

**VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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FEBRUARY 4 MEETING, AT 11:00 A.M.**

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**Present:** Jerry Larsen, Mayor  
Chris Minardi, Deputy Mayor  
Arthur Graham, Trustee  
Rosemary Brown, Trustee  
Sandra Melendez, Trustee  
Marcos Baladrón, Administrator  
Elizabeth Baldwin, Attorney  
David Collins, Superintendent of Public Works  
Billy Hajek, Planner  
Michael Tracey, Police Chief  
Gerard Turza, Fire Chief  
Hugh King, Historic Site Manager  
Jody Gambino, LTV Moderator  
Ms. Lester, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

**J. Gambino/LTV:** We are Live.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Good morning, everybody. Welcome to our February 4th, 2021 Village Board Meeting. We have a long meeting today, a lot of things to discuss. So, I'd love to start off right away. We'll do the pledge of allegiance. Jerry, if you could lead us in that. Please stand.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**All Recited:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

**Mayor Larsen:** Perfect. Thank you, everybody. Everybody can be seated. Before we get into the presentations, I would just like to make a couple of announcements. One is, as everybody may or may not know, I came down with COVID-19, spent some time in the hospital. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Village Board for all their well-wishes when I was out. Our Village staff who did a great job keeping me in the loop on everything. The staff at Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook was outstanding. Dr. Hussain, who's head of the COVID unit, was wonderful. I can't thank them enough for getting me back on solid ground. But most of all, I have to thank my personal doctor, Ralph Gibson and my wife, were being so persistent in getting me the treatment that I needed. It was a long road and I feel very, very much better and anxious to get back to work. Thanks again, everybody for all your support and it was a very humbling time.

**Beach Parking Permits**

All right. Beach passes, this has been the first time in the history of our village that we are almost sold out. We only have about 300 non-resident beach permits left. So, please get those in as quickly as possible.

**Town Pond Dredging Project**

The Town Pond dredging is starting February 8th. There's a lot of concern on social media about the wildlife. The RFP that was put out does require Pat Bistran, who is the contractor, to having a wildlife spotter on scene to help diminish any fatalities of any of our wildlife. So, that is in place.

**Relocated Building Department**

We're also happy to announce our new building department is open at 88 Newtown Lane. I stopped in there the other day. It looks terrific. And I think it's going to go a long way in helping our residents, have a more user-friendly building department, easier parking, easier in-and-out.

**Historic Scavenger Hunt**

And the last thing I have on our announcements is our historical scavenger hunt was supposed to take place on January 23rd. This was a fun game that Hugh and I came up with, kind of to fill a Saturday during this COVID time. And it'll be a lot of fun, but it got delayed because of my illness. So, we're scheduled for this February

6th, which is this Saturday. We have 120 people signed up. So, it's all going to be done through email. It's all going to be COVID compliant. And it should be a lot of fun. And Fresno Place, Sandra was able to secure a gift certificate from Fresno Place from Mike, the restaurant owner, a \$200 gift certificate for the winner of the contest. That's a really nice gesture on Mike's part. So, I want to thank him for that. That's all I have is my updates. I know I'm moving quickly, but we have a long agenda and I don't want to take too long on these things. So, Hugh, that brings you up.

#### Presentation – Hugh King

**Mr. King:** Okay, I just have a few things, Mr. Mayor. Trustee Melendez, you were asking about the Sea Spray cottages or the Sea Spray hotel.

**Trustee Melendez:** Yes.

**Mr. King:** It's history... Well, one other thing, I don't know if it said it in that paper, but do you know where the Sea Spray got its name?

**Trustee Melendez:** Oh, I don't -

**Mr. King:** No, you're not supposed to know, I'm going to tell you. Okay? There was a woman named Cornelia Huntington, and she lived in East Hampton and she was the smartest person in town. That's probably why she never got married, all right. Because she must've scared all the men. She read four newspapers. She kept a diary for almost 50 years and we have it. And she wrote a novel, called Sea Spray, which was a thinly veiled story of East Hampton. When they moved the Thomas C. Parsons Hotel down there in 1902, I think that's where they got the name from... Sea Spray. Okay?

**Trustee Melendez:** Great.

**Mr. King:** Trustee Graham, you were asking about Cooper Lane, right?

**Trustee Graham:** Yes, sir.

**Mr. King:** Well, Superintendent Collins had some information about that.

**Mr. Collins:** I do. Cooper Lane, beyond McGuirk Street, was for a long time Vetault's Nursery on both sides of the street. And up until a few years ago, you could still actually see a lot of the big specimen trees in the backyards. Most of them have succumbed to storm damage and age. My parents' property, right on the corner of Cooper and Cedar, was part of the nursery. And when I was growing up, we had huge pines and specimen trees in the yard. And, unfortunately they're all gone now. The cemetery expansion went into that part of the property. And, you also asked about Gould Street, I believe, or it was mentioned about the Gould Farm. That was actually Gould Street. That section, when I was a kid that was just a big vacant lot. And that was part of the Gould Farm.

**Mr. King:** Okay. Thank you, Superintendent Collins. Thank you. Trustee Minardi is not with us.

**Trustee Melendez:** He's trying to get with us, but he's not here yet.

**Mr. King:** Okay. Well, I'm going to talk about him anyway, even though he's not here. He asked me about Frank Wiborg. How did Wiborg Beach get its name? There were a couple of other things... You know where the road to the Maidstone Club is, right? Beach Lane. Well, it wasn't supposed to be there. It was supposed to go in front of Frank Wiborg's house, right off of highway behind the pond. And he got so mad that he gave the Maidstone Club \$5,000, if they would move the road to where it is now. And that's why the road to the Maidstone club was there. And the second thing is Frank Wiborg invited President Harding to visit him during the summer of 1921. Well, here comes President Harding with his wife, Florence and Mr. And Mrs. Herbert Hoover, but Harding stops at Southampton, to play golf. Mrs. Harding is driven over here by Frank Wiborg to Home , Sweet Home. And he goes in to visit. She goes into visit with Mr. And Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mr. Buek gives her a cup and saucer. She writes a lovely letter, thanking the Bueks, and inviting them to the white house. We have that letter at Home Sweet Home Museum, but Harding went and ruined it by dying while he was in Alaska. So, the Bueks never got to go there. Okay. And then the last one is Rose Brown, you asked me about the old highway department building right on the corner of Gingerbread and Church. Well, that building was also the office for a town councilman at one time. Go ahead and see if you can find who that was.

**Trustee Brown:** All right. I'm the only one who gets homework?

**Mr. King:** But, you'll like the answer.

**Trustee Brown:** Okay, good. I'm intrigued.

**Mr. King:** Yeah. You're getting a treat. They're not getting that treat. Okay.

**Trustee Brown:** Intrigue. Okay.

**Mr. King:** Okay. That's it, Mr. Mayor. I'm out of here, but we'll be back next time to talk about the answers to the scavenger hunt. Okay?

**Mayor Larsen:** Yeah, I'm looking forward to it. Saturday should be a lot of fun. The weather's cleared up, so it should be a nice day.

**Mr. King:** Okay. Thank you everybody.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks. All right. Next we have Tom Bock, who's with us. Who's one of our longtime firemen, also has been giving a great assistance to our ambulance, as a driver. He's been beat up a little bit and we just have our appreciation for him. And June, could you read the proclamation please?

**Ms. Lester:** Proclamation in Recognition of Thomas Bock. Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hampton would like to recognize Thomas Bock for his dedication, diligence and professionalism as a volunteer driver of the East Hampton Village Ambulance Association, while also being a member of the Fire Department. And whereas from driving on over 300 calls in 2020, to often being the first to arrive on the scene and providing aid, to helping subdue a combative patient at Southampton Hospital during a call, to always offering to help with any task, including COVID protocol cleaning of the ambulances multiple times a week. Thomas Bock is invaluable, especially during these difficult times. Now, therefore I, Jerry Larsen, Mayor of the Village of East Hampton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the residents of the Incorporated Village of East Hampton do hereby express our greatest, deepest gratitude to Tom.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thank you so much, Tom

**Mr. Bock:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, everybody. I appreciate it.

**Mayor Larsen:** Rose, who is our liaison to the ambulance, would you like to say a few things Rose?

**Trustee Brown:** Sure. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Tom for his service and dedication with the fire department and the ambulance. And I think our entire Board appreciates all of the work of the emergency services volunteers, as well as our dispatch and police during these times, especially during COVID. It's exceptional, your service, and we truly appreciate you and everyone else who worked so hard on our behalf to keep us safe. So, thank you. And I think Chief Turza and Chief Charde have some things to say, as well.

**Mr. Bock:** Thank you.

**Trustee Brown:** You're Welcome. Thank you.

**Chief Turza:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor, members of the Board. He's a member of the fire department and we're, we're very proud about that. Tom was one of our ex Chiefs almost 20 years ago, to let you know just how long he's been with us. We have 15 pieces of apparatus and Tom's certified and qualified to drive, I believe, nine of them. Which is a feat in and of itself. Now two years ago, Chief Charde and I got together and we developed the Fire Driver Program where members of the fire department willfully, and with pretty much zero recognition and reward really, give their time to drive the ambulance. As the fire and ambulance are separate here in East Hampton. Tom was one of the first people to step up to the plate for it. And the program got off on a good note and she's short now every once in a while, we would ask each other, okay, how's it going? And she'd called me up one day and we were talking and she goes, "I have to talk to you about Tom." And now that kind of conversation, if you know, Tom could go one of two ways. Potentially for myself and the viewing public, it was a very positive thing. She said, "he's a dynamo. He's just full of energy and he's there." And he truly is. And when you have a conversation with him and you ask him, what drives you? What motivates you to do what you do? You get the same kind of answer that's very symbolic of every one of our fire and EMS volunteers that we're very fortunate to have here in the Village. Now I speak for Chief Charde when I say that we're very fortunate to have some great people. But it really isn't so much why Tom does what he does, it's how he does it. His passion to help others and his pace at which he does it is truly remarkable. And it really sets a very extremely high benchmark for all of us in the public safety field. With that, I'd like to turn it over to a Chief Charde.

**Mayor Larsen:** Lisa you're on mute. Chief you're on mute.

**Chief Charde:** Thank you, Chief Turza and the Village Board and Mr. Mayor, for putting this together. Tom, we have had a few conversations about Tom. I think all of them, most of them, were pretty good. Tom is probably his own worst enemy when it comes to his amount of volunteering that he does. But we did, about a year and a half ago, the Chief and I got together and started this driving program again. And of course, Tom was the very first one to sign up for it. And he came to us with an all-in attitude. He has the energy of a 15-year-old. He is open to doing things. And of course, having been ex-Chief in the fire department and a very active member of the fire department. The fire department runs differently than ambulance, but Tom was all-in and all ready to do it the way we do it, and learn it, and figure it all out. He's just been a dynamo. The thing about Tom is he's he wants to help people. Whether he's in the ambulance, whether he's in the fire department, whether he's driving down the road, whether he sees an accident in Bridgehampton, or even like last summer. And Tom, you'll remember this because I sent you the picture. I was at Three Mile Harbor dock and I look out and there's Tom, you remember Tom, Tom is towing in two strangers. I don't know if they lost their engine or what it was, but there's Tom, saving two people, two strangers at the Marina. I sent him a picture. I'm like, what the heck are you doing, Tom? This is all you do is save people. But, that's who Tom is. I don't know if it's in his DNA. I know if he has an adrenaline addiction for which, as we know, there's no cure. Thankfully, because if it weren't for Tom, we'd have a lot of calls perhaps, take it a little bit longer to answer. As a matter of fact, I just spoke with Tom before this meeting and gave him the business. Because he was on a mutual aid call to Springs at 20 minutes to 11 and then came back and said, I got to de-con the ambulance, I don't really know if I can make it. So he's here under duress, I'll have you know. Either way, we're lucky to have him. I know the fire department feels the same way. And Tom, thank you. Thank you from the East Hampton Village Ambulance Association. Thank you so much.

**Mr. Bock:** Thank you. I appreciate it. You just signed up and you do what you do. That's all. And I appreciate what you guys are doing. Thank you.

**Chief Charde:** Well, you do it more than anybody.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thank you, Tom. So much. Such a big asset for our village, so thank you again.

**Mr. Bock:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, ward and Chiefs. I appreciate it. I'm going to x of out of here now. Have a wonderful day.

**Chief Charde:** Turn your pager up, Tom. Turn Your pager up.

**Mr. Bock:** It is. Thank you. Have a great day everybody.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks Chief. Thanks.

**Chief Charde:** Thank you very much, you guys. I appreciate it.

#### **Paid Parking: Off-Street Fees**

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks. All right. We're going to get into the work session discussion. We have quite a few things on here for today. I'd like to start off with the paid parking right off the bat. I've spoken to each Board member individually. I think we have a consensus of where we're going to go with this. What I'd like to do is just go around and make sure we're all on the same page. We're as much as we can be and then schedule this for a public hearing. The way I think we've left it off is we're only doing our Reutershan and our Schenck Parking Lots. Village residents, and again, it was never this Board's intention to charge town residents, it was, it was really a problem with a legal issue. Which were able, between the three attorneys, to figure out a way to make this all work. The proposal on the table now, from what I'm gathering, is Reutershan and Schenck Parking Lots only. We're going to do, Village residents will get three hours for free. And this, again, from May 15th to September 15th. Village residents, three hours for free. Town residents will get two hours for free, just like they get now, and they'll have the option to pay for a third hour at \$2. Non-residents, if you don't fit into a Village resident or a town resident, then you're a non-resident. If you can't find one of our free parking spots and you choose to park in the parking lot, you'll have to pay upon entry. Which is \$2 per hour, up to three hours. That's kind of where we are now. I believe everybody's on Board with this and I'd like to just move it forward for a public hearing. I don't believe Trustee Graham's on Board, but I believe everybody else is. If we just want to go around and give me your feelings, that'll be fine.

**Trustee Graham:** Okay. Should I start Jerry?

**Mayor Larsen:** That's fine. Thanks.

**Trustee Graham:** I mean, my contention is that, we are, whether we like it or not, a resort community. We depend upon people coming in, from away, to enjoy our village and shop at our stores. And I just think that people coming from the city or Connecticut or up island or whatever, for them to come into the village and then have to pay for parking to go to our stores. I think that's just going to hurt the stores, because people are not going to come. I know that in my particular case, one of the things I love to do in Sag Harbor is go to the corner bar for lunch. And, frankly, if I have to pay for parking, it's probably less likely that I will do that. Now, this is just me. I think this will hurt our merchants in the village.

**Mayor Larsen:** I appreciate what you're saying. I don't think it's going to hurt our merchants. I think most of our merchants are on Board with this. I think they understand the underlying goal here is to bring vitality back to the village. And the only way we're going to bring that vitality back to the village is by installing that septic system. And, in my opinion, the only way we're going to pay for that septic system, to pay for the bond for this, is to use the paid parking as a way to pay for these bonds. I think we're almost in a situation now, with this pandemic, that we're almost in a crisis with our village. We're losing a lot, we're losing a few more mom-and-pop stores. We may not even have a movie theater anymore. I think that during May 15th to September 15th, we have a tremendous amount of clientele. I think that this is a good way to raise some funds to pay for the sewer system, which is going to help not only our water quality in our ponds, but it's also going to allow for some more wet uses, which will hopefully bring life back to our village. You have to look at the whole goal and see where we're coming from. I think it's the way to go. And again, we're a small village and if we move forward on something and it's not working, we can adjust. I appreciate your comments, Tiger. And I know you've been saying this all along and I just don't agree with taxing the whole village. I think it's going to delay the entire program.

**Trustee Graham:** As you know, I have been at the forefront of the sewer system for the commercial court. All right? I was one of the people that first brought that forward. One of the other former Board members and I were the people in charge of moving this ball forward. We hired a consultant, Nelson Pope. They did some preliminary work that was presented to us in 2019. Three of the things that they were going to do, in addition to looking at engineering the system. They were looking at ways to finance it, what rents were available. Creating a district with the town, because the town has need, our part of the town, for sewage treatment, from the Windmill Village and the Housing Authority. And that we could move ahead with the town, kill two birds with one stone. They were looking at financing, they were looking at affordable housing, and they were also looking at parking. And I think that we probably ought to hear their report.

**Mayor Larsen:** I agree with you. We've asked Billy to reach out to them and I think they're almost ready to give us a presentation. I agree with you. I mean, we've paid for this study. We should hear what they have to say. Again, this is a four to five-year process, and I really am anxious to get it going. Because I really feel like we were in trouble before this pandemic and now with the pandemic, I think we're in serious, serious trouble within our village. I think we need to get moving on this as quickly as possible. And if the town can join in with us, that's wonderful. But if that's going to delay us, then I think we need to get the first project going. I think Nelson Pope will, when they present their findings, I think that it might be helpful. According to Billy, they're almost ready to go. So, I mean, it's been a long process and everything gets delayed because of the pandemic. But really need to get moving. I really feel I can't say it enough. I think we're in a major crisis with our downtown.

**Trustee Graham:** I fully agree that we need to get this system going as soon as we can. I mean, I've been working on this since 2017, right. And actually before that, on the water quality committee, and this was one of the things that we came out that we needed to do, we need to move ahead with that. I don't want to belabor the point, we'll run out of time. But I think that charging for parking to do our sewer system is like having Donald Trump say, we're going to build the wall and Mexico is going to pay for it. I think that user fees are the way you pay for the sewer system. Not with people from out of town paying for our infrastructure projects.

**Mayor Larsen:** Well, I think it's the smart way to move. So-

**Trustee Melendez:** Yes. Can I talk? I have an opinion on that. I do think that people are benefiting. They're using our parking lots. They're coming to use our facilities and they will benefit. No one's going to stop coming to the Hamptons because they have to pay a \$2 fee. The other villages are doing it, too. It's my belief there's going to be higher fees on them. So, if I have to choose to go to East Hampton or Sag Harbor, I'm not going to just damage my summer because I have to pay parking lot fee. I think that's not going to affect the stores. And I think it's not only the store, it's the park. It's all the things that we want to do. We need income for that. We cannot just tax everybody about it. So, I think it's just from May to September, and I don't think it's going to hurt the village. We're not taking away any of the rights that the residents already have. We're just giving them a benefit to pay another hour so they don't get a ticket of \$80. So I think we're making it comfortable for the residents and we're taking a benefit from it. So, that's my opinion on that. And I agreed that we should be doing the parking.

**Trustee Brown:** I'd also like to add. And I mentioned this in our last meeting, my primary concern with the original paid parking program was that town residents would have to pay to park upon entering Schenck Lot and Reutershan. So now that that has been resolved and we've revisited, which I really appreciate that we have done that and listened to the public input as well. I know that the revenue is important to us to go ahead with some of the projects that I know all of us are behind. And as long as the town residents, aren't going to be charged to come into our parking lots. Then, I'm pleased that we've revisited it. I understand Tiger's point as well. We've always envisioned the first two hours being free for everyone. And then, if you want to stay later, you would pay for that. But my primary concern was that the town residents under the prior proposal would have to pay. And I'm happy that we've worked it out and revisited it so that they won't be affected by this.

**Mayor Larsen:** It was actually, I'm sorry, Rose. I didn't mean to cut you off. It was actually our three attorneys were able to figure this out and thank goodness they were able to do it because it was a complicated issue. So, and being transparent, we've all talked about this at every meeting and what happens is people pick it up in social media, they get half the information and then the rumors start spreading. So like I said, in the beginning, it was never really... This started back with even the beach permits. We were trying to set up a tier program for non-resident beach permits versus town resident beach permits versus village resident beach permits. And that's where we ran into this little problem. And then it extended into the paid parking. So, we were able obviously to figure out the paid parking. So, I appreciate your input and I'm excited to get this moving and it'll be interesting to see this summer, how much revenue we actually can generate and then to see if it will actually cover the bond payment. So, I think it's a going to be a good pilot program. And again, I mean, I can't stress this enough, we're a small village, I've said this all along. If something is not working, we can change direction. So, I appreciate your input. Thank you. Chris?

**Trustee Minardi:** Saving the best for last, right?

**Mayor Larsen:** Of course.

**Trustee Minardi:** Jerry and the Board, I do support this project. I have feelings similar to Rose, where we were able to get some middle ground to allowing town residents nothing worse. Again, I would also like to stress that this is a summertime project and again, the water quality is a big issue that even though we mentioned it, for me, it's a really big issue because we are taking a lot of that septic waste from our core district and we are then treating it and it will not go into the ground. So, I mean, that is a huge thing. If you walk around the village in the morning in the summertime, all those restaurants have to pump out their septic almost every day. If you talk to some of the restaurants around here, it's a once or twice a week thing where again, they're going to benefit from this from a lot of different ways, not having to pump out their septic system two, three, four times a week, which again is something that is helping the village. And again, the future goal here is to revitalize the village. So again, I really... It's important to me that the residents and the non-residents and the taxpayers and the town residents understand that we're not looking to take money from them for whatever reason, we're looking to put this money straight back into the village to revitalize it so that when we get the septic system in, it's going to be a great place. I mean, we can have more cafes, we can have more businesses. We can allow these commercial buildings to expand themselves to make it where we want to go with this. And if you look at Westhampton Beach, for example, I don't think anyone there would have any problem with a process that we're going through when they were going through their septic and utility upgrade. And Westhampton Beach looks gorgeous. And so again, I encourage everyone to look at the big picture here. And as the mayor just mentioned, we can always change it if it's a problem. And I do understand... I hear Trustee Graham, and... It... there is a give and a take right here. And I think that in the perfect world, we wouldn't want to charge anybody, but no one wants to raise taxes. No one wants to take money from other departments where we're going to lag over there as well. So, I really think this is a good opportunity to raise the capital, to put in the septic system and, and move forward. And, hopefully in the future, people can digest this and be all right with it. So, I'm in support of this and I hope everyone else is too.

#### **Outdoor Dining at Village Restaurants**

**Mayor Larsen:** Great. Thanks everybody. So, all right, so let's put this to bed and Beth, could we move this forward for a public hearing? That'd be great. Okay. So is everyone done there? We can move on to the next item. Next item is outdoor dining at village restaurants. So, we wanted to... Right now we have a temporary law in place, we wanted to codify this and make this a permanent law. I think everybody is on Board with this. If so, we could ask Beth to put this forward into a public hearing as well.

**Trustee Graham:** Mayor, I have a comment about the public dining. I know that when we set it up at the beginning of COVID, there were no heaters allowed. Are we going to allow heaters so that this restaurants can extend the outdoor dining into the colder seasons?

**Mayor Larsen:** We did extend it. We did extend it during the COVID process, as long as the heaters met with the fire requirements UL listed such things like that. So, I would say yes, that we should also include that in permanent law.

**Trustee Graham:** Okay.

**Mayor Larsen:** Let the restaurants use the outside area as long as possible.

**Trustee Graham:** And are they going to have to reduce the number of inside tables by the number of outdoor seats? I know-

**Mayor Larsen:** I would say yes, because of the health department health regulations, I would say yes, whatever they put outside, they would have to reduce from the inside.

**Trustee Graham:** Okay.

**Trustee Brown:** I think that the outdoor dining has been a huge success. We've had so much positive feedback from it and to have it on a permanent basis, I think would be a real asset for the downtown commercial core and a real thank you to Beth and the Building Department when we got that application together we received very short notice that we were allowed to offer that to the businesses because of COVID. At the time they weren't allowed to have any indoor dining. And we really turned it around quickly. The application was very user friendly. Yep, not cumbersome, but thorough. So, we appreciate their work and everyone who served on the committee to get it off the ground.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks, Rose. All right. Is that... Are we all good with outdoor dining we can move on?

**Trustee Graham:** Yes.

#### Outdoor Dining at Herrick Park

**Mayor Larsen:** So, now we're going to talk about outdoor movies at Herrick Park. I'm going to turn it over to Marcos who received... I'll let him fill you went on.

**Marcos Baladron:** Good morning. I think the... We spoke to... Well, this is part of the downtown revitalization efforts in order to kind of get that more community feeling back in the downtown during the summer months. So, this would be, the proposal would be for May 15th to September 15th, let's say, Labor Day around there. And it would be, we're trying to get The Hamptons International Film Festival involved to doing outdoor movies, family friendly only movies, at Herrick Park. So, they're going to be providing the Board with the list, "Frozen" and I'm sure Rose and Chris and Sandra know all the movies better than I do in terms of what will be offered and times, and they're going to kind of pitch it to the Board. And I just want to make sure that Board was okay.

**Trustee Brown:** Absolutely. I think it would be a great use of Herrick Park. So I'd be happy to support that.

**Trustee Melendez:** I am so excited to bring that to Herrick Park. We need more family- oriented activities for our communities. So, that is great.

**Mayor Larsen:** Yeah, I mean, there are... Sag Harbor Village has been doing it for years. They have their outdoor concerts on one night during the week when it's quiet during the summer. I know Southampton Village does a similar thing. So, I think this goes a long way and working with our partners in the Village, like Hamptons Film Festival and the Library and Guild hall, I think is really where I'd like to see us going with utilizing Herrick Park. So, I think it's a good step. And I'd like to explore it more, if the Board's okay with that.

**Trustee Graham:** Yeah. The only question I have, Jerry, about, is, since it's movies, and in the summertime, probably you wouldn't even be able to start until 9:30 because of the darkness. Would they be able to have the speakers for the movies, directionally situated? So, the neighbors don't hear the music.

**Mayor Larsen:** We were talking about the same thing and Marcos was filling me in, they actually make like a headphone set that maybe that can be handed out to the people who were watching the movie. You might not even hear the speakers so, different things. Yeah. But that would definitely have to come into consideration.

**Marcos Baldron:** And Arthur you're right. I think we're speaking of the same neighbor and I've given her a heads-up as to what's happening and she seems to be okay. Just on the times and the amplification but we'll get that worked out.

**Mayor Larsen:** And like you said, Arthur, it might just be a matter of facing the screen the right direction with the speakers away from the homes and it might just work. Might be that simple.

**Trustee Graham:** I mean, I think that as long as we keep cognizant of all of this, which I'm sure you were, I'm not saying you weren't. Oh, the idea of the headsets, I had considered that when I was reviewing the events that we would be permitting the Inns to have. And somebody pointed out to me that if you having a dance party, the people are going to have the headsets on. So no one will hear the music, but you can hear all the drunk singing. So...

**Marcos Baladron:** The proposal would be really for either a Wednesday, Thursday, midweek in the summer. Again, it wouldn't overload the downtown. It would be an addition to the downtown and it would help the local restaurants make money on that Thursday with their families, if it's Sam's pizza or things like that. It was just trying to get addition, not an overload.

**Trustee Graham:** I think it's a great idea. And I think that also extends to the next item on the agenda as well, which I think is probably a pretty good idea.

### Theatrical Performances in the Park

**Mayor Larsen:** That goes to Guild Hall, Marcos.

**Marcos Baladron:** That's... Again, Arthur, you're right. That's what we were coming up with what we could do in the Park and do it carefully. And we were talking with Guild Hall about Shakespeare in the Park. Events like that would be really just sweet. Something that maybe even the local high school kids or the middle school kids get involved in. Anything that we could do down there, to be safe, socially distant, someone would be responsible in a sense for the distancing. And I think that both HIFF and Guild Hall are okay with doing that.

**Trustee Graham:** The two sides of the coin here. So.....

**Mayor Larsen:** The feedback from Guild Hall and Hamptons Film Festival have been great. I mean, they're very excited about using our Park here. They've been a long time, presence in our village and they've done such wonderful things and they run a great Film Festival in the Fall. I mean, everything is just great. I mean, I would just love to be able to share that Park with them. And just... And again, looking at the goal, the goal is to bring families and people back to our village and patronize our stores. So, that's the goal, and I'm glad everybody is on Board.

**Marcos Baladron:** Sorry, Mr. Mayor, they've been very impacted by COVID as we all know.

**Mayor Larsen:** Sure.

**Marcos Baladron:** It gives them... I don't want to say a venue, but it gives them an opportunity to keep moving with programming, which they need to do, whether they make money or not. So, I think this allows the Board, or allows them the opportunity to do that.

### Live Music in Village Restaurants

**Mayor Larsen:** Right. So next we have something that has been banned in the village for a long time is live music. So, I'd like to... Chief Tracey has put together some ideas and I'd like to have him give us a quick presentation.

**Chief Tracey:** Yes. Thank you. Appreciate it. I have put together a brief overview of three sections of the village code regarding special event permits, but more specifically Commercial Special Event Permits Section 139-10, 139-2 and 139-16. One is a definition section, one is a section that goes over the denial of permits by the Board. And one is a section that goes... answers the questions when may a permit be rescinded or revoked. And so, I'll start with the definition section. I think I got the specific pages of the code to each of the board members and the Administrator the other day. So, if you can just look at 139-2, what I've highlighted for today is the Commercial Special Event Permit. So, the Commercial Special Event Permit, that section goes to the definition of what a commercial special event is and where it is. So, it's an assembly upon property, which is either in the limited office or commercial district or residential zone. And it is a... Or legally pre-existing non-conforming business. And in which, the permit is for something that is not consistent with the approved use of that property. So, that definition then goes on down below. And I'm going to jump down to the one that I'm discussing Section Three. So, it's at a commercial establishment, it is for something that is not permitted. And then it says in that it includes a performance, speech, recital or other presentation by an entertainer or artist with or without the use of musical instruments or recorded music, which would apply to DJs also, for what you fee is charged or not. And such property is not approved for such use. So, it specifically says, here is the permit. Here's where the permit is going to be for. Here's location. And here is one of the things that the permit can be granted for, so to speak. So, that's the definition section and what has been raised sometimes in the last couple of few years, concerns about permits issued to those establishments which may eventually change the nature of the establishment, change the nature of the neighborhood or change the



character of what's going on in that neighborhood. But there are safeguards in the village code under the denial of permit section. And the denial permit section talks about a whole list of things whereby a permit can be denied, may be denied. It doesn't specify shall be denied, which is very important. So, these are all things that the board may deny for. And the one I'm going to focus on, if the denial is for a violation of an existing law or conditions and I'm going to ask... I'm going to skip down, obviously it's state, town, county for example, or a condition or approval of the Design Review Board or any condition by the Zoning Board. So, that would be a reason where you may deny a permit. Again, it does not say shall or will. And the music aspect of that section, it is not listed in the village code under one of the things where a permit must be denied. There is another section, I'm not going to go into that today. It's currently being worked at and revised due to some litigation. But that section, the section which prohibits certain special events, never included music, in the first place. So the fact that that's being modified has no bearing on my discussion on music today. The third section I wanted to go over basically is rescinding a permit or modifying a permit. So there's substantial rules in there under which someone that's filed a permit will be held accountable for sticking to what's in the permit and making sure that they're not in violation of any Suffolk County, State, Village laws or ordinances that they have not disclosed for example. If they don't disclose something like that to us, the Board may rescind that permit, obviously. So you have safeguards built into the process. There are safeguards in terms of the noise ordinance. None of these permit approvals would be in violation of the noise ordinances obviously. They would still hold up. And then there's another section. I didn't put it on my list, but it's 139-11, it's terms and conditions permit. The way the code is written, it describes these permits and the requirements that the homeowner or building owner is under. When we issue a permit, or I should say when the Village Board issues a permit they're able to, by description, make modifications and change what's being allowed. They can specify not 11 o'clock, 10 o'clock. They could specify any number of things and restrictions on the permits that then the resident or building owner would be subject to on that permit. So, and that's a great section to have in there, and because of these things that you'd be granting the permits for, you don't have to grant. So, they're not entitled to this permit. When you issue the permit, they will get it, but it will be under conditions that the Village Board establishes. So there is a great deal of fine-tuning going forward here that you'll be able to do, as you look at these permits. And as you're writing out the conditions. We do it all the time. Now with parking, you want to have parking on such and such a road for an event, and there's no parking there. In past times and currently village administrator calls up and says, "Take a look at the area. Tell me if they can park there. Tell me what you need, so we can get this done." And we go back to the village and we say, "One side only. The road's too narrow for both sides. Park in one direction." We put all those things on the permit, and then we hold the person that gets the permit to that. And it's worked out very well with parking and traffic and all of that, I don't see an enormous jump on this from restaurants in the village. Very few restaurants have the room to bring in live music or music by virtue of the fact that, having... Taking out tables or taking out seating for the restaurant would impact them. They're not going to be charging for these events. So, it is only certain areas in certain places will probably take advantage of this. But again, I don't think it's going to be a tremendous amount of applications for this. I don't see it just by virtue of what we have in the village.

**Mayor Larsen:** It's a nice job, Chief. And I agree, I don't think it's going to be widely taken advantage of, but I think it will be taken advantage of, especially in the winter months. I know the Palm Restaurant for years did a small thing on Tuesday nights or whatever, and to try to bring people out. And I think it was working very well. And then things changed and they couldn't do it anymore. But, once we're through this pandemic, I think things will hopefully get back to normal. And I think this will go a long way in helping our restaurants and our places to have a little lively once a week thing and bring people out on their slowest night. It's a reason to get out of the house. So, I think it's a good idea. And again, I mean, I can't say it enough. I mean, we're a small village. If it's not working, we can fix it. I think you've done a great job with this. I think if the Board feels okay about it, I'd like Beth to try to-

**Ms. Baldwin:** Can I just weigh in or question for a second. I'm just wondering if we would want to distinguish special events to me, which would be, say your wedding or something like that versus a restaurant which has a permitted use as a restaurant to just have a guitar guy in a corner playing his little guitar. I mean, I don't know if the Board... The town has a music permit that's specific for restaurants that have CEO's for restaurants. Even non-conforming restaurants have this... Could get us a music permit that just covers their whole season that allows them to get this music permit. And then if there is noise or issues, there is a way to address that, where they possibly can't get it for the following year or whatever, versus going through a special event law which to me seems more like your clambakes on the beach. Your... Where maybe music's going to be part of a special event, but for a place that has like a restaurant, or is... There kind of two separate things to me. So you have, your-

**Mayor Larsen:** Establishment that's already established-

**Ms. Baldwin:** Right, you have your businesses say in the core group or the town that has a restaurant that's... They are open every night and that's where they serve food. And that's... And if every Thursday night they want to have a music guy, or maybe they find somebody else wants to come in on a random Monday night, they can have it whenever they want. They don't have to ask us because they have a music permit. And then if you have a special event or if they're hosting something, then-

**Chief Tracey:** It is delineated the two sections, 139-2 there's an A and a B and Special Event is already defined in there, but the commercial special event is the separate one. And that's what I'm talking about. I'm not addressing the ones other than the commercial district. Which seemed to be the concern for everyone, but even special events that are in other locations, they still go through a permit process. It's pretty robust, the permit process as is the application. But still they would all fall under the noise ordinance and so forth. The reason why I looked at this through the commercial special event permit that section and that definition, there has previously been discussion and I think maybe some misinterpretation that if some place existed, where they were not allowed to do something because of a previous decision of the Zoning Board or the Planning Board, or because they were in a residential district, specifically someplace like the Palm. Not to pick on the Palm, but for example. And so, they basically, I think gave up at one point with, with trying to do anything along those lines. So, these specific areas are defined in the code and that's what I'm addressing here. I certainly wouldn't want to mirror anything that the town is doing with regards to music and noise venues at this point in time because what we don't want is, we don't want a nightclub in the village. And I think if we're careful with this, the way it's written and the way we write these permits, and the conditions in post. And I would stay far away from granting an establishment a music permit that grants them this permit on any type of semi-permanent basis. I think you're going to need to specifically with these buildings and these structures and these locations, especially in a residential area. You're going to have to limit the amount that you grant and you're going to have to closely look at what's being done. Because once you open the flood gate, you will have an Inn that is no longer an Inn and that's what the village doesn't seem to want, and certainly not what the residents want. So, I think this way of doing it. It's nice and easy. And it's one step at a time. And the minute something crosses that line where somebody's not serving food, but they're providing entertainment, they're charging at the door. And you don't allow it.

**Mayor Larsen:** I think you did a good job with this. I think we just need to maybe work with Beth and we can get this ironed out. And then-

**Chief Tracey:** If I could interrupt one second. One suggestion that was made. I spoke to Brian Lester, who's working on the litigation under the restricted special events section, which has nothing to do with music. He suggested going forward with this, that we put into the application for these commercial special event locations, we put right into the application that they need to divulge. We're going to know this already because we know enough about our own commercial zone to know what's in there. But the burden needs to be on the owner to disclose what conditions they are already under and what has been denied of them and why they need the permit. And what that does is, that lets us know they're aware of the condition, they're aware of the prohibition or previous prohibition, and they're not able to say, "I didn't know that. I bought the place five years ago. I had no idea this restriction was at place." So, it's a catchall.

**Mayor Larsen:** I agree with you Chief. Because, back when I was Chief and you and I were working together and we had a bunch of attempts that people would come in, they'd open a restaurant and then they try to turn it into a late-night club. And we were very successful in keeping that under control. So, I don't think anybody in the village wants nightclubs. I think we all want successful restaurants. We want people to be able to bring out, have a little music on a Monday night or a Tuesday night and bring a crowd out and then be closed by 11 o'clock. I mean, I don't think anybody's looking to have any type of nightclub and I think you and I, for the years that we worked together, did a great job in keeping that under control. So, I don't think that's really a fear. I'm very confident in your abilities to keep it under control. And I would like to move forward with this. I just think we need to figure out between Beth and Brian and you the best way to go forward, and then we could bring it back to the village Board. And if everybody's in agreement, we could eventually get this to a public hearing and get this thing going for the summer.

**Trustee Graham:** I think Mr. Mayor, having music and establishments in the village is largely a very good idea. I think that in the residential neighborhoods, it has to be inaudible to the neighbors who are in the area. You can have a little bit more wandering noise around, except to the extent where there are people who live on the second floor, it might be impacted. But I think that again, this goes back to the whole issue of vitality in the village. And the village of no, which we're not. And we're not trying to...

**Mayor Larsen:** Right. We're trying to open this up. We're trying to bring vitality back. We're all on the same page, and I think we're all going to get there. Rose what's your feelings on the music? Anything or?

**Trustee Brown:** Actually, you know, I agree with you. You mentioned the Palm, Jerry, and I thought that was so nicely done. The entertainment they had there, it didn't infringe upon the neighbors' quality of life and peaceful enjoyment of the surrounding properties. So, I agree if we can figure out a way to allow restaurants to have music, I think it would be a great benefit for some of those establishments. We just have to make sure, as Arthur mentioned, it's inaudible from the outside. And it sounds like the Chief has thought about this and there're some things that we have to work out with council as well to make sure the code has enough teeth. To make sure that we're protecting the neighbors as well. I'm looking forward to it. I enjoyed many nights as well on Tuesday or Wednesday at the Palm. And I look forward to maybe something like that. That was done in a really nice way.

**Mayor Larsen:** I was actually at an event at the Maidstone. I think it was last Christmas or two Christmases ago. And they actually had a violin player, which was really, really outstanding. So, all these little things, I mean, people have fears. But we have a great police force. We're able to keep a handle on these things. We've done it for years. And I think allowing a little life could go a long way and I'm glad everybody's on Board. So, why don't we move forward with this Chief and Beth, and Brian. He's not on but, and let's get this worked out the best way and let's get it back to us so we can get it on for a public hearing if it's necessary.

**Trustee Graham:** Mayor, I know that some members of the former Board had a big sticking point on amplification. And I think that the Chief's string on the permit is going to handle that perfectly.

**Mayor Larsen:** And again, we're not looking... If you are in a residential area, we're certainly not going to let you have any music outside. But I mean, it's going to be... except if it's a wedding or something. But for this regular stuff, it's not going to be outside. And nobody has their windows open in the summertime. The air conditioners on. I mean, so it should be very innocent if you will. And I really don't foresee a problem. So, all right. Let's go-

**Chief Tracey:** We're going to work with these people or the people that get these permits. Much like when we talked about this event in Herrick Park. We're probably going to be down there talking to the people that are setting it up and guiding them in terms of well, listen, you may not want to aim your speaker over here part of what we're going to do and part of, I think what we're obligated to do is try to keep people out of trouble, so to speak. Here's how to do it without us coming and getting cold. And we with each one of these, as we go along. We're going to make sure that they don't get in trouble. If they get in trouble, then we get in trouble too, because then we failed.

**Mayor Larsen:** Right. The last thing we want to do is anger our residents, but at the same time, we want to find that balance where we can allow some more vitality to our downtown, so. All right. That's great. Let's move on to the Chowder Bowl. Marcos, you want to fill us in about that?

#### "Chowder Bowl" Name Change ?

**Marcos Baladron:** We did a bit of a search. I think Arthur and Rose, and I think Chris even know that there was a gentleman down there. A lifeguard at Main Beach. His name is Ryan Maresca and he named it the Chowder Bowl when he got that contract. And then when the Driscoll's took it over, they just never changed the name for 30... I think it was 30 years that they ran it. So, I spoke to Bob Hefner, that doesn't seem to be a problem in a sense it's not anything that's relevant to the pavilion itself. But I think what we're looking for here is not necessarily to change from the vendor bills and the name itself. We're looking for, I guess, a marketing change. Are we allowing someone that's going to pay \$80,000 a season to have control over their marketing in terms of what they want to call it? I don't foresee any signage or anything like that there. And the Board can make that decision. But, this is really just their ability to call themselves the extension of their brand now, which would be "The Beach Hut on Main", which is what they want to call it. Their ability to do that on social media or on a website.

**Trustee Graham:** I think "Beach Hut on Main" would probably be fine. I don't know that I would like Brent's the beach.

**Mayor Larsen:** I don't have any issues with it. I think as long as Bob said, there's really no significance to the original name, and we're not really changing the original name. We're just going to let them use while they're a tenant. They can use the name that they feel is best for them.

**Trustee Brown:** I agree with Marcos, it's part of their brand, and they're paying good money to be there. So we want them to be as successful as possible as well.

**Mayor Larsen:** Exactly what I was just going to say. We want them to succeed. They succeed, we succeed, and our residents are happy, so that's great.

**Trustee Minardi:** I agree a hundred percent as well. And Marcos, and I think Fred yesterday made up a good point that there are a lot of vendors. Whether it be gas and electric and the police and the ambulance. They know that as the Chowder Bowl and you know. This current tenant might not be there forever. So I like the name the Chowder Bowl. I think we should keep it as an underlying name. However, if they want to change their marketing name to what fits them, then I'm fine with that as well.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right, great. So is that something you have to put in the lease or the agreement Beth, just to allow them. So, if everybody's on Board with that, we'll just give Beth the authority to change the lease. Let them use the name that they feel comfortable with.

**Ms. Baldwin:** Yes, we can do that to allow them.

**Trustee Minardi:** Maybe we should approve the name. We should see what the name's going to be before they change it.

**Trustee Brown:** Main or no? I thought the Beach Hut on Main?

**Mr. Baladrón:** Yeah. That's the working name.

**Trustee Brown:** Yes.

**Trustee Minardi:** Okay.

**Trustee Melendez:** I think the name is fine.

**Trustee Graham:** If they change it to something else that we might want to talk about it, but Beach Hut at Main, I'm fine with it.

**Trustee Minardi:** Me too.

### Nature Trail/Duck Pond Management

**Mayor Larsen:** Terrific. All right. Let's jump back to Chief Tracey, about Nature Trail or duck management program. Are you on, Chief? Let's go to Beth. Beth has the info.

**Trustee Graham:** So, I followed up with the DEC with regard to the ducks and everything at the Nature Trail. Because the water fell specifically there that have been an issue in the past where the domestic ducks, they're not wild ducks. The DEC doesn't have the jurisdiction over them. And therefore, they said that we would be able to create a local law for the village to designate specific organizations. We would do it by resolution that would specify who has access and the ability to remove these domestic ducks. So, we could create that local law, and then the Board could adopt a resolution. She said, don't limit it to just one organization because, God forbid that organization's not available, then no one else has permitted to go in and removed the ducks. So you want to make sure you have at least a backup. And it's the organization itself. So, that's not one person. Usually each organization has multiple people under it that would authorize them to go in onto the village's nature trail, removed the ducks and then take them to whatever rehabilitation or wherever they need to go. So, if the Board was interested in... I know there has been issues in the past about who has the authority to go in and removed these ducks. If the Board wanted to designate somebody, there is a method that would allow the Board to do that, so.

**Mayor Larsen:** I think that's the way to go. We had issues. I think two years in a row. Now we've had issues where people, I guess by domestic ducks and then they raise them. And then when they get too big, they think the right thing to do is to release them into the wild. But, apparently that's against DEC rules. And also, I don't think the ducks can survive. I think that's the major problem. So, at some point we had outside interests coming in and removing the ducks, which then caused some issues between some local people. So this generated the Chief and Beth to start working on this local law to actually authorize somebody to remove the ducks per DEC law. You want to talk about it a little bit more Chief?

**Chief Tracey:** What I would like to see, is in writing something, you prohibit anyone from moving the ducks, unless they have a specific permission to the village, and if we want to do that writing or not, we do it writing. And then we take the input. We spoke to the nature trail committee and basically the LVIS is a major part of this effort. And we approved a suitable candidate that's been screened or chosen by those groups of course, with village oversight. And then the second part of that, that would deal with the law. But the second part of that, and it's been brought to our attention a number of times. They need some signage down there. Tastefully done. But they need signage down there that makes it clear that you can't abandon a waterfowl or other animals there and evidently that goes on more than more than we know. And that's basically been the primary sticking point, is that people drop waterfowl down there. They drop domestic ducks down there and it wreaks havoc. So signs I think, are going to help that. Both of the groups I've spoken to that have removed a waterfowl from that area have suggested the signs. Were currently looking at some signs that are in Montauk. That are in some of the nature areas in Montauk. And I plan on coming back to the Board and to Superintendent Collins, with some suggestions on some signs for the area that'll be not obtrusive or anything like that.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. So, what do we do to move forward with this?

**Ms. Baldwin:** So, I think I can draft the local law. We'll put it on for... I don't know if you want to bring it back for another work session and bring back who the Board would be interested in designating as the organizations that will have the access and then we can move forward from there. I think also with the signs,

because I think as the Chief was saying, not only do you to say that you can't drop off domestic ducks at this pond at the nature trail, but you also... If you find that this is who you call and have the number to the organizations that have been designated by the village, as the right to remove from there. So, this way people know what to do. They don't have to call the police. They don't have to put it on Facebook. They can just make that phone call and then that organization can come down and deal with it. And I think it's better for everybody, including the ducks.

**Mayor Larsen:** So, they're suggesting to an organization and a backup organization?

**Ms. Baldwin:** Yes.

**Mayor Larsen:** We have that in place, right? With the people we're thinking about.

**Ms. Baldwin:** I think we have one, but I don't know if there's another one that maybe we can get a recommendation from.

**Mr. Baladrón:** Does it have to be an organization itself as a backup or? Because one of the organization's Dell Collum for example, has about 20 volunteers. So, when he can't do it, someone else will definitely do it.

**Ms. Baldwin:** Right. I mean, I didn't realize you had that many volunteers. So, if he thinks that he can cover it, think that's probably a good idea. Then that's better than just three people or something.

**Mayor Larsen:** Dell would be a wonderful choice. I mean, he's been a great friend of the village for years and years.

**Ms. Baldwin:** I mean, if he knows that he's always has someone on call versus... I know it's a volunteer, but if there are time periods where there's no one on call. As long as there's somebody that's usually on call at all times-

**Mr. Baladrón:** I did mention that. Yeah. He's very confident of it. And also the LVIS's committee led by Diane Benson for that. For the nature trail. They're also behind Dell as well.

**Mayor Larsen:** Good. All right. So that's the way we should probably go.

**Trustee Graham:** I'd like to see the organizations be as local as possible.

**Mayor Larsen:** I agree Tiger.

**Chief Tracey:** And that's a big help too, because although they were well-intentioned, we had a couple outside groups come down there and to be honest with you, we got called when we went down. They're dressed like hunters and they're walking in the water and they have big nets, and there's kids down there and it looked like a hunter. Somebody's going to mistake you for a hunter. And that is how we got called down there so many times in a two-year period. And finally, we told that group don't come back unless you call us first. Unless you're properly dressed. And they've kind of stayed away for a while, but we don't need that down there. It just causes a lot of hard feelings down there. Let's put it that way and the little chaos with the kids, so.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right, good. So, we have a-

**Trustee Melendez:** I had a question.

**Mayor Larsen:** Oh, sorry.

**Trustee Melendez:** Are we fining the people that are... If we know who's putting the ducks there, it's going to include a fine for them?

**Chief Tracey:** They're not allowed to do it by state law, but we've yet to catch anybody doing it. So there's already a law that covers it, but no one's yet been caught doing that or dropping other animals down there.

### Catering Permit Application

**Mayor Larsen:** Right. All right. So, let's move forward with that one. And now we're going to go to catering permit application. Chris and I met with a whole list of caterers and they had some recommendations and suggestions. But Chris has really been doing the lion's share work on this. So, I'm going to let him talk about it.

**Trustee Minardi:** So, currently, if you look at the catering application, or I think it's a special permit application it's in everybody's package, special event application and permits. This is a really lengthy onerous

application. And one of the ideas that we had was to possibly pre-approve some of these local caterers, so they don't have to fill this all out or in some which way, shape or form. Again, there's a lot of local caterers out there that, they get a party booked on a Wednesday and they want to have it on Friday. And they don't have enough time to wait and to gather insurance and all these other things that I think are a little overkill. So, at the end of the day, and I'll keep this short, this application can be whittled down to one or two pages to try to keep it easy on the caterers. Again, continue to bring business and keep business into the village, as well as keeping the beaches clean. I think everyone wants that as their top priority, not overwhelming the beaches. We don't want parties all over the beaches. One idea was to limit it to two per beach per night. For example, you can be at Main Beach to the right. Or maybe to the left. That's it. No one seemed to want to be in the front, but I think that's open for discussion. Again, if you want to go to the beach with your family in the nighttime, or go there and walk or enjoy it, you don't want to be battling for real estate because there's parties all over the place. Another idea was, once the party gets to a certain size demands that they pay for the bathroom use. Again, once you get to a certain number, I'm just going to guess 25 to 30 people... People have to go to the bathroom and they're going to go somewhere. And so, if you look at the current application that we have, there is a section on there where they have to pay for bathrooms or requests for the bathrooms. So, I have a recommendation that we consider parties over a certain size only can be at Two Mile, Main and Georgica, because that's where we have bathrooms. And the applicants are going to have to pay our set fee or that would be included in the permit fee to make sure that their party goers are safe, and keeping our beaches safe. And the bathrooms and the garbage is serviced accordingly. So that's all I really have to say, but I think this current application can get cut by 80% and just make it quick and easy. Therefore, they can fax over to village hall. And I guess someone like Marcos would be able to turn it around in 12-hour period and make it easy. But, that's all I really have to say, but I think this application's way too long.

**Mayor Larsen:** And, what Chris alluded to in the beginning of this conversation was, that we could preregister a lot of these caterers. So all of their paperwork would already be on file. And they would just give us a one-page application that they're going to do a party on such and such night, if that area was available.

**Trustee Minardi:** And one other thing that I'd like to bring up. Which is almost impossible. And I tried do it. And currently the village wants you to basically add the Village as an insurer on your insurance policy and forward that to Village Hall. I'm not an insurance broker. I talked to a very local insurance broker that we all know, and he guided me through this to where that's impossible. And it's not fair. You can't add the Village as the... Whatever you have to do with that. But they did recommend that you can require these people to give a certificate of insurance with The Village as a certified holder. And again, I don't know how correct that is. It's in my notes, but we can contact an insurance provider or someone that we trust to guide us through that so that the people that want to have these parties can do it. I mean, it took me a week to do this, and I had a party for 10 people. And so I just think that this application is too strict and it's too long. And the insurance guideline is... It doesn't make any sense to anyone that knows anything about insurance, which is not me, but there you go.

**Mayor Larsen:** The other part of this, when we had the meeting with the caterers, we did it on a zoom meeting. We also brought in the Town Trustees. We brought in Francis Bock and Jimmy Grimes on this call. And again, they're the owners of our beaches. So, working with them, too, to come up with a permit process where they might even have a fee involved in this. We're all working together. I think it's a way forward for the caterers. They were very concerned about last year. With the pandemic, they were not allowed to use any of our beaches. And really hurting their businesses, especially the people who are just caterers. I think, again, working with our local businesses and trying to help everybody is important. And I think this is a good way forward, and I think Chris has a lot of great expertise on this. I'd really like him to follow up on this and get this going before the summer.

**Trustee Graham:** I think the pre-application-

**Ms. Baldwin:** Sorry. I just want to make one thing just back to the insurance. Adding The Villages as an insured is a simple certificate. It usually takes them... It's a very easy thing to get for anybody who's having an event or using Village property. We're always going to require that.

**Mayor Larsen:** Right, but it-

**Ms. Baldwin:** We have to protect The Village as far as... It's very easy for caterer or the person to just get. It's one sheet, and then just adds The Village as the additional insurer.

**Mayor Larsen:** Beth, I think-

Trustee Minardi: What we request now is not that, Beth.

**Mayor Larsen:** I think-

**Trustee Minardi:** What we request now is more than that, and-

**Ms. Baldwin:** No, it's a certificate.

**Trustee Minardi:** Well anyway, let's look at it at a different time. Because I went over this with somebody who's an insurance broker, and I went through it personally and-

**Ms. Baldwin:** You can talk to The Village's insurance, and I'm sure they'll lay out exactly what they want to see for our benefit.

**Trustee Minardi:** Absolutely. I mean, the overall goal is to keep it simple and easy and yet effective.

**Ms. Baldwin:** Absolutely. I agree.

**Mayor Larsen:** I think what happened is somehow on the application somewhere it says something connected to your homeowner's insurance. I think that's where all the nonsense starts getting gray. I think Beth's right. I think there's a very simple certificate that you can get, probably a million-dollar coverage or whatever it is, and it's very simple and it's not that expensive. But I think that's the problem, Chris. I think it had something to do with connecting it to your homeowner's and that's what's creating-

**Trustee Minardi:** Exactly, exactly. You're right. And I agree. Exactly. With everyone. I think we all have the same goal here. We can talk about that a different time.

### Road Opening Permit for Temporary Pole

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Great. So we're onto our last discussion, and this is about a road opening permit. And I'd really like Dave to comment on this because I didn't see what this is all about, and I just don't want to open up a can of worms like McGuirk Street and King Street without really examining this.

**Mr. Collins:** Correct. We also have, I just wanted to say, we have John Clark from PSEG on. He's the customer planning rep for distribution, and he'll be able to answer specific questions. Essentially, I came across a PSEG subcontractor getting ready to install a pole on Accabonac and Hook Mill. I put a stop work on him until we figured out what was going on. And they're looking to install a temporary pole. The Long Island Railroad damaged a splice box. That's where that backhoe was parked for quite a while. And in order to replace that splice box, they need to string temporary transmission lines. It's a short term project. John may be able to elaborate on the timeframe. It's a temporary pole. It'll be erected until the job is completed and then taken down, and all the transmission lines will remain underground. I had a brief conversation with Beth. The section says that a public hearing is required to erect a pole unless it qualifies as a type two action. And maybe Beth can elaborate a little more as to-

**Ms. Baldwin:** The type two action is in reference to SEQRA. And this does, as it's a replacement of an existing pole, it's not a new pole. It is a type two action and therefore doesn't require a public hearing.

**Mayor Larsen:** I'm confused. I thought there was pole there, that it's all underground, and we're erecting a temporary pole, for the first time ever.

**Mr. Collins:** Right. This is a temporary pole for construction, and I think that's what Beth had-

**Ms. Baldwin:** Right. They're replacing something that was already there, and this is the way they're doing it, and then the pole is going to go away. From what I understand. Right?

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. Do we have a timeframe on temporary?

**Trustee Brown:** Just a short duration? I was going to ask that as well. I think we might want to give a timeframe.

**Mayor Larsen:** No offense to PSE&G, but temporary could be...

**Trustee Graham:** Yes.

**Mr. Clark:** If I can elaborate? This is John Clark from PSEG.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks, John.

**Mr. Clark:** Hi. So, this pole, we only have two- or three-days' worth of work there. And we're putting this pole in just to ease some customers in that area. Just to keep their lights on. I put in the permit for two weeks only because the nature of our business with storms and outages and whatnot, it could be a little bit longer, but we only have like three days' worth of work there. The pole is going to go in. We're going to run a temporary wire

from that pole to another pole that's directly across from Therese Court. And feed all those people along Therese Court and also the Methodist Church. While we have them in service, we're going to make a repair to cable tap assembly manhole. We're going to change the manhole out, fiberglass box right now. And the box was damaged during the construction of the bridge. So, we're going to take that fiberglass box out, put in a new concrete box. It's all level with the ground. There's a cable tap in there that we use for switching. They take that out of service, and that's reason for the pole. Like I said, we only have like three days' worth of work, it might be there for two weeks, tops. We'll have flaggers onsite. There won't be any lane closings.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. What does this pole look like, John?

**Mr. Clark:** It's a 40-foot class two. It looks like the pole that's right there at Therese Court. It looks like any other pole.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay.

**Mr. Collins:** Standard sized pole, not the mega-storm pole?

**Mr. Clark:** No, it's not a transmission pole. None of this work is on our transmission wires. This is what we call distribution. It's all feeding at the houses and infrastructure in the area.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. We'll be a little bit cautious, John, just with the poles.

**Mr. Clark:** I understand. It's not going to be there long. We'll have it in and out very quickly. Not going to be there six months or a year. It's definitely going to be a short duration. No more like two weeks.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. All right. Any Board member have any other issues with this-

**Trustee Minardi:** I just have a question.

**Mayor Larsen:** Or can we move past and move forward with whatever we need to sign?

**Trustee Minardi:** The other work that they're doing has no visual changes to it?

**Mr. Clark:** No, no. The box that was there was a fiberglass box, approximately five feet by five feet, three square, had a big fiberglass cover on it. The new box is a little bit elongated, and it will have concrete covers flush with the ground.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay.

**Trustee Graham:** So that box will be like the boxes running along Cooper Lane?

**Mr. Clark:** I'm not sure what's on Cooper Lane.

**Trustee Graham:** Well they're about the width of the sidewalk and they have four concrete covers.

**Mr. Clark:** Yes.

**Trustee Graham:** Okay. I'm fine with it.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right, so Beth, is there something?

**Ms. Baldwin:** There's a resolution that's on. I think it's number-

**Mayor Larsen:** Great. We'll be all set. Okay. Great. All right, John. So it looks like we have a deal.

**Mr. Clark:** Okay. Thank you.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks for coming on.

**Trustee Minardi:** And wait, one more question for Dave Collins, this is your area. You're okay with this? I mean, there's no changes? Again, I'm really sensitive to anything that has to do with poles, as we all are. You got your blessing on this one?

**Mr. Collins:** Yes. The underground connection is already there, we worked around it when we did the restoration of the grass area. The new concrete box will be similar. Flush with the ground. They'll restore the grass and everything up to it, and there will be no visual impact. The pole is temporary. It's just to keep the



feed going for the neighbors. I immediately stopped the job when I saw the pole going up because I'm sensitive to the issue with the poles as well. So, I wanted to make sure we were doing the right thing here and not just adding a pole that's going to be a permanent feature.

**Mayor Larsen:** That was a way, Beth that-

**Mr. Collins:** And in an area that has no poles.

**Mayor Larsen:** Can we put an expiration on this thing or not? Where they have to have it removed it by a certain date?

**Mr. Collins:** Our road opening permit has a length of time specified.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay.

**Trustee Brown:** Is that 30 days?

**Mr. Collins:** I don't have it right in front of me. I forget. It can be up to... I can get back to you.

**Mayor Larsen:** That's fine. As long as it has an expiration.

**Mr. Collins:** Yeah. It does. The permits do have expiration dates.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay, good. And then maybe if they're not cooperating, we could put a little pressure-

**Trustee Graham:** And if anybody wants to see what that box looks like, just look at the sidewalk on Cooper. There are probably four or five of them along the road.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay. And they're level to the ground, Arthur?

**Trustee Graham:** Yeah, yeah. I mean, they effectively replaced the sidewalk.

**Mayor Larsen:** Okay.

**Mr. Collins:** They did a similar job over underneath the North Main Street Bridge that LIRR also damaged that splice connection and replaced that box, but it didn't require any movement in the lines.

**Mayor Larsen:** Great. Great job, everybody. We're going to move now to a public comment. Jody, do we have anybody on the line wanted to talk?

**Jody Gambino/LTV:** Currently there's nobody on the line.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Great. Any Board members, or can we move on to resolutions and motions?

**Chief Turza:** Mr. Mayor?

**Mayor Larsen:** Who's that?

**Chief Turza:** Chief Turza.

**Mayor Larsen:** Go ahead, Chief.

**Chief Turza:** If I could just have a minute. A brief history lesson, and it goes back to something you had asked me about, and I'm surprised that the great professor missed this. Just prior to the COVID shut down, we put a buffalo head up in the stairwell in the firehouse. You had asked me about it, and today is actually the 44th anniversary of what we refer to as the Buffalo Mutual Aid. In 1977, when they had the big blizzard come through, Buffalo was brought to its knees and East Hampton Fire Department was one of six departments in Suffolk County that answered a call for help to go up there. None of their trucks... A lot of them were all snowed in. The city was a mess. We happened to have a four-wheel drive truck at the time. Two of our firefighters brought it up to Suffolk County Airport, Gabreski Air Base, loaded it on an Air Force cargo plane. It was brought up to Buffalo where it sat there and responded to several calls between February 4th and February 15<sup>th</sup>, including a fire where there were several young children that were rescued. The first two firefighters that went up were Tom Tillinghast and David Buzz Brown, whose son would go on to become one of our Chiefs and is now the Chief Fire Marshal. The second group that went up... They were relieved after February 9th. The second group that were flown up there was Freddy Card and the late Brian King. And they were up there, and when they were all done, they were stationed up from the Lexington Firehouse south of

Buffalo. Which apparently is a pretty rough neighborhood from all the accounts that we've read. They ended up having to drive that truck back on the night of the 14th into the 15th. It took them over 11 hours to get back driving through blizzard conditions. And they were recognized by the VFW. One of our village residents, Mr. Donald Halsey had this buffalo head. He gave it to the Fire Department as a sign of appreciation for the Department's efforts to go above and beyond assisting people wherever. And we've started, after we put the buffalo head up, we had a nice plaque made memorializing this. I think it kind of dovetails nicely to what the Board did for one of our long-time essential members a little bit earlier. It really emphasizes all of our emergency services commitments to helping anybody, anytime, anywhere. That's all brought to you at no additional compensation, by the way.

**Mayor Larsen:** I appreciate that, Jerry. That's very nice.

**Chief Turza:** Thank you.

**Trustee Graham:** Does the buffalo have his mask on?

**Chief Turza:** No, no, he had to take the mask off. It was starting to pull the nose apart.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Does anybody else have any comments before we move into the resolutions?

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. So June, if you could read the resolutions and we'll get going. Uh-oh, where's June?

**Ms. Baldwin:** Actually, she's muted.

**Ms. Lester:** Sorry about that.

**Mayor Larsen:** Hey, June.

**Resolutions/Motions**

**Ms. Lester:** Employ Jeremy Taylor, as a part-time Department of Public Works Labor at \$20 per hour for 16 to 24 hours weekly, affective retroactively to January 16th, 2021.

**Mayor Larsen:** Can I get a motion?

**Trustee Minardi:** Make a motion.

**Mayor Larsen:** Second?

**Trustee Graham:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Notice for a public hearing to be held on February 19th, 2021 at 11:00 AM for Introductory # 1-2021, a proposed amendment of Code Chapter 248, Storm Water Management and Erosion and Sediment Control, to allow the trustees to amend the required fees by resolution.

**Mayor Larsen:** Before we act on this, I just want Beth to fill in the Board. This is something Beth pointed out to us early on about the really unfair prices we were charging for this.

**Ms. Baldwin:** We did have a work session about this where the Board reviewed it, and it's just allowing... And after discussions with The Village engineer about the actual costs for review of these stormwater management plans. The plan now is to allow the Board to set the fee by resolution rather than have it in the law itself. Most times you'll see fees are set by resolution, so this is something the Board could look at annually at its organizational meeting. If it turns out that our engineer, whoever's reviewing it, feels that more time is involved or you want to raise it, you can do it by resolution. You don't have to go through this whole process again. This is just noticing that section of the code to allow for the change by resolution. After the public hearing, assuming the Board adopts the local law, we would also have a resolution that would come along that then the Board could set the fee. Which I believe was recommended by our engineer to be \$2,000, which includes the application and the review fee.

**Mayor Larsen:** Thanks, Beth.

**Ms. Baldwin:** No problem.

**Mayor Larsen:** We need a motion on that.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried. Number three, June?

**Ms. Lester:** Notice for public hearing to be held on February 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM for Introductory # 2-2021, a proposed amendment of Code Chapter 267-7. A.32 Vehicles and Traffic, Parking Time Limited In Designated Locations, to amend parking restrictions to accommodate the relocated Village of East Hampton Building Department now located at 88 Newtown Lane.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Mayor Larsen:** Can I get a motion?

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Notice for a public hearing to be held on March 4th, 2021 at 11:00 am to discuss permitting one food truck at Two Mile Hollow Beach for the 2021 season on a trial basis.

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Trustee Graham:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Adopt Resolution # 6-2021 Natural Hazard Plan.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Mayor Larsen:** Second?

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

RESOLUTION # 6 – 2021 NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Village of East Hampton, with the assistance from Suffolk County has gathered information and prepared the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of East Hampton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of East Hampton have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Village of East Hampton Board of Trustees that the Village of East Hampton adopts the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

**Ms. Lester:** Notice to bidders for four-year traffic signal maintenance contract with the bid opening to be held on Thursday, February 25th, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Mayor Larsen:** Can I get a motion?

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Accept Haley Hernandez and Tamara Thays Espanoza Bravo as new probationary members of the ambulance association.

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Thank you. And welcome to them. Much needed help. And I wish them much success in their career with us.

**Ms. Lester:** Accept the resignation of Part-time Critical Care EMT Brandon Ceckowski effective immediately.

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Graham:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Reassign Robert Rosen from per diem Critical Care to per diem Paramedic effective retroactively to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at the hourly rate of \$28 as per January 27<sup>th</sup> memo from Chief Tracey.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Approve PSEG's road opening application to erect a temporary pole on Accabonac Road.

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Graham:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Accept Jackie Lowry's resignation as a member of the Short-Term Rental Committee effective immediately.

**Mayor Larsen:** I just wanted to say, Jackie contacted me shortly after we appointed her and she apologized that she's just overwhelmed with everything else she going on. She asked to be taken off the committee. With respect to that, that's why this is on. Can I get a motion second?

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Ms. Lester:** Appoint Tom Preiato as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, effective immediately.

**Trustee Graham:** So moved.

**Trustee Minardi:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** Passed and carried.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. That concludes our long board meeting. Thank you everybody. I really feel like we got a lot done today. Now we're going to go into executive session to discuss personnel. If we need to return for any reason, we will notify the media, and we'll reopen our meeting. Can I get a motion to close this meeting?

**Trustee Melendez:** So moved.

**Trustee Graham:** Second.

**Mayor Larsen:** All in favor?

**Trustee Minardi:** Aye. **Trustee Melendez:** Aye. **Trustee Brown:** Aye. **Trustee Graham:** Aye.

**Mayor Larsen:** All right. Thanks everybody, and I'll see you in executive session.

**Trustee Brown:** Thank you.

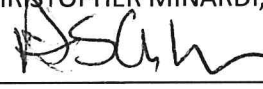
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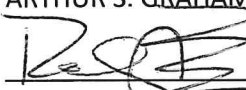
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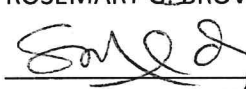
  
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