 different, you know, so that would be a concern.

4 The sheeting's going to be 25 feet long, the  
5 pilings are going to be 25 feet long. I imagine  
6 the trucks that will deliver them will be at least  
7 that long, or perhaps twice as long, 40 feet long.

8 So, again, I would make the recommendation  
9 that -- plus, we don't know how an excavator can  
10 get on the property, we don't know how a crane can  
11 get onto the property. So, again, we would make  
12 the recommendation that all work be done from the  
13 barge, all materials stored on the barge, and all  
14 the work done from the barge. If that's  
15 impossible -- well, I don't know why it would be  
16 impossible, but -- so that was one thing that  
17 wasn't mentioned when this first came in front of  
18 the Board.

19 And as far as, as far as the responses that  
20 the Village has gotten from Taplow consulting,  
21 because it doesn't make sense to somebody from  
22 Northport or from Riverhead doesn't mean it doesn't  
23 work here. To ask where the waste is going, in  
24 most situations is not unreasonable, to ask who's  
25 going to cart it way.

1           Actually, the consultant when she spoke here  
2           said it would go to Southold Town.  Actually, it's  
3           not, so that's different.  I don't know the  
4           requirements in Brookhaven or in Yaphank, or I know  
5           in Southold Town, there might be a problem with  
6           taking that construction waste.

7           So some of the stuff that we heard -- and the  
8           last thing I'll mention is we see in the five or  
9           six pages that I have here, we see that everything  
10          that's being questioned reverts back to, "Oh, this  
11          will cost the applicant more money."  I apologize  
12          for that, I apologize for that, but -- there's  
13          always a but, right?  These plans were submitted.  
14          The consultant admitted, her words were, "These  
15          plans are really sketchy, we would never submit  
16          plans like this," but, yet, they did.  Yet, they  
17          submitted them to -- with the excuse that, "Well,  
18          we would have to draw new plans at great expense to  
19          the applicant with the DEC."  And I don't want to  
20          sound flippant or snarky, but they shouldn't let  
21          the applicant's problem become the Village's  
22          problem.

23          So the fact that it might have cost a few  
24          extra dollars to submit new plans and have them  
25          right, as opposed to submit plans, by the

1 consultant's own admission, were inadequate and  
2 sketchy. I think any, any delay and any additional  
3 monies is really not on the Village's head, or the  
4 CAC's head, or maybe even not the applicant's head,  
5 I don't know.

6 But I would make that additional recommendation  
7 to you, something for you to consider, you know, about  
8 mitigating the traffic on Bay Avenue. I don't see any  
9 neighbors here from Bay Avenue, but that might be  
10 something to consider. Thank you. Thanks for  
11 listening.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: John, I have a question.  
14 So thank you for your comments, and thanks for  
15 bringing them back to us again with the followup  
16 here. I think the work -- before my question, just  
17 a comment. I think your concerns about where the  
18 waste is going have had their intended effect in  
19 that the applicant has now --

20 JOHN SALADINO: It did, absolutely, absolutely.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- specifically responded.  
22 And it's not the same location they initially  
23 thought, but we do have -- we have identified it,  
24 or they've identified it, and they've produced a  
25 letter saying that they will accept it, so I think

1 that's already achieved.

2 JOHN SALADINO: The only reason I bring it up  
3 is because of the passive response in the email  
4 that she sent.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I know, and I'm not, I'm  
6 not going to concern myself with that.

7 JOHN SALADINO: Good.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's fair to say that your  
9 concerns that remain are the tarping of the spoils,  
10 and the construction operations means and methods,  
11 sort of whether they have an impact on the street;  
12 is that correct?

13 MR. SALADINO: I just -- a little more  
14 involved than that. I don't see access to the  
15 property. There's one garden gate to the property.  
16 There is driveway gates, but there's a garage.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

18 MR. SALADINO: There's a shed behind the  
19 driveway gates. Unless they're willing, like they  
20 did without a permit, take down a brick wall, I  
21 don't see how they can access the property. We're  
22 all familiar with -- I'm pretty sure we're all  
23 familiar with 109 Bay Avenue. I mean, there's a  
24 stone wall around the property. Unless we knock  
25 the wall down, I don't see how you get an excavator

1 in there, or a crane, or I don't see how you set  
2 sheeting or pilings without a crane or -- so that's  
3 my concern.

4 As far as covering the spoils, is, well, if  
5 it's not going to rain, you know, it's an expense  
6 to the, to the dock builder. He would have to hook  
7 them down, tie them down. Again, and, again, I  
8 don't want to sound flippant or -- I don't care. I  
9 don't care. What if it does rain? Or what -- you  
10 know, what if he can't get the spoils back in the  
11 hole within two days? You know, I know we're  
12 dealing with "what if" questions, but so are they.  
13 We can't -- you know, you can't hope for the best,  
14 because we know what happens when you hope for the  
15 best. So did I answer?

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

17 JOHN SALADINO: Thank you.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

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

21 MR. CARR: Can I respond to one or two?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: We've already got somebody  
23 else coming up.

24 MS. EDWARDS: Hi. Sarah Duffy Edwards,  
25 163 Fifth Street. I just want to address the

1 tentative speed bump on Fifth Street, which, as you  
2 all know, we've been advocating for many years.

3 I just want to point out another reason why  
4 it's important. Since this petition of over 70  
5 neighbors was signed, and I'm happy, Candace, to  
6 make another copy for your office, we've already  
7 had one car on the street totaled since this  
8 petition of people speeding up and down the street.  
9 I think that's important to update that for the  
10 record.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: It is. And the other thing  
12 I'm going to be asking the Police Chief for is a  
13 total number of citations, which as of a couple of  
14 weeks ago was somewhere north of 30.

15 MS. EDWARDS: I had heard 24, but, you know.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

17 MS. EDWARDS: And some of those are our very  
18 own neighbors who aren't stopping at stop signs.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 MS. EDWARDS: But some of it is speeding, and  
21 some of it is neighborhood --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

23 MS. EDWARDS: -- you know, coming to the  
24 full stop.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: And it's -- you know, that's

1 something we're continuing to work on to get  
2 additional police coverage.

3 MS. EDWARDS: It's been helpful. I think, I  
4 think many of us on Fifth Street would say it has  
5 been helpful. It hasn't mitigated the speeding in  
6 the late hours.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

8 MS. EDWARDS: But every little bit helps, and  
9 I think the speed bump will contribute greatly to  
10 that.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: And so with that, I would  
12 encourage everybody, our Board has a joint meeting  
13 with the Southold Town Board on Tuesday, July 30th,  
14 at 9 a.m. If anybody's able to join, policing is  
15 going to be one of the things that we're talking  
16 about --

17 MS. EDWARDS: Okay, okay.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: -- which is a continuing  
19 conversation.

20 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. I'll pass that along.  
21 Thank you.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And it's at the top of the  
23 Village website, I noticed, and on the Village  
24 calendar, too.

25 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Thank you for your

1 consideration.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, appreciate it.

3 Yes, sir.

4 MR. CARR: Ed Carr, returning to the podium.

5 I just want to address two or three of the items  
6 just for clarification.

7 Regarding the road and any traffic, I have a  
8 letter, which we've submitted to the Village, it  
9 should be in the record, from John Reeve, the contractor.  
10 He wrote, "All truck and equipment that will be  
11 used for the bulkhead removal and construction for  
12 Rosemary Gutwillig, at 109 Bay Avenue in Greenport,  
13 will be no different than trucks that are used on a  
14 regular basis for landscaping and delivery in the  
15 community. Material will be delivered palletized  
16 on a small flatbed truck, condensing the overall  
17 conveyance of old and new material done on a normal  
18 basis by any crew or company affiliates.

19 In addition, we'll have a small work float  
20 for large pumps bringing equipment and other  
21 machinery, and that will be mobilized by water."

22 So the equipment, the crane, etcetera, will  
23 be coming on barge for -- from the water. But the  
24 equipment, the 25-foot-long boards, those will be  
25 coming on the street in trucks no larger than a



1 landscaper's truck, and that will either be carried  
2 over her wall, or he may have some type of small  
3 machinery with a boom that he can lift and put the  
4 material on the other side of the wall. So that  
5 should satisfy that condition.

6 Also, just for clarification, we did not look  
7 to save money or anything with not designing new  
8 plans or anything else. As you well know, the  
9 individual who designed the plans died in March,  
10 after the DEC had already issued a tidal wetlands  
11 permit based on those plans. So those plans have  
12 to match what the DEC has stamped and what the  
13 Village is reviewing and approved. We could not  
14 physically change the dead person's plans. So our  
15 only choice was to go to a licensed architect and  
16 have him sign an addendum letter with the  
17 conditions of the CAC to be added to the dead  
18 person's plans. Without it, it was illegal for us  
19 to go in and change plans, unless we went back to  
20 the DEC with square one. They had close the permit  
21 out, so we'd actually have to file a brand new  
22 application with the DEC and go through the whole  
23 four-month process.

24 And, secondly, in terms of the -- that was  
25 the cost of the plans. In terms of the cost of the

1 disposal facility, we did attempt to go to the Town  
2 of Southold dump. We asked them for a letter on  
3 their letterhead, which is what the CAC requested,  
4 and they basically hung up on us. They said, you  
5 know, "We accept any material, as long as it's not  
6 hazardous." And we said, "Well, the Village wants  
7 something on a letterhead." They said, "Well, the  
8 Village can call us if they're concerned." And we  
9 said, "No, you don't understand, they want something  
10 on a letterhead." The guy hung up on us.

11 The easiest solution, since we wanted to get  
12 this into you, is to contract privately with Winter  
13 Brothers. And because we're paying them for a dumpster,  
14 they were willing to put it on a letterhead, and  
15 that was a greater cost to the applicant, Ms. Gutwillig,  
16 than if she had just used the Town landfill, who  
17 was unwilling to provide that letter.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for sharing that on  
19 the Town dump. I will have a conversation with the  
20 newly appointed head of the dump, out of curiosity,  
21 on why that would have been the case.

22 Is there anybody else from the public that  
23 would like to speak this evening? Randy, first  
24 time ever.

25 (Laughter)



1 know I've thanked you in the office and over email,  
2 but in behalf -- on behalf of our entire community,  
3 you did a great job on this.

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: You saved the community a lot  
6 of money.

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: And you maintained our great  
9 bond rating as well --

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I -- yes.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- which was a challenge with  
12 everything.

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, I did have that as  
14 well, that our credit rating did not change from  
15 this new bonding, which is also great news.

16 Regarding our Significant Collections, rent  
17 collected in June '24, just over \$77,000. Property  
18 taxes collected through June 2024, just over  
19 1,059,000. Now that number does represent  
20 approximately 75% of the property tax collections  
21 for Fiscal Year 2025.

22 A significant payment made was to our  
23 Business Improvement District for just over  
24 \$45,000, and that represents about 85% of the funds  
25 that are due to the BID for Fiscal Year 2025. So

1 they already received 85% of their fund for this  
2 new year.

3 As mentioned, I do have a short report  
4 that -- this evening. That's all I have to report.  
5 The rest of my report is included. Let me know if  
6 you guys have any questions on it.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

8 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Questions from anybody?

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't have  
11 questions, but I figured maybe we'd talk about  
12 net metering now.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just because Adam  
15 did a little investigation --

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure, be happy to.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- and cleared up  
18 some things.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I can, I  
21 can summarize as far as I can and you can jump in.  
22 Just that there were some billing issues with some  
23 of the net metering customers, but they -- you guys  
24 are going to look into that.

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And it's not  
2 really anything, nobody was overcharged.

3 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And it will all  
5 get worked out. And then the -- just the other  
6 thing is that we're not even close to the 200  
7 kilowatt cap that we passed back in -- last May.  
8 So we're like 30 of the 200, so that was a little  
9 confusion, too, and there was some --

10 (Audience Member Left the Meeting)

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Good night. Thank you.

12 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'd be happy to  
13 elaborate, if you'd like.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, go ahead.

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Our tariff for our net  
16 metering was passed in September of 2023. Any net  
17 metering that we had in the Village prior to  
18 September of 2023 is essentially grandfathered in,  
19 it does not count towards this 200 kilowatts that  
20 we have in our new tariff. The connections made  
21 after September of 2023, once that tariff was  
22 approved, totals about 30 kilowatts of our  
23 available 200.

24 On average, while it does vary, each solar  
25 system produces approximately 10 kilowatts, so we

1 still have enough room for 15 to 17 more hookups  
2 before our cap is met.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I still do think  
4 at some point, like we should keep an eye on that,  
5 and at some point we should think about as a Board  
6 like if we do want to raise that or not --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So there --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- so that we  
9 don't get into the situation that I thought we were  
10 in, where we had already reached it without even  
11 kind of being aware.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, so the -- I mean,  
13 there's challenges, positives and negatives with it.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: And so one of the things that  
16 will likely come out of this NYSERDA grant that we  
17 applied for, which is a study of our power plant  
18 and our electrical use in the Village, this would  
19 be part of it. Because, as most are aware, our  
20 Board's aware, there's a lot of encouragement for,  
21 you know, green energy uses within the State of  
22 New York, whether it's solar or wind farms, and so,  
23 you know, that we'll be taking a look at. And we  
24 anticipate getting that grant from NYSERDA, and  
25 should know in the next -- I think it's 45 days,

1 on it.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank you.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Adam, that was very  
4 instructive, the -- your report, the summary. And  
5 I think whether we change this or not, I think just  
6 periodically we should touch base on it, so the  
7 public is informed how we're creeping up on our  
8 limit.

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We're at only 15% capacity  
11 right now, so.

12 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct, yes.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But it would make  
14 a difference if like a larger -- like when you're  
15 saying most systems are 10K, that's like an average  
16 house. If a hotel, or hospital --

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- or a feeder,  
19 or something, did a larger system, that would,  
20 you know --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that has a very dramatic  
22 effect.

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So that -- those  
25 are things to think about, too.



1           TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm happy to inform the  
2 Board, if you guys would like to be notified, every  
3 25%, you know, increase or something along those  
4 lines, I'd be happy to do that.

5           MAYOR STUESSI: Do it publicly in the meeting,  
6 but yeah.

7           TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, of course.

8           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

9           TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

10          TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That would be good.

11          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You did, you did mention  
12 that the school, which is a grandfathered installation,  
13 is like 200.

14          TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct, yes.

15          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right? So, like to Trustee  
16 Lily's point, a large, a large application could  
17 eat up all of the excess capacity.

18          TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes. And the  
19 remaining, the remaining kilowatts, it is a  
20 first-come-first-serve basis, so anyone is welcome  
21 to apply to it.

22          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

23          TRUSTEE ROBINS: And it's residential only,  
24 or it could be business, too?

25          TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It is residential and

1 commercial.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is both, okay.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Thank you, Adam

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Candace?

6 CLERK HALL: Thank you. Okay, let's see. I  
7 have quite a few resolutions tonight. So my first  
8 resolution is I'm seeking permission from the Board  
9 to attend the NYCOM fall training school in  
10 Saratoga Springs, New York, from September 16th  
11 through September 20th. The total cost for me to  
12 attend this, this annual training would be \$1,692.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Good night. Thank you

14 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you.

15 CLERK HALL: That includes lodging and the  
16 cost of the conference.

17 The next up here, I have -- I've been in  
18 contact with Adam Hubbard, the head of our  
19 wastewater treatment plant. He's looking to put  
20 out three bids. So the first bid would be for  
21 sludge hauling. The second is he's looking to do a  
22 bid for generator preventative maintenance. And  
23 then the third bid is for pump station maintenance  
24 contract.

25 Next up, I have several hirings for our

1 Recreation Department. So the first up here is  
2 Joseph John Pagano, a seasonal employee at the  
3 Mini Railroad for \$25 an hour.

4 Next up, I have Alison Lorena Rojas as a camp  
5 counselor for the Greenport Summer Day Camp at a  
6 pay rate of \$16 per hour.

7 Next, I have Emely Rivas, a part-time  
8 Carousel employee, at the pay rate of \$16 an hour.

9 Next, I have Sofia Leshko is going to be a  
10 Lifeguard at the Fifth Street Beach, at a pay rate  
11 of \$25 an hour, followed by William Lawrence  
12 Rayner, a Village seasonal employee at the mini  
13 railroad, at a pay rate of \$25 an hour.

14 I have Emma Kunz, another Lifeguard for Fifth  
15 Street Beach, at a pay rate of \$25 an hour.

16 Next up, I have Anthony DeVito as a Lead Camp  
17 Counselor, at a pay rate of \$22 an hour.

18 Brayden Cooper Kruk as a Camp Counselor, at a  
19 pay rate of \$16 an hour.

20 And then I have a resolution for pay increase  
21 for Angelia Gagnon from \$16 an hour to \$20 an hour.

22 And then, finally, I have a resolution here  
23 for Sage Taylor Foster for another Lifeguard at  
24 Fifth Street Beach, at \$25 an hour.

25 I just want to note that there is a shortage

1 of lifeguards everywhere, so I think it's really  
2 impressive that we've been able to recruit this  
3 amount of lifeguards in Greenport. So it's a great  
4 job for Margo and her team there, so I just wanted  
5 note that.

6 Next up, I have just three public assembly  
7 applications received this month. So the first one  
8 is from Greenport Union Free School District for  
9 the annual Homecoming Parade, to be held on  
10 September 20th, 2024, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There  
11 will be a road closure, which is mentioned here on  
12 my report.

13 The next public assembly application is for  
14 another beloved event that happens annually in  
15 Greenport from the Chris -- from Chris Hamilton on  
16 behalf of the Class of 1993, Jeremy Hamilton  
17 Memorial Scholarship Fund. The requested date of  
18 the event is September 14th, with a rain date of  
19 September 15th. The annual Pig Roast Fundraiser  
20 will be held at Sixth Street Beach between the  
21 hours of 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. That does include the  
22 cleanup and setup time. The applicant is  
23 requesting a waiver of the application fee of \$50.  
24 This is a donation-based event, and all proceeds  
25 are contributed to a scholarship for a graduating

1 senior at the high school.

2 And then the final public assembly application  
3 I have is from Friends of Mitchell Park and the  
4 Dances in the Park Committee to host the first  
5 annual Battle of the Bands on September 2nd, from  
6 6 to 9 p.m. at Mitchell Park. Rather than a rain  
7 date, we have a rain location at the American  
8 Legion Hall.

9 Four bands have been selected to participate  
10 in the Battle of the Bands. The winning band will  
11 receive a spot in the 2025 season of Dances in the  
12 Park.

13 Next up here, just noted one contract that  
14 the Mayor signed per approval last month with  
15 Cullen & Danowski.

16 Legal notices, I'll touch on this further.  
17 The North Ferry bid is live right now, which is  
18 really exciting.

19 And then, again, I have a few announcements  
20 here.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We have a number of bid  
22 packets that have been picked up, correct?

23 CLERK HALL: Yeah, we have quite a bit of bid  
24 packages. I want to say we're -- right, at least  
25 15 have been picked up, and I'm supposed to get a

1 delivery of six more bid packages. So I'll go into  
2 that announcement first.

3 So we're accepting bids for the North Ferry  
4 Terminal project. The bid opened up on July 11th,  
5 and it's going to run through August 1st. At  
6 10:30 a.m. sharp is when we'll be receiving the bid  
7 Packages. Bob Steele from LKMA has been incredible  
8 to work with, and has been just truly helpful  
9 navigating this process.

10 So we've given out, as mentioned, at least  
11 15 bid packages to various local contractors,  
12 people from out west. Haven't received any  
13 completed packages yet, but I don't think that's  
14 out of the norm, per Bob Steele. He said a lot of  
15 them probably will come in within days of when we  
16 close the bid, because it's quite a bit for them to  
17 look through.

18 They're not available online, because it's  
19 such a huge package. So they do have to come to  
20 Village Hall to pick up the bid package, where we  
21 have copies of the plan, the entire package,  
22 and then a digital drive for the participants, for  
23 the bidders. So that's really all to note on the  
24 North Ferry Terminal bid for now.

25 Next up, I'm going to have more details about

1 this, but I just wanted to share this with the  
2 Board and with the public. I've been working on  
3 updating and just taking a look at our Deer  
4 Management Program in the Village of Greenport. So  
5 I've reached out to Craig Jobes. He works with  
6 Southold Town. He's -- him and I have met. We've  
7 reviewed our whole program. I'll have a report for  
8 you all next month.

9 But the big important things to know is I  
10 would like to host a public meeting with local  
11 hunters and experts to just explore the updates to  
12 the program, and how, how to make this program  
13 better for our community. And I'm really excited  
14 to actually share this information. Next month  
15 I'll have more details for you all.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: The other thing, just if I  
17 could interject for a second.

18 CLERK HALL: Sure.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And he was fantastic. I was  
20 able to join part of the meeting.

21 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: He comes with a lot of  
23 expertise.

24 CLERK HALL: Yes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: But the train does encroach

1 on the deer hunting area, so that's being taken  
2 into account.

3 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: And they'll be looking at  
5 remarking it all and --

6 CLERK HALL: Yes.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- have this public meeting.

8 CLERK HALL: Yeah. So we're looking at  
9 remapping, as Mayor just mentioned. Part of that  
10 section where the mini train is, we're looking to  
11 just cut that out, because there is, I believe,  
12 swamp land, where we are looking to cut that --  
13 I think it's Zone 3. It's not really important  
14 which zone it is, but that zone will be cut almost  
15 in half.

16 There's also properties in the Village of  
17 Greenport that we believe are already being hunted,  
18 and we should be managing those properties, it is  
19 my belief, so that it should be a part of our  
20 program. So we're looking to increase the number  
21 of people that are able to participate.

22 From my understanding, and from what Craig  
23 shared with me, if -- the way we run our program,  
24 we have a lottery where we pick one person per  
25 zone. So last year we only had 15 applicants or



1       so. I was only able to choose four people from the  
2       lottery. Now, if those people choose to hunt maybe  
3       once, we're not really fully utilizing it or  
4       getting the most benefit of deer management in this  
5       program, so we're looking to open it up to more  
6       hunters, as Southold Town does. Obviously, there's  
7       checks and balances where they would check in at  
8       specific locations, so there would be updated  
9       signage, signage in more locations in our -- you  
10      know, I'll have to reach out to a few property  
11      owners with adjacent properties.

12                So it is a little bit of a lift, but I think  
13      once we get through it, and are able to hear from  
14      the community and people who want to participate,  
15      because there is some interest in this program and  
16      there is room for improvement.

17                So, again, I'll have further details for you  
18      all next month. Maybe even if Craig is able, he  
19      may be able to join. He did say that he's willing  
20      to help with this meeting, so I think it will be  
21      really productive. So I will keep you all up to  
22      date with all of those details as they become  
23      available.

24                And then my final announcement here is  
25      another project that I've been working on that I'm

1 really excited to share. I have begun the process  
2 of working with Sonia Spar, again, of Southold  
3 Town, to translate a lot of our forms and  
4 applications. So we have a spot under the Clerk's  
5 Office tab right now with just a few. So it's  
6 going to be an ongoing project, because she's doing  
7 this in her spare time. Just update -- just  
8 keeping our forms to the best of our ability.

9 We're trying to attack it with what's used  
10 most frequently, so we have a few there now. But  
11 I'm excited to announce that we do have a spot on  
12 our Village website with forms translated to  
13 Spanish for our community, and I think this is  
14 really important. As you all know, we have a huge  
15 Latino population and Spanish-speaking population  
16 in our community, and all of our forms are just in  
17 English. And there are some really important forms  
18 and documents that go through Village Hall, that we  
19 should be able to service these people better. So  
20 I'm really excited about this project. And I can't  
21 thank Sonia Spar enough for, you know, just her  
22 willingness to take on this huge project that's  
23 going on.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Great work on that. We're  
25 already receiving positive comments, which is

1 wonderful.

2 CLERK HALL: Thank you. That's it for my  
3 report. Does anybody have any questions for me?

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Just to clarify. What does  
5 Mr. Jobs do for the Town of Southold with respect  
6 to deer management?

7 CLERK HALL: So he manages the Southold Town  
8 Deer Management Program. I can't, I'm sorry --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: He works in the Parks Department.

10 CLERK HALL: Yes, he works in the Parks --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: But he's specifically in  
12 charge of the Deer Management Program.

13 CLERK HALL: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

15 CLERK HALL: So his -- and he even brought  
16 examples of their maps versus ours. He uses the  
17 GIS system, so they have even specific parking  
18 where the hunters should be checking into this  
19 spot. So it's just a really great way that they  
20 run their program.

21 We do have access to GIS already, so it's  
22 just, again, a little bit of work that we'll have  
23 to do to get caught up to speed. I also would like  
24 for our rules to mirror theirs, since these  
25 properties are neighboring.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Well, a lot of the people are  
2 the same people, too.

3           CLERK HALL: Exactly, exactly.

4           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's great. I didn't  
5 know that.

6           MAYOR STUESSI: And then the other point she  
7 made that I think is important is there are some  
8 parcels in the Village that people have been  
9 hunting on illegally, but should be legalized and  
10 managed --

11          CLERK HALL: Yeah.

12          MAYOR STUESSI: -- which should be included  
13 in the presentation in August as well.

14          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I guess those property  
15 owners have to opt into that, then.

16          CLERK HALL: No. They're Village of  
17 Greenport properties that people already hunt.

18          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I see.

19          CLERK HALL: Yeah.

20          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I thought you meant private  
21 property.

22          CLERK HALL: No, not private property. Yeah,  
23 so they're Village-owned properties that people are  
24 already hunting on. He sees it, because he's out  
25 in the field managing it.

1           I am planning to also meet with the local DEC  
2           representative or person who manages. We would  
3           have to -- the Board would have to give him  
4           permission, but he would -- he does help Southold  
5           Town with enforcement. So I think it would be  
6           important for us to be able to allow him onto  
7           Village of Greenport property to also help with  
8           enforcement. So I'm excited to share those details  
9           with you all.

10           TRUSTEE ROBINS: And, Candace, I'd like to  
11           hear a little more about this. I mean, I'm a  
12           little concerned. I mean, we're a small, little  
13           Village. I mean, you're making it sound like  
14           there's hunting going on everywhere. And, I mean,  
15           you know, we're not Upstate New York. So, I mean,  
16           is that really true, that people are hunting all  
17           over the place here?

18           CLERK HALL: Yeah, it is. I wouldn't say all  
19           over.

20           TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, that's not a good  
21           thing, I don't think.

22           CLERK HALL: I wouldn't say all over the  
23           place. There's specific parcels of land where  
24           it's -- one in particular is near the water tower,  
25           I believe, and there's some property that is --

1 I guess it's adjacent to or near the campground.  
2 But Craig has told me that he's -- he knows that  
3 there are people hunting this -- these properties  
4 that the Village owns. But if -- our issue is that  
5 if we're not -- if we don't have signage up, all  
6 the cops can really do is ask them to stop and  
7 leave. We -- there's no other action that can be  
8 taken, because we're not managing these properties  
9 currently, so --

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, what they always did  
11 was posted no trespassing, no hunting. I mean,  
12 that's -- we don't have any --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But what she's saying is  
14 there are a numbers of properties that the Village  
15 historically has never done that on, and so there's  
16 going to be recommendations on where to do it or  
17 where not to.

18 CLERK HALL: Yeah, yeah.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And so in the August meeting,  
20 all is to be presented.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Great.

22 CLERK HALL: And I'll have --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All the maps, we'll be able  
24 to comment.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, yeah. No, I'll

1 definitely have questions.

2 CLERK HALL: And I'll have the maps for you  
3 all. And it's really great the way -- again,  
4 there's specific locations where, you know, now we  
5 don't tell the hunters where they should park, they  
6 kind of decide that for themselves, you know. And  
7 while we only have one hunter assigned to each  
8 location right now -- so we have four zones. We --  
9 last year we marked out the zone where -- we forbid  
10 hunting where the Mini Railroad is. But, in all  
11 actuality, there is -- you know, again, there's  
12 some, there's some swamp area in between where the  
13 Mini Railroad is and then the rest of that zone.  
14 So we would just cut out where the Mini Railroad  
15 is. I wish I could tell you exact feet for the  
16 distance that -- so they're only -- they're not --  
17 they're only permitted to hunt with --

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Crossbows, right?

19 CLERK HALL: Crossbows. Sorry, I was losing  
20 the word for a minute. Yes.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think we should hit  
22 pause on this subject --

23 CLERK HALL: Sure.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: -- because there's going to  
25 be a presentation.

1 CLERK HALL: Absolutely.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: And wait until all the  
3 information is assembled and you guys are  
4 presenting.

5 CLERK HALL: Sure, sure. But I'll definitely --  
6 I'll share the maps with the Board. Obviously, the  
7 meeting is going to be open to the public, so I  
8 would encourage the Board to join, if you could.  
9 And I think it's going to be great. I think it  
10 will be -- it will increase safety. I know that's  
11 obviously a concern, that was my biggest concern.

12 I am happy to report from Southold Town,  
13 they, they do track it, a significant amount of  
14 hunting, and there aren't instances where people  
15 are getting hurt. So I wish there was some wood  
16 for me to knock on. Going forward I hope that  
17 stays the same, but there is no -- the way they  
18 manage it, it is safe and it seems effective, so I  
19 think we should be adopting those policies in the  
20 Village of Greenport.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Any other questions  
22 for Candace?

23 (No Response)

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Some other items I  
25 wanted to touch on from some of the other departments.



1 I'm pleased to say that the draft study of the  
2 sewer study just arrived. Adam is doing some final  
3 checks on it. It's quite a large -- Adam from the  
4 Sewer Department is, not Brautigam, and taking a  
5 look at it. We should be able to issue it within  
6 the next week to 10 days to the Board, and we'll be  
7 scheduling a presentation with our consultant, who  
8 did all this work, for our next meeting in August  
9 on this.

10 Obviously, a very important document. It  
11 ties into a lot of issues we've been talking about  
12 with the challenge of the sewer, stormwater  
13 management, etcetera. This is also going to be a  
14 very important document for funding for both the  
15 State, and the Federal Government, and even the  
16 County on some of the things that we're taking a  
17 look at with it.

18 A couple of notes in regards to the Road Crew  
19 and some of the challenges that they have had with  
20 brush pickup in the recent weeks. As I believe I  
21 let a number of folks on the Board know, we had  
22 equipment problems with the main payload, which  
23 went down, which slowed down pickup. But the other  
24 thing we are still seeing is continued increase in  
25 loads in the Village of what is being put out.

1           And so one of the challenges is that while  
2           our code says that it's only supposed to be  
3           residential use, and landscapers are not supposed  
4           to put anything out, it's much easier to see when a  
5           landscaping truck is out front. It's a very  
6           different situation if -- you know, I'll use  
7           myself. If I had Lily do my yard and she comes in  
8           a pickup truck and nobody pays attention and it's  
9           left out there.

10           And so one of -- we're going to talk more  
11           about this in next month's meeting. But we've got  
12           some funding challenges with this, because what's  
13           happening is the workload is increasing with that.

14           I want to apologize to the community that the  
15           crew did not get over to Steamboat Corner to pull  
16           weeds in time when they were supposed to, because  
17           they were dealing with brush pickup, and then  
18           continued issues with the ball fields. We had a  
19           whole bunch of hornets and things over there, and  
20           then additional work that had to be done to prepare  
21           those for it. But the staffing actually was  
22           reduced, apparently, about four years ago. It was  
23           four -- or, no, five years ago. You said 2019?

24           TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Five.

25           MAYOR STUESSI: We went down from eight

1 people to seven individuals on the team, yet the  
2 work load increased.

3 And so one of the other things that was done  
4 right around the same time is that the number of  
5 individuals who were doing brush pickup went from  
6 three to five, because workload was increasing, and  
7 then also safety concerns with the continued issues  
8 of speeding in the Village. And so the way they  
9 manage it is, as most have seen, they park trucks  
10 on either side to make sure nobody tries to zip  
11 through and mow down one of the guys.

12 So I'm actually going to have them come in,  
13 talk about this. And we as a Board are going to  
14 need to make decisions on whether we look at  
15 potentially modifying brush pickup to assist with  
16 this, or staffing up in the department, because  
17 there are things that they are having a very  
18 challenging time managing, because of the increased  
19 workload and lack of staffing for it.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What do you attribute the  
21 increase in demand on this? Why is there more  
22 load?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: More people trimming things.  
24 So I don't know. Anecdotally, I mean, I -- I  
25 notice in my own neighborhood there seems to be

1 more that is out on, you know, a regular basis.  
2 I'd be curious what others see. I -- you know, I  
3 ride my bike through all the neighborhoods. I  
4 don't see professional landscaping companies  
5 leaving stuff on the streets, I do see them picking  
6 it up, but I'm sure there are probably some smaller  
7 operators that are doing it.

8 I mean, the other thing to consider in the  
9 Village is the North Fork is the fastest growing  
10 naturally -- what's it? It's NORC, Naturally  
11 Occurring Retirement Community in the State of  
12 New York. And I'm sure there are a lot of folks  
13 who used to take care of their own yards who aren't  
14 as they age as well. So, you know, that might be  
15 one of the other reasons we're seeing an increase  
16 in it, like, you know, folks that are hiring people  
17 to take care of it. We're going to actually pull  
18 records from the dump to see how much it's  
19 increased, but, anecdotally, that everybody seems  
20 to be quite certain that we have increase with the  
21 amount of it, for sure.

22 Di you want to say something, Julia?

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No. I'm certainly aware of  
24 the increase in -- well, I've been talking about  
25 this for years, but I thought that -- I think --

1       you know, I don't know, Mary Bess isn't here, but I  
2       was advocating for, you know, conversion to bags  
3       only and eliminating brush pickup completely.

4               MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so we --

5               TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, we're having a  
6       problem with our storm drains and a lot of it has  
7       to do with the runoff that's coming from that.

8               MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. We did make a decision  
9       and vote on requiring bags for leaves and grass  
10       starting next year. Oh, pardon me, no, starting  
11       September 1st.

12              TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Fall, fall.

13              MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, which will absolutely  
14       be helpful with that and --

15              TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, yeah, I've seen that.

16              MAYOR STUESSI: But I don't know that that's  
17       even going to solve for -- in fact, I do know  
18       that's not going to solve for the issue of the  
19       increased waste and labor with it, because, you  
20       know, branches would still be out there loose as  
21       well. You know, part of this might have to do  
22       with, you know, the volume of people that came out  
23       here during COVID. Some have stayed, and etcetera,  
24       etcetera.

25              A few other items. Staffing within the

1 different departments, we're going to have a  
2 separate conversation in executive session about  
3 some potential increases in salary, and we're  
4 putting together a chart on some of those.

5 I'm thrilled to say that Adam and Candace  
6 have done a great job of interviewing for the  
7 Assistant Treasurer position, and have it narrowed  
8 down to two candidates that we are interviewing.

9 We have two different candidates for Code  
10 Enforcement in the Building Department that we are  
11 scheduling interviews with.

12 One of the other things I had mentioned  
13 earlier that we've talked about loosely is getting  
14 a proposal out for a parking and traffic study  
15 within the Village. This would be something that  
16 we're looking -- putting together, in addition to,  
17 as I mentioned, we have all these other, you know,  
18 larger developments happening in the Village. And  
19 it's clearly time that we look at sort of a more  
20 holistic approach to everything within the Village.

21 We also have a lot of data from what's been  
22 done for the new Jitney and ferry queuing lot, and  
23 we'll know what those spots are going to be,  
24 because that's all mapped out as well. This will  
25 tie into some degree to the sewer study and

1 stormwater runoff, because one of the things that  
2 we're looking at doing as well, as I mentioned  
3 prior, is reconfiguring all the Adams Street lots.  
4 And there's a State grant for that where we would  
5 be able to deal with stormwater runoff, because  
6 that's one of the largest contributors to  
7 stormwater runoff, is those lots draining down to  
8 First Street, which then runs to Front and straight  
9 into the bay, floods all those and Little Creek  
10 Oysters.

11 And, again, this is, this is something that  
12 we'll be talking about again with the Town Board  
13 when we meet with them again on utilizing CPF money  
14 for water quality issues, because this is a really  
15 important tool for us, together with pairing with  
16 other sources of funding for dealing with some of  
17 this.

18 Cameras. We are going to be looking at  
19 proposals and bringing it to the Board to replace  
20 all of the cameras within the Village, which are  
21 technically outdated and need to be updated. As  
22 part of that as well, one of the other things we  
23 are looking at is rekeying everything in the  
24 Village. It's not been done in forever, and we  
25 want to make sure that we have all sets of keys and

1 a controlled program and effectively managed for  
2 all employees, and everything says, "Do Not Copy".  
3 This would be all of the buildings in the Village.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And would include this  
5 facility, too?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I definitely want to talk to  
7 the Fire Department about it, too. I think it  
8 makes sense, because we could, you know, do it all  
9 at the same time and get efficiencies with cost.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I know that they're  
11 discussing cameras.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh, yeah, that would be  
13 part of the whole, the whole thing.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Talking about all the  
15 security cameras?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep, yeah. And we would also  
17 identify new locations where we might potentially  
18 want to add some more as well.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We're not allowed to do any  
20 kind of traffic cameras, are we? I mean, I know  
21 that's something that my committee had spoken about  
22 to try and catch people making U-turns, you know,  
23 and that kind of thing downtown.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I believe State Law is  
25 changing right now to allow for it in certain



1 places. Those are hugely expensive. The other  
2 challenge is they tend to get thrown out of court  
3 in many cases, in talking to some of the other  
4 folks down-Island, because unless they're able to  
5 capture the individual who was driving the car,  
6 somebody could make the case that it wasn't them.  
7 Brian, you could probably comment.

8 ATTORNEY STOLAR: The answer is State Law,  
9 the State, the State can determine whether and  
10 where and who can put up, you know, a system,  
11 whether you want a security camera or whether you  
12 want a traffic camera. Traffic cameras, you're  
13 talking about -- not traffic -- traffic light, for  
14 instance, you have full control over. Traffic  
15 cameras, you can't use those for enforcement  
16 purposes.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not so sure about that.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. And then I would  
19 love -- I know Lily's got some things that I'd love  
20 to have a conversation about, our joint meeting  
21 that we're going to be having.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. I have just a  
23 comment on the -- your kind of overview of the  
24 traffic and this traffic study. So I saw something  
25 come across about looking at updating loading zones

1 and consulting BID on that, which is great.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'd like to make sure the  
4 Fire Department gets consulted on that.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, absolutely. Yeah,  
6 without a doubt, yeah. That's a huge -- I'll talk  
7 about it publicly. I mean, it's -- it is an ever  
8 increasing problem that we are dealing with with  
9 trucks, commercial trucks. They tend to be mainly  
10 produce companies and liquor companies that are  
11 stopping on Front and Main Street. We're seeing it  
12 with tourism buses as well, everything from the  
13 large commercial buses like the Jitney, not them,  
14 though, the other ones, and then these smaller  
15 party buses. Fortunately, we've been able to make  
16 some progress with getting additional police  
17 enforcement downtown, which has been helpful, but  
18 it's a real issue.

19 And then the other challenge is that the  
20 loading zones that were updated by the Village  
21 Board, I want to say it was like four or five years  
22 ago, in some cases signage wasn't done for them at  
23 the time. And so, you know, you could look at a  
24 place that's not supposed to be a loading zone, it  
25 actually says it's a loading zone, and across the

1 way it says, "No Loading".

2 So what we've discussed at the BID is sort of  
3 zero-basing this and getting their recommendations  
4 on what makes sense, we would review with the  
5 Board, the Fire Department as well. And then  
6 there's a number of things that have come up with  
7 some of the additional presubmission studies from  
8 the hotels, by example, where the Fire Department  
9 has had comments that are going to need to be  
10 folded in the whole thing as well.

11 So I think, you know, the good news is we  
12 should be in a great position, fall going into  
13 winter, to be able to really sit down and look at  
14 these issues and get something put in place to  
15 better manage, because, as you know as a member of  
16 the firefighting team, there are real challenges  
17 moving through here. And we saw it on Monday  
18 night's Dances in the Park when there was an  
19 incident there, and being able to get emergency  
20 medical service over, and, you know, police as well.

21 And, you know, one of the things I think we  
22 are probably going to take a look at, and I'm going  
23 to be chatting with the Chiefs and the Police  
24 Department, is the potential closing off the post  
25 office parking lot on those nights, because people

1 are starting to park over there illegally, and had  
2 a challenge getting an ambulance down there, and  
3 that's a real issue. It's much like with the old  
4 Greenport Band, when they would be parking over in  
5 Mitchell Park on the grass areas where we need to  
6 maintain that entrance and exit as well.

7 So very much focused on making sure that  
8 those that are protecting the Village have all the  
9 access they need, whether it's the Police, Fire  
10 Department, and/or Emergency Services.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Great.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes. I think I  
14 have first Dances in the Park. Besides the medical  
15 issue last week, the first three, right, now we've  
16 had three, have been, oh, amazing as always, and  
17 lots of big thank go to Candace, and Andrea, and  
18 Mary, who are the Committee.

19 We still have opportunities for volunteers.  
20 You could get on the committee for next year, or  
21 you could just volunteer this year and get a free  
22 shirt. FOMP's our fiscal sponsor. And we are --  
23 we've already talked a little bit about Labor Day  
24 Battle of the Bands. We have T-shirts for sale,  
25 and you can take your selfies up against our step

1 and repeat.

2 I think that's all. We have probably -- we  
3 did three, we have seven more, so seven more  
4 Monday.

5 CLERK HALL: With an amazing lineup.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes. The Camera  
7 Obscura is now open from 9 to 10 every day, weather  
8 depending. And we still do have some volunteers on  
9 a very whenever-they-can basis, which there's a new  
10 Instagram that you can follow to find out what  
11 their hours. And the Friends of Mitchell Park is  
12 funding staff to open the camera more hours, so we  
13 just have to figure out who we can find to do that.  
14 And, hopefully, we're still going to get signage,  
15 right? We talked about that last -- with some of  
16 the donation money.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. We've got the funds to  
18 be able to do it. So if you want to work on an  
19 idea and we can go to -- I'm sorry, I'm spacing on  
20 the name of our sign company that we utilize, so --

21 CLERK HALL: Academy?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: No, just up the road.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I know what  
24 you're talking about.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Reflective.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Reflective.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Reflective, yes.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And then

5 communication. Our monthly newsletter is going

6 out, so if -- I don't know if the Board or any --

7 or Village staff ever have things they want

8 definitely in the newsletter, you could just send

9 it to me. Still trying to work --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: On that, your group is doing

11 a great job with what they're working on, it's

12 really appreciated.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: There's been a lot of

15 positive comments.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We're still

17 working on archiving it on the website. We're

18 going to work with Candace to do more updating of

19 the website, which is always a work in progress,

20 but the Spanish forms is great, I'm really glad

21 you're doing that.

22 And we've been talking for a while about

23 displays in the Arcade windows, so we might -- that

24 might happen one of these days.

25 And on Tree Committee there's some attached --

1 they're doing a monthly list of suggested trees to  
2 be pruned, and also to be taken down.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So where is the committee in  
4 regards to developing communication to the  
5 neighbors, like we had talked about, so we make  
6 sure that if a tree is going to come down in a  
7 neighborhood, every -- so the goal was nobody is  
8 surprised that a tree is gone. And so what we  
9 talked about doing is making sure that there's a  
10 notice on the tree with, call it a bright orange  
11 ribbon, or whatever, and it's there for "X" number  
12 of weeks before the tree comes down. And, again,  
13 the goal is to do what we can to prevent having to  
14 bring trees down, help them, protect them, but in  
15 the odd case that it does need to come down, that  
16 the community is aware of it.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I think  
18 signage is not hard, it's just a question of  
19 doing it.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I know, but Poppy  
21 and -- I'm probably not --

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Polly, yes.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Polly and Jane had some ideas  
24 on that.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, and I think

1 they already had something.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I will follow  
4 up about that with them.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: They are, I guess  
7 with this list, wondering who needs to -- like who  
8 needs to make final decisions about trees coming  
9 down.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so, I mean, I don't  
11 want to take down any trees until we communicate it.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But the trimming that's  
14 already done is through Doug.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah. No, I  
16 think it's more of taking down.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I will follow  
19 up with that.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And then as  
22 the other -- the only other thing on there was  
23 the senior Class tree planting, which happens every  
24 year and was fun to be a part of.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it was.



1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think that's  
2 all I have.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Julia, do you have  
4 anything before we talk about the joint meeting?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just a couple of -- two  
6 little things. We did have a Carousel meeting on  
7 the 2nd. And we are actually developing an idea,  
8 we talked about it before, of working on doing a  
9 digital slide show in the building itself that  
10 would archive the information on the two -- on the  
11 rounding boards and the inner scenic panels, the  
12 paintings that are on that.

13 Dave Abatelli reached out to Bill Von Eiff  
14 over at Reflective Image, because they created  
15 those. Those are actually, you know, like  
16 laminated sheets. And so we wanted to make sure  
17 that -- you know, that there's a digital record of  
18 those for the Village, so that if they need to be  
19 reproduced, he can do it.

20 And, also, I've reached out to Don Fisher to  
21 speak to him about how we could expedite a slide  
22 show in -- you know, the technology involved. I  
23 spoke with him, he gave me a lot of good information.  
24 And I just want to wait until I present it to the  
25 committee at our next meeting, and I'll come to the

1 Board and describe what he proposed.

2 But it sounds like something I think -- you  
3 know, we had talked for a long time about making a  
4 pamphlet, a paper booklet to offer people, but then  
5 we realized,  
6 you know, this isn't the age of paper anymore. So  
7 we -- and I was inspired by that slide show that  
8 was left in the schoolhouse that was there with the  
9 old photos.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, anyhow, that's what  
12 we're working on right now. We think it would be a  
13 great idea. It doesn't sound like it would be  
14 exorbitant to spend the money on it. I know the  
15 Carousel Committee does have some funds from their  
16 fundraisers. I think they've got \$16,000 in their  
17 account. This wouldn't be anywhere near that  
18 expensive. So I'll bring that to you guys next  
19 month.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Maybe that is -- maybe  
21 these things could be integrated into the Arcade  
22 window's efforts.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's a fun idea.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Slide show in there. And we  
25 were talking about, you know -- like I said, Don

1 made some suggestions about how to do it. You  
2 know, he's an audiovisual guy forever, so I had a  
3 good conversation with him.

4 The only other thing I did want to mention  
5 was something I came across, actually, I've been  
6 aware of it for many, many months and years,  
7 actually, but I noticed it the other day while I  
8 was down there, and that is on the west side of  
9 Sterling Avenue, when you go down, and the curbs  
10 end at the sidewalk area, and then you get down  
11 to -- I guess there's the yacht club there, and  
12 then there's the slips that are owned by people,  
13 individual, and people park there, and that's a  
14 Village road. And I think that the people that do  
15 park down there feel that, you know, it's almost  
16 their private parking. It's dangerous, to be  
17 honest with you. It's very tight down there, it's  
18 curving. It's a blind sight line there for  
19 pedestrians and bikes.

20 And I really think that we should consider  
21 eliminating that parking completely on that side of  
22 the street. And I know I've spoken to a couple of  
23 residents down at 123 Sterling, and who live in  
24 that area, who feel the same way about it, that  
25 it's a dangerous situation. So I'm mentioning it

1 now. I was going to mention it before.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: On which side?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: On the west side. In other  
4 words, coming down the --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Along the boat slips, so  
6 here --

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Along the boat slips, that  
8 area there. I mean, there's tall grasses there,  
9 it's curved. I mean, we've talked about it already.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: So as you're leaving 123  
11 Sterling and heading towards the Greek Church.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Towards Main Street, yeah.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, absolutely.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: On your right-hand side.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, until the curb begins,  
17 I think there's parking. You know, once the curb  
18 and sidewalk starts, there's room for cars parking.  
19 That's not --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: And there are a couple of  
21 marinas there, as I recall, that have some spots.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, there are private  
23 docks and things like that.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: But some have actual parking  
25 spots and others don't.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, yeah, if they have  
2 off-road, off-road parking. I'm talking about our  
3 road where people are parking. And, I mean, even  
4 somebody put up like a private, you know, "Don't  
5 Park, Handicapped Space", you know, but that's  
6 really all Village-owned property, the road there,  
7 it's not --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's actually  
9 Sterling Street, just to clarify.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is it Sterling Street?

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah. Sterling  
12 Avenue is the one that comes down to Main.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Sterling Street, so --

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Because that is  
15 confusing.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. Anything going around  
17 the corner, until you get to 123 Sterling, and then  
18 when you get back on Sterling Avenue, I guess,  
19 there's sidewalks again, so -- but it's really  
20 dangerous down there. So somebody should get down  
21 and have a look at it, somebody from the Road Crew,  
22 or whatever, but it's an issue, it's been an issue  
23 for a long time.

24 I remember discussing it in terms of --  
25 Patrick, you're talking, too, about emergency

1 access for vehicles to get to 123 Sterling.

2 I mean, we talked about that a lot before that was  
3 approved, you know, how fire trucks are going to  
4 navigate that curve down there, because it's really  
5 tight. It certainly doesn't help if you have  
6 parked cars there as well.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Patrick?

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No report.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. So let's talk  
10 about the Town meeting. The primary things I have  
11 on here that we had left from the last time we did  
12 this with the last Board under Supervisor Russell  
13 was CPF funding, an Inter-Municipality Agreement  
14 for the CPF fund, which would essentially be -- oh,  
15 Brian is back there. It would essentially be a  
16 legal agreement between us and the Town on how the  
17 funding is managed for the Village, and, you know,  
18 a particular percentage. That would be for both  
19 the Community Preservation Fund that's currently  
20 allocated for housing, and then, hopefully, for  
21 water quality and historic as well. And then the  
22 other one being for the housing fund, too, to make  
23 sure that we get, you know, proper share of the  
24 housing funds.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What about having

1 representation on their Advisory Board?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So that was something  
3 I asked the Supervisor for, and I think we should  
4 talk about that again as well. I want to say I  
5 believe there's five members of the current  
6 Land Preservation, and part of our discussion is  
7 going to need to be does there need to be a  
8 Land Preservation that is expanded to include water  
9 quality, or a totally separate Water Quality  
10 Committee that's part of the Community Preservation  
11 Fund. Of course, the Town has a separate Water  
12 Quality Committee, but it has nothing to do with  
13 preservation funds.

14 The other item I had, of course, is policing  
15 and coverage. And then we had discussed working  
16 with the Town to develop a climate resiliency plan,  
17 which would be enormously helpful for all of us.  
18 If we pair with them regionally on it, it opens up  
19 significant other funding avenues for the Village  
20 and for the Town by partnering on it.

21 Those were the main items I have. Anybody  
22 else have anything they think we should add on?

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I recall that we -- at that  
24 last joint meeting, we did speak a little bit about  
25 the gateways to the Village, about zoning --

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, yep.

2           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- as it affects not just  
3 gateways on how you enter the Village, but there's  
4 a related issue with sort of, I guess I would say,  
5 spot zoning. And this came up during the  
6 presentation that Heather Lanza did for the -- our  
7 housing group, our housing committee.

8           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

9           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And a member of the public  
10 brought it up, and it was a good point, because  
11 when you look at Southold Town zoning, there is  
12 like 16 or 20 parcels around Greenport that are  
13 individually zoned.

14          MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

15          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And I don't know that's  
16 ever going to change, but --

17          MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so they're working  
18 towards that. And I sit on the Zoning Update  
19 Advisory Committee and that's been one of the  
20 things that's been talked about. We actually  
21 talked about this gateway again last week, and the  
22 fact that, you know, you can have a gas station, a  
23 bus storage yard, a 7-Eleven, and you can't have,  
24 you know, community housing there, nor could you  
25 build a YMCA as of right, or you could have a



1 hotel, which is allowed currently, too. I think  
2 that's definitely important to bring up.

3 And one of the things that's also been  
4 recommended by the Zoning Update Advisory Committee  
5 is to get the Town to prioritize certain zoning  
6 decisions, because they're looking at this whole  
7 large look at potential changes that their  
8 consultant is working on with some dates that go in  
9 front of the Board next year to absorb it all. And  
10 the Zoning Update Committee has felt that it might  
11 make sense to look at prioritizing things. And if  
12 you read the Town comprehensive plan, it, very much  
13 to your point, focuses on these gateways, Greenport  
14 having a big one, and Mattituck having a big one as  
15 well. So I think that's definitely a conversation  
16 we should add to it.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What about our sewer  
18 district? We've discussed this in the past about  
19 the challenges we had with recouping the payment on  
20 customers that are outside the Village. I guess we  
21 had a limited means to force them to pay when there's  
22 a delinquent customer.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep. That's a great point.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And the other, the other  
25 being the hookups that go on, so in our district,

1 but outside of our Village.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right? So this kind of  
4 relates to the meeting that we attended on Tuesday  
5 with the Town. And the Town of Southold likes to  
6 make it a point that things like preserving open  
7 land is good for everyone, which I agree with,  
8 right, so Greenport residents benefit from open  
9 land acquisition. But we have this infrastructure  
10 at the sewer plant that we cooperate with the Town  
11 of Southold. So the South -- Town of Southold has  
12 an initiative, like they want to try and address  
13 affordable housing shortages, they select a site  
14 that's close to Greenport, so like the Vineyard  
15 View. It makes sense, it could be attached to our  
16 sewer system, so we collaborate on that. But I  
17 don't feel like it's a two-way street. I feel like  
18 we were, we were lending something that we have,  
19 some of our infrastructure to it, but they're sort  
20 of ignoring the idea that they have any responsibility  
21 to help maintain it.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: You know, I think the other  
23 thing that we should have a conversation about,  
24 which would tie into our sewer study, is when we  
25 look at what our ultimate capacity is going to be

1 once things are fixed, it's going to be "X" amount.  
2 And so we look at how much more there is and what  
3 we want that to go to. And so our Board, together  
4 with them, establishing the sewer district outside  
5 the Village, what the additional sewage capacity  
6 should go towards.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Should it go to a hotel, or  
9 should it be prioritized for housing?

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: And to your point, how does  
12 the Town work with us on that as well.

13 One of the other things would be notification  
14 to the Village, which is now being done, you know,  
15 SEQRA, you know, large projects, etcetera, hotels  
16 expansions.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What did you learn about  
18 that? How was that not being done before? I mean,  
19 what's -- what was the obstacle there?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not sure. I'm not sure,  
21 I wasn't here.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think we usually did get  
23 notification from the Town Planning Board on  
24 projects, like we got the one the other day about  
25 the Hotel Moraine, right? We used to get those.

1           MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but there were some  
2 things that we found in the file. We apparently  
3 weren't notified, unless we somehow were and didn't  
4 have copies of it. I just want to focus on the  
5 future.

6           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yep, okay.

7           MAYOR STUESSI: And today. Julia, any  
8 thoughts on additional subjects?

9           TRUSTEE ROBINS: For the meeting you're  
10 talking about?

11          MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12          TRUSTEE ROBINS: No. I definitely think that  
13 we should be talking about the sewers, I think  
14 that's a big part of it. You know, they're talking  
15 about water quality in Southold. I mean, I think  
16 that Southold has a huge water problem in terms of  
17 their septic systems, you know? And I don't know.  
18 I mean, that's like a huge issue. I mean, if you  
19 really want to talk about water quality, I mean,  
20 they have, you know, probably more failing systems  
21 than -- you know, I mean they -- they're the bulk  
22 of the Town, basically. You know, so I don't  
23 see -- I didn't hear anything about that, you know,  
24 at that meeting from --

25          MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think we should

1 definitely expand upon it, because we all, we all  
2 share the same water and swim in it, and, you know,  
3 there's a large number of houses in Southold Town  
4 that immediately abut us that are on a septic that  
5 are creating issues.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. I mean, there's a  
7 water crisis here right now, big time.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, I mean, the danger  
10 is they're running out of water.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if you look at some of  
12 the reports from Surf Rider and Peconic Estuary and  
13 all the testing they do, while there haven't been  
14 Town beaches closed, there have been ones that have  
15 been identified with high bacteria level as well.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And most of the  
17 creeks --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- are often  
20 higher bacteria.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Creeks, and we're also  
22 having saltwater intrusion into the aquifer.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, you know, that's a huge  
25 issue, and I think that's something that we could

1 definitely discuss with the Town.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh. Lily?

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't think I  
4 have anything else. But I do think that Jill's  
5 point about setting a next meeting, and also  
6 maybe -- because I feel like we had that meeting  
7 last year, and we had it, and then I know lots of  
8 things happened and changed, but like some kind of  
9 mechanisms of ways to actually bring these things  
10 forward.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think the point by a  
12 community member, when talking about CPF, was like  
13 let's set a time frame. So I think, I think it's  
14 going to be important.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Set an agenda at this  
16 meeting on when's the next meeting, you know?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but to not just set a  
18 next meeting, but set a timeline for getting  
19 things --

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- accomplished as well. So  
22 if it means adopting the CPF funding for water  
23 quality, set it up with the Town Board and let's  
24 encourage the Town Board to vote on it.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I thought we had a great

1 turnout of Greenport residents at that meeting.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I was really glad  
4 everyone came, and some really good comments, and I  
5 think it represented Greenport very well.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Without a doubt. The other  
7 thing I'd love to talk about more is housing. We  
8 touched on it a bit ago relative to the sewer and  
9 other things, but when you look at the priorities  
10 of dealing with imminent emergencies, it's our  
11 climate, water quality, and then housing, which is  
12 a big problem. That needs to be solved for in some  
13 ways through zoning. They have the housing plan.

14 You know, there's areas, as we talked about,  
15 right in the gateway where we can solve some of  
16 this in a bigger way, and at the same time create a  
17 bigger mess the more hotels that are approved right  
18 around here. I know the Fire Department is dealing  
19 with more and more calls, and, you know, a lot of  
20 them come from these tourists that are in the  
21 hotels --

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- with all that expansion.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. Not actual fires,  
25 but alarms.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, yeah.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Alarms, yeah, I know.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. Well, I'll  
4 circulate this list to the Board, and for Mary Bess  
5 as well, and we could add on anything, or modify it  
6 and then get it over to them, and they'll probably  
7 ask additional things. And we'll get it ready and  
8 look forward to having a productive meeting.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This is a -- it's  
10 at their work session?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a joint work session  
14 with us.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right. And so is  
16 there going to be public comment?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. All right. If nobody  
20 has anything else, I would like to make a motion to  
21 go into executive session. So I'm going to close  
22 the -- or I guess we don't -- pardon me, we don't  
23 close regular meetings.

24 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So --



1           ATTORNEY STOLAR: You're done for now.

2           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: There are other items  
3 listed on here. Are we going to --

4           MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so the speed hump,  
5 you know, there's not much more to say, other than  
6 we've got that report, which we'll share with the  
7 Board, not report, engineering study on it, and  
8 we've been talking about this for a long time.  
9 This was done when Paul was still here, the  
10 engineering, and, you know, they specify that you  
11 could do a speed hump, like we talked about before,  
12 which it's the same engineering company, LKMA,  
13 who's done them in Sagaponack. Different group  
14 than did them in East Hampton. And the  
15 recommendation would be on that stretch between  
16 Clark and Johnson, one could be done.

17           We had talked about holding a vote for it and  
18 the Board making a decision either, you know,  
19 thumbs up or thumbs down on it, and, you know,  
20 doing this in front of the public.

21           It -- there's a County contracted rate, we'll  
22 get pricing on it as well. It's probably going to  
23 be about \$13,000. Like I said, that's a big  
24 expense, but if we want to test this, we need to,  
25 you know, go for it and test it. And then if we

1 find out that it's successful, we'd have to have a  
2 different conversation as to whether it makes sense  
3 to adding more and how they would be funded. In  
4 some communities, they're funded by neighborhood  
5 groups if they're requested in certain places,  
6 because they can, you know, add up really fast.  
7 We're not Sagaponack, with a very high tax base,  
8 and can add, you know, 28 of them quickly.

9 And then as it relates to the grants funding,  
10 we're getting a list of all the things that we're  
11 taking a look at right now, which we'll share with  
12 the Board. We've talked about two different ones  
13 on this particular funding cycle with these  
14 New York Pro Housing grants. There is one more  
15 that I will talk about in exec session, because  
16 they're not prepared to come public with it yet.  
17 And we would then be circulating something to the  
18 Board to try to come to a consensus on what might  
19 make sense to move forward with that, together with  
20 some of the other ones.

21 We're taking a look at additional FEMA grant  
22 for the fireboat. I've talked about the NYSERDA  
23 one as well already. We're in progress with all  
24 the LED lighting for the Village. Of course, the  
25 Jitney ferry lot is happening, bulkhead wall, and

1 then downtown revitalization is a big one. And  
2 then the other really major ones are going to be  
3 some of the significant infrastructure work, which  
4 we've got a number of things earmarked, but we need  
5 the study, which, you know, like I said, we just  
6 got the copy. My phone literally shut down when I  
7 tried to open it. So I'm excited to share that the  
8 moment Adam blesses us with one.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.

11 MS. KEMPNER: The grant is being discussed in  
12 executive session?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: No, we're -- we're not taking  
14 public comment anymore.

15 MS. KEMPNER: I just am curious what the  
16 agenda is for the executive session.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I was just going to say. So  
18 I am proposing going into executive session for  
19 legal advice to the Board on planning matters,  
20 legal contracts for the Mini Train and Maritime  
21 Museum, and Town CPF funding, and legal advice on a  
22 grant submission.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: If I may add, I'd like to  
24 include discussion of a real estate matter. Is  
25 that, is that something we can do in executive?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep. Can I have a second?

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

8 The public portion of the meeting is closed now.

9 (The Meeting was Closed for Executive Session  
10 at 7:48 p.m.)

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