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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 5, 2023
WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING
LTV STUDIOS, 75 INDUSTRIAL ROAD,
WAINSCOTT, NY 11975**

Those Present Were: Jerry Larsen, Mayor
Christopher Minardi, Deputy Mayor
Sandra Melendez, Trustee
Carrie Doyle, Trustee
Sarah Amaden, Trustee
Marcos Baladrón, Administrator
Pamela Bennett, Clerk
Hugh King, Historian
Jeffrey Erickson, Acting Police Chief
Thomas Preiato, Building Inspector
Billy Hajek, Planner
David Jaycox, Fleet Manager
Dick Baker, Friend of Hugh King
Jim and Olivia Brooks, Friends of Hugh King
Michael Bebon, Resident

Those Absent Were: Lisa Perillo, Village Attorney

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Joseph DeCristofaro, a 67-year Active Member of the East Hampton Fire Department, at the age of 98, and the passing of James "JJ" Jensen, a beloved employee of Cittanuova for 40 years known for his kindness, laughter, and smiles.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hugh King – History of the Village's Windmills

Hugh King offered the Board a history of the Village's Windmills.

Pantigo Windmill

In 1804, Huntting Miller paid for Pantigo Windmill to be built at the base of Mill Hill Lane by Samuel Schellinger, who was not of the Dominy Family. Also in 1804, right across the street from Huntting Miller on the Gardiner property, Nathaniel Dominy was also building a windmill by a collection of seven or eight people. Mr. Miller lived on Mill Hill Lane, in which both the street and the hill of the road were named using a portion of his last name – Mill. Mr. King then shared the movement of location and ownership of Pantigo Windmill. This included it being given to his grandson, then being relocated to about 500 feet west of the Town Hall property, then being relocated to 68 Pantigo Road, being disabled due to a storm in 1879, then being purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Buek in 1917, who owned Home Sweet Home, who relocated it directly behind their home. The windmill was supposedly moved from its original location on their property because when the arms turned, it scared the horses that were coming into the Village. The date on the weathervane is 1771, which is not when this mill was built, but rather when an older windmill was built that was later replaced by the Pantigo Windmill. Mr. King stated that he is obtaining his information from Bob Hefner's book, "Windmills of Long Island".

Hook Windmill

The Hook Windmill was built in 1806 by Nathaniel Dominy, who utilized the main beam of the 1736 windmill that was previously located there. When windmills were raised, similar to a house, a party was usually hosted in celebration. At the party they had for the 1736 Windmill, Daniel Dayton drank so much flip that he died, which was then recorded in the Church records. This record is how we now know that there was a different windmill located there before the Hook Windmill.

The Hook Windmill wound up in the Dominy family in 1908 and when the Village bought the Village Green in 1922, the mill was included in the purchase. The windmill was still running in the 1950's and produced packages of flour, which were handed out by Maurice Lester. Presently, Hook Windmill can still turn, however it is very fragile. Mr. King stated that there is nowhere else in this entire country where a Village has three windmills.

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With reference to the Hook Windmill, a replica has been donated to the Village, which will be located right outside of Village Hall, once its restoration is complete. Mayor Larsen explained that Dick Wood, a former employee of the Village Department of Public Works, had built the replica. Mr. King added that in 1998, Mr. Wood and the Hook Windmill replica road on a float in the Town's 350th Anniversary Parade.

Gardiner Windmill

The Gardiner Windmill was built in 1804 by Nathaniel Dominy and is the only windmill in its original location. The workings of the Gardiner Mill are different from the Hook Windmill. In the Hook Windmill, the grinding stones are on the second floor and the gear that runs them is above. In the Gardiner Windmill, the gear that runs the grinding stones is below.

A Dedication to Hugh King

Mayor Larsen asked Hugh King to step up to the podium. The Village Board has decided, because of Mr. King's dedication to the Village and because he has done so much for the community, to give him a surprise. The following Dedication to Hugh King was read into the record:

"In honor of the Town of East Hampton's 375th Anniversary, Mayor Jerry Larsen and the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hampton would like to dedicate the Pantigo Windmill to Hugh King, its long-time Museum Director and Village Historian. Mr. King is also the Town Crier and has made it his life's mission to teach the history of our community.

With his theatrical storytelling, jovial disposition, and effortless humor, Hugh King has conjured living history for generations of students, museum visitors, and partakers of the Village's celebrated walking tours. His strong commitment and dedication to our historic community ensures that the legacy of East Hampton lives on.

By dedicating the Pantigo Windmill to Hugh King and the Home Sweet Home Gardens to his wife Loretta Orion, we guarantee their rightful place in East Hampton history."

Mayor Larsen presented Mr. King with a plaque with this dedication to be hung in his home. Another plaque with the same verbiage will be mounted on Pantigo Windmill. Administrator Baladrón credited Jim and Olivia Brooks and Dick Baker for the idea.

Swearing in of Gabrielle McKay

Mayor Larsen stated that next up was to be the swearing in of Gabrielle McKay to the position of Deputy Clerk, but she is sick. Pam Bennett is retiring at the end of December and Gabby has been working with Pam and the Village Board has recognized all her hard work and wants to give her the promotion. Both Mr. Baladrón and Ms. Bennett recommended Gabby.

WORK SESSION/DISCUSSION:

Pickleball Moratorium

Mr. Hajek recommended to the Village Board the extension of the moratorium for the conversion of residential tennis courts to pickleball courts. The Board adopted legislation governing the construction of new pickleball courts and the conversion of existing tennis courts to pickleball courts. There has been difficulty developing regulations and it was thought best to engage with a professional acoustical engineer for proposals; Mr. Hajek suggested a six-month extension of the moratorium. Trustee Doyle asked Mr. Hajek to remind her of the setbacks needed for a pickleball court and the minimum size requirement for a property. Mr. Hajek stated that for new pickleball courts a parcel must be 60,000 square feet in size and setbacks vary.

There are a lot of preexisting non-conforming tennis courts which exist on or near property lines and the concern if converted to a pickleball court, is the noise. It is hoped that an acoustical engineer can develop guidelines or mitigation factors to allow the conversion or not allow the conversion, but 60,000 square feet is what was established.

Leash Law Amendments

Mayor Larsen stated that the Village already has a leash law for dogs on the beach and no dogs are allowed on Herrick Park, but this would apply to all other locations in the Village that are public. For example, if someone is walking their dog down Main Street, should the dog be leashed, and, more importantly, do we want owners to clean up after the dogs. Currently there is no legislation that

requires someone to clean up after their dog other than on the beach. Deputy Mayor Minardi noted that if dogs are leashed, the owners are more likely to clean up after their dog. The Board agreed that legislation is needed for leashing dogs and cleaning up after dogs.

Mayor Larsen closed the Work Session at 11:15 am and entered into the Special Meeting portion starting with Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Bebon appeared before the Board and requested the specifics of the pickleball survey and the other items on the survey i.e. how many people checked off pickleball, how many people did not check off pickleball, how many responded. Mr. Baladrón stated that that information is on the Village website. Mr. Bebon stated that the existing tennis courts were removed, and the new tennis courts were moved off of the original platform. Mayor Larsen stated that they were not moved any closer to Mr. Bebon's residence. Mr. Bebon stated that it is considered new tennis courts. Mr. Baladrón stated that the tennis courts did not move toward Mr. Bebon's home but closer to the Reutershan Parking Lot.

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #42-2023; Approve appointment of Gabrielle McKay to the position of Deputy Village Clerk.

The approval of this appointment was adjourned until the following Board of Trustees Meeting, October 20th, as Gabrielle McKay was absent.

Resolution #43-2023; Accept the donation of the Old Hook Mill Replica built by Richard "Dick" Wood, donated by the Wood family.

Trustee Melendez: So moved. Deputy Mayor Minardi: Seconded. Mayor Larsen: All in favor?

Deputy Mayor Minardi:	Aye
Trustee Melendez:	Aye.
Trustee Doyle:	Aye.
Trustee Amaden:	Aye
Mayor Larsen:	Passed and carried.

Mayor Larsen stated that Mrs. Janet Wood contacted him about the donation of the Hook Mill replica which Dick Wood constructed. The Mayor stated that he knew Mr. Wood when he worked for the Department of Public Works, and he was a very nice man. The replica will be refurbished and placed in the front yard of Village Hall which will be a very nice addition. The Board thanked the Wood family for the donation.

Resolution #44-2023; Approve the purchase of three (3) 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuits at a total cost Of \$40,982.80 each and one (1) 2023 Ram 1500 Pick Up at a total cost of \$45,858.60 (*as per Oct. 2nd, 2023 memo from D. Jaycox*).

Deputy Mayor Minardi: So moved. Trustee Melendez: Seconded. Mayor Larsen: All in favor?

Deputy Mayor Minardi:	Aye
Trustee Melendez:	Aye.
Trustee Doyle:	Aye.
Trustee Amaden:	Aye
Mayor Larsen:	Passed and carried.

Mr. Jaycox reported that the purchase of these vehicles is to offset a purchase made in March of 2023, the prior Fiscal Year for four Ford Rangers. The Village was later informed that the vehicles were not going to be built, as all Ranger production had been eliminated. Alternative vehicles needed to be decided upon and the vehicles chosen are ready for acquisition; three of the vehicles will be for Code Enforcement and one will be for the Beach Head. Administrator Baladrón noted for the record that the monies for the vehicles have been held over and allocated from last year, there will be no new additional spending.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am, so moved by Deputy Mayor Minardi, Seconded by Trustee Melendez.

FILED
VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON, NY
DATE: 11/30/23
TIME: 12:37 PM

Gabrielle McKay