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**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

JUNE 7, 2016

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: SUPERVISOR SANTINO

**APPEARANCES :**

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SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN HUDES

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY (JOINED MEETING AT  
Administrative Calendar)

CLERK AHMAD

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN

TOWN ATTORNEY RA

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER

TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY

**HEMPSTEAD TOWN MEETING 6/7/16**

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Evening,  
2 everyone and welcome to our Town Board  
3 Meeting.

4 Today, we have a Public Hearing  
5 Calendar, followed by an Administrative  
6 Calendar and the Board will remain behind to  
7 listen to the thoughts and concerns of Town  
8 Residents.

9 Before we do anything else, I would  
10 like to ask Councilman Bruce Blakeman to lead  
11 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance  
13 was led by Councilman Blakeman. After, the  
14 following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk, call  
16 the roll, please.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

5 Sweeney?

6 (Whereupon, Councilwoman King-Sweeney

7 was absent at the time of roll call and

8 joined the meeting at the Administrative

9 Calendar.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

11 Clavin?

12 RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the first

14 matter, please.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

16 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit

17 parking in Bellmore, East Meadow, Oceanside,

18 Wantagh (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of

19 the Town of Hempstead)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

21 that would like to be heard on this item on

22 the Public Hearing Calendar?

23 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

24 After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There

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1 being none, I will take a motion, please.

2 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move the Public  
3 Hearing be closed and the proposed Local Law  
4 be adopted.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second  
6 the motion.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next matter,  
21 please.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
23 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in  
24 Merrick, Wantagh, Woodmere (To amend Section  
25 202-1 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
2 who would like to be heard on this item, on  
3 the Public Hearing Calendar?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard.  
5 After, the following ensued.)

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,  
7 may I have a Motion.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.  
9 Supervisor, I move the Public Hearing be  
10 closed and the item be adopted.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second the  
12 motion.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
20 Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next matter,  
2 please.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
4 "Arterial Stops" in Merrick (To amend Section  
5 197-5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
7 that would like to be heard on the Public  
8 Hearing Calendar?

9 (Whereupon, no response was heard.  
10 After, the following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,  
12 I will ask for a Motion, please.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I  
14 move the Public Hearing be closed and the  
15 proposed Local Law be adopted.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second the  
17 motion.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
25 Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next matter,

7 please.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

9 "Parking for Police Vehicles only" in Inwood,  
10 Merrick, Roosevelt (To amend Section 202-57  
11 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
13 that would like to be heard on this item?

14 (Whereupon, no response was heard.  
15 After, the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: May I have a  
17 motion, please.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
19 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and  
20 the Local Law be adopted.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second  
22 the Motion.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?



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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

5 Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please call the  
12 Administrative Calendar.

13 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative  
14 Calendar I have Items 1 through 22. I also  
15 have a Resolution that is of urgent nature to  
16 be added to the Calendar.

17 The Resolution is a Resolution  
18 declaring the Town Board's intent to the Lead  
19 Agency in accordance with New York State  
20 Environmental Review Process for the  
21 application for site plan approval of the  
22 Memorial Sloan Kettering Regional Center  
23 Project in the Mitchel Field Mixed Use  
24 District in Uniondale in the Town of  
25 Hempstead, New York.

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1           This will be 23 on the Administrative  
2           Calendar.

3           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Very fine, Madam  
4           Clerk.

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5           (Whereupon, Councilwoman King-Sweeney  
6           arrived at the meeting. After, the following  
7           ensued.)

8           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do any of the  
9           Council Members wish to sever any of the  
10          items on the Administrative Calendar?

11          (Whereupon, no response was heard at  
12          this time. After, the following ensued.)

13          SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,  
14          I will accept a motion, please.

15          SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.  
16          Supervisor, I move the Administrative  
17          Calendar in its entirety including Item  
18          Number 23.

19          SUPERVISOR SANTINO: With Item Number  
20          11 is being removed, is that correct, Madam  
21          Senior Councilwoman?

22          SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay,  
23          with the exception of Number 11 which will be  
24          removed.

25          SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do we have a

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1 Second?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you. Now,  
4 I have a few members of the public that wish  
5 to speak with respect to the Administrative  
6 Calendar and we will begin with Scott  
7 Harrigan.

8 Is that gentleman here? Come on up,  
9 here, please. Sit down, address the Board,  
10 please.

11 Utilize the microphone. Begin with  
12 your name and address for the record, please.

13 SCOTT HARRIGAN: My name is Scott  
14 Harrigan.

15 My address 158 Ivy Street, Oyster Bay,  
16 New York.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

18 SCOTT HARRIGAN: I would like to  
19 briefly address the drone ban, I believe,  
20 that is proposed for the Town of Hempstead.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, it is Item  
22 Number - - well, it is actually, we are  
23 calling a Public Hearing with respect to the  
24 drone ban, so, the only thing we are doing,  
25 today is we are calling the Public Hearing

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1 with respect to that matter.

2 If you want to talk about the timing  
3 or the calling of that Public Hearing that is  
4 fine, but anything in terms of merits of the  
5 issue that would be subject for discussion at  
6 the actual Public Hearing, which will be June  
7 21<sup>st</sup>.

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8 SCOTT HARRIGAN: Okay, my comments are  
9 regarding the actual matter of it, so - -

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That becomes  
11 pertinent on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

12 SCOTT HARRIGAN: I understand. Thank  
13 you very much.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

15 Diane Madden?

16 Good Evening.

17 DIANE MADDEN: Good Evening. I would  
18 like to speak on Item 7.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: For consistency,  
20 your name and address for the record.

21 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden. 243  
22 Cherry Place, East Meadow.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Item Number 7.

24 DIANE MADDEN: Item Number 7.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: As we know, there is an  
2 investigation going on at the animal shelter.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is not Item  
4 Number 7.

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5 DIANE MADDEN: Item Number 15, I am  
6 sorry.

7 It is a promotion.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, fine.

9 DIANE MADDEN: Supervisor, I want to  
10 let you know that there are four supervisors  
11 at the animal shelter, currently, at times,  
12 where I have been told many times that there  
13 are not a lot of money to devote to the  
14 animal shelter.

15 I am finding it very odd a promotion  
16 like this would take un-necessarily because  
17 there is sufficient coverage and because at  
18 times like this, you could alternate those  
19 supervisors.

20 It is not necessary to have two out on  
21 the road.

22 It is a waste of taxpayer money and,  
23 um, I think that is something the Town Board  
24 should take a look at before they so easily  
25 pass these promotions at a time when the

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1 Shelter is under a microscope.

2 And, as you know, Supervisor, you are  
3 taking a look at any volunteer that is due to  
4 be banned through Mike Pastori and that pales  
5 in comparison to what really needs oversight  
6 and management at the shelter, right, now.

7 So, I ask you to take a look at that.

8 Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Ms.  
10 Madden.

11 Felix Procacci?

12 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
13 Barn Street, Franklin Square, New York.

14 On that new Item 23, um, can we have a  
15 little further explanation on that?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure. Item - -  
17 the one we handed up, Mr. Levy, Mr. David  
18 Levy. Could we - - where are you, David?

19 COUNSELOR LEVY: Memorial Sloan  
20 Kettering has an application on file for a  
21 site plan on the Coliseum property and a  
22 parking garage to go along with it.

23 There is some environmental review  
24 required. The Resolution which is before the  
25 Board, right, now, would claim that

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1 responsibility for the Town Board, while,  
2 at the same time, starting the thirty-day  
3 period for other potential lead agencies to  
4 say they wanted that responsibility which is  
5 not likely to happen but the regulations  
6 require us to give thirty days in order to do  
7 that.

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8 FELIX PROCACCI: Just, I didn't  
9 understand, "claim responsibility".

10 COUNSELOR LEVY: Yes, someone has to  
11 serve as lead agency and there are a number  
12 of what are called, "involved agencies," from  
13 which the applicant has to get some form of  
14 approval.

15 Anyone of those agencies can be the  
16 lead agency.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: And, this resolution  
18 is going to make - -

19 COUNSELOR LEVY: This is the Town  
20 Board saying we intend to be the lead agency  
21 if any of you involved agencies would like  
22 that responsibility, let us know within the  
23 next thirty days so we can work it out or we  
24 become the lead agency.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Is this State Law

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1           that we have to do something like this?

2                   COUNSELOR LEVY: Yes, absolutely,  
3 required in the SEQRA Regulations. It is  
4 part of SEQRA.

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5                   FELIX PROCACCI: Thank you.

6                   Item Number 14?

7                   SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

8                   FELIX PROCACCI: An explanation on  
9 that amending local finance law?

10                  SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town  
11 Attorney?

12                  TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is a  
13 resolution passing a home rule message asking  
14 the State Legislature to give the Town of  
15 Hempstead the ability to bond certain payouts  
16 that we have to have certain employee  
17 severance payouts and we are looking for  
18 permission to bond as does the same  
19 permission that other municipalities have in  
20 Nassau County.

21                  FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, Items 16 through  
22 22, in general, you know, I am not talking  
23 about each of them, just like the gentleman  
24 came up and wanted to speak on the drone  
25 issue, there are so few evening meetings.



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1           There are so few times to discuss  
2 things in a public setting.

3           There was a time when I first started  
4 coming to these meetings where we would  
5 discuss things and we wouldn't say you can  
6 only talk about the date and we didn't have  
7 this policy.

8           And, I think it is a negative policy.

9           I think the more public comment there  
10 is the better our government would be and  
11 this gentleman took off time to come down,  
12 here and, now, he may have to work on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
13 of June during the daytime meeting, he won't  
14 be able to be heard and I think any  
15 opportunity someone has to speak here, unless  
16 the only time I think it is an issue if there  
17 is so many people here, there are hundreds of  
18 people that show up and you have to limit the  
19 time but when there is only a few speakers  
20 and there is enough to do the meeting within  
21 a couple hours and let people get their word  
22 in.

23           I see nothing wrong and no harm and I  
24 think it is actually a benefit and I think it  
25 is a harm not to allow people to speak on

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1           these Hearings that are being called  
2           because they may not have an opportunity  
3           later and this is where the law is  
4           introduced.

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5                     If we need to make modifications to  
6           the law and make better laws, it is better to  
7           get more input.

8                     We can write - - this gentleman might  
9           have a great idea to make this law better. I  
10          would like to hear what he has to say and I  
11          would hope that this Town Board would change  
12          this policy of not allowing people to speak  
13          on the details of the calling of public  
14          hearings.

15                    Thank you so much.

16                    SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very  
17                    much.

18                    Okay, those are the only slips I have  
19                    relative to the Administrative Calendar.

20                    There are slips for the miscellaneous  
21                    part of the meeting, that will come in a few  
22                    minutes, so, there being no one else that  
23                    wants to speak on the Administrative  
24                    Calendar, it has been moved and properly  
25                    seconded, so, we will move forward with the

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vote.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye except

Item Number 23, I will recuse myself.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye,  
except to Item 20, I need to recuse myself.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Very good. Senior  
Councilwoman, can I have a motion.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we  
adjourn the meeting.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?  
COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?  
COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
Goosby?  
SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?  
COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?  
COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.  
CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?  
COUNCILWOMAN SWEENEY: Aye.

(Whereupon, the meeting was  
concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
testimony taken in the matter of the  
Hempstead Town Board held on June 7, 2016  
consisting of pages 1 through 21 is an  
accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

  
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