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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  
July 22, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

B E F O R E :

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

1 (The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.)

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Call the meeting to order.

3 Pledge to the flag.

4 (All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. We'll

6 start with the Fire Department. We have Chief

7 Wade Manwaring here. So, Chief, come on up and --

8 CHIEF MANWARING: Good evening. I guess you

9 got all our reports.

10 (Public Entering Meeting)

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's it. All right, go

12 ahead, continue.

13 CHIEF MANWARING: You got all our reports.

14 And the only thing that we had that was brought up

15 last night at the Board of Wardens was to accept

16 the six applications. It's the most applications

17 we got in one month. It's been a long time.

18 I got Amanda Strittmatter who's going to go

19 to the Rescue Squad. A Victor -- I'm going to

20 butcher his name -- Petrigliano, or something like

21 that, to the Rescue Squad. Kelly Stoner, who used

22 to belong to Relief Hose, or something, and then

23 she joined the Rescue Squad. Her husband, Gary,

24 went back to the -- he rejoined the Relief Hose.

25 Jordan Arnold joined Standard Hose, and Kendra

1 King to Star Hose. We all accepted them last  
2 night and we would like you to accept them as soon  
3 as possible.

4 The other thing that came up last night was  
5 the status on the solar panels for the roof and  
6 stuff. But I happened to run into the guys that  
7 were here today measuring the roof and stuff, so I  
8 think I got our answer for -- to give back to the  
9 Wardens on that --

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

11 CHIEF MANWARING: -- that part. And --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Chief, I did ask Paul  
13 about the -- you know, the microgrid, you know,  
14 the solar panels and whatever.

15 CHIEF MANWARING: Right.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And he's going to be  
17 giving the Board an explanation during the  
18 meeting.

19 CHIEF MANWARING: Okay.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay?

21 CHIEF MANWARING: Okay. And then the guy I  
22 was talking to was going to go see Paul, anyway.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

24 CHIEF MANWARING: So I just figured I'd wait  
25 until you guys had your meeting. We'll figure it

1 out from there. That's it.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We're going to vote  
3 on these, the resolutions for the membership right  
4 now, so they'll all be approved this evening. Is  
5 everybody comfortable with that?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, yes.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. I'll read them  
8 off. I just need a second and we'll vote on each  
9 one of the members.

10 *RESOLUTION approving the application of*  
11 *membership of Amanda Strittmatter to the Greenport*  
12 *Fire Department Rescue Squad, as approved by the*  
13 *Fire Department Board of Wardens on July 21st,*  
14 *2021. So moved.*

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Six of them.

16 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

18 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

23 Opposed?

24 (No Response)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

1            *RESOLUTION approving the application for*  
2            *membership of Victor Petrigliano to the Greenport*  
3            *Fire Department Rescue Squad, as approved by the*  
4            *Greenport Fire Department Board of Wardens on July*  
5            *21st, 2021. So moved.*

6            TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

7            MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

8            TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

9            TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

10          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

11          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

12          MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

13          Opposed?

14                            (No Response)

15          MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

16            *RESOLUTION approving the application for*  
17            *membership of Kelly Stoner to the Greenport Fire*  
18            *Department Rescue Squad, as approved by the*  
19            *Greenport Fire Department Board of Wardens on July*  
20            *21st, 2021. So moved.*

21          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

22          MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

23          TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

24          TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

25          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

3 Opposed?

4 (No Response)

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

6 *RESOLUTION approving the application for*  
7 *membership of Gary Stoner to Relief Hose Company*  
8 *#2 of the Greenport Fire Department, as approved*  
9 *by the Greenport Fire Department Board of Wardens*  
10 *on July 21st, 2021. So moved.*

11 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Second.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

18 Opposed?

19 (No Response)

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

21 *RESOLUTION approving the application for*  
22 *membership of Jordan Arnold to Standard Hose*  
23 *Company #4 of the Greenport Fire Department, as*  
24 *approved by the Greenport Fire Department Board of*  
25 *Wardens on July 21st, 2021. So moved.*

1 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

3 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

8 Opposed?

9 (No Response)

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

11 *RESOLUTION approving the application for*  
12 *membership of Kendra King to Star Hose Company #3*  
13 *of the Greenport Fire Department, as approved by*  
14 *the Greenport Fire Department Board of Wardens on*  
15 *July 21st, 2021. So moved.*

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

18 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

23 Opposed?

24 (No Response)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.

1 All six members are approved, so they're  
2 welcome to start their fire school and everything  
3 else, Chief.

4 CHIEF MANWARING: Thank you.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you for coming.

6 Okay. Next, we have the Village  
7 Administrator report.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Good evening,  
9 Mr. Mayor and Board. Before I go into my report,  
10 I just have an executive session request for  
11 contract negotiations, just -- I'm sure you're all  
12 aware of that, I just wanted to mention it.

13 The first item, in addition to my normal  
14 report, which your -- if you have any questions on  
15 the details, you can let me know. But the  
16 discussion items, the ferry queue redesign, we  
17 haven't heard back from the DOT yet at all. We  
18 did send them one additional piece of paper. Just  
19 it isn't really due yet, but we just sent it to  
20 remind them that they're supposed to be looking at  
21 our project, so we're still waiting for comments  
22 back.

23 We did process payment requisitions for  
24 reimbursement from the grant. That was submitted  
25 a day or two ago. So they're pretty fast about

1           responding and getting us reimbursed for that.

2           On the microgrid project, I do anticipate  
3           that the project will be starting in the next  
4           two -- two, three or four weeks, roughly. I'm  
5           still waiting for a formal schedule from the  
6           vendor, from the contractor. The -- as you know,  
7           they're doing an extensive rebuild to the  
8           distribution system. Given the timing, you know,  
9           they were going to start in the center of town,  
10          but given the fact that we're in the middle of  
11          summer, they're going to start at the outskirts  
12          and work their way towards the middle. So we  
13          should be past Labor Day by the time they get into  
14          the heart of the Village. So that -- I made sure  
15          that they're in and they're quite aware of that.

16          They'll be working probably simultaneously  
17          on the solar and battery storage sites, as well as  
18          the distribution, because it's a totally different  
19          crew, so I anticipate that they'll be doing both.  
20          A lot of the scheduling is going to be dependent  
21          on material availability. You know, as you all  
22          know reading in the paper, that the materials for  
23          virtually everything is slow to come. So we're  
24          hopeful that we can move that along quickly once  
25          they start working.

1           On the effluent reuse status, I don't have  
2 any -- any new -- new information. I'm still  
3 trying to work out some appointments with various  
4 folks that might be interested in using the  
5 effluent after it's filtered, but I don't have  
6 anything additional on that.

7           The energy efficiency proposal, we had only  
8 received one bid, and apparently the company that  
9 did respond, which is a reputable company up  
10 until -- I guess until the -- until they responded  
11 to our bid, apparently. They -- we have been  
12 trying to get in contact with them to no avail.  
13 They did have some changes in their organization  
14 that I became aware of. So I'm just suggesting we  
15 just reject that bid and start all over and see,  
16 maybe retool the proposal, maybe open it up to  
17 other -- other vendors.

18           The next item on my agenda is net metering.  
19 I did send out to you all basically what I had  
20 sent a few years prior. Nothing really has  
21 changed in terms of the cost. As noted in my note  
22 to you, the total financial exposure would be  
23 approximately \$16,000 out of pocket, essentially,  
24 but that would only happen if the program were  
25 fully subscribed and there were no onsite usages,

1 meaning that a business or a residential customer  
2 only sold all their energy back to the Village.  
3 So that's -- that's where we are on that.

4 I have -- the tariffs haven't changed,  
5 there's no reason to change them, that power would  
6 remain the same. So I just -- I wanted to let you  
7 all know that's where we are with it. If there's  
8 any -- if you want me to take any next steps, just  
9 please let me know and I will start the  
10 conversation with the Power Authority.

11 Any questions on that?

12 (No Response)

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Next is the truck  
14 replacement. I had sent you all a list of our  
15 current fleet of pickup, pickup trucks. As you  
16 can see, we've got three that are either red-lined  
17 or out to be red-lined. So I'm asking that we be  
18 allowed to go out to purchase, instead of the  
19 three pickups, two pickups and two smaller  
20 vehicles to be used for meter-reading and just  
21 other general things. Some -- sometimes we have  
22 two meter readers on staff, so we would need a  
23 second vehicle, so they both could be out, rather  
24 than their own cars or just walking everywhere, so  
25 I'm asking for approval for that. And if you're

1       okay with that, then what we'll do is we'll try to  
2       use the New York State contract. If that's not  
3       available, the vehicles that we want are not  
4       available, then we would go out to formal bid.  
5       We -- I think we have a draft resolution prepared  
6       for next week's agenda. So, again, if there's any  
7       question on that, I'd be more than happy to answer  
8       them.

9               The last informational item, we have been --  
10       we have been notified by PSEG Long Island that  
11       they are increasing their transmission rate. We  
12       pay them to import all of our energy that we  
13       import. They last time -- the rate hasn't been  
14       changed since 2006. It's \$5 per megawatt-hour, or  
15       a half a cent per kilowatt-hour, and they're  
16       increasing it from that, basically doubling that,  
17       the transmission charge.

18              The way that the transmission rates are  
19       established is what's known as a formula rate.  
20       Transmission rates, interstate transmission rates,  
21       and they're a part of the interstate system, have  
22       to go through the Federal Energy Regulatory  
23       Commission, and there's a formula that was  
24       approved by the Commission in 2006. And,  
25       basically, they just plug in their financial data

1 to come up with a new rate, but they haven't done  
2 that in 15 years. So, unfortunately, what that  
3 means is that overall, there'll be approximately a  
4 5% increase at the -- for the end users, because  
5 that is passed through through our purchase power  
6 adjustment.

7 We are looking into if there's any way to  
8 mitigate some of that. I don't -- because it's a  
9 formula rate, it's very difficult to challenge,  
10 so -- but I will keep you posted if there's any,  
11 any movement on that from our legal folks that  
12 work out of -- out of Washington.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Paul, I have a question on  
14 that just for clarification. So that's our  
15 incremental power, is that what we're --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, it's for any --  
17 and it's for all imported energy. So we buy both  
18 hydropower and incremental over and above our  
19 hydro, and that the transmission -- the  
20 transmission rate or the transmission costs are  
21 for all energy that's imported, not just  
22 incremental and not just hydro.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And this is through the  
24 independent system operator, these rates, correct?

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, they administer

1 it, they administer the billing, essentially, but  
2 it's really through the Federal Energy Regulatory  
3 Commission that approves it.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, thanks, just for  
5 clarification.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So, Paul, has this been  
7 approved or ti's still in the public hearing  
8 process?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, there's no --  
10 there is no hearing. That's the -- all the  
11 hearing process took place when they did the  
12 formula rate itself.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That -- the formula  
15 gets approved. Once that's approved, they really  
16 just make what's called a filing with the FERC,  
17 and unless it's challenged, it goes into place.  
18 They're required to give us notice, which is how  
19 we knew about it, 30 days notice. We have a right  
20 to ask for the inputs to that and the work papers  
21 that established the new rate, which we have done,  
22 and that's being analyzed through our consultants.  
23 The Village isn't paying for it by ourselves.  
24 It's the State Association that we're a member of  
25 is helping to fund that. This was an expensive

1 process, so, fortunately, the State Association is  
2 funding that.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's what I  
4 wanted to know. Thanks.

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's all I have.  
6 If there's any questions on any of that or any on  
7 the balance of my report.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any questions?

9 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. All right.  
11 Next will be Village Treasurer report, Treasurer  
12 Brandt.

13 TREASURER BRANDT: Good evening, Mayor and  
14 Board. Is it on? Yeah. I just wanted to give  
15 you an update on the auditing services.

16 The firm that's doing the Village-wide  
17 audit, Cullen & Danowski, were here the week of  
18 July 12th doing general information gathering,  
19 which is journal entries, contracts, payroll,  
20 things along that, that nature. They're scheduled  
21 to be back the week of September 27th, and that's  
22 when they'll be doing the general ledger testing  
23 within the field for the whole week.

24 BST is doing the electric audit this year,  
25 and they're scheduled to be down here on

1 August 3rd, 4th and 5th.

2 I have some -- somewhat good news I want to  
3 share with everybody. Oh, wait, it gets better  
4 for you.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

6 TREASURER BRANDT: We received some funding  
7 first from CHIPS. We submitted for 106,000 and  
8 change and we have received the full amount, which  
9 included rollover from prior years. So we got  
10 kind of caught up with CHIPS. So we just received  
11 a check for \$106,403.

12 We also just received Pave New York for  
13 35,000 off of the same project. This was all the  
14 sidewalk work we did in Sixth, Madison and West.

15 And finally, we have received also today  
16 American Recovery Plan Act 2021, a first year  
17 payment of \$113,944.71. So good news all around.

18 Okay. That's all I have for add-ons. Did  
19 anyone have any questions on any -- my initial  
20 report?

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: No questions?

22 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

24 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay, thanks.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village Clerk

1 report.

2 CLERK PIRILLO: Hi. Good evening, everyone.  
3 I have two additions, both are public assembly  
4 permit applications. One is from Amie Sponza, who  
5 is bringing back to us Shakespeare in the Park  
6 this year, and intends to do that on August 27th.

7 The second is from Jeremy Hamilton for the  
8 Annual Pig Roast at Fifth Street Beach. That is  
9 scheduled for September 26th, with a rain date of  
10 September 27th. That, too, is an annual event  
11 that was suspended last year, unfortunately.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sylvia, I'm sorry. Could  
13 you go --

14 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Sylvia, could you say that  
15 again?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm so sorry.

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I'm sorry, go ahead.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Could you go back? What  
19 was the dates for the Shakespeare in the Park?

20 CLERK PIRILLO: Shakespeare is August 22nd.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay. August 22nd,  
22 okay, because -- okay, because the Fire Department  
23 is going to be -- they're planning on doing  
24 August 29th. They were discussing at the Wardens  
25 Meeting last night another type of gathering,

1 similar to what they did in Mitchell Park,  
2 encouraging people to come see the equipment and  
3 join the Fire Department, but they're talking  
4 about doing it up at Moore's Woods -- I mean,  
5 Moore's -- at the polo grounds. So I just -- I  
6 heard August, that's all I heard.

7 They will be coming to you to find out  
8 exactly what information they may need. I said  
9 being it's up at the polo grounds, it might be a  
10 little bit different, because it's expanded from  
11 what their additional program was done there.

12 CLERK PIRILLO: So similar to the Juniors  
13 even that they just had?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. Okay.

15 CLERK PIRILLO: Okay, thank you.

16 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Sylvia, I'm sorry.

17 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I didn't understand the  
19 name of the event at the beach.

20 CLERK PIRILLO: It is a fundraiser. It's  
21 for the Jeremy Hamilton Scholarship Fund.

22 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Got it. Thank you

23 CLERK PIRILLO: You're welcome.

24 Also, additionally to my report, we do have  
25 the RFP for I.T. and security out in the world, in

1 the newspaper, and also, as we are want to do  
2 lately, in the New York State Contract Reporter,  
3 and that has a closing date of August 5th for  
4 receipt of RFPs.

5 The fire vehicle for Firematic, the contract  
6 was fully executed, and I received word back  
7 recently that Tahoes are running 27 to 30 weeks.  
8 So that's the amount of time it will take for the  
9 new Chiefs vehicle. Okay?

10 Going back to my report, we also have a  
11 contract with Lila's Cleaning Services. That one  
12 was fully executed. That happened on the 14th of  
13 July.

14 I asked for a resolution to be voted on in  
15 this evening's meeting and that is for the benefit  
16 of the Peconic Land Trust, because they are  
17 working on a preservation and restoration project  
18 at Widow's Hole for Phase II of Widow's Hole.  
19 They're applying for a CFA grant, and paperwork is  
20 required. The municipal endorsement attached to  
21 my work session is required by the 28th, which  
22 would make it in time for our meeting next week.  
23 So with your permission, if we could, please, vote  
24 on that resolution this evening, I would  
25 appreciate it.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: I know you gave it to me,  
2           it's here somewhere.

3           CLERK PIRILLO: It's in my report as well.

4           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

5           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Fourth or fifth page in.  
6           Fourth page in.

7           MAYOR HUBBARD: The back of the report?

8           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, no. In the  
9           front, George.

10          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes, it's on the Clerk's  
11          report.

12          MAYOR HUBBARD: All right.

13                 *WHEREAS, the Peconic Land Trust is applying*  
14                 *to the New York State Office of Parks,*  
15                 *Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a*  
16                 *grant under Title 9 of the Environmental*  
17                 *Protection Act of 1993 for a park project to be*  
18                 *located at "Widow's Hole", Greenport, New York,*  
19                 *11944, a site located within the territorial*  
20                 *jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the*  
21                 *Village of Greenport; and*

22                 *WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of*  
23                 *this program, said not-for-profit corporation must*  
24                 *obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing*  
25                 *board -- governing body of the municipality in*

1       *which the project will be located";*

2               *NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this*  
3       *august body that the Board of Trustees of the*  
4       *Village of Greenport hereby does approve and*  
5       *endorse the application of the Peconic Land Trust*  
6       *for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental*  
7       *Protection Act of 1993 for a park project known as*  
8       *"Widow's Hole Preserve Restoration - Phase II"*  
9       *located within this community.*

10              *And further, it is resolved that, should*  
11       *Peconic Land Trust be unable to do so, said*  
12       *property shall be forever maintained by The*  
13       *Village of Greenport as a municipal park in this*  
14       *community consistent with the rules promulgated by*  
15       *OPRHP. So moved.*

16              TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:   Second.

17              MAYOR HUBBARD:   All in favor?

18              TRUSTEE CLARKE:   Aye.

19              TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA:   Aye.

20              TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:   Aye.

21              TRUSTEE ROBINS:   Aye.

22              MAYOR HUBBARD:   Aye.

23              Opposed?

24                              (No Response)

25              MAYOR HUBBARD:   Motion carried.

1           CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you. Last, but  
2 certainly not least, we have a return of Dances in  
3 the Park, and we have various sponsors, including  
4 IGA, the BID, the North Ferry, Hawkeye, Andy's,  
5 Friends of Mitchell Park, and Academy Printing,  
6 who created posters for us, which have been  
7 disseminated to the BID for the various  
8 businesses. So I'd like to thank all those  
9 parties.

10           Trustee Clarke and I will be meeting at the  
11 end of next week, along with Paul, to ensure that  
12 everything is in place that we need in terms of  
13 logistics, because that's starting shortly. So  
14 thank you to everyone who helped us make that  
15 happen.

16           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. What's the first date  
17 of that?

18           CLERK PIRILLO: The first date is August 2nd.

19           MAYOR HUBBARD: August 2nd, okay. All  
20 right, very good.

21           CLERK PIRILLO: Any questions?

22           MAYOR HUBBARD: Any questions for the Clerk?

23           TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No.

24           CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

25           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

1 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village Attorney  
3 report.

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Hi, good evening. I have  
5 two Local Laws to mention. The first is that I  
6 prepared an accessory apartment Local Law, and I  
7 prepared modifications to that based on comments  
8 that I received; that's available. That has been  
9 circulated among the Board and I'm available for  
10 any questions you have, or any further comments,  
11 when you'd like to discuss that.

12 The next thing is that I did receive this  
13 week comments from the -- from Management  
14 regarding the loading zone Local Law that I did,  
15 and I have made those changes and provided the  
16 modified law to the Village. So the -- if there's  
17 any questions about that, please let me know, but  
18 I am prepared to -- as far as I'm concerned, you  
19 know, the law's ready to be discussed, if you  
20 would like to do that.

21 The -- with regard to the Rotary agreements,  
22 so there -- we, the Village, decided that there  
23 was going to be two agreements, one to be done by  
24 the Village and one to be done by the Rotary. We  
25 hadn't -- I hadn't heard back from the Rotary

1 about their agreement, so I worked with Management  
2 this week and we came across an agreement that we  
3 had -- we had worked on some time ago before we  
4 decided there was going to be two agreements, and  
5 I'm using that as the format of the operating  
6 agreement that will be discussed with the Rotary.  
7 So we now have in draft, very preliminary draft  
8 form, the two agreements. So I'll run those by  
9 Management and look for comments.

10 We did -- we executed the option agreement  
11 regard -- with regard to Haugland and Hawkeye, and  
12 they were returned, so that's all done now. The  
13 Village Administrator and I went through the  
14 modifications to the language carefully and signed  
15 off on everything, and then we returned it to  
16 Hawkeye.

17 I have a litigation matter that we need to  
18 discuss in executive session that has some  
19 urgency. So I will -- I know you have a few  
20 things to discuss already, but we will need -- I  
21 will need to speak to you tonight about that in  
22 executive session.

23 With regard to other litigation separate  
24 from that, so the Village was sued in December of  
25 2019 by neighbors of the Sterling 123 project

1 named Guyer and a second neighbor, and we referred  
2 to it as the Guyer Litigation. When that case was  
3 commenced, the neighbors sued all the different  
4 departments of the Village and Boards, including  
5 the Village itself and the Board of Trustees.

6 I appeared on behalf of the Board of  
7 Trustees and the Village and I filed a motion to  
8 dismiss, and sought a dismissal of the case and  
9 also legal fees, because I thought the case had --  
10 was started with bad intent and was frivolous.

11 So the case was -- the Village Planning  
12 Board and ZBA filed an answer on the motion to  
13 dismiss, as did the other defendants, except for  
14 one. I think it was the original Sterling 123  
15 also filed a motion to dismiss because they were  
16 named in the lawsuit.

17 The -- we had an oral argument today in  
18 Central Islip before the Supreme Court, and the  
19 Supreme -- the Judge, the Judge that we were  
20 before decided the case. He granted the Village's  
21 motion, the motion to dismiss that had been filed  
22 by the Village and the Board of Trustees by my  
23 office. And the Judge also determined that the  
24 action was commenced in bad faith and was  
25 frivolous, and, therefore, agreed to award the

1 Village's legal fees, and said now that I have to  
2 file an affirmation or an affidavit basically  
3 listing the legal fees that were spent by the  
4 Village, and then the Judge said that he will  
5 issue an award for those fees.

6 So, you know, pending an appeal or some  
7 further action by the plaintiff, the case is over  
8 at this point, and it's just a question of what  
9 the legal fees will be that are awarded.

10 And I think that that's all I had. Oh, I  
11 wanted to mention, I didn't -- normally, I provide  
12 the Village with an update about litigation that's  
13 being handled by outside counsel. That's based on  
14 a report that I receive monthly from Devitt  
15 Spellman. This month, this month I did not  
16 receive that report from Devitt Spellman, I asked  
17 for it several times. Probably, the person's on  
18 vacation. There was no response at all over the  
19 last two weeks. And when I do receive that  
20 information, I will circulate an update to that  
21 report for you.

22 And that's all I have, unless you have  
23 questions.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Any  
25 discussion on the loading zones?

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I had a question about  
2 his report, but --

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, we'll do the report  
4 first, then we'll go back to that.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Could you just go back --  
6 go over exactly what -- I'm a little confused with  
7 the discussion about the Rotary contracts or  
8 agreements, or whatever, because we have one  
9 agreement already in existence that was way back  
10 in 2019, I think it was, we have a signed  
11 agreement. So what is the -- what is actually  
12 being changed? I'm a little confused as to  
13 what -- where we're at.

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: The Village, with --  
15 separate from the attorneys, the Village agreed  
16 with the Rotary that there would be two, two  
17 agreements, one would be a lease and the other  
18 would be an operating agreement, and that the  
19 Village would prepare the lease and the Rotary  
20 would prepare the operating agreement. We have  
21 not gotten the operating agreement from the  
22 Rotary. So what I'm -- what I'm doing,  
23 speaking -- working with Management, what we  
24 decided to do was use that 2019 agreement as the  
25 basis of an operating agreement and just do both

1 agreements ourselves so we can get it moving  
2 forward.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So we will see this  
4 document before, or have an opportunity to put  
5 input onto it?

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Oh, definitely, of course.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or is the Rotary going to  
8 see it before we do?

9 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I -- normally, I give it  
10 to Management and Management looks it over, gives  
11 comments, and then it's provided to the Board for  
12 comment.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. I  
14 just --

15 ATTORNEY PROKOP: It's up to the -- it's up  
16 to the Board, whatever the Board wants me to do.  
17 I imagine you would probably want to see it, it's  
18 up to you.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, I couldn't hear the  
20 question, so I'm sorry.

21 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah. I have a really  
22 loud hum behind me in the speaker, and I'm going  
23 to move in a second. So when I get done, I'm  
24 going to move, so -- but, in the meantime, it's  
25 hard for me to hear all --

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. No, I just -- she was  
2 asking about the Rotary agreement and everything  
3 else. You said we had a previous agreement that  
4 was a conceptual agreement, but not a legal  
5 document. We're working forward now --

6           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

7           MAYOR HUBBARD: -- with the operation of  
8 what's going to happen there once it's all being  
9 done.

10          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What I was asking is, is  
11 that it will go to -- it's going between  
12 Management and the Village Attorney. I just  
13 wanted to make sure that we, as the Village  
14 Trustees, would have an opportunity to comment on  
15 some of it before it actually went to the Rotary.  
16 That's -- that's my question. Will we have an  
17 opportunity to review it before its given to the  
18 Rotary? I guess sometimes things are last minute,  
19 that's why I'm asking.

20          ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, I don't see any  
21 reason why we wouldn't go -- we normally do it.

22          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

23          ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

24          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I just -- just --

25          ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah, that would be the

1 normal course.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

3 ATTORNEY PROKOP: That's what we'll do.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Any other questions  
6 on the Village Attorney's report?

7 (No Response)

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Does anybody want to discuss  
9 the loading zones, so they'd try to move that  
10 forward?

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had a couple of  
12 questions. A clarification on the location of the  
13 loading zone on Adams Street. The southwest  
14 corner of First Street and Adams Street, what  
15 corner would that be? The southwest would be the  
16 Colonial side of the street; am I correct?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's right here.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Somebody?

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes. So you already have  
21 the trucks for the IGA queuing up on the other  
22 side of the street, and so we're going to put a  
23 loading zone right across? I mean, it's  
24 already impossible --

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, it's not, that's not on

1 in the law

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was taken out.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That was taken out. So the  
4 IGA can't park over there anymore in front of  
5 their door?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

7 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: No. That's the northwest  
9 side of the road.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There were two --  
11 according to the code --

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- there was a loading  
14 zone on this side and a loading zone on that side.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Both, okay

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: This side, this one  
17 closest to Colonial Drug Store is being taken out.  
18 They're going to be able to load --

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. That's not the way I  
20 read it.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's not how you read it?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Because it said the  
25 southwest corner, which is the side where you're

1 talking about at the end of the road, correct?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: George, you'll have to  
3 help me on that one.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We originally  
5 proposed to add a loading zone on that side of the  
6 street.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Discussions 10 months ago,  
9 everybody said, "No, we don't want it there."

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Correct.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: So we took that away.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: The loading zone on the  
14 southwest side of that block is moved all the way  
15 back past the second entrance to IGA behind the  
16 restaurants that are there.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, okay, all right. So  
18 that's the two --

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: If you're looking at an old  
20 file, maybe you're looking at an old file, not the  
21 current one.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So it's pulled back from --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's pulled back from  
24 there, right.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. But we still --

1       okay. I mean, I still think trucks back right up  
2       across both parking lots there. I mean, it's  
3       still a bad area in general. I just --

4               MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, it is.

5               TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's very chaotic and  
6       dangerous. So I don't know if this is maybe an  
7       improvement, but I'm not totally comfortable with  
8       this either.

9               MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Is there a suggestion  
10       where the trucks should unload, then?

11              TRUSTEE ROBINS: Maybe. Maybe one of the  
12       areas in the parking lot should -- one of the  
13       parking lots back there should be, so that they're  
14       not in the thoroughfare. I mean, the problem  
15       is -- first, the problem is that the trucks don't  
16       go to the loading zones anyhow, they park wherever  
17       they want in the village, okay? But that's -- you  
18       know, that's not what we are dealing with here.  
19       But I just see that that whole street along there  
20       has problems all the time, okay? And pushing it  
21       back to that, you know, area in front of the  
22       entrance to the parking lots, I don't see that as  
23       a -- it's maybe better, but it's certainly not a  
24       real solution, that's all. I'm concerned about it.

25              MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, that's fine.

1           What would you suggest as a real solution? Where  
2           do we put the trucks, then?

3           TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, personally, I would  
4           rather see us have the kind of thing that we do  
5           when we have the Maritime Festival, where trucks  
6           can only come at certain hours. You know, instead  
7           of coming all day long all the time, we give them  
8           places to stop. And we say, you know, you can do  
9           your deliveries between six and nine, or something  
10          like that. Give them a specific time to drop  
11          their stuff off, but that the loading zones  
12          shouldn't be like, you know, all day long.

13          You know, I have discussed that with the BID  
14          a little bit, you know, that it should be more of  
15          a timing thing as well as the location, because  
16          the bottom line is the Village is so congested and  
17          crowded right now, there's no place to do this  
18          that's going to be good. It's maybe a little bit  
19          better, but it's -- again, it's just not really a  
20          solution. So, you know --

21          MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Were the store owners  
22          comfortable with only being able to get deliveries  
23          from six to nine in the morning?

24          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, I don't think they  
25          have any control over it, unfortunately.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, you said the BID  
2 discussed this, so that's the store owners.

3           TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, we discussed it, but,  
4 again, there was no agreement on it.

5           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

6           TRUSTEE ROBINS: It was a topic of  
7 conversation.

8           MAYOR HUBBARD: I'm not at those meetings --

9           TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm sorry.

10          MAYOR HUBBARD: -- so I'm just asking what  
11 their feedback was.

12          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just a topic of conversation.

13          MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

14          TRUSTEE ROBINS: And I don't see -- nobody  
15 is here from the BID. I don't think we received  
16 any comments on any of this, you know. Will we  
17 have another public hearing on this now, on this  
18 law?

19          MAYOR HUBBARD: Once we put together -- we  
20 had a public hearing last month and the BID did  
21 not show up.

22          TRUSTEE ROBINS: I know, I know.

23          MAYOR HUBBARD: And we cancelled the public  
24 hearing because we wanted to rewrite the law.  
25 That's when I asked for input now from all the

1 Trustees --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's right.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- of what we want to  
4 rewrite the law for so that we could move it  
5 forward.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: As I said, I have no -- the  
7 rest of the suggestions are fine with me, but the  
8 South Street situation is such a terrible  
9 situation.

10 TRUSTEE CLARKE: You mean Adams Street?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You mean adams Street.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Adams Street.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm sorry, Adams Street,  
15 yeah.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's just -- I don't know.  
18 I mean, I think we have to think harder on it.  
19 I'm not necessarily ready to move forward with  
20 this; that's me.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. Any  
22 other discussion?

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or perhaps Adams Street  
24 should become -- it used to be one way at one  
25 point, and that way it just didn't have the two

1 flows of traffic going, but that was years ago,  
2 and it was changed because of all the parking  
3 spaces. When they renovated Front Street and  
4 Mitchell Park, they put the parking spaces in the  
5 back that are behind on Adams Street. So that's  
6 when it became a two-way street. But if I  
7 remember correctly, years ago, it was only a  
8 one-way street. And then, of course, all the  
9 tractor trailers were facing one way and there was  
10 only one lane of traffic going through. But I  
11 don't think that's a feasible idea anymore,  
12 because a lot of people are using that, Adams  
13 Street to go parallel to Front Street when it's  
14 congested. So that, I don't think that's a viable  
15 idea anymore either, so.

16 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I think that provided that  
17 the corner where you're going to try and turn in  
18 or out is clear, that that is probably the best  
19 spot. So I don't see an alternate that's  
20 superior, in my mind.

21 I don't think that -- Greenport is a hard  
22 destination to deliver, because it's a dead end on  
23 a delivery route because of the way the Island is.  
24 I know I could never get deliveries between six  
25 and nine. I'm lucky I get my deliveries before

1 5 o'clock.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll be honest with you,  
3 some of the deliveries that we have are now coming  
4 between six and nine, because they're catching the  
5 ferry in the morning, so they -- because they  
6 won't get back to us. So, you know, but that's --  
7 most of them I see are 10, 11, 12 o'clock before  
8 they get here.

9 TRUSTEE CLARKE: It's a tough delivery out  
10 here in Greenport.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't know. In front  
12 of -- over on Main Street today, my Broker said  
13 that there were two tractor trailers that got  
14 stuck right in front of American Beech, you know,  
15 one going in either direction. One was a car  
16 trailer, you know, loaded with cars. And I think  
17 in order to clear up the jam, they had to --  
18 somebody -- you know, I don't know. The police  
19 came and backed one of them up onto Central  
20 Avenue, and so that the other truck could get  
21 through. So it's not only the loading and the  
22 parking, it's simply the thoroughfare of all the  
23 trucks coming through the Village all the time. I  
24 mean, it's just --

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Just if I could just

1 answer that one. There's a truck route.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: The trucks are supposed to  
4 go to Moore's Lane.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's right.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: A car -- there's no car  
7 dealerships in Greenport. So that truck obviously  
8 got misled. He's probably one of the same guys  
9 that goes down the Southern State with a truck  
10 like that and wipes off the top rack of cars.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: I mean, you know, truck  
13 drivers need to be responsible for what they're  
14 doing, and there's a truck route that says trucks  
15 go up into an alternate route. A car trailer  
16 coming down into the Village should not be doing  
17 that.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: But some people don't pay  
20 attention to signs.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: You know.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm just --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Enough. I apologize.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. No, that's fine.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But I do have concerns  
3 still about that.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: The changes on Central  
5 Avenue, did everybody review that?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

7 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's fine.

9 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: That looks good.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Does that look okay?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that looks good.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. So we're  
13 going to --

14 TRUSTEE CLARKE: The only thing I didn't  
15 notice in the law was the time.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, Paul can  
17 explain that, because he had a discussion with the  
18 Police and with our Code Enforcement of trying to  
19 do a time.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. We discussed  
21 it with Code Enforcement at length and there --  
22 from an enforcement perspective, it would just be  
23 very, very difficult to put time limits on it.  
24 People are just not going to move their cars. And  
25 it's not going to serve the purpose, if people

1 will get tickets, and maybe, maybe they'll get the  
2 message, maybe they won't, but that's not going to  
3 solve ultimately the problem. There's trucks --  
4 they're still not going to have a place to park if  
5 people don't move.

6 TRUSTEE CLARKE: So the belief is that  
7 allowing parking in the evening won't make the  
8 loading zone functional?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, because it  
10 would -- they'll stay overnight, and when a truck  
11 comes in at eight or nine, or whatever, there's  
12 still going to be cars there, and then we're going  
13 to be kind of where we are now. So it would be  
14 better from that perspective just to leave them  
15 as --

16 TRUSTEE CLARKE: So it's all or nothing?

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think so, from an  
18 enforcement perspective, because there's so  
19 limited space. If we had more spaces, then yes,  
20 more -- both more parking and more loading zone  
21 areas --

22 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Understand.

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- would be workable.  
24 But given --

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: That area was reduced in

1 size. So okay, that's cool, I'm happy.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And on Third Street?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, Third Street is fine.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Third Street is fine?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's fine.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right, yeah, three spots on  
8 Third Street continuing.

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I heard it's two or  
10 three.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Two or three.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think it's two, but  
13 two or three, yes.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Contiguous.

16 TRUSTEE CLARKE: And that's contiguous with  
17 the existing loading zone for the second set of  
18 double doors at the Legion?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, I think it's  
20 co -- yes. I think it's collocated, but yeah,  
21 it's in the same spot. I don't think it's an  
22 extension of. I think it starts, if I remember  
23 correctly.

24 TRUSTEE CLARKE: But there won't be two  
25 separate areas, it's one?

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's one area only,  
2 yes, correct, correct.

3 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Inclusive of the one that  
4 exists already?

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's -- yes, if I  
6 remember correctly.

7 TRUSTEE CLARKE: All right.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. I believe that's the  
9 same on Central Avenue, the one by Goldin  
10 Furniture. Just to make it all consistent --

11 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yeah, there's one already.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- one spot. Okay.

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Okay.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. The one on Third  
15 Street I think will be a big help getting the --  
16 getting them at least all closer to the curb and  
17 not --

18 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yeah.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- in the roadway,  
20 because the other day when I was down in that  
21 area, the ferry had to stop unloading, because  
22 there was a traffic jam with a tractor trailer on  
23 a Sunday, which I found very odd. Usually,  
24 they're not here on Sundays for deliveries. But  
25 Port was having a delivery and it was blocking of

1 the travel lane going -- you know, that the ferry  
2 comes off going up to the stop light. So it was  
3 between where it was placed, people coming out of  
4 Sterlington, that whole complex, and people going  
5 down, it was -- it was a scary situation.

6 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thinking ahead in the ferry  
7 redesign project, will that allow a truck that  
8 wants to use that loading zone on the east side of  
9 Third Street access from Wiggins, so that they can  
10 come in? Sometimes the problem is they come down  
11 from Front Street on Third and then realize  
12 they're stuck. There's nowhere to turn around  
13 or -- and there's no egress for them to go down  
14 Wiggins, because it's one way going in the other  
15 direction.

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I think -- I'm not  
17 sure I understand the question fully, but I  
18 believe that the answer yes. I think they're --  
19 we're not changing Wiggins, so --

20 TRUSTEE CLARKE: No, but you could still  
21 come down Wiggins from the west.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

23 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Make a left onto Third  
24 Street --

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct.

1 TRUSTEE CLARKE: -- and use the zone loading  
2 on the right.

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, yes.

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Okay.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. So is everybody  
6 comfortable scheduling a public hearing on this  
7 and we could try to move this forward?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yes.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. We'll schedule a  
11 public hearing for next month on the loading zone?

12 CLERK PIRILLO: Mayor, in anticipation of  
13 the fact that we had major changes that were being  
14 discussed this evening, we've already renoticed it  
15 for next week.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Renoticed the public hearing  
17 for next week?

18 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes, we did.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

20 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes, we did.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. We need to make  
22 sure we get this out to the public now, so they  
23 can look at it and review it, then.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

25 CLERK PIRILLO: We can always renotify it

1 again for next month. So we just wanted to make  
2 you aware.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I just want everybody  
4 to be able to see it and review it --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that's --

6 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- beforehand.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, yeah, that's --

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

10 CLERK PIRILLO: Yeah, we'll post it on the  
11 website tomorrow morning.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. If  
13 anybody wants a copy from the public, you know,  
14 get it off the website or stop at Village Hall and  
15 get a copy of the law, and we'll do the public  
16 hearing next week, then.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Should we make sure that  
18 the BID gets a -- Julia?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll make -- I'll send an  
20 email tomorrow to Rich.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, because we  
22 really -- you know, they do need to give input. I  
23 mean, they do need to participate in this, so.  
24 Whether they do or not is not --

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I brought it up at the

1 meeting, but, you know, that's all I can do.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Make sure they have the  
3 information and we'll go from there.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, that's --

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. We'll try to  
6 move that forward to try to keep that one going.  
7 Okay.

8 Anything else on the Village Attorney  
9 report? I know I kind of took over that part, but  
10 I just wanted to try to finish that up.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: No? Okay. All right.  
13 Well, we just talked about loading zones and  
14 everything else. I didn't read that part of the  
15 agenda, so I took it over. You read it 20 times  
16 and everything else, but it was part of Joe's  
17 report and I just --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was a good time to  
19 discuss it.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: We moved right into it. All  
21 right. We'll do the report of Trustees. Trustee  
22 Clarke?

23 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I have no further report  
24 for this month, Mr. Mayor.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Trustee

1 Martilotta?

2 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Sure. Briefly, the  
3 negotiations are continuing. I believe we'll  
4 discuss some of this tonight in executive session.  
5 We're moving forward at a pace.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

7 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yes, sir.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Trustee Phillips?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only thing I have to  
10 ask is for -- to Paul and to Robert is there were  
11 some -- several complaints about the -- our  
12 streaming seems to be locking in and out. And in  
13 doing some research, I happened to call Granicus  
14 to just kind of ask, you know, what's -- what's  
15 new and what's out there.

16 And I had a discussion with Paul and Robert  
17 as to some of the information I sent to you. Did  
18 you have a chance to discuss that or -- because in  
19 discovering or in discussion, the representative  
20 from Granicus told us that -- or told me, is that  
21 our coding box, or whatever, is now outdated, and  
22 it's not -- they're going to stop updating at some  
23 point. It's -- it's like Microsoft 7, it's going  
24 out the door. So did we have any further  
25 discussions or update on that?

1           ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, a couple of  
2 things. First, the -- we have been working with  
3 them, in fact this week, because there were some  
4 issues with it, so they did actually take it and  
5 update it. So I -- we're getting conflicting --  
6 it sounds like we're getting some conflicting  
7 information.

8           But the other piece of this, with the  
9 current equipment, they've also told us that if we  
10 get a faster internet connection, that it would  
11 solve many of those issues. So I think as the  
12 most cost effective approach at this point would  
13 be to try that first, because that's an  
14 inexpensive quick fix. And if that does the  
15 trick, when we get to the point when they do  
16 officially say, "We're not supporting this product  
17 anymore," then we could back into, into that. But  
18 we're hopeful, because they have stated it.  
19 Actually, Jay Webster had gotten -- had several  
20 conversations with them on this matter, and they  
21 were emphatic that that was the majority of our  
22 issues. So we'll take them at their word. We'll  
23 give it a try, it's an easy fix.

24           So we're hopeful that by next month we'll  
25 have that in place, once we get Cablevision to

1 upgrade the connection.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. As I said, you  
3 know, there were several complaints about it, and  
4 I had gotten a couple of emails and phone calls,  
5 so that's why.

6 But part of the conversation was, is that  
7 they were at some point -- you know, at some  
8 point, it will be not a piece of equipment that's  
9 going to be updatable, so okay.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

11 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Paul, I received a recent  
12 solicitation from Cablevision to upgrade to  
13 500 MBs service, which I don't need. But  
14 apparently that kind of speed is available, or is  
15 becoming available in Greenport --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, and --

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: -- for businesses.

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I would assume that a  
20 government would qualify.

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, absolutely. So  
22 we are trying to make those things happen through  
23 Cablevision.

24 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Sounds good. Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And the only other

1 question I had is -- and speaking about the  
2 website, Mayor, and getting the loading zone on, I  
3 know that for the Village Board's agendas, we  
4 include copies of agreements, or whatever we're  
5 voting on. I notice on the Planning Board and the  
6 Zoning Board the Findings and Determinations don't  
7 seem to be going along with the agendas. Is there  
8 a reason for that?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I would have to speak  
10 with the attorney for them. I do know that they  
11 typically don't. I can't -- I couldn't tell you  
12 if there's a specific reason why they don't. I  
13 will investigate and let you know.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I mean, the  
15 documents are FOILable, correct? I mean --

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, of course. And  
17 we get FOILs for those all the time and we produce  
18 them.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, and the public --

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It may be -- very  
21 often they're prepared very close to the meetings,  
22 so I think it may just be a timing issue more than  
23 anything else. I don't -- I don't think there's  
24 any specific reason for that.

25 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I don't think they're

1 FOILable before the -- before they're adopted,  
2 except if you put it on the website, because it's  
3 still something that's being discussed.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's -- okay, all  
5 right. But that's -- that's what I was wondering,  
6 because I was asked how come some of the stuff was  
7 not included on the agendas.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: If the Chair wants to  
9 put -- actually, probably -- I don't know if it  
10 would be even proper to put a -- well, with the  
11 Planning Board, they vote on the resolution after  
12 they vote on the application, or do they vote --

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, after. They do  
14 the -- they vote on the application, and the  
15 following month they vote on the Findings and  
16 Determinations.

17 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay. Well, it's probably  
18 up to the Chair. If the Chair wanted to make it  
19 public, then the Chair could do that, but it would  
20 be -- it doesn't have to be public before they  
21 vote on it, because it's still considered  
22 something that's internal to the Board.

23 And I just wanted to mention -- I'm sorry.  
24 Before we get away from it, with Cablevision,  
25 the -- Cablevision has been providing upgrades to

1 villages. So if you have -- if they -- they  
2 should do that for no cost, and if you -- if they  
3 request a fee, please let me know and I'll speak  
4 to the representative.

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure. As soon as I  
6 hear from them, I will let you know immediately.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's it, Mayor.  
8 Thank you.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Yeah, just going back  
10 to the Cablevision thing and everything else,  
11 we're tying off of the Fire Department cable and  
12 stuff, and we've had issues with stuff that's been  
13 dropped on the box in the back building and  
14 everything else. I've had discussions with  
15 Management to put in our own system here. So it's  
16 just our stuff, our equipment that will be in the  
17 back corner, so it's just ours, and we're not  
18 tying off and we're not worrying about something  
19 else happening, or somebody dropping something, or  
20 kicking a wire out, or whatever might happen. So  
21 it's just our stuff, that Jay will have available  
22 internet to him the whole time.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: And it's not tied into  
25 somebody else using the Chiefs room, or the radio

1 room, or something else happening around the whole  
2 building, that we'll have our own setup just for  
3 the Village here, so we've got complete control  
4 on it.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

6 MR. WEBSTER: (Indicating Thumbs-Up)

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: And Jay is giving me a  
8 thumbs-up in the back of the room. All right.

9 (Laughter)

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that makes much  
11 more sense.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: So we are talking about it.  
13 Instead of like the upgrade we talked about at the  
14 beginning of COVID, with cameras and T.V.'s and  
15 everything else, the money we had talked about for  
16 that, let's just upgrade and get our own  
17 connection here and move forward with that, and,  
18 hopefully, that will help with all the problems.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay? So we are discussing  
21 that.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Trustee  
24 Robins?

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just a little bit from the

1        BID meeting that we had last week. You had asked  
2        about the unused parklets at American Beech where  
3        they had bicycles parked. And I didn't actually  
4        even have to bring it up, because Rich apparently  
5        had already discussed it with the owner of the  
6        restaurant, and they had agreed to remove them,  
7        and as of today, they are gone. So there are five  
8        parking spaces back again on Main Street.

9                They did want to know what businesses are  
10        and aren't using their parklets. So they're going  
11        to do a mid-season survey just to get an idea of  
12        who's using them, so those are pending. So I'll  
13        report back after they do that.

14                MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, good.

15                TRUSTEE ROBINS: We're going to the next  
16        meeting at the beginning of August some time.  
17        Okay.

18                MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Okay. I  
19        have nothing new. We've kind of just talked about  
20        everything. It's been a busy month, a lot of  
21        stuff, and a lot of stuff's been -- legal matters  
22        that we will talk about in executive session. I  
23        have nothing new to bring up, except we're working  
24        forward on the Local Laws and stuff and we'll  
25        continue on that.

1 All right. At this point, I'll open it up  
2 to public to address the Board. If anyone wants  
3 to address the Board, your name and address for  
4 the record. Come up to the podium. And anybody?

5 MR. HEIT: I guess.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

7 MR. HEIT: I wouldn't miss it for the world.  
8 Lawrence Heit at 235 Linnet Street.

9 I spoke to the Board a couple of months ago  
10 when I first suggested about the net metering, and  
11 I just wanted to reiterate how important I think  
12 it is that Greenport take the lead on encouraging  
13 solar energy. In fact, today we were -- just  
14 heard that the rates are doubling for  
15 transmission, but that's only for stuff you buy.  
16 So the more we can encourage people to make that  
17 investment themselves, ultimately, you can save  
18 money towards the cost of utilities here.

19 And when I was here last, it was pointed out  
20 to me that for every kilowatt I give back, because  
21 I produce more than I use, 70% of that is  
22 hydro-electric. Well, that's a good thing. That  
23 means that Greenport is taking an initiative to  
24 reduce our carbon footprint. But if you let me  
25 use it in the winter, 100% of every kilowatt that

1 I save is going to be reducing carbon, because I'm  
2 going to be replacing oil burners.

3 You know, the two things that people would  
4 tend to do with excess electricity in their own  
5 homes would be to purchase an electric car, which  
6 would then reduce the carbon footprint. They  
7 would put in heat pumps, right, so that they're  
8 not purchasing fuel to do that, carbon-based fuel,  
9 and possibly, the third thing would be electric  
10 water heaters. So all of which really can  
11 translate into for every kilowatt you save, that's  
12 more carbon than if I just give it back to the  
13 grid.

14 So just as you think about the proposal of  
15 net metering and the information, all as  
16 presented, just keep that in mind, if you would.  
17 Thank you.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

19 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to address  
21 the Board?

22 MS. DECRUZ: Let's see. I want you to hear  
23 me, because you can't hear anybody in this room  
24 just about.

25 Hello. I'm Margaret DeCruz, and I live on

1 25 Washington Avenue. Can I lower this thing?

2 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Uh-huh.

3 MS. DECRUZ: I should be able to -- here we go.

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: There you go.

5 MS. DECRUZ: Okay. So this is -- the topic  
6 I'm addressing is about the plans around Moore's  
7 Woods and the railroad. And so I know there's  
8 some controversy, because the Rotary really,  
9 really, really wants to do the railroad there, and  
10 they've been working on it and they're doing it to  
11 honor someone, and I appreciate that, and there's  
12 a lot of sentimental stuff around the railroad.  
13 When I moved here, it was just still in existence  
14 and then it was gone, and I live on that block.

15 But anyway, so I wrote a letter to a bunch  
16 of people who were involved in discussing this,  
17 and I'm just going to read it.

18 Hello. Please allow yourself a few moments  
19 to actually listen to me without judgment. So  
20 just to, you know, clear your mind of criticism  
21 and just let me read this.

22 So I have an idea that many people could  
23 find appealing. It addresses a few wishes I've  
24 heard Greenport residents speak about. I propose  
25 that we design a plan that fulfills many visions.

1 This means that instead of people fighting each  
2 other, we could join our efforts to create  
3 something very special in that area. I'll  
4 describe these groups' wishes and then share my  
5 more specific ideas of why they would help each  
6 other come to fruition.

7 First, there is the group for the return of  
8 the Mini Railroad.

9 Second, there is a new skate park group that  
10 I joined actually a couple of years ago, trying to  
11 raise funds for needed repairs and improvements,  
12 so the ramps and structures are safe and more  
13 appealing for our kids and youth, because they're  
14 not safe anymore.

15 Third, there is a need and desire for a  
16 clean enclosed green park -- Greenport dog park.  
17 I've had people ask me about that, because I  
18 raised guide dogs for the blind and you have to  
19 have an enclosed space for them. So if you don't  
20 have a really good backyard, it's hard.

21 Fourth, there is a desire to keep Moore's  
22 Woods a quiet nature preserve and healthy  
23 ecosystem for walkers, birders and nature  
24 education.

25 Fifth, there is a desire for restrooms.

1           So those are all the wishes and desires.  
2       Actually, there's a few more, but I won't throw  
3       those in right now.

4           So here's my idea: Run the railroad tracks  
5       in an elliptical circle along the edge of the  
6       field and then along the edge of the woods. There  
7       would still be exposure to nature, but it would  
8       not encroach into the woods or the vernal swamps,  
9       and no need to cut down trees and other -- but  
10      they're really going to clear a lot of things,  
11      some old rare trees.

12          The fencing, if needed, could also serve as  
13      one line of fence for a dog park.

14          The skate park improvement group efforts  
15      would be enhanced by it being part of this bigger  
16      vision for the area. More people would learn  
17      about what's needed and participate. The skate  
18      park is a great asset for young people and we need  
19      to keep it up.

20          The restrooms could be placed to serve all  
21      the users of the skate park, railroad and dog  
22      park.

23          All the groups could work together to raise  
24      interest, energy, volunteers and funds. It would  
25      take time to redraw plans, but it would be worth

1       it to make a win/win project for the whole  
2       community and get everybody behind plans for this  
3       area. This idea would bring benefits to residents  
4       of all ages and inclinations. Perhaps we could  
5       add in a few picnic tables, some fast growing  
6       shade trees, and a water fountain, a place for the  
7       community to connect and grow together.

8                Maybe the High School Shop Program could be  
9       involved, seniors could lend their skills. Some  
10      skate park youth could help with the mini rides --  
11      Mini Railroad rides. Who knows? I hope people  
12      will allow their imaginations to run wild with  
13      this idea and let's see what can happen.

14             Now, my other thought -- so that's the end  
15      of that. Well, actually, I also thanked Randy for  
16      bringing this whole thing up to the public,  
17      because a lot of people didn't know about the  
18      railroad plan. And, also, I thank the people at  
19      the Rotary Club.

20             Now, the other thing is they started this  
21      plan back in 2017, and, in my opinion, right now,  
22      since my biggest love actually is helping preserve  
23      nature, because it's so important, we live -- it's  
24      like, you know, we need it, it's us, and there's  
25      very little left. And to go into Moore's Woods

1 right now, when there's going to be sea level  
2 rise, it's guaranteed, and there are vernal swamps  
3 and it's wetlands already. There will be a lot of  
4 mosquitoes for the kids, and we don't want them  
5 spraying, which is one of the things that could  
6 happen.

7 So I really think preserving the woods for  
8 the future generation and doing a railroad could  
9 be done together, and the woods are really  
10 important. It could be a nature education center,  
11 again, because, right now, we have bigger needs  
12 and different needs than in 2017. I mean, climate  
13 change was happening all along, but now we're  
14 seeing it like crazy; scallops, the floods, the  
15 hurricanes, the fires. I think it needs to be  
16 re-thought, because we need to save what's left,  
17 in my opinion.

18 And, you know, Moore's Woods is really  
19 precious. There's some old growth trees there,  
20 it's beautiful, a lot of rare birds, some rare  
21 birds and plants.

22 So I guess that's -- that's it for me, but  
23 thank you very much for listening.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to address  
2 the Board?

3           MR. HILBRAND: Jaap Hilbrand, 160 Sterling  
4 Street in Greenport, of course.

5           As usual, I wasn't planning on standing  
6 here. But number one, I'd like to thank everybody  
7 who works on Boards. I'd like to thank -- it's a  
8 thankless job, and I don't know how you do it all  
9 the time. That doesn't mean that we have a lot of  
10 requests. And if you see my face, you see my bike  
11 attached to my butt.

12           Let's do something on the streets, folks.  
13 After this gentleman had this unknown profit that  
14 we had, can we spend it on covering some potholes?  
15 It is dangerous out there.

16           And to follow in your footsteps, I was born  
17 and raised in the Netherlands. For those of you  
18 who read the paper the last few days and noticed  
19 all the floods in the Netherlands, Belgium and  
20 Germany, there is a lesson there. These floods  
21 that happened before, Germany didn't do anything  
22 about it. The Netherlands did, and, therefore,  
23 they're far less affected than the other countries  
24 around them. And that is a lesson that we should  
25 learn on local levels. Don't think just merry

1 your way, do something about it. Moore's Woods is  
2 a perfect example. The streets that I care about  
3 is another perfect example.

4 I went to Moore's Woods together this  
5 morning, and I also looked at the -- what do you  
6 call it? The skateboard. It's not that bad. And  
7 I know there should be another lesson in here. If  
8 kids like to use that skateboard, come on, put  
9 some energy in this. Don't go to the Village and  
10 say, "Oh, you know, things are not working well."  
11 So make them work, and it's not as bad as people  
12 think it is.

13 But fill the potholes, folks. I know  
14 they're doing it little by little, but it is  
15 dangerous. Take care.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

18 MS. WADE: I'm going to go. The reason I  
19 want to is I just wanted to applaud Jaap. I  
20 wanted to applaud the kids that -- who are working  
21 on the skate park, because they've been posting --

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Name and address for the  
23 record, please.

24 MS. WADE: Sorry. Randy Wade, Sixth Street  
25 in Greenport.

1           They've been posting on Facebook all the  
2 work they've been doing on the skate park, and  
3 it's really a lot of energy that's going into it.  
4 So that's an actual good news story.

5           I've been amazed at how many people do not  
6 know what's going on with the nature trail in  
7 Moore's Woods. I just got a letter from the DEC,  
8 because I was surprised that they were allowing  
9 this. And this is from Kevin Jennings, who's the  
10 Habitat Manager for the DEC. He said, "Although  
11 not relevant to our review, the existing nature  
12 trail, which is currently located on the dirt  
13 access road, will remain alongside the proposed  
14 track. If you have any questions" -- well, what  
15 he's not mentioning is the six-foot chain link  
16 fence will block the path entirely, and that's in  
17 the plan. So these are, you know, people that  
18 have reviewed the plans and they're confused.  
19 So it's really -- this is -- there's one entrance  
20 into Moore's Woods from Moore's Lane, one, and  
21 there's one entrance that's across from the  
22 school.

23           And I am so excited that Jack Martilotta is  
24 talking about reinvigorating the Ecology Class  
25 work in the woods that, you know, did win that

1 award in 1971-72. But for the kids to get in --  
2 and so this just emphasizes the DEC had -- it  
3 said, "Although not relevant to our review." All  
4 they were reviewing were wetlands, and then they  
5 changed where the route would go up to the  
6 hundred-year-old oyster shell one-lane path into  
7 the woods, because that was their concern. Our  
8 concern has to be for the woods, for access to the  
9 woods.

10 I'm running -- I ran into a couple of kids  
11 in the Library who thought -- you know, they know  
12 about the woods and they know about the trail, and  
13 they thought it was crazy to put a railroad on the  
14 trail. If it didn't come with a six-foot chain  
15 link fence, there might be a way to do it  
16 discreetly, I've been saying this from the start.  
17 And we absolutely want the railroad, but it just  
18 is the wrong place, and there are other places.

19 So I hope we're going to pause and take some  
20 time to think about how to do it in a way that  
21 gives everybody what is important to Greenport.  
22 Thanks so much.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

24 MS. DAVY: Hi. My name is Barbara Davy. I  
25 live on West Street in Greenport. And I started

1 coming to these meetings because of Moore's Woods.  
2 And the first time I came, I just listened, and  
3 the second time I came, I said a few words, and  
4 this is my third time, and I have a folder and I  
5 have notes. And the more I learn about it, the  
6 more surprised I am that this site was thought to  
7 be appropriate for this.

8 And I'm wondering, Randy, if the DEC calling  
9 that a service road didn't realize it was a nature  
10 trail or something, because that is what keeps  
11 going back in my mind, is how could the DEC  
12 approve this in a wetlands? Like we put a pool in  
13 10 years ago and we're 100 feet from freshwater  
14 wetlands and we almost couldn't do it, because we  
15 were too close. They looked at it very carefully,  
16 and it just -- I don't trust that it will be --  
17 that people will follow the rules, you know,  
18 washing the gravel before it's put in. Like who's  
19 going to keep track of all that?

20 And, also, I would follow up on what a  
21 couple of other people have said about climate  
22 change, because we just shouldn't be tampering  
23 with wetlands in any way.

24 And I have very fond memories, as I said the  
25 first time I spoke, about Frank's railroad and how

1 great it was, and how much fun it was, and how,  
2 you know, kookie it was, and -- but this just  
3 seems kind of dull. And then I love the nature  
4 trail, too. I go bird watching, and I would hate  
5 to see that infringed upon.

6 And so I have questions. The other time I  
7 spoke, I wondered what the power source was going  
8 to be for the railroad, if it's some kind of fuel.  
9 Is there storage? If it's diesel, it's really  
10 polluting.

11 I think a fence will invite intrusion. It  
12 will be an attractive nuisance that kids want to  
13 jump over and trample around on, you know, fragile  
14 foliage. And I wonder about security then. Will  
15 there be cameras?

16 And how are we going to pay for maintaining  
17 the trestle bridge, the engines, the tracks and  
18 the staffing, and the bathrooms? I think that  
19 we're depending, according to what I've read, a  
20 lot on volunteers. But, you know, I don't really  
21 think this is the kind of amusement that a train,  
22 you know, buff is going to want to volunteer at  
23 and, you know, spend their time.

24 Also, I don't know how many days it's going  
25 to be open per year, and that's -- I don't know.

1 I just still have a lot of questions, and it seems  
2 like it would be better to put it in a dump, and  
3 have a better ride, and then not have to deal with  
4 worrying about the environment.

5 That's it. Thank you.

6 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else wish to address  
8 the Board?

9 MS. LAUBER: Hi. I'm Peggy Lauber, 149  
10 Sixth Street in Greenport, and president of North  
11 Fork Audubon Society.

12 I'm hoping that tonight's an opportunity  
13 just to ask some questions, because I've been  
14 asking them and I really don't know. Because the  
15 way I understand it, this idea was introduced in  
16 2017, and I had not seen anything between 2017 and  
17 a few months ago. Nothing was presented to the  
18 public about -- about the location really  
19 specifically, where it was going to be. I didn't  
20 realize, you know, about the DEC, a permit being  
21 even applied for. There was never any kind of  
22 public forum. And maybe you guys didn't think it  
23 was necessary, because you got -- I know you got a  
24 great deal of support in 2017, but I don't think  
25 that all the people who were excited about the

1 train really had any understanding of where it was  
2 going to go. And a lot of people don't really  
3 realize how fragile Moore's Woods is, but I think  
4 they're starting to realize that, I hope.

5 So I would just like to ask, like, did you  
6 guys or did the Rotary, did anyone ever consider,  
7 really seriously consider other locations? How  
8 was it arrived at that it had to be in Moore's  
9 Woods in the first place?

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We looked at numerous  
11 different locations, Village property and  
12 everything else, and that was the one piece of  
13 property that had the minimal impact because of  
14 the existing roadway that goes behind the skate  
15 park, and the other roadway that goes in, was the  
16 least amount of conflict with the environment and  
17 everything else compared to other locations that  
18 we had looked at.

19 It was also discussed. We had letters from  
20 your group and numerous other groups. That's why  
21 the plan was changed and moved four times over the  
22 four years, and we redesigned it and moved it and  
23 shifted the location around, because of complaints  
24 we had from people over the four years that it was  
25 being done.

1           Because, also, we've had several -- it's  
2           been in the Suffolk Times numerous times. We've  
3           had fundraising events, we've had posters up,  
4           we've had banners, we had other stuff of where  
5           everything was going and what was being done over  
6           the past four years.

7           MS. LAUBER: Was the design plan ever  
8           presented to the public?

9           MAYOR HUBBARD: The public was right there,  
10          every event that was -- that had been.

11          MS. LAUBER: But was the design plan ever  
12          presented to the public?

13          MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

14          MS. LAUBER: Where, when?

15          MAYOR HUBBARD: It's been on the Village  
16          website, it's been talked about. But Paul can  
17          explain that better, if you want.

18          ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It was posted to the  
19          website a couple of times. There was a public  
20          event at the skate park attended by hundreds of  
21          people, I think, that had a very large poster of  
22          the layout right at the skate park. So it was --

23          MS. LAUBER: When was that?

24          ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Two years ago? Yeah,  
25          just about two years ago, something like that.

1 MS. LAUBER: And just to clarify, it was not  
2 our organization. I know that there were  
3 environmentalists. I now know that there were  
4 environmentalists who spoke out about they wanted  
5 to change it, but it wasn't our -- it wasn't North  
6 Fork Audubon.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. I'm not  
8 sure who all the groups were. There was a dozen  
9 letters that were sent to the DEC when the process  
10 started, and the DEC contacted us back and said,  
11 "We have these letters." The whole Board got  
12 copies of letters, and that's why we worked with  
13 the Rotary to try to redesign and move, and  
14 reconfigure, adding the bridge, other things to  
15 not touch areas that were fragile of what the DEC  
16 wanted.

17 MS. LAUBER: But, I mean, was the sewage  
18 treatment plant ever -- that area ever considered?  
19 That dump area, was that ever considered? Like  
20 around behind the water tower, was that ever  
21 considered?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, it was, but we have --  
23 that's where the Village -- there's a loading zone  
24 for the Village to put stuff before we cart it  
25 away when we clean the streets and everything else

1 that we do, so we need that area there.

2 MS. LAUBER: And I understand there's some  
3 Village property just east of where the train is  
4 currently located? I just found out recently.  
5 There's six acres of Village property just to the  
6 east of the --

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's Monsell Trail, that's  
8 all completely wetlands.

9 MS. LAUBER: I don't know if it's Monsell  
10 Trail. But, okay, so what about Monsell Trail,  
11 was that ever considered?

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, it was.

13 MS. LAUBER: And what was -- what was the  
14 reason that it was rejected?

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Because you had the roadway  
16 down the center, everything else on each side of  
17 it is all completely wetlands. That was an old  
18 dumping site back in the '60s and '70s.

19 MS. LAUBER: And what about the idea of  
20 doing it around the park, as Margaret was  
21 suggesting?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: With carnivals and  
23 everything else that go on up there, you would not  
24 be able to bring the carnival, the circus, other  
25 things that happen on that, on the polo grounds.

1 Those events would not be allowed. They would be  
2 going over the top of the train and everything  
3 else would be right in the middle of it.

4 MS. LAUBER: And not -- and you say the  
5 water tower itself, that area is not --

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: The water tower property is  
7 owned by Suffolk County Water Authority, that was  
8 sold to them. The property behind it is where the  
9 Village puts the brush, the branches, asphalt,  
10 concrete and everything else, and that's like our  
11 loading area that we do and we cart that away.

12 MS. LAUBER: Does anybody in this room have  
13 an idea of another location?

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Randy's come up with  
15 numerous locations and none of them would work.  
16 The drying beds for the sewer treatment plant and  
17 stuff like that, everything else, the property up  
18 there is all being used or it's preserved, so.

19 MS. LAUBER: Okay. And my other question is  
20 about the six-foot fence. Now I've heard that  
21 it's because of liability, and I just want to  
22 understand better. Like who says that it's --  
23 like, I mean, is this the insurance company who  
24 were saying that you have to do that? Or who has  
25 decided that there has to be a six-foot fence

1 and why?

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a discussion that's  
3 been held by the committee and talked about that.  
4 We don't have any insurance on it at this point,  
5 because we don't have anything, nothing's been  
6 built there. That was part of the design plan to  
7 put that around to secure the property and  
8 everything else, to keep people from running over  
9 it, being in the middle there when the train is  
10 going, whatever.

11 MS. LAUBER: So that -- and so it was part  
12 of the design process to put a six-foot fence up  
13 down the middle of the trail?

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: The committee, between the  
15 Rotary and the Village, and talking about it, and  
16 everything else, with somebody who was our  
17 insurance carrier, but it was not made -- a  
18 decision made by him for that. It was decided to  
19 add it onto the plans to help secure the area.

20 MS. LAUBER: So it was not required by the  
21 insurance company?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: We don't have any insurance  
23 on the property yet, because it's not being built  
24 yet.

25 MS. LAUBER: You were just following

1 guideline from the previous insurance company?

2 I'm just trying to understand.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's a discussion that was  
4 held by the committee. The 15 people on that  
5 committee discussed the whole -- overall of the  
6 plans, going through what we were applying to the  
7 DEC for. Between the expediter and everybody else  
8 that worked on the project, that was -- the  
9 consensus was to put a fence around the piece of  
10 property. That's why it was included in the  
11 plans.

12 MS. LAUBER: Okay. Do you all think it's a  
13 good idea?

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: I do.

15 MS. LAUBER: Anybody else think it's a good  
16 idea?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that's not a  
18 question that's really fair to ask at a public  
19 meeting, because whereas they --

20 MS. LAUBER: Okay. I'm just --

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have -- we have no  
22 idea what the final outcome's going to be.

23 MS. LAUBER: Right.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You know, we have -- we  
25 have agreements that are being worked on, and I

1 think that's -- I understand where you're coming  
2 from, Peggy, but there are still things that need  
3 to be discussed. And I, in all honesty, am open  
4 to all the discussions, but I think that's a  
5 little bit of an unfair question to ask us.

6 MS. LAUBER: Okay. I just -- yeah, I'm  
7 just -- again, I'm just -- you say consensus, and  
8 I just hope that there is some opportunity to  
9 reconsider why you would need that. There's just  
10 got to be an opportunity to discuss that and come  
11 up with some alternative. I just -- I just don't  
12 understand. I truly don't understand the need for  
13 it in the first place. I don't know what is meant  
14 by like security in the -- what are we trying to  
15 secure? These are just questions I'm throwing out  
16 there, because I really haven't gotten any  
17 answers, and I just don't see any justification  
18 for that fence. So I just think -- I just think  
19 it's --

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: We talked about using deer  
21 fence instead of chain link fence. It's going to  
22 be a black fence. It's going to blend in with  
23 everything black or green. It's not going to be a  
24 silver fence that's going around there.

25 MS. LAUBER: Okay. All right. I just

1 wanted to, you know, put those questions. Those  
2 were things that I, you know, heard people talk  
3 about, and I just haven't gotten any real answers.  
4 And I just hope, I really, really hope and  
5 emphasize that this could be a process where you  
6 can continue to seek input from organizations like  
7 us, from the community, because I think it's  
8 really important just to --

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, we got your input,  
10 we've heard everything that you said and  
11 everything else. We'll take it under  
12 consideration.

13 MS. LAUBER: We want to be involved. And  
14 then the other thing I'd just like to bring up is,  
15 again, and I've talked about this before, just the  
16 state of Moore's Woods. The state of the rest of  
17 the woods is -- but, you know, it's a very -- it's  
18 just overgrown, trees laying in the middle of the  
19 paths, the paths are impassable. That woods needs  
20 some love, it needs some attention, and, you know,  
21 we would like to get involved. As Audubon, we  
22 would like to be involved in helping to bring back  
23 what is left of that woods. But what is really  
24 sad is that it's getting chipped away at and  
25 chipped away at, and it's just -- where is it

1 going to stop?

2 You know, as people brought up, climate  
3 change, sea level rise, the wetlands there. I  
4 mean, we've just got to save what's left. And we  
5 just keep, you know, coming up with reasons, well,  
6 we have to do it here, well, we have to do it  
7 here. And I don't know. We just got to -- we  
8 really all have to think hard about -- about  
9 alternatives.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village has  
11 walked that numerous times over the past couple of  
12 months, Paul Pallas, our Village Administrator,  
13 along with the Highway Crew and everything else.  
14 And a lot of the stuff that's there, the trees  
15 that are falling down and everything else, the DEC  
16 does not want them cut up and carted away.

17 MS. LAUBER: I understand that.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's --

19 MS. LAUBER: No, I understand that. The  
20 path is --

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: You know, where it fell,  
22 they want to leave it there. You know, and so you  
23 can do minimal trimming back and everything else.  
24 The DEC is not allowing us to go in there and  
25 clear back the way everything was back in '71. In

1 '71, they didn't have guidelines like that, you  
2 were able to cut past and do that. And now we're  
3 trying to clean up trees that are along the edge  
4 of Moore's Lane that we want to cut down. Some of  
5 them have a red "X" on them and everything else,  
6 no, you can't touch those.

7 There's a lot of stuff that's going on,  
8 they're saying we can't do that. Moore's Drain  
9 needs to be cleared out again, so all --  
10 everything in the Village will drain better, and  
11 we're only allowed to do certain portions of that.  
12 They say no, you can't go in there with a machine,  
13 you know, whatever, you can pull up branches by  
14 hand. We're limited with a lot of what we can do.

15 MS. LAUBER: Yeah. No, I understand that.  
16 And I hope that -- you know, that I'd like to see  
17 maybe more money and attention put toward like  
18 what are the alternatives, because I know what  
19 you're saying, it's true. I know that you can't  
20 just like pick up the trees and move them out of  
21 there. But we have to come up with some  
22 solutions, because, in the meantime, the paths are  
23 blocked. And then what's happening is people are  
24 then going around them and they're just making it  
25 worse. They're just cutting into the woods and

1 cutting into the woods. And there's just so many  
2 trails cutting into the woods now by God knows  
3 who, like, you know, just --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village  
5 Administrator wants to address you on that.

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I'm just compelled to  
7 comment on the condition of the trails. My crews  
8 have been working for a couple of weeks now  
9 cleaning them, mowing, and in the trails  
10 themselves. The only thing left, as I remember in  
11 my last conversation, is to just -- the trees that  
12 are blocking, is to cut them away from the trail.  
13 They've done a significant amount of work in the  
14 last two weeks. As I've reported the last two  
15 months, that they have been working a lot on  
16 reno -- not renovating, but opening up the trails.

17 MS. LAUBER: But, again, we just need to do  
18 more of that, and Moore's Drain itself, like as  
19 mentioned.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, the drain is a  
21 separate -- as the Mayor has just reported, it's a  
22 separate matter.

23 MS. LAUBER: I mean, I think that we need --  
24 I don't know. We need --

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: You need to address

1 the Board.

2 MS. LAUBER: Excuse me. We need -- that  
3 needs to be addressed. And I personally don't  
4 even have the answer, but I feel like we need to  
5 get some expert opinions as to do we want to clean  
6 out those? There's many culverts that are  
7 blocked. You know, so do we clean them out or let  
8 them fill in? Again, I don't have the answer, but  
9 I'm sure somebody out there -- we need expert  
10 advice, is what we need. We, as a Village, as a  
11 community, need some expert advice how to address  
12 the woods, and just really give it some attention,  
13 because it is -- again, I keep saying it's a  
14 jewel, and it's -- you know, it really is  
15 something that we should all be proud of. Anyway,  
16 thank you for your consideration.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Peggy, I just wanted to let  
19 you know, by the way, when you mentioned that  
20 there was no public notice about it, I have a  
21 bunch of photos on my phone. September 14th,  
22 2019, there was a big kickoff event there, a  
23 ceremony. The Greenport Band played, okay? I'd  
24 be happy to share the photos to Sylvia, if you'd  
25 like to see them. She could put them on the

1 website at Greenport Shots.

2 MS. LAUBER: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It was the kickoff for the  
4 Rotary.

5 MS. LAUBER: I stand corrected on that. I  
6 just honestly wasn't aware of any kind of like a  
7 forum where we could sit and look at the plans and  
8 see them.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And I'm sure the Suffolk  
10 Times probably published an article on it as well.  
11 Okay. Thank you very much.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anybody?

13 MR. HILBRAND: I guess I look like a yo-yo,  
14 here I am again. Jaap Hilbrand, 160 Sterling  
15 Street.

16 I'm fairly unfamiliar with most of these  
17 items, although I have been briefed by most of the  
18 wonderful women that support all these items.  
19 However, just sitting here, it smells of only one  
20 issue, legal maintenance. Who owns the property  
21 at Moore's Woods, the Village?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: The Village.

23 MR. HILBRAND: Who carries the insurance?

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: The Village.

25 MR. HILBRAND: For how much extra, now that

1 the train is going to be there?

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: What's that?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He wants to know --

4 MR. HILBRAND: Now that there's going to be  
5 a train, how much extra insurance?

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: We haven't contacted an  
7 insurance carrier at this point yet, so I can't --

8 MR. HILBRAND: Yeah, but it will increase,  
9 there's no question about it. It's just not free.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. Okay, yes. There'll  
11 be insurance on the train, yes.

12 MR. HILBRAND: And another little apple to  
13 throw out, and what about maintenance of  
14 everything that is going to be built? Is it going  
15 to be in the Village of Greenport's hands?  
16 Is from now on the maintenance is yours, or is it  
17 the Rotary's responsibility?

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Maintenance will be done by  
19 the Village Crew, just like we do the Carousel  
20 downtown.

21 MR. HILBRAND: Say that again, please.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: The Village will take care  
23 of the maintenance, the same as we do with the  
24 Carousel ride downtown in Mitchell Park.

25 MR. HILBRAND: Okay. Are there -- is there

1 anything in writing about all these things?

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: The contracts are being  
3 worked on at this time. We don't have anything in  
4 writing at this time, no.

5 MR. HILBRAND: Because --

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: The Village Attorney and the  
7 Rotary are working on the agreements.

8 MR. HILBRAND: Yeah. Because if the bike,  
9 or whatever -- what's it called, the one right  
10 next to it? The skateboard. If that's an issue  
11 now and there is nothing in the plan to do repairs  
12 or anything else, I see the same happening with  
13 the future for the issue we're talking about.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Repairs are done on the  
15 skate park constantly by the Village Crew, and  
16 insurance is maintained by them.

17 MR. HILBRAND: I went there today, it wasn't  
18 all that bad. I heard that it was bad, but I  
19 don't think so.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: We are up there weekly  
21 repairing stuff. The group that's doing it is  
22 doing more repairs than what was being done,  
23 because they want to go one step beyond. But the  
24 Village spends a lot of money on repairs and  
25 maintenance up there, and the crew is up there all

1 the time.

2 MR. HILBRAND: Yeah. Finally, one sad word.  
3 And, as you mentioned, maybe some of these items  
4 were in emails or on the website. That is sad,  
5 folks, if that's what -- the way we have to learn  
6 that things happen. Can you imagine? She's the  
7 head of Audubon, the amount of items that she has  
8 to look at continuously? There has to be a better  
9 way to communicate.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Excuse me, sir, but this has  
11 been talked about for four years. It's been  
12 discussed at Village meetings, it's been in the  
13 Suffolk Times, it's been on the website. It's  
14 been talked about for four years.

15 MR. HILBRAND: Not as a major item.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's not something new over  
17 the past month-and-a-half.

18 MR. HILBRAND: No, not as a major item. It  
19 may have been mentioned en passant, but not as a  
20 major item.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Two or three hundred people  
22 showing up at an event --

23 MR. HILBRAND: Very few people knew about it.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- I think is a pretty major  
25 item in Greenport.

1 MR. HILBRAND: Yeah, okay. Choo-ka-choo-ka-choo,  
2 here we go.

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

5 MS. DECRUZ: I do.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. We're not going  
7 to keep -- everybody getting back up and rebutting  
8 each other, but go ahead.

9 MS. DECRUZ: I'm not -- I'm not rebutting  
10 everybody. Is this still on? Yeah.

11 My -- oh, yes, I had -- I forgot to mention  
12 this. I looked on the Peconic Estuary Program  
13 webinar. They have mapped out land in the North  
14 Fork around the wetlands and stuff like that. Now  
15 I could give you this, because I actually printed  
16 it up at the Library today, but it shows where the  
17 skate -- the railroad would go in Moore's Woods,  
18 and that it is definitely a critical natural  
19 resource area for a significant coastal fish and  
20 wildlife habitat, and they -- it shows that it  
21 will -- sea level will rise six inches in the next  
22 10 years, at least. It's an interesting thing to  
23 look at, because it's sort of -- you can look at  
24 the plan and then you can look at their -- you  
25 know, how they mapped out --

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

2           MS. DECRUZ: And, also --

3           MAYOR HUBBARD: That's why we went to the  
4 DEC to get permission for this.

5           MS. DECRUZ: I understand, and I spoke with  
6 somebody yesterday, also, who said that the DEC is  
7 so busy, that they don't really -- they're a good  
8 organization, but they don't necessarily get to  
9 examine everything the way they should. That's  
10 from two people in organizations that are --

11           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. But, I mean, they  
12 worked on it for four years reviewing it. So, I  
13 mean, they did --

14           MS. DECRUZ: Okay. I'm just -- okay, I  
15 understand.

16           MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Paul Pallas  
17 would like to address you on that, please.

18           ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: If I -- thank you,  
19 Mr. Mayor. If I may, that may be true that  
20 they're busy, but I met on the site with them  
21 three times for multiples of hours. So to say  
22 that they didn't exam it is just not accurate.  
23 That's it.

24           MS. DECRUZ: I didn't say they didn't  
25 examine it. In fact, I think a lot of the plans

1 they made were really good, I was impressed. But  
2 I'm just telling you what I was told by two nature  
3 organizations who work with them a lot.

4 Also, the other thing that nobody brought up  
5 is that it is a gas-fueled engine, and in my  
6 opinion, it should be electric. And especially if  
7 it's going to be for kids, to educate them about  
8 nature and expose them to stuff, it shouldn't be  
9 gas and oil in the park, in the -- in the  
10 preserve.

11 That's all. Thank you.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Anybody  
13 else wish to address the Board. All right.  
14 Randy, I just --

15 MS. WADE: I know, I know. I'll be really  
16 quick and really precise -- concise.

17 I just want to call your attention to how  
18 much time has been spent tonight on figuring out  
19 parking regulations for signs that could be taken  
20 down at the drop of a hat, and it's going to go to  
21 a public hearing. And what we're talking about  
22 here is changing the character of Moore's Woods, a  
23 precious area for -- in perpetuity, on into the  
24 future, in a way that's not taking down a parking  
25 sign, and there has never been a public hearing.

1 And it would be appropriate at the public hearing  
2 to say we are planning to have this open for so  
3 many days a year, we anticipate that will bring in  
4 this amount of revenue, and then it will cost  
5 about this much every five years to be replacing  
6 this and that, and, you know, that would be a  
7 thoughtful way to progress. It would -- I hope  
8 you'll think about doing that.

9 There's another area for the dump, which  
10 is -- because it's not a real dump, it's just  
11 keeping things temporarily. There's north of the  
12 gorgeous lake reservoir that, unfortunately, you  
13 can no longer see from Moore's Lane now, but it's  
14 just north of the road into the sanitation plant.  
15 There's a big field where the buildings were taken  
16 down. It's kind of got a concrete base, and so  
17 not much grows there. And you could keep your  
18 stuff temporarily there and allow the dump area  
19 behind the water tower to be part of the train and  
20 then some -- the baseball diamond on the north end  
21 is no longer used, that's area. So there is area  
22 that it could be designed, there are alternatives.  
23 And so thank you so much.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Anybody else  
25 wish to address the Board?

1 MS. DECRUZ: I do, but not about that,  
2 something different. No, really, because --

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

4 MS. DECRUZ: -- it's very interesting to,  
5 you know, be at this meeting. And you say you put  
6 stuff on the website, and I'm sure you do, but  
7 does the Suffolk Times have a page just for  
8 Greenport news and what's going on? This is what  
9 I think would be helpful, because people do not  
10 know what's going on. They don't look at the  
11 website, they don't even know what's up for  
12 discussion. And if there was like a page or half  
13 a page where it was, this is what we're talking  
14 about, you know, just so people know, because they  
15 don't, and so nobody knows. And if you don't go  
16 to the website, you don't know, and the website's  
17 big and it's busy. And I think we just have to  
18 figure out a way to get the word out more on  
19 what's happening, what's being talked about, what  
20 could be voted on, so people get involved more.  
21 We don't have enough involvement, right?

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I mean, our agenda is  
23 posted, you know, at least a week in advance on  
24 the website.

25 MS. DECRUZ: I know, but I think you

1       should -- I think there should be more in the  
2       paper. I mean, if you want, I'll do the writing,  
3       you know.

4               MAYOR HUBBARD: They're a private company,  
5       you could talk to them about it. We can't tell  
6       them to go and put stuff in their paper. They're  
7       a private company, they do -- you know, they print  
8       what they want

9               MS. DECRUZ: Oh, I know, yeah, but I think  
10      it would be a good -- you could submit stuff, I  
11      mean, the town.

12              MAYOR HUBBARD: We could do paid  
13      advertisements, but we can't just -- you know,  
14      they don't do anything for free. So we can't just  
15      take all our stuff and say, "Here, put this all in  
16      the paper." They charge us for every legal  
17      notice. Everything we put in the paper we pay  
18      for, we pay a lot of money for all that.

19              MS. DECRUZ: Okay.

20              MAYOR HUBBARD: I just, you know --

21              MS. DECRUZ: All right. Thank you.

22              MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

23              MS. RIVA: I just have a simple question and  
24      I -- to the Board. I would like to know why you  
25      think that this Mini Railroad is a good idea.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Just name and address for --

2 MS. RIVA: Debra Riva, 433 Sixth Street.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

4 MS. RIVA: That's my questions, why do you  
5 think this is a good idea?

6 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I'm happy to address it.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Go ahead.

8 TRUSTEE CLARKE: The Miniature Railroad was  
9 a beloved feature of Greenport before it closed.  
10 And when I first joined the Board and it was  
11 brought to my attention that there were plans to  
12 reestablish it, I was glad about that, because I  
13 thought that more family-oriented activity and  
14 things for children that were different from the  
15 burgeoning food and drink industry that has taken  
16 up so much of our Business District was an  
17 important addition.

18 I'm only speaking for myself, but I thought  
19 that the railroad was a novel and unique thing for  
20 Greenport, and I was happy to see it come back.  
21 At the time, I knew that it was proposed for the  
22 Moore's Lane area. I did not know it would  
23 necessarily be the route that has been selected  
24 now, but it has been a difficult process trying to  
25 find the right spot.

1           And, you know, I understand with anything,  
2           what people have been saying tonight is  
3           communication is paramount, communication is key.  
4           And in our cluttered media-crowded lives, you  
5           know, if you missed it on Facebook, or if you  
6           missed it in the newspaper, if you missed it on  
7           the website, you know, and it -- I understand it's  
8           nobody's fault, but it's very hard to cut through  
9           and communicate about all the work that's going on  
10          in the Village on a daily basis. That said, all  
11          of us, both the Administration and the Elected  
12          Officials, can all do a better job at reaching out  
13          and trying to communicate better, because we do  
14          hear from people all the time, "I didn't know, I  
15          didn't know, I didn't know."

16                 I'm sorry, you just ask asked me why I  
17                 thought it was a good idea and I started  
18                 pontificating, so I'll finish up.

19                         (Laughter)

20                 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

21                 MS. RIVA: So, in my opinion, and this is  
22                 just my opinion, although it is a lot of other  
23                 people's who I've spoken to, yes, I understand  
24                 that it was something that you had years ago and  
25                 it was novel and it was sweet, and it sounds novel

1 and sweet, it was before I was here. And when the  
2 idea came up, it might have been a good idea. But  
3 ever since then, including the pandemic that we're  
4 hopefully coming out of, there are more people  
5 here than there ever has been. There is more  
6 traffic, there's -- and it's good economically.  
7 It's not so good for the residents on some level.  
8 And to add another attraction like that from -- I  
9 think is really ludicrous. I think it's a mistake  
10 because of where we are in terms of population, in  
11 terms of what's going on in the world. We don't  
12 know about the pandemic. I just don't think it's  
13 a good idea, and I don't think it's a good idea  
14 for the greater good of Greenport.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Anybody  
16 else wish to address the Board?

17 (No Response)

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. I'll offer a  
19 motion to adjourn to executive session to talk  
20 about the contract negotiations at 8:40? I  
21 can't -- there's a glare right on it.

22 TRUSTEE CLARKE: 8:35?

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: 8:37. So moved.

24 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

1 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.

6 Opposed?

7 (No Response)

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried. We're in  
9 executive session.

10 (The meeting was adjourned to executive  
11 session at 8:37 p.m.)

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