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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION

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Third Street Firehouse  
April 15, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

B E F O R E:

- GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
- JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR
- PETER CLARKE - TRUSTEE (Absent)
- MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
- JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
  
- JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY
- SYLVIA PIRILLO - VILLAGE CLERK
- PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
- ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER (Absent)

1 (The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.)

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I'll call the meeting  
3 to order at 7 o'clock. Pledge to the flag.

4 (All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. We could  
6 start with the Fire Department, Chief Manwaring.  
7 Talk loud in the microphone, everybody will hear  
8 you.

9 CHIEF MANWARING: All right. You got all  
10 our reports, I do believe. The only thing I have  
11 for you is accept the applications that we sent  
12 over.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Uh-huh.

14 CHIEF MANWARING: We did -- for PESH this  
15 year, we did the hose test and the pump tests.  
16 Passed every -- most of it all passed. We did  
17 have like 27 lengths of hose that failed, because  
18 it was out of compliance by use and by pressure,  
19 it wouldn't it. So I'll be seeing Paul or  
20 somebody for P.O.'s for it.

21 And the only other thing I had is 8-3-1 has  
22 got to go out, I've got to send out for major,  
23 major repairs. So that's all I had, that's it.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Any questions for the  
25 Chief?

1 (No Response)

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you very much.  
3 All right. Next report will be the Village Administrator,  
4 Paul Pallas.

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor,  
6 just a few items, highlight items to go over.

7 On the ferry project queue area update,  
8 we -- the Board Members have received the update,  
9 updated report, rather. We believe this is going  
10 to be the final draft, at least we hope, that will  
11 be submitted to the DOT. I'll just try to get  
12 that out sooner rather than later. If there's any  
13 comments from the Board, if you can get them to me  
14 as soon as possible, I can get that to the  
15 engineer and we'll get that submitted.

16 The next item is on the microgrid. Just two  
17 items I just want to report on that. We have --  
18 obviously, haven't started construction yet. The  
19 holdup is a New York State Department of  
20 Environmental Conservation permit for a small  
21 portion of the project at the wastewater treatment  
22 plant. We had been in contact with DEC on  
23 multiple occasions. They apparently are  
24 shorthanded, and keep telling us that they're  
25 going to work on it when they can, that that is

1 holding up the whole project.

2 We are in constant contact with the  
3 Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to let them  
4 know about those communications. Hopefully,  
5 there's no issue with that, but I am becoming a  
6 little bit concerned about the delay from the DEC.  
7 We are, again, trying our best to get that  
8 expedited.

9 Another item related to the microgrid, I  
10 can't recall if I had said anything about this  
11 prior, but we are looking at potentially replacing  
12 at least the microgrid area with new LED street  
13 lights, and possibly the entire Village with LED  
14 street lights.

15 One of the things we are looking at with --  
16 with those lights, that we are likely going to buy  
17 from New York Power Authority at a steep discount,  
18 they have a system that's connected to the street  
19 lights where it monitors whether the street lights  
20 have voltage or not. We would know right away if  
21 the light, number one, was working, number two, if  
22 the power for the light was active.

23 It would also serve as a quasi outage  
24 management system, so we would know if multiple  
25 lights in a particular area were out, that we

1       could, in fact, be dispatching repair trucks right  
2       away, as opposed to waiting for phone calls. So  
3       we're exploring that possibility with -- in  
4       conjunction with the microgrid.

5               The only additional cost would be the cost  
6       of the lights for the area within the microgrid.  
7       Outside of those areas, we would do the installs,  
8       at least tentatively. I would plan to do the  
9       installs ourselves, so the only cost would be the  
10      material cost, because the labor for the microgrid  
11      area would be the same, because the contractor has  
12      to take down the old light and put up -- put it  
13      back. We'll just hand him the new one and he'll  
14      put that up instead. So we're working, working on  
15      that.

16             The next item on the effluent reuse, I  
17      apologize, I have not had -- we have been trying  
18      to trade emails to try to set up a meeting with  
19      the consultant. That just hasn't happened yet and  
20      I'll keep you posted as that moves forward as  
21      well.

22             The last item I have is on -- it's not on my  
23      list, but I had sent you all an email regarding a  
24      renewable energy potential tariff. We had this a  
25      few years ago. There's -- I haven't changed

1 anything. When I looked at the tariff, it still  
2 seems to be valid. You know, just for discussion,  
3 really. There's nothing new, but we have had  
4 requests in the ensuing years, and one very  
5 recently, about potentially having this buy-back  
6 tariff. So if you have any specific questions, if  
7 you want me to explain that in a little more  
8 detail, I'll be more than happy to do that.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We spoke earlier, I got my  
10 questions answered. Thank you, Paul.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Okay. That's -- I  
13 don't have anything -- yeah, I don't have anything  
14 else. If there's any questions on the balance of  
15 my report, feel free to get in touch with me.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any questions on his report?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I got them answered  
18 through email before the meeting.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right, very good.  
20 Thank you. All right. The Village Treasurer is  
21 not feeling well today. He had his second COVID  
22 shot and he's not feeling well, so he is not here.  
23 If there's any questions on the Treasurer's  
24 report, the Village Administrator or myself or the  
25 Clerk will try to answer those if there were any

1 questions on that. But he's a little under the  
2 weather and we hope that he feels better soon.  
3 Any questions on the Treasurer's report?

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. Again, I asked them  
5 before the meeting and got answers from him via  
6 email.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Okay. We'll move on  
8 to the Village Clerk's report, Clerk Pirillo.

9 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you. We do have --  
10 for informational purposes, we do have one  
11 addition to the Treasurer's report, and that is a  
12 resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
13 Tentative Budget as proposed. So I just wanted to  
14 bring that to your attention.

15 I do have several add-ons to my report as  
16 well, the first of which is the accepting of a  
17 resignation from a Road Department employee, the  
18 second of which is a raise for an office worker.

19 We have three applications for membership to  
20 the Fire Department. As the Chief mentioned,  
21 those applications are Ryan Creighton to the  
22 Relief Hose Company, Shawn Buchanan to Standard  
23 Hose Company, and Jonathan Fogarty also to  
24 Standard Hose Company.

25 We have a resolution appointing Theresa

1 Pringle to the Village of Greenport Carousel  
2 Committee.

3 We may also have a resolution rejecting all  
4 bids as received for the service, maintenance and  
5 repair of the sewage pumping stations. We are  
6 still in the process of vetting the sole bidder,  
7 but either Paul or myself will let you know, in  
8 conjunction with the head of that department, how  
9 we consider best to proceed prior to the agenda  
10 being written, and hopefully by tomorrow. But we  
11 just wanted to call to your attention that that's  
12 a possibility.

13 We have a resolution awarding the contract  
14 for the rehabilitation of the public restrooms at  
15 the Fifth and Sixth Street Park, and that is to go  
16 to GTX Construction Associates.

17 Lastly, we have a resolution scheduling a  
18 public hearing for a wetlands permit application  
19 that was submitted by Costello Marine on behalf of  
20 Research Charters, which is also known as Walter  
21 Gezari, at 204 Carpenter Street. That would be to  
22 schedule a public hearing for the May meeting,  
23 which would be the 27th.

24 Any questions on any of the proposed  
25 additional resolutions?

1 (No Response)

2 CLERK PIRILLO: Okay. Moving on to my  
3 report, just to call to your attention a few  
4 things.

5 Under employment, we have advertised now two  
6 times for an Office Assistant Spanish-Speaking. I  
7 went out to readvertise for that position and that  
8 advertisement is in today's paper.

9 Legal notices for the tax lien sale, which  
10 is scheduled for the 27th of April. The second of  
11 three requisite legal notices was published in  
12 today's paper, and the last will be on the 22nd.

13 Sticking with legal notices, the Chiefs'  
14 vehicle was noticed in last week's edition of the  
15 paper, and that is returnable on the 29th.

16 Please keep in mind that for most or all of  
17 the legal notices for solicitations, I have also  
18 put those into the New York State Contract  
19 Reporter, and we feel that they're working quite  
20 well for us with past bids.

21 We have a bid for the rehabilitation of the  
22 air conditioning system here at the Station One  
23 Firehouse. That was in today's paper, and that is  
24 returnable also on the 29th of April.

25 Employment, we have open positions. I just

1 mentioned one, and we have an open position for  
2 Park Attendant III. That is for the Marina  
3 Office, and Mitchell Park, and the rest of the  
4 Village parks. That's going to become very  
5 important soon here. Same with Groundskeeper I.  
6 That's a full-time position, that's for the Road  
7 Department, and resumes or applications are  
8 returnable for that one on April 29th.

9 Lastly, we have a Parking Code Enforcement  
10 Officer position open, or more than one. That is  
11 returnable on the 3rd of May. That is one of our  
12 seasonal part-time positions.

13 We just want to take a moment to thank  
14 Margo DeVito, who has once again worked diligently  
15 on the summer camp application, which is quite  
16 voluminous, for the Village. That application was  
17 returned with only one request for information,  
18 and that was already processed. So we are well on  
19 our way to having the summer camp for this year,  
20 and, as a matter of fact, classes for staff have  
21 already been scheduled.

22 That concludes my report, if there are any  
23 questions.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any questions?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

3 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We'll do the Village  
5 Attorney report.

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Hi, good evening.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Mr. Prokop.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah, thank you, Mayor.

9 We had -- I had mentioned to the Board that  
10 Peconic Star Express had indicated that they  
11 wanted -- they were interested in having a second  
12 boat come to the Railroad Dock. And under  
13 agreement with the Village, they plan to have a  
14 boat called Peconic Star III. And we -- I was  
15 asked to provide -- to obtain the documentation  
16 for the boat. The claim was that they did not own  
17 the boat yet, that they were in the process of  
18 buying it, based on the hope of getting an  
19 agreement with the Village.

20 So the -- however, the dimensions of -- we  
21 did obtain photographs of the boat, which I  
22 circulated. And, also, the dimensions of the  
23 boat, it's about 60% of the size of the prior boat  
24 that was at the berth. And I was hoping to --  
25 Management gave me the authorization to go ahead

1 and notify Mr. Curcio that that would be agreeable  
2 with the Village. I'm hoping that that would be  
3 agreeable with the Board, or are there questions  
4 about that?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: The -- I wanted to report  
7 that we did close -- as I communicated to the  
8 Trustees in email in my report, the Village did  
9 close on the sale of the property to -- the  
10 Johnson Court property to Habitat, actually, two  
11 properties. One was a residential lot, and the  
12 other was an abandonment of the last 35 feet of  
13 Johnson Court. It's my understanding that  
14 Habitat's in the process of applying for the  
15 permits that they need to take care of the  
16 house -- to take care of housing there.

17 There was a situation in the Village that I  
18 had reported to the Board a couple of times about  
19 fire alarm issues on commercial buildings. There  
20 was one building in particular that was a concern,  
21 and that has been rectified. Greg Morris worked  
22 with the owner and the fire protection company  
23 that was working on the alarm and its connection  
24 to central station, and inspected it after the  
25 work was done and reported that it's been

1 corrected.

2 I have -- also, there was a webinar today by  
3 the New York Conference of Mayors on the new  
4 marijuana legislation. I know that a couple of  
5 people from the Village attended that. If anybody  
6 has any questions, I'm available, I can answer the  
7 questions. I'm pretty familiar with the law and  
8 its implications.

9 And other than that, I -- oh, I'm sorry, I  
10 apologize. One other thing is the Genesys  
11 mediation is going to be conducted on April 28th,  
12 as I had mentioned to the Board. So I'll just  
13 state that publicly now that we have that date,  
14 it's April 28th, where we'll spend the day in  
15 mediation.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

17 (Siren Sounded)

18 ATTORNEY PROKOP: That's all I have, unless  
19 there's --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Joe, could you -- whoops.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: There's a fire alarm at The Loft  
22 Restaurant.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Just for information. Okay.

25 Questions on the Village Attorney report?

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Joe, as far as the  
2 Peconic Star, could you resend the email with the  
3 photos, because I don't remember seeing anything.

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay. Yes, I will be  
5 happy to.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, dimensions are very  
7 similar, actually a little smaller than what they  
8 had there before, and they want to re-up for the  
9 same fee and everything else.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, it's just I don't --  
11 I don't remember getting the email, so that's --

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I want to take a look at it.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: We'll make sure that gets  
15 forwarded to you again.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, thanks.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any other questions?

18 (No Response)

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you, Joe.

20 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Joe, if you wanted --

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I'm okay.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're okay?

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I'll let you know. Thank  
25 you very much.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We'll go to Trustees  
2 reports. Trustee Robins.

3           TRUSTEE ROBINS: One second. There was a  
4 Carousel meeting the other morning, but, really,  
5 nothing has happened, since the Carousel just  
6 opened the other day, so they're kind of in a  
7 holding pattern.

8           The new member was there, Theresa Pringle,  
9 who's going to be voted on tonight, but she did  
10 attend. But it was basically just they're in a  
11 holding pattern right now.

12           I have two meetings from the BID that I have  
13 a few notes on. The BID met on the 31st,  
14 basically discussing the planters. And they were  
15 in the middle of their auction, their fundraiser  
16 auction that they did, that was ongoing.

17           The highlight of the meeting, we had a Zoom  
18 presentation by Lex Blum from ParkMobile, and he  
19 discussed the app and what it could do for the  
20 Village. He did inform us that Sag Harbor is  
21 going to install it by Memorial Day, and East  
22 Hampton Village is going to install it as well.

23           I did explain to him that this year might  
24 not be the year for us to get involved in  
25 something like this, because we're dealing -- you

1 know, we're having parklets, and, you know, that  
2 has an impact on parking, but it was informative.

3 There was a PowerPoint presentation, it was  
4 very effective, and I was hoping at some point --  
5 he's certainly willing to come and give a  
6 PowerPoint presentation to the Board here. So,  
7 you know, I would definitely recommend that we  
8 look into it.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Uh-huh.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's a revenue-building  
11 thing. There's no cost to the Village, it's a  
12 shared thing, similar to our parking ticket  
13 system, you know, where we get a percentage of the  
14 tickets and to have it done. So definitely  
15 something for us to look into.

16 The parklets were, you know, certainly a  
17 conversation, and, as you know, Rich Vandenburg  
18 from the BID came to the meeting that week and  
19 made his presentation of the survey.

20 Moving to the meeting that we had yesterday,  
21 Dave Abatelli updated us on planters and plants  
22 for the coming season to come brighten up the  
23 Village.

24 The Pride Committee was able to do the  
25 Egg Roll for Easter this year. That was the same

1 day that the Carousel opened, and it was quite a  
2 successful event. They want to thank ROTC for  
3 coming to help organize the event, and, you know,  
4 it was considered a success.

5 The auction, as I said, that people were  
6 bidding on gift baskets from -- donated by the  
7 various businesses for meals, and gifts, and  
8 things like that, was quite successful. It netted  
9 them over -- a little over \$3700. So, you know,  
10 the BID wants to continue doing fundraisers like  
11 that, that offer nice things to the community and  
12 help them raise funds.

13 So here we are, obviously, with the parklets  
14 as an issue that I hope we're going to discuss  
15 tonight. Certainly, there's been a groundswell of  
16 support from the businesses and the public, that  
17 they'd like to see them return. The BID submitted  
18 a survey at the work session last month and there  
19 were over 800 signatures, and the majority of them  
20 were responding to -- would like to see the  
21 parklets for another year.

22 I've been working with them, in  
23 collaboration with Trustee Phillips, to engage the  
24 Fire Department to address their concerns and to  
25 improve communication with the Fire Department. I

1 think that the Village, working together with the  
2 BID as a team, will benefit from the businesses  
3 and residents -- will benefit the businesses and  
4 residents, and I hope that the lines of  
5 communication and collaboration will continue to  
6 grow.

7 I think that there is room for growth, but I  
8 think that if the Village and the BID continue to  
9 work as a team together, that good things will  
10 happen for everybody, so I hope that's going to  
11 happen.

12 The other thing that I've been doing some  
13 investigation is to work on forming a working  
14 group on the housing crisis that's going on here  
15 in the Village. The fact that we no longer  
16 basically have rentals for people alarms me. I  
17 was -- I was told I was free to share a story that  
18 I was able to secure a rental from our Chief  
19 Lineman, Doug Jacobs. Last month he was in danger  
20 of losing his housing because --

21 (Noise Interference)

22 MS. BRAATEN: I'm sorry, I can't hear her  
23 well. Julia.

24 CLERK PIRILLO: Julia.

25 MS. BRAATEN: I can't hear you well. I'm

1       sorry. Could you speak into the microphone,  
2       because I can't hear you.

3               CLERK PIRILLO: Yeah, or wait until the  
4       truck pulls out, because Lucia can't hear you.

5               TRUSTEE ROBINS: Should I wait for the  
6       truck, Mayor, or should I try and talk louder into  
7       the microphone? You tell me.

8               MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, just put the  
9       microphone closer, and you could talk louder into  
10      it. And it slides right up to you, you know.

11              TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, you know, on a very  
12      personal level for us, our Chief Lineman, who's  
13      vital to us, you know, was experiencing the  
14      housing crisis personally. And he told me I was  
15      free to share with everybody that, fortunately, I  
16      was able to find him a rental. But, basically, we  
17      were going through the same scenario that we go  
18      through, that the real estate market is going  
19      through with sales. There was literally a bidding  
20      war for this rental. And I felt wonderful that I  
21      was able to find a home for Doug and his family,  
22      but, at the same time, I knew of other people that  
23      wanted that rental and didn't get it, including, I  
24      heard, a family that has now lost their home who  
25      had three children in the school system.

1           So it's a terrible crisis, and I'm looking  
2           for a panel of creative minds to come together to  
3           kind of come up with solutions that haven't been  
4           talked about yet.

5           In the last week, Trustee Phillips and I  
6           listened in on a forum that the Town did on  
7           affordable housing, and I think that they're  
8           certainly on the right track. And I think that  
9           there are ideas out there, but I think that  
10          there's an opportunity. And I hope to engage  
11          people from the community to help me on this,  
12          because it's going to impact all of us. It's  
13          going to affect our services, our First  
14          Responders, our businesses. It's vital to  
15          everybody that we work on this.

16          So that's it. Thank you very much for your  
17          time.

18          MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right, thank you.  
19          Okay. Trustee Phillips.

20          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Two things. The Chief  
21          didn't mention that they're having what they call  
22          a State Volunteer Recruitment Day, I believe, on  
23          Sunday, April 25th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

24          To just further go on to the track that  
25          Trustee Robins has just mentioned. Currently, we

1 have aid from Eastern Long Island -- Stony Brook  
2 Eastern Long Island Hospital with EMT services  
3 that right now is not costing us anything. But,  
4 in the meantime, there is a need for volunteers  
5 for the Fire Department and for the emergency --  
6 and the housing is part of the issue.

7 I did listen to the discussion that took  
8 place. It was lengthy on certain points, but one  
9 point that I did hear is that there is an  
10 opportunity for the Village and the Town to work  
11 together to deal with housing. And I do know that  
12 they do have a Housing Authority -- not Housing  
13 Authority, Housing Committee, I believe it is,  
14 that has some information, and I think we need to  
15 reach out and find out what their plans are, so  
16 that we can kind of piggyback on them a little bit.

17 The other thing that went on is I did deal  
18 with -- I did -- was on the webinar today with  
19 NYCOM dealing with the new marijuana law. I did  
20 email all the Trustees and the staff the  
21 information that came from NYCOM. It was very  
22 informative.

23 The one point -- there's two points for --  
24 Trustee Martilotta and I did speak about it a  
25 couple of days ago, is we see one thing as far as

1 being enforcement, how is this going to be  
2 enforced? That's one question, since Town of  
3 Southold does our enforcement.

4 The other two is -- the other is the catch  
5 of this revenue-generating percentages coming from  
6 the retail, a retail cannabis store. And there is  
7 one catch that I still need to get a  
8 clarification, Joe, and I think I heard them  
9 correctly, is that unless the Town and the Village  
10 have an agreement between each other on what --  
11 who gets what percentages of this revenue, that  
12 even if the Town of Southold were to bow out of it  
13 totally and we were to be in it, that we would  
14 have to split the revenue with the Town of  
15 Southold. So there's a lot of catches to it.

16 There's some policy decisions that  
17 Management is going to have to discuss in  
18 reference to some of -- if anything is tied to a  
19 CDL license, or anything is tied to anything  
20 federally, that it's not allowed.

21 So there's a lot that's entailed in this.  
22 It's going to take some thinking about on our part  
23 as a Board. It's a voluminous amount of changes  
24 to the Tax Law, the Labor Law, and this new Office  
25 of Cannabis, which is going to be similar to the

1           Liquor Authority, from what I understand. So --

2           ATTORNEY PROKOP: So could I --

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, go ahead.

4           ATTORNEY PROKOP: So what Trustee Phillips  
5 is mentioning is that marijuana for Federal  
6 purposes is still what's called a Level I  
7 controlled substance, which means it's at the top  
8 of the list as far as prohibited and controlled  
9 drugs. And because of -- because that's a Federal  
10 situation, what NYCOM has advised, and I think  
11 it's probably correct, is that that regulation  
12 will follow, and any Federal funding. So it  
13 probably would not be Village-wide, but, you know,  
14 we do receive some Federal funds here, I believe,  
15 if I'm not mistaken. But any activities in the  
16 Village that receive Federal funding we should  
17 probably review and see how they're affected by  
18 this law.

19           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Also, the Open Air Act or  
20 the Clean Air Act also will be bringing in that  
21 the marijuana smoking in public will be the same  
22 as cigarette smoking, where it's not allowed for  
23 cigarettes, it won't be allowed in places of  
24 parks, and around children, amusement parks and  
25 whatever. It's a lengthy description.

1           We do have in our code a certain -- already  
2           some distance around the Carousel and some of the  
3           parks where we don't allow smoking. So we may  
4           want to take a look at that code and add vaping  
5           and marijuana to it. At some point, we should  
6           have that discussion, not today, not tomorrow, but  
7           after we get a clearer picture as to who's going  
8           to be doing what, so.

9           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Joe, I have a question.  
10          When you say the Federal funds, would that impact  
11          our HUD funding for our Section 8 Program?

12          ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes. Well, I mean I  
13          could -- it has to be reviewed.

14          TRUSTEE ROBINS: That is Federal funding?

15          ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

16                               (Siren Sounded)

17          MAYOR HUBBARD: Take a break for a second.  
18          Automatic alarm at the hospital again. Okay. Did  
19          you have anything else?

20          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only other thing I  
21          would like to say is after the budget hearing last  
22          week, I'm sorry Treasurer Brandt isn't here, but  
23          you, Mayor, you and Treasurer Brandt have -- have  
24          managed to keep the budget on an even keel. It  
25          really is a tight budget. Hopefully, when some of

1       these COVID restrictions are decreased and we have  
2       a little bit more activity on our revenue-producing  
3       income, things will change a little bit by half  
4       year. But I have to actually congratulate you on  
5       keeping it where it's at. It was a tough  
6       decision, and I know some people were worried  
7       about some services being cut. I think we've  
8       managed to keep that on an even keel. So I think  
9       that if there's any other discussion on the  
10      budget, I would say job well done.

11             MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

12             TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's it.

13             MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I will -- on part of  
14      my report, I just want to poll the Trustees on the  
15      marijuana question, because I've been interviewed  
16      by the newspaper, and I just want to have a  
17      general idea of where -- nothing has to be done  
18      until December, but I would like to know, and I'm  
19      sure the public wants to know.

20             If you read the Suffolk Times today, my  
21      comments in there, so I'd like to find out where  
22      the Board each feels on it, so we know which way  
23      we're going to try to head with that, but I'll  
24      bring that up under my section.

25             TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Trustee Martilotta.

2           TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Sure. I apologize for  
3 being late. Traffic was biblical on the way from  
4 the City today.

5           Just being brief, the Justice Review, I know  
6 myself and Mr. Pallas, the Justice Review passed  
7 the Southold Town Board. So we've been meeting.  
8 We're trying to figure out our next steps with  
9 this, since it's passed, like what follow-up work  
10 is there to do, what people are going to do what.

11           I don't have too much. I've seen you guys  
12 now the last two Thursdays.

13                           (Laughter)

14           TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: I mean, that's what  
15 we're doing, and we haven't come up with anything  
16 hard and fast just yet. So that's all.

17           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right, thank you.  
18 Thank you for the work on that committee.

19           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I just -- I want to  
20 just poll the Trustees, their feelings on whether  
21 they want to opt in or opt out on the marijuana  
22 issue, because it's a topic I've had. Like I  
23 said, Suffolk Times got me, Dan's Papers called  
24 me, I've had other ones call me, "What does the  
25 Village plan on doing?" And I'd like to just have

1 a general idea of the Board's feeling of what they  
2 want to do with this topic. You know, like I  
3 said, it doesn't have to be done until December,  
4 but we need to know are we going to try to --  
5 where we're going to go with this. And I'm not  
6 making the decision myself, that's why I'm asking  
7 the Board, you know, what are your feelings?

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Do you want to go around  
9 or --

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, yeah, go ahead, start.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Trustee Robins.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think I will support the  
14 initiative, okay, and I think that it's -- it  
15 would provide an opportunity, hopefully, for a  
16 revenue stream for the Village that would be  
17 useful. Our budget, obviously, is very lean right  
18 now, and I think that it's definitely -- you know,  
19 is subject to -- as Trustee Phillips said, you  
20 know, that we would be receiving our fair share of  
21 the revenue. I think a retail business selling  
22 marijuana in the Village, not maybe right in the  
23 downtown area, but at some place would be  
24 acceptable to me.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Trustee

1 Phillips?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Just one clarification  
3 from Joe. If I remember correctly in reading it,  
4 if we opt out, we do have the availability of  
5 opting back in, correct?

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Right, so yes.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's all I need  
8 to know.

9 ATTORNEY PROKOP: And if I could just  
10 mention, the opt-out, there's several different  
11 aspects of the marijuana business that are, you  
12 know, a part of this. So the opt-out has to do  
13 with retail sales, and also these marijuana --  
14 basically, marijuana cafe, or, you know, a  
15 location where you could go and use marijuana.

16 So there's other aspects of the business  
17 which are growing, commercial growing, commercial  
18 manufacturing, and also warehousing or  
19 distribution that are not part of the opt-out, but  
20 those would be part of the zoning decision. We  
21 could talk about that later. The opt-out only has  
22 to do with the retail sales and --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I think you're right.

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: The cafe, the cafes.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The cannabis cafe.

1           ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah.

2           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which I really can't  
3 envision having any of that in downtown Greenport,  
4 since for years, in the commercial fishing  
5 industry, we were on zero tolerance for anybody  
6 having marijuana on a boat, and lived through  
7 several, several boardings that at points with  
8 guns loaded and cocked at crew members, just kind  
9 of made it difficult to deal with.

10           I'm not certain that I really want to see a  
11 cannabis lounge downtown Greenport. I don't think  
12 that's our image, I don't think that's what we  
13 want. I think we're gearing ourselves towards  
14 families and -- but I do know that it's there, and  
15 if we don't look at this wisely, you're still  
16 going to have a black market for it, it's still  
17 going to be here.

18           My understanding, and listening to -- and  
19 Joe can probably confirm this, that the attorneys  
20 at NYCOM were pretty much secure in the fact that  
21 if you allow bars down the street, you really  
22 can't bar -- you cannot keep a cannabis cafe out  
23 of it, if I remember hearing him correctly.

24           ATTORNEY PROKOP: No, you could, because you  
25 could opt out Village-wide.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, opt out  
2 Village-wide. But if you opt in, you'd have --  
3 you know, we couldn't zone it out of the downtown  
4 business district.

5 ATTORNEY PROKOP: It would be difficult to,  
6 yeah.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it would be  
8 difficult, so --

9 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Well, you -- I mean, you  
10 could. I don't want to say that. You know, we  
11 have to discuss it, and you could regulate, you  
12 know, time, place and manner, but a prohibit --  
13 you could not do a prohibition.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Could I ask a question,  
15 Joe? If we did retail, purchase, but not a cafe  
16 where you go to smoke, are we allowed to  
17 differentiate between those as a municipality?

18 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah. You know, the way  
19 the opt-out is written, I don't think you can --  
20 you can pick one, I think you opt out of both.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Both?

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: But I can -- I will look  
23 into that. That's a new question, I will look  
24 into that.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My understanding is if

1       you opt out, you can opt in. If you opt in, you  
2       can't make the decision later on to opt out. So I  
3       think that that gives us leverage to continue  
4       discussing it.

5               I understand, you know, the revenue  
6       generator is a catch for everyone, but I think  
7       it's got some flaws in it that will end up -- the  
8       Village may not end up getting as much as the  
9       anticipated suggestions. So I -- really, to me, I  
10      would rather opt out for the time being and  
11      actually do our homework, or do our homework  
12      before we make a decision. That's -- I think  
13      that's the biggest thing, we need to educate  
14      ourselves. We need to understand what it is, and  
15      we need to think the big picture of what we want  
16      the Village to look like in reference if this  
17      should come to fruition. That's how I feel,  
18      George.

19             MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Trustee  
20      Martilotta?

21             TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Sure. In talking, I  
22      guess one of the big questions we'd have to answer  
23      first and foremost is what is Southold Town going  
24      to do --

25             TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

1 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: -- seeing as they're  
2 the Police Force. So I don't know -- I'm not even  
3 sure exactly what the question would be to ask,  
4 but if it's, for example, leaving it with Southold  
5 Town, we got decide in the Village of Greenport,  
6 is that even a feasible -- I don't know. That  
7 seemed to be like the first thing that jumps out  
8 again, is the Police Force that does, you know,  
9 Greenport Village and Southold Town. So that  
10 would be something I think we'd have to find out  
11 before we could do it.

12 I've spent time in Maine and Massachusetts,  
13 it's been legal there for the five years or so.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: (Laughter) Don't talk  
15 about Massachusetts.

16 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: It doesn't really seem  
17 like the world is ending over there. You know, it  
18 seems like everybody is functioning pretty fine.

19 To me, I'm always suspect of the -- it's  
20 like this really wouldn't have a large effect on  
21 myself personally, I get drug tested on a regular  
22 basis. But, you know, like looking at how we want  
23 the Town to look, I think it would be naive to  
24 think that there is not currently some sort of  
25 marijuana business in the North Fork or Greenport.

1 I think that's a fair assumption we could all  
2 make. I personally don't like that being in the  
3 shadows, I don't like -- I just don't like the  
4 concept of it. I'd rather it was something that  
5 was -- something that exists, I would rather it  
6 exist in the open, that's just a personal opinion  
7 of mine.

8 But, again, I don't even know -- before I'd  
9 even say yes or no, if I'm being honest,  
10 Mr. Mayor, again, Southold Town, like we would  
11 have to speak to Southold Town and Chief Flatley,  
12 is it even an option? You know, if Southold  
13 Town -- if we're to say no, and I have no idea  
14 what Southold Town is going to do, you know, is  
15 the decision already being made for us? Is that  
16 fair enough?

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: A question for Joe.

19 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Oh, yeah, sure.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Are we talking about use or  
21 sales? Because I'm talking about retail sales in  
22 the Village, but I thought that use will happen  
23 regardless of what the municipalities decide.

24 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No, sure.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we're talking about  
2 retail sales.

3 ATTORNEY PROKOP: See, you can't --

4 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: I'm talking about --  
5 yes.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right. In other words,  
7 Southold Town will not -- Police will not be  
8 enforcing people smoking marijuana, because it's  
9 not illegal then.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not illegal anymore, no.

11 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Right, so you couldn't --  
12 you could not prohibit use or possession, you  
13 cannot prohibit that. This is -- the prohibition  
14 would only be about shops, retail shops --

15 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yes, sir.

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: -- and cafes.

17 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: So then it would have  
18 no bearing? Like if Southold Town decided they  
19 didn't want to have the retail, that it wouldn't  
20 have any bearing at least as far as -- it's an  
21 honest question, I don't know.

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Well, no. It would be  
23 really -- since it's more of a zoning -- I think  
24 it would be more of a zoning issue rather than a  
25 police issue, because the Penal -- basically, the

1 Penal -- the police enforce the Penal Law, and the  
2 Penal Law really has to do with possession and  
3 use, and that's legal across the board now.  
4 There's nothing you can -- no regulation of that  
5 at all.

6 So we would -- it's a decision on retail,  
7 the existence of retail shops and cafes, and  
8 that's really more of a zoning issue, I think. So  
9 we would probably enforce that ourselves, not the  
10 police. And, you know, again, I'm going to have  
11 to look into that, but I think that's sort of --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, Joe, isn't the  
13 whole idea behind this new department called the  
14 Cannabis Department, is really dealing similar to  
15 what the Liquor Authority is doing now?

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Exactly, yeah.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That it's going to have  
18 the same power?

19 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah. I didn't want to  
20 bog it down, but that's a whole discussion, is  
21 there's now this super authority called the  
22 Cannabis Review Board, which is going to be  
23 exactly like the SLA, and they're going to  
24 basically be in charge of everything having to do  
25 with marijuana in New York State. All the -- all

1 the licenses are going to have to be approved by  
2 the Board, and for all the activities that I  
3 mentioned before, not just retail, but wholesale,  
4 also.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, I understand  
6 that the -- you know, the newspapers are asking,  
7 but I think it's un -- and I will say it's unfair  
8 for them to kind of pressure us into making a  
9 decision when we're still trying to understand  
10 what it's all about.

11 Some of us have just started to delve into  
12 this amount of paperwork, and it's not just a one  
13 or two-page description, it's -- it has a lot  
14 of -- the whole change that went through with the  
15 whole different pieces of legislation that affect  
16 us in a great many ways.

17 So I just -- at this point, I just think  
18 it's -- I understand the papers want to have some  
19 idea, but there isn't one municipality on this  
20 Island that has really come to any idea yet as to  
21 what they're doing. So I just -- to them, I would  
22 say we're discussing it. I don't know what else  
23 to say.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, that's fine. I just  
25 wanted a general consensus of how the Board felt

1 on the topic to see where we're going. What -- to  
2 opt in means that you want to be part of the sales  
3 tax revenue and the stuff that's generated by the  
4 legal sale of that. The parts that we do not  
5 control is you're allowed to have up to eight  
6 plants growing in your own property for your own  
7 consumption. You can have up to five ounces of  
8 processed stuff for your own consumption, and  
9 you're allowed to do that, we cannot enforce that.

10 What I had said in the paper was I think it  
11 should be more a regional approach, instead of  
12 this side of the street is in the Village, that  
13 side is in the Town --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- and it's different. I  
16 think it should be done regionally, either the  
17 five East End Towns, or Suffolk County, or us as  
18 part of Southold Town, was my feelings on it of  
19 what we wanted -- where we wanted to go. But that  
20 was just my feelings, and I want to see how  
21 everybody else felt, so the public knows when  
22 another comment comes out about it and there's  
23 more talk about it. Yes, we have until December.  
24 There's a lot of things to weigh on it.

25 Direct sales tax revenue, we do not receive

1 that, so that's something that goes to the Town  
2 and to the County. We don't see that part of it,  
3 so it's really not going to benefit us. But if  
4 you opt in, trickle down, you'll get some, but  
5 it's not something that you actually see. If we  
6 have a store right in Greenport, we're going to  
7 see --

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

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: If they're doing a million  
10 dollars of business, we're going to 8.625% of  
11 that, we're not.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're jingling --

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: You know, that's just how  
14 it's going to work, you know.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're jingling the  
16 dollar signs in front of everyone, and that's the  
17 wrong way to even think about it.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. I mean, with our  
19 Treasurer, we're hurting for revenue, so if we  
20 could generate revenue from it, but I don't think  
21 we're going on see much of it, and I don't know if  
22 it's actually worth doing that. I had some people  
23 came back at me and said, "We allow bars to sell  
24 alcohol, so why can't" -- "if I want to smoke, why  
25 can't I do that?" That's a valid question. You

1 know, bars are allowed, you know, allowed to do  
2 it, it's legal under the system, this is going to  
3 be legal. It's just something we're going to need  
4 to think about over the next couple of months and  
5 decide what direction we want to take going to  
6 December, when we have to opt out -- in or out by  
7 December. So I'm just bringing it up for a  
8 discussion for everybody at this point.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, thank you.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay? All right. Thank you  
11 for your input. I know it's a hard question.  
12 When they called me up and said, "What do you  
13 think?" I'm like, "I don't know." You know, I  
14 mean, there's a lot of unknown facts on the whole  
15 thing. We're having issues right now with drug  
16 testing and other things like that, because it's a  
17 State Law, not a Federal Law, and which law do you  
18 go by? You know, Federal Law says you can't,  
19 State Law says you can, and there's only, I think,  
20 13 states or 14 states that it's legal in now.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: So, you know, which law do  
23 you go by, Federal Law or State Law? So that's --  
24 that's where we're at.

25 Okay. The other thing I had -- just I see

1 we got a lot of people here that want to talk  
2 about parklets, I understand that. Just so  
3 everybody knows, we've never said no to parklets.  
4 We got a report from Rich Vandenburg, from the  
5 BID last month at our March 18th meeting. They  
6 gave us the results of the survey. We never said  
7 we weren't going to have it or where -- we just  
8 needed time to process the information, look at  
9 the results of the survey, and then move it  
10 forward, and that's where we're at. My opinion,  
11 the parklets are going to happen again this year.

12 You know, I know everybody wants to talk  
13 about it, so I'm going to open it up to the public  
14 to discuss. We'll do that issue first. You know,  
15 if, Rich, you want to start with what you've put  
16 together and where we're at with it.

17 I know we got 50 or 60 letters this past  
18 week on the write-in campaign that the BID  
19 started. I know a lot of people here want to talk  
20 about it. We've read all the letters. We  
21 actually have three or four letters that are going  
22 to be part of the official record that people sent  
23 in. Just so everybody know, they will be handed  
24 to Lucia and she will put them in as part of the  
25 official record. So everybody who sent in stuff,

1 their comments will be down as part of the record.

2 But, Rich, if you want to start the -- Rich  
3 Vandenburg from the BID.

4 MR. VANDENBURGH: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I  
5 appreciate that kind of introduction, because I  
6 think, you know, honestly, the one thing that I  
7 always hope that we can accomplish as a -- as a  
8 BID, as a Business District, is not to waste time.  
9 We don't want to waste the Trustees' time, we  
10 don't want to waste our merchants' time in terms  
11 of having to, you know, discuss and overly debate  
12 this issue.

13 So, quite frankly, you know, I'm here simply  
14 following my March appearance, as you said, just  
15 to highlight the fact that, you know, we had  
16 presented the results of that survey to you at  
17 that time. So certainly hoping that, you know,  
18 all of the Trustees have had enough time to look  
19 at that and understand that the percentages of  
20 people wanting to see these parklets return  
21 certainly was overwhelming.

22 You balance that with certainly the open  
23 question with the Fire Department in terms of  
24 rescue and ability to, you know, do their job in a  
25 safe manner, which I think I said at that meeting

1 in March that we're certainly prepared and  
2 absolutely ready to engage at any level with the  
3 Fire Department in terms of addressing how we can  
4 make the construct of these parklets safe and  
5 accessible to Fire and Rescue. We've got some  
6 ideas.

7 I know that the Wardens have been somewhat  
8 briefed. We were, I believe, working on trying to  
9 set up a -- potentially a get-together with them.  
10 I know they were in the process of elections, so  
11 there was a number of things going on. But  
12 needless to say, we're certainly prepared to do  
13 that. So I want to underscore that fact as well  
14 that we're ready it go.

15 You know, my request at the work session  
16 back on March 18th was that the Board, you,  
17 Mr. Mayor, approve the reinstallation of these  
18 parklets from May 28th to, you know, September,  
19 until the end of September.

20 You know, to me, I think where things  
21 started to maybe go off the rails was, you know,  
22 certainly, as we know, you know, social media is a  
23 rabbit's hole that nobody likes to run down.  
24 There was some feedback and anecdotal reporting  
25 that things were not going to happen, because the

1 Village was waiting for the BID to get back to  
2 them with information. Ultimately, that just,  
3 unfortunately, kind of created a disalignment or a  
4 divergent path from where I thought we were as of  
5 March 18th. I hadn't received any kind of  
6 follow-up request, so I was perplexed. We  
7 ultimately tried to, you know, sort that out and I  
8 think we were able to do that once we got on a  
9 call with, you know, the Village Administrator and  
10 Peter Clarke, and I've had a number of  
11 conversations with Trustee Clarke about this  
12 issue.

13 And it really was kind of like, you know,  
14 there was a concern, I think, about what the  
15 concept -- whether the concept would be approved  
16 or not. So, certainly, the questions as to what  
17 the, you know, particular configuration or what  
18 little adjustments we can make, or, you know, if  
19 there was a certain area that wasn't being  
20 utilized. Really, the way that we had hoped or  
21 were intended to be utilized, those things we  
22 certainly can sort through and drill down on.

23 I think the biggest thing that kind of  
24 created more of a rising surge of the emails and  
25 the letters and all of that was that we still

1 didn't really have a clear communication that the  
2 parklets were going to be approved as a concept.  
3 And I'm not, honestly, entirely sure why after  
4 March 18th, you know, that we have to wait all the  
5 way until April. I mean, I would -- I would ask  
6 that if the concept is ultimately acceptable, that  
7 you simply instruct the Administrator tonight and  
8 the Attorney to proceed with filing the  
9 application to DOT to get the reapproval.

10 I've not seen the correspondence for the  
11 application from the DOT, but my understanding is  
12 it's a very abbreviated, kind of expedited  
13 opportunity to submit this for a quick approval  
14 from the State. The State clearly, I believe,  
15 recognizes that we're still all under this shadow  
16 of COVID, and there's a large disincentive of  
17 people that are -- they're still scared to eat  
18 inside. So many of our merchants who are -- you  
19 know, we're rapidly approaching Memorial Day.  
20 They're beginning to plan their staffing. They  
21 want to know what they're going to be able to do.  
22 I think it's the uncertainty of what our direction  
23 is that creates a lot of that groundswell that  
24 necessarily can create rumors that, well, the --  
25 you know, the Trustees don't want to approve it,

1 or whatever.

2 So I think the key is for us to be able to  
3 quickly and decisively, and I say we, I mean  
4 really you, you know, saying that yes, the  
5 parklets are going to be back. We're going to  
6 instruct the Village Attorney to file the  
7 paperwork, coordinate with the Village  
8 Administrator. Let's get the application in to  
9 DOT.

10 The next step, and I'm completely on board  
11 and had this conversation with the Village  
12 Administrator, is to certainly go through, here's  
13 the checklist of things that we need now to  
14 accomplish in order to get whoever, whatever  
15 business that is interested in using a parklet to  
16 satisfy, and here's what we need to do in order to  
17 provide that additional accommodation for Fire and  
18 Rescue. Whatever those additional next-layer-down  
19 granular points are, we can sort through those.

20 But the clock hasn't started to tick even  
21 with the DOT yet, and I think that's the thing  
22 that is most disconcerting and probably fueled a  
23 lot of the rumors or, you know, additional  
24 Facebook posts, or whatever it maybe, because I  
25 understand that it wasn't that you weren't -- you

1 know, that you were -- you were not saying no, but  
2 you weren't saying yes. And, ultimately, we want  
3 to get to yes on the concept as quickly as we can,  
4 then move to what are the things that we need to  
5 do to make them the most effective and successful  
6 parklets that they were last year.

7 Because, you know, I had mentioned the Rauch  
8 report that is another little step closer. But I  
9 just really want to emphasize that the Rauch  
10 Foundation conducted this very intensive study,  
11 and they basically surveyed over 30 downtown  
12 villages and main streets on Long Island, and  
13 ultimately concluded, they found -- which was the  
14 COVID impact, whether foot traffic was below or  
15 above COVID levels, pre-COVID levels. And the  
16 recovery had been even across all of the -- all of  
17 the community, but mostly, they were all down.  
18 For example, Riverhead was down -- sorry.  
19 Riverhead was down 68% from pre-COVID. Central  
20 Islip, down 38%; New Hyde Park, down 67%; Port  
21 Washington, negative 72%; Mineola, down 60;  
22 Baldwin, down 52; Bay Shore, down 75; Garden City,  
23 72; Northport, down 60. And Greenport, the  
24 outlier as referenced, was up 28%. We had  
25 increase in foot traffic post-COVID from

1 pre-COVID, and they cite specifically it's because  
2 of the ability that Greenport implemented,  
3 executed through your courage and leadership, the  
4 fact that we put these parklets in place. And  
5 people came back to Greenport, they went to the  
6 restaurants, they shopped the stores, and we were  
7 the only one out of 30 villages that were up  
8 almost 30%. To me, that's incredibly powerful  
9 information.

10 So I'm certainly renewing my request, and  
11 would ask that, you know, you simply take a poll.  
12 I don't know that a formal resolution is really  
13 needed. And instruct the Village Attorney to  
14 proceed, you know, right away with getting this  
15 application in. And certainly then I will  
16 absolutely commit that the BID will work with the  
17 Village Administrator in making sure that we  
18 actually do some of the, you know, boots on the  
19 pavement to get the forms, get the insurance, get  
20 whatever's necessary to satisfy, you know, the  
21 Village Administration, the Village Attorney, and  
22 Fire and Rescue in terms of what's needed, because  
23 the quicker we do that, the more certainty there  
24 is in terms in of what the future is ahead. And a  
25 lot of these businesses, clearly, if they can make

1 money, and they can pay taxes, and they can pay  
2 rent, that's going to be a win/win for everybody.  
3 So I'll leave it at that. So thank you.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. All right.  
5 Just speaking on a few topics that you brought up  
6 there. This is the first work session we've had  
7 since we saw you on March 18th. We did have a  
8 budget hearing, our organizational meeting, which  
9 is not meetings that we normally take care of  
10 general business and stuff like that, so this is  
11 the first meeting we've had.

12 The Village Administrator has talked to the  
13 State, gone over the form and everything that  
14 needs to be done. If we're making no changes from  
15 the form from last year, we just mail it into them  
16 and we're good to go. That can be done tomorrow,  
17 once the Board says they want to do it. All  
18 right? So that part can be taken care of.

19 I've spoken personally with members of the  
20 Fire Department. As long as they have access on  
21 Front Street between First and Main, a way to get  
22 across. So the discussions we had, that's the  
23 whole reason you bring it up and you discuss it,  
24 see what we could do better, is to put two  
25 crosswalks. Instead of putting the big planters

1           between that, make a crosswalk for a stretcher to  
2           go from one side of the street to the other. That  
3           way, they don't have to go down to Crazy Beans to  
4           come around to try to get to somebody. Two  
5           crosswalks had to be put in there.

6           There was other discussions amongst Trustees  
7           and stuff, what if we don't do the south side of  
8           Front Street, and I know a lot of people got upset  
9           about that and all. It was all just discussions  
10          from the report we got on March 18th, all of us  
11          doing our due diligence, talking to each other,  
12          see where we want to go with it, but none of us  
13          ever said we're not going doing parklets.

14          So I think right now, the general consensus  
15          is the Board is ready to move forward with the  
16          plan, with Rich working with Paul. If places are  
17          not going to use the parklet and they don't want a  
18          parklet, let's not put it back in that spot. As  
19          long as we do less and not more, we don't have to  
20          modify our application to the State. We sign it,  
21          we stamp it, we send it in, we're good to go.

22          They didn't respond back last year on it.  
23          They said as long as it's in and you're in the  
24          same guidelines, we're okay. The only thing we're  
25          doing is changing and putting -- adding two

1 crosswalks, which is a safety issue. So the  
2 application should be approved by Monday, if we  
3 get everybody tonight that says we want to move  
4 forward with the concept, and then you and Paul  
5 can work all that stuff out with Joe, and I think  
6 that's really where we're going to end up being.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, I'm going to  
8 make a suggestion that we -- you know, we poll the  
9 Board, number one. But number two, I do feel that  
10 next week we do have to have a resolution to  
11 approve.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: But we didn't do a  
13 resolution last year when we did it.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we -- I thought we  
15 did do something.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: No.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: We did a resolution to close  
19 the roads for the trial run.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: And we did the trial run, we  
22 closed the roads to do that, when we put the cones  
23 and the barricades and stuff out there. That's  
24 all we have on record that we did. We've  
25 double-checked that this past week to see if we

1 need it.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: And the rest of it,  
4 After we tried that, said, yeah, we're going to  
5 move forward with it, it was just the meetings we  
6 had every Monday morning, or whatever, the phone  
7 calls and we went forward.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And it was just  
9 a -- it was a -- it was a time where we were  
10 moving forward under the emergency, which is still  
11 the same case. It's just I want to make sure that  
12 the residents of the Village of Greenport, there  
13 are -- I would say 70% are in support of  
14 supporting the businesses, and, of course, 30% we  
15 have those who are the nay-sayers are going to say  
16 no. So I just -- at this point, for communicating  
17 that the Board is supporting it, that's the only  
18 reason why I'm suggesting it, but if we don't need  
19 it, we don't need it.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, I mean, I'll -- Joe is  
21 the lawyer, not me, so I would ask the Village  
22 Attorney the question on that.

23 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Since it's a formality --  
24 it is a formality with New York State, I would  
25 recommend that you do have a resolution on the

1 record. I think you could do it tonight. I think  
2 you could do a voice vote tonight, I don't think  
3 you have to wait, or you could --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: No sense in wasting more --  
5 we've discussed it, we've talked about it,  
6 everybody here wants to talk about it.

7 I'll offer a resolution to approve the  
8 parklets for the 2021 season as per the plan  
9 between the Village Administrator and the BID  
10 President. So moved

11 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

17 Opposed?

18 (No Response)

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried. The  
20 parklets are approved.

21 MR. VANDENBURGH: Excellent.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. So --

23 (Applause)

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: That was the intention all  
25 along, really. We were heading there, you know.

1 It's just a formality, we have to do it legally  
2 and do it that way.

3 The floor is open to anybody who wants to  
4 come and speak. You know, I just -- we saw the  
5 letters, we know everything, we just want to take  
6 care of business and just get this moving forward,  
7 you know. Go ahead.

8 MR. KAPPELL: Mr. Mayor, members of the  
9 Board, I want to congratulate you.

10 MS. BRAATEN: Name and address.

11 MR. KAPPELL: You did a brave thing last  
12 year.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, Dave, Dave Kapell.

14 MR. KAPPELL: Dave Kapell.

15 MS. BRAATEN: Oh, okay.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Fourth Street.

17 MR. KAPPELL: 225 Fourth Street.

18 MS. BRAATEN: I didn't recognize you.

19 MR. KAPPELL: Yeah, sorry about that. I'm  
20 also -- I'm not as tall as everybody else.

21 (Laughter)

22 MR. KAPPELL: You did a brave thing last year  
23 and you did it -- you did it under the gun, you  
24 know, under very difficult circumstances. It  
25 couldn't have been any worse, and look at the

1 effect it had. I mean, it made Greenport a beacon  
2 for how to move forward under those circumstances.  
3 I want to congratulate the Board and thank you for  
4 approving it again tonight.

5 I want to go a little bit further with it,  
6 though, if I may, and that is the Board also  
7 exercise flexibility with respect to people that  
8 don't -- that didn't directly benefit from the  
9 parklet, for example, Port or First and South.  
10 There are some other instances where the Village  
11 exercised flexibility with respect to outdoor  
12 dining, and I would encourage you to do that again  
13 this year, also, even though it's not part of the  
14 parklet project.

15 One more thing, and this is not related to  
16 the parklets, but in response to what Julia Robins  
17 brought up about the housing emergency, which in  
18 my view is the most serious threat facing not only  
19 Greenport, but the whole -- all of Long Island,  
20 frankly, especially Eastern Long Island.

21 When you think about housing opportunity in  
22 Greenport, remember that air rights count. And  
23 you've got the whole north side of -- the whole  
24 north side of Front Street, or most of the north  
25 side of Front Street, is occupied by a single --

1 by one-story buildings. There's opportunity above  
2 those buildings to create housing.

3 When -- a number of years ago, as you may  
4 recall, the Village, in its wisdom, facilitated  
5 the conversion of existing upper stories to  
6 apartments. But I would encourage you to look at  
7 zoning relief that would -- that would encourage  
8 the redevelopment of some of these properties or  
9 the expansion of some of these properties to take  
10 advantage of those air rights to house our people.  
11 And you can do it in such a way that restricts it,  
12 so that the benefit goes to the people that need  
13 it in the Village, the volunteers, nurses,  
14 teachers, you know, families to put kids in the  
15 school.

16 So, anyway, I thank you, Julia, for taking  
17 the initiative on that. Thank you very much.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Anyone  
19 else wish to address -- yeah, come on. Name and  
20 address for the record.

21 MS. ROTH: Name I gave you.

22 MS. BRAATEN: Yes.

23 MS. ROTH: And my address is 411 Fourth  
24 Street, and I'm here with some of my neighbors,  
25 Dave. And I want to talk about a situation that

1 affects me personally today, but I think could  
2 eventually affect all of my neighbors on Fourth  
3 Street, and that is the fact that we don't  
4 actually have control over the parking that goes  
5 on or will go on, I believe, as we move into the  
6 summer season.

7 Having shut down and limited the parking at  
8 the railroad station, I think I'm maybe one of the  
9 first people to experience the after effects of  
10 that. About eight days ago, someone parked their  
11 car in front of my house, I haven't seen them  
12 since. It's not a local car and they left. I  
13 have no idea when they're coming back. I have no  
14 way of -- I can get in and out of my driveway,  
15 that's not a problem, but I have deliveries  
16 coming, they can't park, and I have no idea when  
17 this car is going to be moved.

18 I called today to talk to the Village to  
19 find out is there any kind of enforcement? Could  
20 this person get a ticket? Could something be done  
21 to perhaps, when they come back, discourage them  
22 from using our streets as long-term parking,  
23 because it's my -- excuse me, it's hard to breathe  
24 in this. It's my surmise, because I live a block  
25 from the railroad station and the bus, that

1 they're probably in the City, and so at some point  
2 they'll come back and get their car.

3 When I spoke to Code Enforcement, they said,  
4 well, if they have lawful tags, and the car is  
5 properly registered, all of which is true, there's  
6 absolutely nothing that can be done. So this car  
7 can sit there indefinitely in front of my house or  
8 anybody's house on our block.

9 Many of my neighbors don't have driveways,  
10 so if this continued, if this is a trend, and now,  
11 of course, we're just at the beginning of the  
12 season, so maybe it's the canary in the coal mine,  
13 maybe it's not, but the trend would be that  
14 eventually people wouldn't be able to park in  
15 front of their own homes.

16 So, look, people park in front my house all  
17 the time for public events, I'm not far from the  
18 Village. I accept that, I actually welcome it.  
19 It means we're having a lot of good activity, and  
20 I'm happy to see all that traffic, and I think  
21 it's good for business. But I don't think -- this  
22 is sort of the law of unintended consequences,  
23 right?

24 We shut down one place for long-term  
25 parking. That doesn't mean the need for long-term

1 parking went away. And I think that with the  
2 increased interest, last year was COVID, so we  
3 didn't see as much traffic, we didn't probably  
4 have as many people looking to park long-term, but  
5 I think we will, and we -- we don't have a remedy  
6 for that as a Village.

7 So I just wanted to -- it seemed like the  
8 right forum to kind of put it out there for  
9 something we should be thinking about. Do we want  
10 to have some mechanism, so that if someone decides  
11 they're going to use our streets, public  
12 streets -- and it is a traffic hazard.

13 I'm having -- actually, having work done in  
14 my house this next week, I'm having sod delivered.  
15 If this car is still there, the sod truck will  
16 park in the street. They will have to block  
17 traffic to deliver the soil and sod, because  
18 there's -- this car positioned itself perfectly in  
19 the center of the parking spaces available in  
20 front of my house.

21 So I think if anybody else in the Village,  
22 you know, had this happen, where somebody just  
23 felt, "Hey, I'm just going to use the street in  
24 front of your house and leave my house" -- "my car  
25 there for two weeks, 30 days, 60 days," I think

1 it's a -- it's a potential problem.

2 So even if -- you know, I bring it up  
3 because we're really close to the transportation  
4 hub, so I think it's there for all of us who are  
5 within a block or two blocks, something maybe we  
6 should be thinking about as we go forward to make  
7 sure we control our streets and the in -- you  
8 know, ingress and egress to our homes. This  
9 person was kind enough not to block my driveway,  
10 but if they had, I'm not sure what I would have  
11 done.

12 So thank you very much for listening to me,  
13 and thanks for all the great work you do.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Anybody  
15 else wish to address the Board? Okay. Yeah, we  
16 finished with the parklets, so we have another  
17 topic a gentleman wants to bring up, if  
18 everybody's -- not that I'm trying to segregate  
19 the meeting, but if you want, you know, we're on  
20 that topic. If you want to talk, go ahead.

21 MR. HARBIN: Andrew Harbin, 122 Adams  
22 Street. I just want to say that I think you guys  
23 did a great job. Richie, thank you so much for  
24 all your hard work, a lot of people did.

25 I love the idea of having the crosswalks.

1 You know, we never had that mid street. And when  
2 there -- before the parklets, that north side of  
3 the road would be full with consecutive cars  
4 anyway. I don't really think the parklets create  
5 a situation that's harder for the firemen. I  
6 would defer to you on that. Certainly, maybe it  
7 does a little bit. But having a crosswalk where  
8 you could get through and you wouldn't have to go  
9 all the way to the end of the road for the firemen  
10 I think is a great idea, if they so needed it.

11 But you guys have done a great job. I know  
12 you have balanced the business interests with --  
13 with all of your constituents. And I find most  
14 people are for it, you know, definitely, and I  
15 think it was -- it made the Village -- it made the  
16 Village better, and I want to thank you for that.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

18 MR. HARBIN: That's all. Have a great night now.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Take care.

20 MR. VANDENBURGH: There is one -- there is  
21 one thing, Mr. Mayor. I -- actually, Peter had  
22 wanted me to actually put a plug in for the  
23 Earth Day cleanup on Saturday.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

25 MR. VANDENBURGH: So Saturday at Moores

1 Woods, Earth Day cleanup. I will throw the little  
2 additional tidbit, that anybody who helps out at  
3 Earth Day cleanup can come to the brewery  
4 afterwards and get a free beer.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: There you go. All right.  
6 Thank you.

7 MR. VANDENBURGH: Thank you. Thank you very  
8 much.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you for offering that.

10 MR. VANDENBURGH: Thank you.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Is there anyone --  
12 all right.

13 MR. HEIT: Lawrence Heit. 23 --

14 MS. BRAATEN: I'm sorry?

15 MR. HEIT: Lawrence, Heit, H-E-I-T.

16 MS. BRAATEN: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. HEIT: And I'm at 235 Linnet. So on  
18 March 3rd --

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Just say your name for us,  
20 so the rest of the Board knows. I know you gave  
21 it to her for the record. Just state your name,  
22 just so all the Board members know.

23 MR. HEIT: Lawrence Heit, 235 Linnet Street.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine.

25 MR. HEIT: I sent a letter to the Greenport

1 Utility Board, which apparently doesn't exist, but  
2 I guess to the Trustees, and it has to do with the  
3 way the Town is doing net metering for solar  
4 installation.

5 So the -- I recently had a solar system put  
6 in. One of the drivers for me, personally, was to  
7 try and do the right thing for the environment,  
8 and I really believe that Greenport should be  
9 supporting that. So by doing net metering, the  
10 rest of the -- Long Island does net metering on an  
11 annual basis. So that means in the summer, I'm  
12 generating a lot of electricity, more than I'm  
13 using. But in the winter, it goes the other way.  
14 There's actually a six-fold difference between the  
15 summer and the winter.

16 So what I'd like to do, instead of having  
17 net metering where it resets monthly, we do it on  
18 an annual basis, so that the power I'm generating  
19 in the summer I can use for a heat pump, which  
20 also is environmentally sound and doesn't use --  
21 create any carbon pollution. I can use the power  
22 to generate my heat.

23 As it stands now, I'm actually giving the  
24 power all summer, and really even starting this  
25 month, I gave 500 kilowatt hours to the Town. And

1        what I'd like to be able to do is generate a lot  
2        of power and then use it when the -- in the winter  
3        to drive my heat pumps.

4                And I also think this is how the rest of  
5        Long Island and most of the states do it. They do  
6        it on an annual basis, because, you know, the sun  
7        works on an annual basis, not on a monthly basis.  
8        That's kind of an arbitrary time, convenient for  
9        billing, but not necessarily convenient for how  
10       the system functions.

11               So I'd like to propose that for solar people  
12       who have it or are intending to use it, it would  
13       really encourage them to build a bigger system  
14       than what your current method would do. For  
15       example, if I really just wanted to maximize my  
16       savings, right, with the cost to put it in, I  
17       would build a small system, so that I never  
18       generated any power to the grid, right, because my  
19       capital costs would be less, and every kilowatt I  
20       generated would be a savings to me. But the way I  
21       was hoping that we could do it is I would generate  
22       enough for my annual basis, plus a little bit  
23       more, so that we were contributing to the  
24       environment by reducing our carbon footprint.

25               And I really think Greenport is a place that

1 makes it -- it's the reason they head here most is  
2 the ocean, right? And we are a very, you know,  
3 rural kind of place where people come to enjoy the  
4 natural beauty, so the Town should be encouraging  
5 that kind of behavior. So that's my pitch.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Paul, you want to give a  
9 brief explanation on the process and what we have  
10 to do to change the tariff and --

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure. The process  
12 would be we would draft the tariff. I had done a  
13 sample draft a couple of years ago. We would then  
14 have to petition the Public Service Commission  
15 after, obviously, you reviewed it and approved the  
16 substance of that. The -- I'm sorry, the New York  
17 Power Authority. And then once they approved it,  
18 then we would implement it. And there will be --  
19 the gentleman did explain it well in terms of the  
20 process. It would accumulate over -- over a year,  
21 and there would be a rebate, if there was any, at  
22 the end of the year based on an average of our  
23 avoided cost of energy. That's plain and simple.

24 You know, we would have to cap it, of  
25 course, because otherwise you'd be just -- you

1 can't just have everybody doing it and get paid  
2 for it, but that's basically the process. I can  
3 answer any specific questions other than that.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I know this has come  
5 up before us several times over the past, you  
6 know, few years and everything else. And being  
7 that the Village electric rates are so low, most  
8 people weren't really in favor of it and doing  
9 that. And this gentleman is not in the Village,  
10 he's on the outskirts of the Village, but they  
11 supply power to the Village.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's what --

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: He's on Linnet Street. So  
14 he's not a Village resident, but he's lives on the  
15 outside of the Village, just to clarify where the  
16 property is and all that.

17 In the past, we had people that were Village  
18 residents and Village, you know, customers that  
19 were complaining about the fact that I'm  
20 supplementing somebody else that's outside trying  
21 to do that, the rates are so low that it shouldn't  
22 be done, but that was a while ago.

23 So, you know, send around the information,  
24 Paul, to all of us. We could have a discussion on  
25 it, see what's involved. So right now, we do a

1 monthly reading, so if it's a zero for the month,  
2 that's it. But if it went the opposite way with  
3 the net metering, that credit is lost.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay?

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That is correct.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: So that's just how -- how it  
8 works. So, you know, you use 200, generate 250,  
9 you get 200, you have a zero bill if the 50 is  
10 lost. I mean, I know they talked about with the  
11 Glory downtown trying to do other things. The  
12 only question is, if it ends up being that there's  
13 not extra on there, we're waiting a year to bill  
14 somebody for electric that they might have used.  
15 Just, you know --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That would be -- no.  
17 Each month, it would be -- the excess would be --  
18 would be tracked, if you will. And then if --

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: So it would be a bank that's  
20 on each account, then, so it would show up on the  
21 bank?

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. And it  
23 would be --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It would be

1 reconciled.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: We don't have that type of  
3 technology right now for doing the net metering  
4 with our standards, the stuff we do as the way  
5 we're billing it, so we need to figure out what's  
6 going to be involved. That's what Paul would work  
7 on, to change our meters, to change our system and  
8 everything else, of how we're going to be tracking  
9 these, and, actually, we don't know how many  
10 customers it would actually affect.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was my -- you know,  
12 we need to have a --

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

14 MR. HEIT: I think there may be even a  
15 simpler way to do it. It's interesting, you know,  
16 what I was kind of thinking -- my background is  
17 engineering, so I think about how systems  
18 function. And, you know, the first year, what --  
19 I mean, there's a couple of ways you could do it.  
20 If I put a new system in, you file a permit and it  
21 says how much they're going to be generating, so  
22 it's not exact. You could kind of take last  
23 year's and just break it down monthly, if you  
24 so -- if you felt you were going to be out money  
25 for a long period of time. The other way is you

1 could just ask for a deposit to adjust it, so you  
2 saw what was happening for the first year.

3 But I think the -- I mean, there is even a  
4 potential savings for the Town, because you  
5 wouldn't need to read the meter, right? I mean,  
6 it's not a huge thing, but just once a year you  
7 come. However much it is, either it went forward  
8 or backward. If it went backwards at zero, and  
9 I've been paying my monthly fee, you know, the  
10 connection fee every month, and then I just owe  
11 you the additional kilowatt hours.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, the --

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It would be selective  
14 meters, so that we --

15 MR. HEIT: What?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We'd still have to have  
17 people going out reading meters in most of the  
18 area, and the whole Village isn't going to be on  
19 net metering, so.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We would -- we would  
21 still be required to read the meter once a month,  
22 and it's not -- it would only be done based on the  
23 actual experience of the meter, we wouldn't  
24 estimate or do any of that. It would just be a  
25 monthly read of the meter, and at the end of 12

1 months, if there was a balance, then we would  
2 write a check, essentially, for whatever dollars  
3 had accumulated, but it's that -- it's really that  
4 simple.

5 As the Mayor stated, we just have to look  
6 into what meters we require, and how we would  
7 manage it with the billing system. Those are the  
8 two items that the Mayor was talking about, and  
9 that's, you know, what I would look into and  
10 report back to this Board.

11 MR. HEIT: Okay.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Can I ask you a question?  
13 So you said you are on Village electric right now?

14 MR. HEIT: Yes, right.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. So you do know that  
16 the Village electric, the reason it's so  
17 inexpensive is because 70% of our power is  
18 hydropower from Niagara Falls, as per agreements  
19 with the New York Power Authority, which, by the  
20 way, the contract for that agreement was just  
21 renewed. So already, our carbon footprint is very  
22 low here in the Village, okay? So I just wanted  
23 you to be aware of that. So, you know, in terms  
24 of the environmental impact of, you know, your  
25 solar installation, the entire Village is --

1 already has a very low carbon footprint to begin  
2 with.

3 MR. HEIT: Right. A lot of people now are  
4 switching -- or would like to switch over to heat  
5 pumps, right? And that's really one of the  
6 drivers from here, is that I don't use the heat  
7 pumps in the summer, I use my air conditioners,  
8 right, but I have more than enough for that. But  
9 when I get to the winter, I'm just about breaking  
10 even now. But I want to be able to not put -- you  
11 know, use fuel oil to heat my house, right,  
12 because that's -- that puts out a lot of carbon.  
13 So I want to switch to heat pumps, which would  
14 then have a zero emission, and my electricity that  
15 I was generating would then be used to -- you  
16 know, to replace the fuel oil that I currently  
17 use.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But the cost of operating a  
19 heat pump on Village electric is much less  
20 expensive than your neighbor across the street, or  
21 whoever is on the PSE&G grid.

22 MR. HEIT: Well, actually, you know, if I'm  
23 net zero, right, it's actually better for me -- if  
24 I'm positive, it's actually better for me on  
25 PSE&G, right, because I'm not paying for the power

1 if I'm net zero, right? Over a year, right, I  
2 might do better with PSE&G.

3 But I'm happy to -- I'm not trying to take  
4 away the power I'm putting into Greenport, but if  
5 I generate it, I should be able to use it in the  
6 months where I need it, that's really what I'm --

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I understand that.

8 MR. HEIT: -- planning to do.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, that's fine. Paul will  
10 get some information on how we can restructure our  
11 stuff and everything else and come back to us, if  
12 we want to go and put in to change our tariff.  
13 You know, all of Long Island is controlled by  
14 PSE&G, we're not. Greenport, Freeport and  
15 Rockville Centre have their own power companies.

16 MR. HEIT: Right.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: So those are not using that  
18 type of system, so it's something we would have to  
19 change, if we're going to change our tariff, to go  
20 through the process of doing that. Paul will get  
21 some information, the cost to us of changing this  
22 all over, changing the systems over, and he'll  
23 report back and we'll -- you know, we'll discuss  
24 it again next month, or whenever we have the  
25 information.

1 MR. HEIT: That sounds super to me.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay? All right, very good.

3 MR. HEIT: Thank you.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Anybody else  
5 wish to address the Board?

6 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes. Hi.

7 (Laughter)

8 CLERK PIRILLO: With apologies for going out  
9 of process, the Treasurer contacted me and let me  
10 know that he neglected to mention a new hire that  
11 will also be on the agenda. He sent an email. He  
12 sent an email early in the month --

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

14 CLERK PIRILLO: -- regarding his new hire  
15 for his department, for we -- for which we are all  
16 very thankful. And so there will be a resolution  
17 on Thursday's agenda for the new hire as well.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: We did get the email on that  
19 and everything else.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we got --

21 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: So it will be on the agenda.

23 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes. So in lieu of him  
24 sending an email tomorrow, which I initially  
25 suggested --

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

2           CLERK PIRILLO: -- I'd just like to bring it  
3 to your attention. So that will be on the agenda  
4 for Thursday.

5           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

6           CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

7           MAYOR HUBBARD: All right, thank you.

8           Okay. I'll offer a motion to adjourn the  
9 meeting at 8:19.

10          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

11          MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

12          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

13          TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

14          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15          MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

16          Opposed?

17                         (No Response)

18          MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried. Thank you  
19 for coming.

20                         (The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.)

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April 14, 2021

To Greenport Mayor and Board of Trustees:

I am writing in support of the BID proposal to bring parklets back to the commercial streets of Greenport this summer. I was very impressed with what a difference they made to the downtown area last year; one business owner told me her restaurant had had a very good season—something she attributed in part to the appeal of the parklets. I was also pleased to see that the structures didn't seem to engender traffic jams; rerouting eastward traffic worked pretty well.

2021 will probably be a busier season than 2020, but I still know people who are reluctant to dine indoors, even if they have been vaccinated. To continue the parklets, with the attractive greenery that softened the look in some places, would enhance the image that advertises Greenport as walkable, welcoming and safe.

*Dinni Gordon*

## PARKLET PLEA

As a local resident & business owner I wanted to take the time to address the parklet situation for 2021. A lot of time & effort went into the original parklet concept including drawings, surveys, trials & final layout. I can understand if the parklet concept was a failure, why the administration would be wary of recreating the same atmosphere. However, it was by far extremely successful for the business district as well as locals and visitors.

Many of our customers provided positive feedback regarding the parklets and have continued to ask if they are coming back. Many commented on the sense of calm & leisurely shopping & strolling the parklets provided. Dining al fresco added even more charm to the village.

While the threat of Co-Vid is not as desperate as it was last year, distancing guidelines are still in effect and many stores are still restricting the number of patrons allowed in their establishment at one time. The parklets allowed customers a comfortable waiting area. Speaking only for myself, the merchandise we personally featured outside resulted in a large spike in sales for those items.

I would like to specifically address the endless "us vs. them" argument from locals against the business district. As a local resident and business owner I find it extremely offensive. The local business district not only provides jobs to residents but supports our local charities. I am tired of the argument that everything is done for the business district when one of the missions of the BID is to bring the local community & the business district together. And it is usually the same individuals who oppose almost everything presented to the community and quite frankly most of the time I feel their goal is to complain for the sake of complaining or just to hear themselves speak. For years we've heard local individuals avoiding the downtown all together in the summer, so who are the parklets preventing from enjoying the village?

And since I am not averse to hearing both sides of an argument, if the administration is going to close any part of any street, it should know on whose behalf they are making their decision. Find out from each business how they intend on using the space. Find out which merchants are utilizing the space and get their firm commitment. Many merchants who didn't have the staff to man an outdoor space offered their space up to restaurants so that they could have extra seating. For our business, we planned on featuring our merchandise outside during the week and allowing local artisans to feature their work in our space on the weekends. You will find that the business district banded together to support one another like never before. And most if not all of us still need to make up the great losses in revenue we experienced.

Furthermore, as a business owner on Front Street, the opportunity for outside use should be equal and not show preferential treatment to one side or the other. If you can not be fair and impartial to all businesses, then the administration shouldn't have the parklets at all.

Regards,

Rena Wilhelm

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**VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

April 9, 2020

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to reiterate the points that were raised in my letter of March 15<sup>th</sup>. In particular, I was surprised by the reluctance of the Village Board to have a discussion on the BID's proposal for parklets at the last Village Board of Trustee's meeting and work session. I think everyone understands that the parklets would ultimately require NYS DOT approval, but I don't understand why the Village would not proceed on discussing/approving the parklets subject to receipt of the DOT approval. We are now less than 60 days from Memorial Day weekend and it seems only fair that the Village's businesses have some guidance from the Village of what will be permitted in terms of variations from approved site plans, including parklets so they can plan accordingly. The last two weekends have seen the Village swamped with people given the nice weather and one can only venture what weekends will be like as we move into the summer months. While we are making progress on COVID with vaccinations, it seems likely that we will still need to maintain some level of social distancing. I therefore again respectfully voice my support for approval of the parklets and other structures/expansions that businesses have put in place to address social distancing requirements during COVID.

In addition, I was surprised that the Village organizational meeting and budget meeting were held in the schoolhouse (a very small space) without any method provided for public access through video (as far as I can tell there wasn't even a live broadcast of these meetings). I continue to believe that it is in everyone's interest to provide various options for the community to participate in Village meetings. I also specifically note that while Mayor Hubbard has previously indicated (at the July 23, 2020 Village Board of Trustees meeting) that people have the option to submit written comments which become part of the public record, this does not appear to be what happens in practice. I note that I have always requested that letters I have previously sent be entered into the public record but my written comments have generally not been acknowledged at any Village Board meeting or attached to the written minutes of the meeting (I believe that the Mayor has previously indicated that written comments would be made part of the record by being included in the minutes of Village Board meetings). I would respectfully request that if letters containing public comment are submitted to the Village Board (or any of the statutory Boards) that these letters either be read into the record at the appropriate Village meeting or included in the minutes of the applicable meeting so the public is made aware of the comments.

Finally, I encourage the Village Board of Trustees to take action for a comprehensive review of the draft LWRP (which dates back to 2014) and the Zoning Code for the Village. I would suggest a working group comprised of Village trustees, members of the community (both residential and businesses) and the Village administration be formed with a goal of proposing any amendments/revisions to the Code and the LWRP by third quarter of 2021 so that the Village has the opportunity to enact any necessary changes to the Code and officially adopt the LWRP prior to the end

of 2021. It is amazing that no action has been taken to finalize the LWRP and address any necessary Code revisions to enact the LWRP since 2014.

As always, thank you for your hard work on behalf of the Village and your consideration of the points raised in this letter. I again request that this letter be considered part of the public record of the applicable Village Board meeting.

Best regards,

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cc: Paul J. Pallas, P.E., Village Administrator  
Sylvia Lazzari Pirillo, RMC, Village Clerk