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A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont Supervisor

Marlane Amelio)

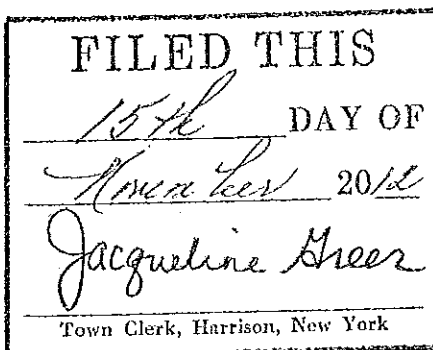
Joseph Cannella) Councilpersons

Stephen Malfitano)

Fred Sciliano)

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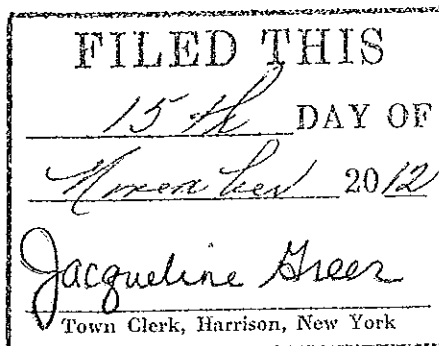
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PRESENTATION BY VETERAN AFFAIRS OFFICER BEN DEFONCE
RE: VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Ben DeFonce, Veteran's Affairs Coordinator, spoke to the Board and the residents of Harrison giving them a preview of the upcoming Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in West Harrison. He asked that everyone please come and support our Veterans. All Veterans are welcomed to march in the parade. He said that he is sorry for all the destruction that Hurricane Sandy has done but reminded everyone that "Harrison is a great town; a family that sticks together". He thanked the Mayor for all his hard work and stated "we will get through it". I leave you with this, as always, enjoy your freedom and thank a Veteran.

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REMARKS BY SUPERVISOR RON BELMONT
RE: THE RECENT STORM "SANDY"

Supervisor Belmont gave a brief update on Hurricane Sandy. On Saturday, October 27th the Governor of New York declared a State of Emergency. I therefore followed the Governor and declared a State of Emergency for the Town/Village of Harrison. Sunday, October 28th we had DPW crews out cleaning catch basins and areas that flood were maintained and addressed. Also on Sunday we had an Emergency Operations Center meeting which included the Fire Departments, EMS, and the DPW Commissioner and Con Edison. We had a plan that we followed and it worked very well. We had shelters available at the downtown firehouse, the Purchase firehouse and the Leo Mintzer Senior Annex. Monday as expected, the storm did hit and Monday evening was quite treacherous. On Tuesday our crews started cleaning immediately. Crews consisted of our DPW workers as well as outside tree crews that were given to us by Con Edison. I want to thank everyone for there cooperation thus far. The Police Department was outstanding, DPW/Highway Department did a great job; everyone really rose to the occasion. By Wednesday morning all roads were passable and no area of town was isolated.

Councilman Sciliano said that he wanted to say thank you to all the volunteer fire departments. The volunteers stayed at their respective departments overnight to help the residents while their families were home. I thank all three departments.

Councilman Cannella wanted to make a general comment. He stated when things are tough it is important that everybody chips in together. We have a new resident, DiCicco Market that opened up its freezers for people to store meats, when their power was out. All our local gas stations, while they had gas, basically maintained the same prices. We thank the people of Harrison. Our Police and DPW did an extraordinary job. When you think about the difficulty in getting the power restored, the town has a very limited capacity to affect that. Although our roads were clear and the ability for Con Ed to come into our roads and put restoration teams out there. It simply did not happen. My personal view of the lack of coordination and planning on Con Edison was absolutely extraordinary. It is what happens when you have a monopoly and a lack of competition and a lack of accountability. What I think happened here is, the crews worked hard; I think management's planning was inadequate and what happened is inexcusable. I can assure you that the Town did everything it could. We were way ahead of the curve. A lot of manpower and effort went into it. Our ability to actually accomplish something was restricted and therefore we have the result we had, a week for many and continuing beyond that for others, who obviously we are very sympathetic and it is not over yet.

Councilman Malfitano said to reiterate some of what Councilman Cannella said is that it is difficult for residents to understand the degree to which this Town and the leadership, our Mayor, the heads of various departments, police, fire, to the degree in which they plan. That is something that the residents can't see but I can tell you, along with everyone else on this Board that despite the fact that there were a lot of deficiencies, as you well pointed out, that had nothing to do with the Town/Village of Harrison or its employees. The planning and effort that was put forth on the part of the Town was exemplarily. It is hard for people to see because they are

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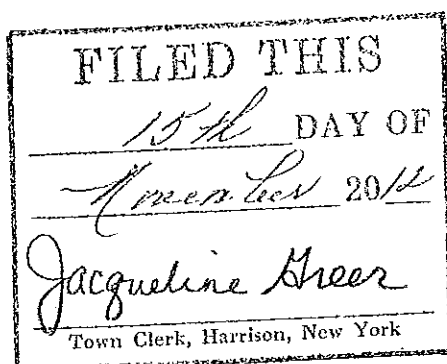
experiencing a difficult time. Sometime with human nature being what it is we want to lash out. My suggestion would be if you would like to lash out as a resident, going with Councilman Cannella's comments, it should be squarely in the direction of the utility. I would tell you this based on what I witnessed. Every resident in this community should take that upon themselves to make it known how they feel about the lack of response, to a certain degree, that occurred with respect to the restoration of power. I want to say thank you to all.

Councilwoman Amelio said she wanted to add something from a personal perspective. When you have a giant 150 year old oak tree fall on your home and required a 75 ton crane to remove it, you come to appreciate the quick thinking and acting of the police department, the fire department and the EMS workers, who were so quick to respond and a neighborhood who pulled together in darkness to make sure we were alright. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and especially Chief Marraccini, because what I heard from neighbors is that when they were in complete darkness and their security systems were compromised, there were policemen going around to make sure everyone was okay.

Supervisor Belmont said we were more fortunate then others when you look around at the devastation in other areas not too far away from us. We did have 36 trees fall on homes in the Town of Harrison. We have to be thankful for what we have.

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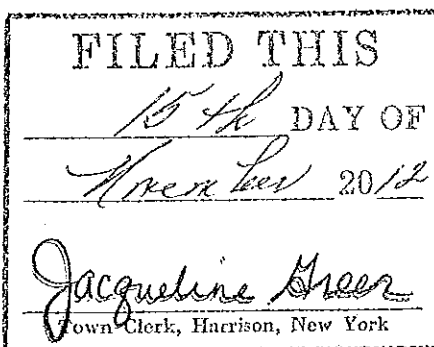
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET
FOR THE TOWN OF HARRISON BY SUPERVISOR RON BELMONT

Town Clerk Jackie Greer distributed the 2013 Town/Village of Harrison Tentative Budget to all Members of the Town Board that was submitted to the Town Clerk's Office on October 29, 2012 by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie.

Supervisor Ron Belmont and the Members of the Town Board accepted the 2013 Town/Village Tentative Budget.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,
it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

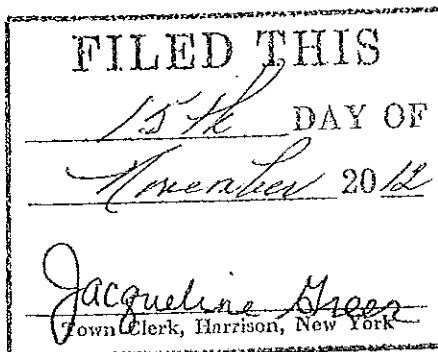
- 1a. Monthly report by the Commissioner of Public Works for September 2012.
- 1b. Monthly report by the New Rochelle Humane Society for September 2012.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION TO THE RECREATION PART TIME
AVAILABILITY LIST

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Superintendent of Recreation Gerry Salvo for authorization for the following addition to the Recreation Part Time Availability List:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Leonard Vecchiolla	9.00

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Superintendent of Recreation and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

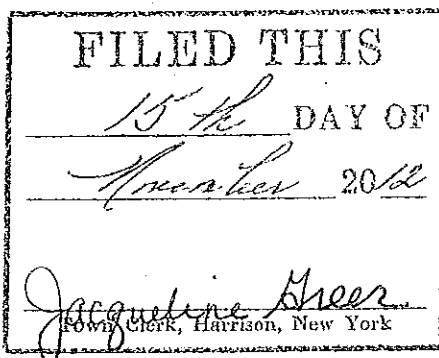
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES NINA MARRACCINI
TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE HARRISON FOOD PANTRY
FROM TWO ANONYMOUS DONORS

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Director of Community Nina Marraccini for authorization to accept donations totally \$2,500 for the Harrison Food Pantry, from two (2) anonymous donors.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Director of Community Services.

Adopted by the following vote:

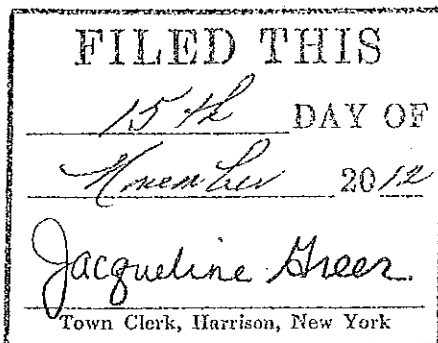
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO AMEND THE TOWN OWNED VEHICLE POLICY AND EXTEND THE
USAGE OF TOWN CARS TO DPW EMERGENCY FOREMEN
AND THE EXTENSION IS ADOPTED AS AN ANNUAL POLICY

Supervisor Belmont said that he wants, as part of this resolution, that this be every year so we don't have to bring this up every November.

Councilman Sciliano said he supports this and he supports that we make this ongoing.

Town Attorney Allegretti said you don't want to make the word "rescind"; you want to make it "amend" or "revise".

Harrison resident Rob Porto wanted to remind the Board that it took a while to pull this back into a normal level for monetary reasons and to keep an eye on it. There are a lot of costs associated with this. We want them available in an emergency but we don't want it getting out of hand.

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Supervisor Ron Belmont to amend the Town Owned Vehicle Policy and extend the usage of Town cars to DPW emergency foremen from November 2012 to March 2013, in an effort to respond efficiently to weather related emergencies.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this extension is adopted as an annual policy.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

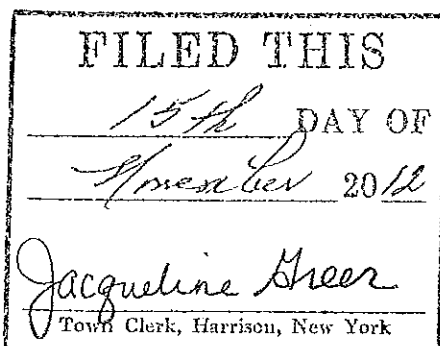
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO SCHEDULE THE DATE OF DECEMBER 3, 2012
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT
TO CONSTRUCT A COIN OPERATED AND FOLD LAUNDROMAT
AT 222 HARRISON AVENUE

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of resident Michael Olsey to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, December 3, 2012 for a Special Exception Use Permit to construct a coin operated wash and fold Laundromat at 222 Harrison Avenue.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Planning Board approval has been granted.

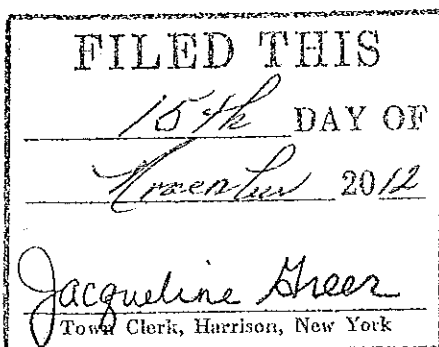
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector, the Chair of the Planning Board, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Town Engineer and Mr. Olsey.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RECEIVER OF TAXES TO TRANSFER THE WATER RENT
ARREARS FROM WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS TO THE 2012 TAX ROLL
AND TO THE 2013 TOWN/VILLAGE TAX BILLS

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Receiver of Taxes Nancy Masi for authorization for the transfer of the water rent arrears from Westchester Joint Water Works in the amount of \$28,245.69 to the 2012 Tax Roll and to the 2013 Town/Village Tax Bills of the following properties:

BOOK PAGE ACCT#	OWNER NAME	PREMISES ADDRESS	BILLING ADDRESS	BILLING City/St/Zip	SECT-BLOCK-LOT	PAST DUE AMT	Tax Levy Transfer Fee
1 316-2720-12849	JOSEPH CANNARO	23 MOUNT HOLLY DR	23 MT HOLLY DRIVE	HYE, NY 10580	0000-0545-0060	\$8,337.34	\$1,700.00
2 319-0325-12860	XIP KONIGSBERG	11 SYLVANLEIGH RD	11 SYLVANLEIGH RD	PURCHASE, NY 10577	0000-0511-0032	\$1,678.21	\$100.00
3 303-0290-01346	JOHN & CATRY SMIS	225 HALSTEAD AVE	225 HALSTEAD AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0131-0010	\$1,627.05	\$700.00
4 316-3150-08329	CHRISTON PRINCIPATO	543 PURCHASE ST	549 PURCHASE ST	HYE, NY 10580	0000-0545-0018	\$946.30	\$100.00
5 328-2100-15609	DENNIS SCANLAN	51 PEARL AVE	144 OLD LAKE ST	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0312-0322	\$894.16	\$100.00
6 335-6190-16532	SCOTT & MICHEL GOLDBERG	80 STONEWALL CIR	80 STONEWALL CIR	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0001-98	\$824.43	\$100.00
7 326-2460-15231	RICKY PENNA	103 LAKEVIEW AVE	103 LAKEVIEW AVE	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0002-142A	\$710.08	\$100.00
8 305-3150-10639	ANDREW R MAUCIERI	105 ROCKWELL ST	45 OAKLAND AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0373-0353	\$588.03	\$100.00
9 314-0950-09195	JAN GOLDSTEIN	61 OSBORN RD	64 OSBORN RD	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0513-0011	\$655.40	\$100.00
10 302-1020-01266	MICHAEL & JENNY MCCANDLESS	68 PARK AVE	30870 RUSSELL RANCH RD EFL	WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362	0000-0372-0004	\$532.72	\$100.00
11 323-1330-02234	MASSIMO MAFFEI	283 PARK AVE	100 FULTON LANE	MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550	0000-0152-0020	\$523.14	\$100.00
12 336-3500-16764	JULIA & JUSTO MORONTA	10 INDIAN HILL RD	10 INDIAN HILL RD	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-1012-0345	\$491.45	\$100.00
13 335-5550-16444	JOHN PROTANO	53 OLD MILL RD	53 OLD MILL RD	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0892-0040	\$435.90	\$100.00
14 325-2230-15912	JULIA MORONTA	177 WOODSIDE AVE	10 INDIAN HILL RD	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0423-0013	\$432.32	\$100.00
15 323-0410-09019	HUI & CAROLINE AN	6 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	6 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0251-0032	\$340.95	\$100.00
16 335-1230-07243	RICHARD BOND	257 CONDUIT ST	257 CONDUIT ST	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0350-0082	\$411.82	\$100.00
17 304-3070-03835	ITSUKO LYNN KINO	45 WEBSTER AVE	45 WEBSTER AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0251-0032	\$340.95	\$100.00
18 304-3050-10309	NELSON AVE REALTY	43 NELSON AVE	45 OAKLAND AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0251-0032	\$340.95	\$100.00
19 326-1830-15257	OSWALDO LOPEZ	24 LAKEVIEW AVE	24 LAKEVIEW AVE	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0351-0033	\$324.90	\$100.00
20 320-1690-14345	LATRELL SPREWELL	4340 PURCHASE ST	4340 PURCHASE ST	PURCHASE, NY 10577	0000-0331-0067	\$185.53	\$100.00
21 335-2050-16647	VLADIMIR SOKOLSKI	91 OLD LAKE ST	91 OLD LAKE ST	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0335-0017	\$167.70	\$100.00
22 312-2432-14416	HILLARY JEFFREY MARKOWITZ	14 RUSTIN RD	14 RUSTIN RD	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0472-0009	\$259.65	\$100.00
23 327-2000-15169	P TROSCIO	160 LINCOLN AVE B	160 LINCOLN AVE B	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0331-0057	\$185.15	\$100.00
24 320-1690-14347	LATRELL SPREWELL	4340 PURCHASE ST	4340 PURCHASE ST	PURCHASE, NY 10577	0000-0331-0057	\$185.15	\$100.00
25 335-2760-16653	DENNIS SCANLAN	144 OLD LAKE ST	144 OLD LAKE ST	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-1031-0054	\$176.93	\$100.00
26 310-5450-10847	MEHRMA MEHRAN	18 DORAN RD	18 DORAN RD	PURCHASE, NY 10577	0000-0571-0018	\$163.81	\$100.00
27 304-1690-02265	GLORIA BRENNOR	360 HARRISON AVE	360 HARRISON AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0335-0028	\$146.50	\$100.00
28 312-3260-10477	S & B SULLIMAN	19 RAMAPO TRL	19 RAMAPO TRL	HARRISON, NY 10528	0000-0441-0114	\$144.25	\$100.00
29 327-2330-15391	J & P TROSCIO	157 LINCOLN AVE E	160 LINCOLN AVE E	WEST HARRISON, NY 10594	0000-0332-0041	\$129.55	\$100.00

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REMARKS BY RESIDENT ROB PORTO

Harrison resident Rob Porto said that he is totally disgusted and infuriated by the Master Plan that is being presented. I read minutes where some of the Board members haven't even looked at this Master Plan. Other communities are trying to keep their environment nice.

Councilman Sciliano asked Mr. Porto what minutes did you see that stated this Board did not look at the Master Plan.

Harrison resident Rob Porto said I didn't want to say Joe Cannella in particular but I saw in the minutes that Joe said he wasn't involved in the process. The point is I want you to look at it because you are responsible for it. I think you all should be ashamed of yourselves. I think that Master Plan is out of touch with other communities. Everybody wants to try and limit the number of buildings and you are trying to change the parking so they can build bigger buildings. You want to take over Halstead Avenue. Why don't you try and force the county to fix it for us. That is my county tax dollars. Develop the woods, develop Veterans Park, it seems like it is trying to keep open space calculations high. It is really out of touch with what is going on.

Councilwoman Amelio asked Mr. Porto if he was in favor of developing open space or are you against it. This is just a framework of ideas.

Harrison resident Rob Porto said that we have a meeting on November 14th to discuss the Master Plan. I'm letting the Board know that they are responsible for this Master Plan.

Councilman Malfitano said that would be the appropriate time to discuss it. We have a Public Hearing on November 14th and if you want your comments on the record that would be the appropriate time to discuss it. Come to the meeting on November 14th and whatever you have to say will become a matter of the public record. I take absolute exception to your comments that suggest that members of this Board have not read that document when virtually every single one of us have not only read it but have taken a hand, in some degree, over an extended period of time, in crafting it is an absurdity.

Harrison resident Rob Porto said he wants responsibility by this Board. He said he had one more comment. The budget is another nightmare. Why are you raising taxes? It is a disgrace.

Supervisor Belmont said that he thanked Mr. Porto for his comments and stated that we worked very diligently on this budget and we have come under the 2% tax cap. I have no idea what you are taking about. The budget was just presented tonight for the first time.

Councilman Cannella said he feels the need to respond. I do know the comment you are making, and probably where it is in the minutes and I recall the discussion. There was a presentation here,

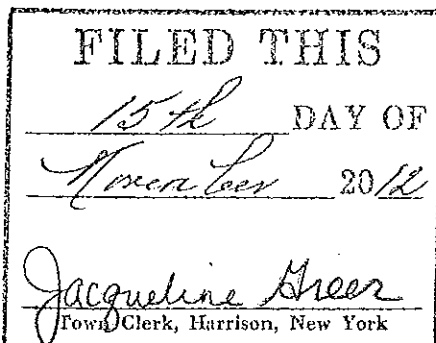
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by the consultant, which had not been pre-approved or discussed by the Board, having to do with changes in the lot coverage in the B zone and two family zones, with some changes that were being recommended. What I said at the time, and it was accurate at that time, was it hadn't been reviewed by the Board; it was a suggestion by the consultant. It hadn't been discussed by the Board or vented in anyway and that it was part of the process when the consultants get hired they make suggestions, they take comments, they bring it forward, the Board listens and the Board considers and then the Board ultimately, as part of a process, which includes Public Hearings, and the rest of community input and so on, would be part of a process that would lead to a conclusion. So the comment with respect as to not being involved in that aspect of it was accurate. It was a spontaneous presentation by the consultant and it hadn't been reviewed by me, nor could it have been reviewed by anybody else, because there wasn't anything delivered to us. That was the comment. So I am a little bit annoyed that it was taken out of context and applied that I wasn't doing something that I was suppose to do and that is never accurate. No hard feelings.

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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Investigative 1

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed at 8:01 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was reconvened at 9:05 PM.

There being no further matters to come before the Board,
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor declared closed at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer
Town Clerk

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