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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

TOWN HALL PAVILION

10:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

BEFORE: SUPERVISOR ANTHONY J. SANTINO

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APPEARANCES :

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN HUDES

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY (ABSENT)

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK DIANA MULLER

TOWN ATTORNEY RA

TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN CLERK MOZAWELLA

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please rise and
2 join me in a moment of silence after I read a
3 little something about a young lady, who you
4 may have read in the newspaper was tragically
5 killed in a car accident a few days ago, a
6 very young girl who was a fine employee of
7 the Town of Hempstead.

8 I would like to actually read
9 something about her and ask for that moment
10 of silence.

11 Christina Formato was a Seasonal Park
12 Field Worker employed by the Town of
13 Hempstead Parks and Recreation starting with
14 the commencement of her employment on June
15 13th, Miss Formato was assigned to Garden City
16 South Park, where she routinely excelled in
17 performing her number of park-related
18 assignments including raking, cleaning and
19 maintaining and operating various park
20 equipment.

21 Miss Formato was universally liked and
22 respected by her Garden City South Park
23 colleagues.

24 She will be sorely missed both in her
25 engaging personality and the many

1 Contributions that she made to enhance the
2 overall Garden City South Park experience.

3 This is a young lady that was killed
4 in that terrible car accident that occurred a
5 few days ago.

6 (Whereupon, the assembly had a moment
7 of silence for Christina Formato. After, the
8 following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, please,
10 Ladies and Gentlemen, I will ask Councilman
11 Gary Hudes to lead us in the Pledge of
12 Allegiance.

13 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
14 was led by Councilman Hudes and recited by
15 the Assembly. After the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk,
17 would you please call the roll.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
19 Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
22 Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
25 Blakeman?

1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

2 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
3 D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

5 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
6 Councilwoman Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
9 Hudes?

10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

11 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Receiver of
12 Taxes, Donald X. Clavin?

13 RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item on the
15 calendar, please.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Petition of
17 Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and
18 remove one story concrete frame public garage
19 and remove all litter and debris from
20 property - Cedarhurst - north side of
21 Peninsula Boulevard, fifty feet East of
22 Oakland Avenue - Department of Buildings.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone that would
24 like to be heard on this matter?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
3 I ask for a motion.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
5 I request that the Public Hearing be closed
6 and the petition be approved.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
9 Santino?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

11 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
12 Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
15 Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
18 D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
21 Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
24 Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
2 please.

3 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Petition of
4 Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and
5 remove one story wood frame one family
6 dwelling and remove all litter and debris
7 from property - ROOSEVELT - South side of
8 Allers Boulevard, five hundred and thirty
9 feet West of Hansom Place - Department of
10 Buildings.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have some that
12 has signed in on this one, Brian Biglin.

13 Name and address for the record,
14 please.

15 BRIAN BIGLIN: Brian Biglin. I
16 represent the loan servicer.

17 This property has been badly damaged,
18 fire damage.

19 We are seeking insurance proceeds to
20 cover it and it is really an efficient way to
21 go.

22 Um - -

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can you speak
24 into the microphone.

25 We are having trouble hearing you.

1 BRIAN BIGLIN: I am asking for this to
2 be stalled and left open and not close this
3 today, just a bit more time.

4 And, I won't go into details over
5 that. My client has not been able to get in
6 contact with the Department of Buildings and
7 there is no finger pointing there and I don't
8 know the details and they began in June.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
10 Rottkamp, do you want to give us a little bit
11 of background.

12 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,
13 Supervisor and Members of the Town Board, as
14 he stated - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I don't think
16 microphone is working or loud enough.

17 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,
18 Members of the Town Board:

19 As he stated, there was a fire, there,
20 on March 26th and there was severe fire
21 damage, so, my recommendation to the Board
22 would be to approve this Motion, move forward
23 and he will work with them to give them a
24 little bit more time to try and get
25 everything in order and if not, we will let

1 you know.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay,
3 Councilwoman Goosby.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would
5 like to suggest - - it is an eyesore to the
6 community and it has been there for some
7 time, sir and it should have been taken care
8 of and we are doing everything we can to make
9 it a nice community for the people that live
10 there, so, I would take your suggestion, sir
11 and move - -

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Normally,
13 Counselor, we will pass the Resolution, today
14 but give your client and all interested
15 parties 30 days to clear up whatever needs to
16 be cleared up for this property before we
17 take any actual action, with that
18 understanding, Senior Councilwoman.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Exactly,
20 I move this petition be closed and the
21 stipulation as has been stated be adopted.

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

23 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
24 Santino?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

1 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
2 Ambrosino?

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

4 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
5 Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
8 D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
11 Councilwoman Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
14 Hudes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
17 much.

18 Next item, please.

19 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Petition of
20 Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and
21 remove two story split level wood frame one
22 family dwelling with basement garage and
23 remove all litter and debris from property -
24 SEAFORD- south side of Joy Court between
25 Seamans Nek Road and Anita Lane - Department

1 of Buildings.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, one person
3 that signed in on this, Christi Terjesen, I
4 don't believe I pronounced that right, so,
5 sorry, did you not want to speak?

6 (Whereupon, "not at this time" was
7 heard calling out from the audience. After,
8 the following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
10 much. Anyone else that would like to speak
11 on the Seaford item?

12 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
13 After, the following ensued.)

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

16 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
17 move that the Public Hearing be closed and
18 the petition granted.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second the
20 motion.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
22 Santino?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
25 Ambrosino?

1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

2 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
3 Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

5 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
6 D'Esposito?

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
9 Councilwoman Goosby?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

11 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
12 Hudes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
15 please.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
17 Local Law Re: "Regulations and Restrictions"
18 to limit parking in Baldwin, Bellmore, East
19 Atlantic Beach, Franklin Square, North Valley
20 Stream, Oceanside, Seaford, Wantagh (To amend
21 Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of
22 Hempstead)

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

25 (Whereupon, no response was

1 Heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there being
3 none, I call for a Motion, please.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move
5 that the Public Hearing be closed and the
6 proposed Local Law be adopted.

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
9 Santino?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

11 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
12 Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
15 Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
18 D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
21 Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
24 Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
2 please.

3 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
4 Local Law Re: "Parking or Standing
5 Prohibitions" in Baldwin, Bellmore, Franklin
6 Square, Inwood, Near Island Park, Merrick,
7 North Valley Stream, Oceanside, Roosevelt,
8 Uniondale, Woodmere (To amend Section 202-1
9 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
11 that would like to be heard on this matter?

12 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
13 After, the following ensued.)

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

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
17 Supervisor, I move we close the Public
18 Hearing and propose to adopt the propose
19 Local Law.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second the
21 motion.

22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
23 Santino?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

1 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
2 Ambrosino?

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

4 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
5 Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
8 D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
11 Councilwoman Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
14 Hudes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
17 please.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
19 Local Law Re: "Arterial Stops" in Baldwin,
20 East Meadow, Inwood, Seaford (To amend
21 Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
22 Hempstead.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there
24 anyone that would like to be heard on this
25 item?

1 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
4 I will accept a motion, please.

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
6 Supervisor, I move we close the Public
7 Hearing and accept the proposed local law.

8 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

9 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
10 Santino?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

12 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
13 Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
16 Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
19 D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
22 Councilwoman Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
25 Hudes?

1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next Item,
3 please.

4 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
5 Local Law Re: "Fire Zones" in Elmont (To
6 amend Section 202-52 of the Code of the Town
7 of Hempstead.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
9 that would like to be heard on this matter?

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

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
13 I will accept a Motion, please.

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,
15 I move the Hearing be closed and the proposed
16 local law be adopted.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
19 Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
22 Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
25 Blakeman?

1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

2 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
3 D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

5 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
6 Councilwoman Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
9 Hudes?

10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
12 please.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
14 "Handicapped Parking On Public Streets" in
15 Bellmore, East Rockaway, Elmont, Franklin
16 Square, Lido Beach, Uniondale (Clubhouse
17 Road, Whitman Avenue, East Boulevard, Alpha
18 Street, Belmont Avenue, Harrison Street, Eva
19 Drive, Spring Avenue, Macon Place)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
21 that would like to be heard on this matter?

22 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
25 I will accept a motion, please.

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Supervisor,
2 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the
3 proposed law be adopted.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

5 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
6 Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

8 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
9 Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
12 Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
15 D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
18 Councilwoman Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

20 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
21 Hudes?

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
24 please.

25 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed

1 Revised Public Parking Field Maps in Merrick
2 (Field M-3)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
4 that would like to be heard on this matter?

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

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
8 I will accept a motion.

9 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move the Public
10 Hearing be closed and the proposed law be
11 adopted.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
14 Santino?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
17 Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
20 Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
23 D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

1 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
2 Councilwoman Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
5 Hudes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
8 please.

9 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
10 acquisition by eminent domain of premises
11 pursuant to the Urban Renewal Plan for the
12 Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area and to
13 allocate advance payment sums for such
14 acquisition - Roosevelt - 38 Whitehouse
15 Avenue - Department of Buildings (Ronald
16 Alexander)

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, will you
18 call the next one together with it, Madam
19 Clerk.

20 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
21 acquisition by eminent domain of premises
22 pursuant to the Urban Renewal Plan for the
23 Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area and to
24 allocate advance payment sums for such
25 acquisition - Roosevelt - 64 Whitehouse

1 Avenue - Department of Buildings (Luis
2 Zaldivar)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you
4 very much.

5 John Moss?

6 JOHN MOSS: Good Morning, Supervisor
7 Santino and Members of the Board:

8 I am the attorney for the Town of
9 Hempstead Department of Planning.

10 I am here in support of the
11 acquisition of two parcels known as 38 and 68
12 Whitehouse Avenue in Roosevelt.

13 Um, these properties are sought to be
14 acquired from eminent domain under the
15 auspices of the Urban Renewal Plan in the
16 Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area.

17 Um, that plan establishes certain
18 criteria as opposed to actual named
19 properties, that is why the properties to be
20 acquired are vacant, abandoned and
21 structurally in poor shape, um, both of these
22 properties have previously been declared by
23 the Building Department as unfit for
24 occupancy.

25 The 38 Whitehouse that was in June

1 10th of 2014.

2 The 64 Whitehouse that was December
3 18th of 2014.

4 Um, further, the two properties would
5 serve as ingress and egress to landlocked
6 parcels that the Town owns.

7 I am not sure if you have a copy of
8 this map but the Town owns parcels back here
9 that did not have ingress or egress.

10 Um, they are landlocked.

11 We plan on developing affordable
12 housing.

13 I am sure you are aware of this
14 Affordable Housing Program.

15 Certainly, first-time house buyers, in
16 addition, blighted factors in the
17 neighborhood, we, respectfully request, we
18 should acquire these properties.

19 We have made offers to purchase.

20 They have, essentially, rejected because
21 they haven't been responded to.

22 These are distressed properties.

23 SENIOR COUNCILMAN GOOSBY: Anyone
24 else?

25 I have Anna Martin.

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Thank you, sir.

ANNA MARTIN: Good Morning,
Supervisor, Members of the Town Board, my
name is Anna Martin.

I am an Attorney with Shapiro, DiCaro
& Barak.

We represent the server and the recent
purchaser of this property at Deutsche Bank.

This just became an REO on August 31st,
um, and, um, our client is looking to gain
access to the properties to determine the
condition.

At this point, we understand it has
been secured or otherwise boarded up by the
Town.

Um, and we would also just request an
opportunity to enter into discussions with
the Town concerning acquisition of the
property since we would not have an objection
to that but we ask that the Town - - the
Hearing not be closed at this point, so, that
those discussion - - we have a brief
opportunity for discussions to take place.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. Moss,
if I may.

1 MR. MOSS: Previously the offer to
2 purchase was sent to both the owners and
3 the attorneys who are representing the
4 bank, so, this has been on radar for a
5 little while.

6 If we are talking about a situation of
7 a price, that certainly can be resolved in
8 negotiations or condemnation process.

9 Um, I think both of these properties,
10 for quite some time are in bad shape.

11 They are necessary for us to have
12 ingress and egress for other properties,
13 onto other properties to be developed as
14 affordable housing.

15 Um, certainly, I don't think there
16 would be an objection to the affordable
17 housing project, but, if the issue with the
18 bank is a matter of dollars and cents,
19 there are other ways to deal with that
20 without derailing the acquisition process.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I know
22 those two homes have been there for many
23 years in the same condition that they are
24 in and the residents that live there have
25 come and they have been really very upset

1 that they are there all the time that they
2 are in the conditions that they are now and I
3 agree with Mr. Moss, we do need acquisition
4 to the property from the bank and that is the
5 only way that we are going to utilize people
6 that need affordable housing.

7 So, I would like a Motion.

8 I will make a Motion. It is in my
9 District, I move we close the Public Hearing
10 and move the proposed acquisition be passed.

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

12 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
13 Santino?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

15 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
16 Ambrosino?

17 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
19 Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
22 D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
25 Councilwoman Goosby?

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
3 Hudes?

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
6 please.

7 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Proposed
8 Amendment of Article XXIV, Section 352 of the
9 Building Zone Ordinance of the Town of
10 Hempstead by addition of a new Subsection "H"
11 in relation to "Certain Height and Story
12 Restrictions in Flood Hazard Zones" - Town of
13 Hempstead.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone that would
15 like to be heard on this matter?

16 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
17 After, the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there
19 being none, a Motion, please.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
21 Supervisor, I move the Public Hearing be
22 closed and the proposed amendment be adopted.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I happily second
24 the amendment.

1 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
2 Santino?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

4 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
5 Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
8 Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

10 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
11 D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
14 Councilwoman Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
17 Hudes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
20 please.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Application
22 of Friends Realty, LLC for permit to include
23 existing gasoline service station within
24 "GSS" District, install (2) additional
25 storage tanks, each with the capacity of

1 10,000 gallons - Elmont - south side Linden
2 Boulevard, 450,488' west of Finns Street.

3 ATTORNEY McKevitt: For the Applicant,
4 Thomas McKevitt, Sahn, Ward, Coschignano.
5 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Uniondale, New
6 York.

7 Good Morning, Supervisor Santino and
8 Members of the Town Board:

9 I represent Friends Realty, the owners
10 of the property located at 245 Linden
11 Boulevard in Elmont and this is an
12 application to incorporate into the Gasoline
13 Service Station District of the Town of
14 Hempstead.

15 This case was previously heard before
16 this Board on April 12th of 2016, earlier this
17 year.

18 At that time, um, the premises was
19 actually in poor condition.

20 There was some debris and graffiti
21 around the property and because of that, the
22 Hearing was adjourned.

23 I do want to apologize to the Board
24 for the condition at that time.

25 I personally went over the property

1 that week.

2 We did a significant cleanup of the
3 property since that Hearing occurred.

4 The stockade fence at the rear of the
5 property was repaired, all vehicles have
6 been removed, aboveground kerosene tank was
7 removed.

8 The steps leading to the residence
9 that were there were repaired and painted,
10 wires in the corner of the building were
11 removed.

12 We installed a new hose to install
13 free air to our customers, um, we also
14 added a landscaping plan.

15 Again, most importantly, the entire
16 place was completely repainted and all the
17 graffiti was removed, as well, so, I think
18 we did a very significant cleanup of the
19 property, as well.

20 Just to get to the background of the
21 location, the subject property is seventeen
22 thousand one hundred and twenty-five square
23 feet at 245 Linden Boulevard, Elmont.

24 To the West is Sun Sunoco gasoline
25 service station which includes a used-

1 car lot and a carwash.

2 To the East is a station owned by the
3 Elmont Fire Department.

4 To the North is a new Extra Space
5 Storage building which was recently
6 constructed and owned and to the South is
7 Southern State Parkway.

8 And, actually this building, this
9 premises was actually erected according to
10 the Assessment Department in 1915.

11 Since, then has been used as a
12 gasoline station and also included
13 residential apartments and auto repair use
14 for, approximately, one hundred and one
15 years.

16 Eventually, the apartments were
17 converted to a one-family dwelling in 1961.

18 A permit was issued for additional
19 two-bay garage on the West of the premises,
20 actually built - - Sign Number 2, which
21 shows the proposed elevations.

22 You will see on the far left side
23 shows where that two-bay, um, repair was
24 located, um, and actually, presently, you
25 have a non-conforming use permit from the

1 Department of Buildings and for the dwelling
2 and auto use at the site.

3 Again, the application, today, is to
4 incorporate this premises into the GSS
5 District which would include the dwelling,
6 auto repair and existing auto body shop and
7 the convenience store.

8 At one time, there was a used car lot
9 operating on the North side of the premises
10 and our original application sought to put
11 a used car sales, we have withdrawn that
12 from the application.

13 So, take out the used car lot is not
14 there, today and we are actually going to
15 put in five additional parking spaces.

16 When we originally came to this Board
17 and actually we want to show Slides Number
18 3 and 4 show a color rendering what we
19 proposed to do to the site, as well.

20 Originally on this application, we
21 require fourteen parking spaces.

22 We are providing nine by removing the
23 used car lot, we will put in five
24 additional parking spaces, so, we will have
25 the fourteen required parking spaces.

1 They comply with the Building Zone
2 Ordinance for the parking.

3 Um, we do plan on removing the three
4 current underground storage tanks and
5 replacing them with one, ten thousand
6 gallon tank and another ten thousand gallon
7 tank with three compartments, one will be
8 three thousand gallons for gasoline,
9 kerosene, four thousand for premium
10 gasoline and three thousand gallons for
11 diesel.

12 And, we do have a permit from Nassau
13 County Fire Marshal to provide this type of
14 installation.

15 And, again, as you can see from Slides
16 3 and 4, we will erect a canopy at the
17 premises, as well.

18 We are looking to make minor additions
19 to the premises, looking to expand the
20 convenience store by two hundred and
21 eighty-seventy square feet.

22 There will be no deli counter or
23 preparation of foods or sandwiches in the
24 convenience store and at one time it was
25 operating for twenty-four hours a day.

1 It will continue to be and operate for
2 twenty-four hours a day with one employee.

3 In the past, we have not sold
4 alcoholic beverages.

5 It is not our plan to sell alcoholic
6 beverages but in any case, we will agree to
7 covenant that there will not be any sale of
8 alcoholic beverages between noon and 6:00
9 a.m. to restrict any further owner of the
10 property from selling beverages at that
11 time.

12 Um, we also, again, intend in putting
13 a transfer switch or emergency generator,
14 as well, which, again, since Hurricane
15 Sandy is very common.

16 This is a location near Southern State
17 Parkway.

18 It is part of the application. We
19 will put a transfer switch, as well.

20 Again, part of the application, too,
21 we will be squaring out the existing second
22 floor to expand the dwelling.

23 The dwelling is essentially a one-
24 family, um, unit.

25 It will continue to be a one-family

1 Unit.

2 It is currently not rented. It is not
3 occupied. I have been inside of it. It is
4 actually in pretty poor condition.

5 It is essentially a two bedroom with
6 small bathroom and kitchen. We are looking
7 to expand that use, again, by a minor
8 amount but, again, it will continue to be a
9 one-family use.

10 It will not be normal apartments at
11 the premises.

12 There will be three, um, pump
13 dispensers on the island.

14 We are looking to the - - planning the
15 gasoline self service. If there is a
16 disabled or elderly person that needs
17 assistance in pumping the gasoline, the
18 attendant will be able to be available for
19 them in order to allow it to happen.

20 Um, again, at one point, as you know,
21 when the original inspection was done on
22 April 5th of this year, I think there were
23 approximately twelve violations found by
24 the Building Department.

25 Um, it is my position that we have

1 eliminated about nine of them and that
2 includes, you know, problems with
3 unregistered vehicles, debris, garbage,
4 painting, all of that has been repaired.
5 All of that has been done.

6 The only violation that is still
7 outstanding is the gasoline service station
8 in the "GSS" District and that can only be
9 remedied by coming to this Hearing, today.

10 So, that really is my presentation.

11 I also have, here, Mr. Wayne Muller
12 from RMS Engineering, who has done a traffic
13 study of the premises.

14 He is going to give a brief
15 presentation on the traffic impact from the
16 application.

17 WAYNE MULLER: Good Morning, Mr.
18 Supervisor, Members of the Board:

19 Wayne Muller, RMS Engineering.

20 Our offices are at 355 New York
21 Avenue, Huntington, New York.

22 For the record, I would like to submit
23 copies for analysis that we prepared August
24 31, 2016 for the record, as created on the
25 plans prepared by the applicant.

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We are not seeking a parking variance as it relates to the proposed project.

Fourteen spaces are required and fourteen parking spaces will be provided on the property, ultimately when the site is configured as depicted on the plans.

The property will have two curb cuts on Linden Boulevard, one located in the westerly portion of the site and one located on the easterly portion of the site.

Um, as indicated in my report, upon the reconfiguration of the property, um, compared to the existing conditions, we cannot see any significant impact or change in traffic conditions on Linden Boulevard or at the site access as a result of the construction of the improvements depicted on the plan.

Therefore, it is my professional opinion that the granting of the project as depicted on the plans will not create any undue traffic hazard, in fact, it will be a significant impact to the property on appeal as a result of the construction of the improvements listed thereon.

1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
2 may I?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: First of all,
5 the application is much better than the
6 previous application that was submitted, the
7 elimination of the used car lot, I think, was
8 very wise on your part because it was just
9 too many different uses going on there.

10 So, I think the application is a lot
11 better, certainly, the property looks a lot
12 better and, um, the only thing I would ask is
13 that you insert a covenant to keep the
14 landscaping in good condition and the
15 property free and clear of all debris.

16 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: Absolutely,
17 Councilman, we have done that.

18 Again, we were here in April. We
19 apologize, myself on behalf of the condition
20 of the property.

21 I spend hours there myself supervising
22 the cleanup of the property and I think when
23 you look at it, today, there is a significant
24 improvement of what was there previously.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: The operative

1 word was "supervising", you didn't actually
2 do any of the cleanup?

3 I thought you were a full-service guy.
4 (Laughter)

5 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: I was actually
6 picking up, there, too but there are a lot of
7 people better abled, in better shape than I
8 am.

9 There was a lot of debris, concrete
10 blocks and bricks.

11 It has all been cleared at this point,
12 as of Friday, the gasoline station is no
13 longer operating.

14 The expiration of the tanks occurred
15 with the Fire Marshall, so, other than the
16 auto body shop, there is no activity there,
17 none whatsoever.

18 There is no convenience store, auto
19 repair as of Friday.

20 We are not even pumping gas anymore.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: How far after
22 approval, assuming that the Board approves
23 the application, do you think you would be
24 operational?

25 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: Again, we

1 still have to get a permit from the County
2 for the 239-F but as soon as that permit is
3 granted - - we already have the permit
4 actually from the Building Department for the
5 removal of the replacement of the tanks and
6 actually, we are coming up on an important
7 point very quickly, those tanks do have to
8 come above the ground, so, upon the granting
9 of the approval, we will be looking to
10 immediately get the property rebuilt and
11 redone for the exact reason that we are not
12 operating right, now.

13 We can't pump gas, right, now.

14 SENIOR COUNCILMAN GOOSBY: Am I
15 reading this correctly, are you requesting
16 use of the property for the sale of cars?

17 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: No, it has been
18 withdrawn.

19 There will be no more sale of cars on
20 the premises.

21 Yes, we are looking to immediately get
22 this moving.

23 As of Friday, there is no money coming
24 into this site whatsoever.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any other

1 questions from any Members of the Board?

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: One other
3 thing, is there kerosene?

4 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: Yes, it will be
5 part of the tank.

6 There has been kerosene sales in the
7 past as part of the gasoline tank.

8 One will be a three compartment tank,
9 which will include diesel.

10 It will include premium gasoline and a
11 small part of kerosene for people who so
12 choose for heating purposes and they like
13 that.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You said
15 three tanks?

16 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: No, two tanks;
17 one, ten thousand gallon tank for regular
18 gasoline and the second tank is already a
19 free compartment tank.

20 The Fire Marshal considers it three
21 separate tanks.

22 It will be for premium gasoline,
23 diesel gasoline and kerosene but it is
24 actually one tank with three compartments
25 dividing up the tank.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any other
2 questions from any Members of the Board?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: All I can
4 say is I am happy to see this station is in
5 better condition than it was.

6 I didn't even want to see it when you
7 brought it up, so, this is really, really
8 good work, they worked very hard even if you
9 didn't do it. (Laughter)

10 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: My client is an
11 Elmont resident and he is very proud of the
12 community and actually he started pumping gas
13 at this station thirty years ago.

14 I think it is a great American success
15 story.

16 He worked very hard in the community
17 and he wanted to build a facility which he
18 can be proud of in Elmont.

19 He is an Elmont resident and he is
20 proud of the community and he wants everyone
21 to be proud of it.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Good to
23 hear.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
25 much, Counselor.

1 I do not have any slips from Members
2 of the Public that want to speak on this
3 subject.

4 Is there anyone?

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

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, thank you
8 Counselor.

9 Can I have a Motion, please.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
11 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
12 the decision be reserved.

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Second the
14 motion.

15 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
16 Santino?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

18 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
19 Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
22 Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
25 D'Esposito?

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
3 Councilwoman Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

5 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
6 Hudes?

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the
9 Administrative Calendar.

10 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: On the
11 Administrative Calendar, Items 1 through 66.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there any
13 Member that would like to recuse - - pardon
14 me, sever any part on the Administrative
15 Calendar?

16 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
17 After, the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All right, there
19 being, none, then, I will take a Motion on
20 that, please.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:
22 Supervisor, I move that the Administrative
23 Calendar Items 1 through 66 be approved.

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We do have some

1 Members of the Public that would like to
2 speak on items on the Administrative
3 Calendar.

4 We will start with Rori Gordon.

5 Name and address for the record,
6 please.

7 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon. 25 Kristen
8 Lane, Hauppauge, New York.

9 I do have a question on Item 14
10 acquiring a law firm, Barclay & Damon, were
11 there any other bids taken for this?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Supervisor, may I?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is a bond
15 counsel.

16 We have one firm that we use as bond
17 counsel and we have a second firm as an
18 alternative in the event there are things
19 that the first one can't handle.

20 We just hired another firm as bond
21 counsel.

22 RORI GORDON: Does anybody else have
23 an opportunity or you go, "Hey, you are a big
24 donor."

25 He gives it to you, how does that

1 Work?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There is something
3 that is called a "Red Book" and this firm is
4 very well qualified.

5 RORI GORDON: Okay and how is it you
6 come to the number of four hundred dollars an
7 hour where your Civil Rights lawyers are
8 getting paid two hundred and twenty-five?

9 It seems like an excessive amount.

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Bond Counsel - -

11 TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY: Can I answer
12 that?

13 We are in the mist of changing - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Conroy can
15 you use the microphone.

16 TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY: Sure, we are
17 in the Town of Hempstead is in the mist of
18 changing out every light, eighteen thousand
19 lights in the Town of Hempstead.

20 The financing of this project will be
21 done by taxable lease, whereby, we are using
22 what is known as "Qualified Energy
23 Conservation Bond" as a Federal interest
24 subsidy, which will bring interest rated down
25 to south of three percent.

1 In addition to that, because it is a
2 taxable event in terms of financing, there
3 are charges, arbitrage is a technical issue,
4 if we violate an arbitrage issue, we lose our
5 tax interest status which would be
6 financially devastating by the Town of
7 Hempstead.

8 We do our due issue.

9 We found this firm to be the most
10 appropriate firm, the best experience and we
11 feel as though four hundred dollars is a fair
12 and reasonable rate they are charging us.

13 Again, they are technically
14 experienced to anybody we looked at and,
15 again, with nuance of the arbitrage issue and
16 the tax exempt financing and energy
17 conservation issue, this is the most
18 appropriate firm.

19 RORI GORDON: That is your opinion. I
20 mean no one else gets that opportunity?

21 I don't understand how the system
22 works.

23 I am trying to get an education, here.

24 TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY: This is a
25 professional service with an extensive

1 resume and we made our decision to hire this
2 firm because of the technical expertise that
3 they possess.

4 RORI GORDON: There is no one else out
5 there that can do this job that possibly
6 could bring the price down under four hundred
7 dollars an hour?

8 That is, I guess, what I am asking, to
9 save the taxpayers some money.

10 I understand it is difficult and all
11 of these technical things.

12 I am not a lawyer and I don't
13 understand that and I understand numbers.

14 It seems to me four hundred dollars an
15 hour is a lot of money.

16 And, a person that's got expertise in
17 Civil Rights is only getting two hundred and
18 twenty-five dollars an hour.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your point is
20 duly noted. Move on to the next item.

21 RORI GORDON: Thanks.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

23 RORI GORDON: I was curious as to how
24 you guys decide what.

25 How does this work if I have other

1 things do I speak, now?

2 Do I wait?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All now.

4 RORI GORDON: Okay, I am sorry, Number
5 37 and Number 39, I just had a suggestion for
6 you guys.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: "You
8 guys"?

9 RORI GORDON: I am sorry, I didn't
10 mean that, you folks.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That
12 doesn't sound any better.

13 RORI GORDON: I didn't mean to insult
14 you.

15 Number 37 and Number 39, these
16 publications, they are part of **NEWSDAY**, is
17 that correct?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

19 RORI GORDON: I just think dollar for
20 dollar, did you ever consider doing some sort
21 of targeted SED advertising on the Internet,
22 such as, **FACEBOOK**, where you can target all
23 the residents in the Town of Hempstead?

24 You can zero it down to your
25 particular area where your folks live.

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: A good
2 many people don't own computers and some do
3 not know how to use them.

4 RORI GORDON: Okay, well, I just want
5 to let you know on my Mom's block, there are
6 ninety residents.

7 She is the only one because she is
8 eighty-three years old that still gets

9 **NEWSDAY.**

10 No one else on the block, I guess, the
11 delivery guy. Less and less people are
12 actually getting the physical paper.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have a multi-
14 level way that we go about advertising Town
15 events.

16 We have substantially cut the amount
17 of display advertising that we do because of
18 the popularity of these two events.

19 We are doing very limited advertising
20 and this is not a display ad inside the
21 paper. This is eye-catching.

22 I forget the technical name but it is
23 a sticker that gets out on the outside of the
24 paper.

25 It is very limited in the cost

1 compared to what we were doing before when we
2 would do a full range of advertising on all
3 different kinds of papers, so, it is
4 significantly reduced in cost to what we have
5 done previously.

6 We also promote things on our **FACEBOOK**
7 Page.

8 We promote things through the
9 Internet.

10 RORI GORDON: Is that one item you are
11 promoting?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I am sorry?

13 RORI GORDON: Is that one of the
14 things you are promoting on line?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

16 RORI GORDON: Okay, okay, so, is this
17 the only quote, unquote "print" type of
18 things you are doing for the event?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Deery?

20 MR. DEERY: This is the only print
21 advertisement before the car show, yes.

22 RORI GORDON: I am not aware.

23 There is no other way to know unless I
24 ask.

25 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After

1 the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Keep going.

3 RORI GORDON: I have a different
4 subject.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: As long as it is
6 on the Administrative Calendar.

7 RORI GORDON: Yeah, okay, um, the fees
8 in Number 43, just you explain to me how that
9 works as far as I know it is a religious
10 situation.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is Nassau
13 University Medical Center and they asked for
14 a cap on the ability of apartment fees and
15 the Town Board from time to time will give -
16 -

17 (Whereupon, "43" was called out from
18 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Forty-three.

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry. I am
21 sorry. It is the same principle, they have
22 made application to the Building Department
23 and they asked for a cap on the Building
24 Department fees and because it is a
25 charitable organization, they decide to

1 give them relief on the cost.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We do similar
3 things for the Fire Department, for other
4 non-for-profit entities, ambulance corp.

5 RORI GORDON: I see, does the Hebrew
6 Academy of Long Beach pay property taxes or
7 is it tax exempt?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is tax exempt.

9 RORI GORDON: Why would you give them
10 a break if - - it is tax exempt?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I would like to
12 answer that because the Hebrew Academy of
13 Long Beach is in my District and that many of
14 the students not only come from my District
15 but come probably from almost every area of
16 the Town of Hempstead.

17 It is a first-class educational
18 facility.

19 The people who patronize that
20 particular educational facility pay school
21 taxes but don't send their children to
22 school, so, basically, they are bearing the
23 burden of supporting a public school system
24 which they should because our public school
25 system is important but for those who want

1 their children to be educated in a religious
2 setting, they choose to send their kids to
3 school like HELB AND HELB is a great
4 institution.

5 They do a lot of good work other than
6 just educating children and it is a little
7 break for them that we give them considering
8 that their parents have to bear the costs of
9 not only paying the school taxes but private
10 tuition.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: As I said,
12 particularly, we do this for non-religious
13 entities like fire departments, ambulance
14 corp., civic associations, that are non-for-
15 profit, things of that nature.

16 It is a way because the building
17 department fees for a not-for-profit entities
18 in many instances is, um, again, having
19 difficulty staying afloat.

20 The building department fees can be
21 fairly substantial for non-for-profit
22 entities, again, for Fire Departments, those
23 entities, ambulance corp., those entities
24 that provide a public service.

25 This is customary, so that is the

1 Answer.

2 You may not agree with it, but that is
3 the answer.

4 RORI GORDON: I don't want you to
5 think that I think this is a bad place or
6 anything.

7 I don't even know anything about it
8 but I see that the churches, the fire
9 departments, you are not getting any money at
10 all.

11 We, as taxpayers, are absorbing that
12 money.

13 It is the choice that the people make
14 to send their kids there, that is up to them.

15 I am sure it is a great school, that
16 is not what I am questioning.

17 I am questioning the concept. I know
18 you guys are always looking to make extra
19 money, so - -

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think I
21 addressed it is for a wide range of entities
22 that provide public service.

23 RORI GORDON: Okay, Number 48, um, I
24 was a little confused about this, maybe you
25 can explain this to me, you guys, Nassau

1 County - - I am sorry, if someone is going to
2 plant trees, how does this work, exactly?

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, do
4 you want me to answer that question?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Sure,
7 basically, there were a group of residents
8 who live in Harbor Isle who reached out to
9 Legislator Denise Ward.

10 She has Grants that she can give out
11 from her office, each district and the
12 Legislator is entitled to certain amount of
13 funds a year to distribute and what happened
14 was they reached out to her.

15 They asked if she was willing to
16 purchase trees for them and what happens
17 because it is our property where the trees
18 are being planted and we are going to plant
19 the trees, we have to enter into an inter-
20 municipal agreement with Nassau County, so,
21 basically, they sent us the paperwork letting
22 us know they are willing to purchase those
23 trees at the price that we pay and we will
24 have to plant them, so, this is just
25 accepting the fact that we will accept the

1 price or the payment for the trees from
2 Nassau County.

3 RORI GORDON: Okay, once the trees are
4 planted, how are they watered?

5 Is it a system there, is that part of
6 the twenty-five thousand?

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Most of the
8 trees are going to be on residential
9 sidewalks.

10 RORI GORDON: Okay, it is not in a
11 specific area?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: It is not in a
13 Park or specific area, it is Harbor Isle,
14 which is an unincorporated area in Island
15 Park.

16 RORI GORDON: Okay, it is really up to
17 the person that is living there to make sure
18 - - you know a tree take a little while
19 before it grows. It needs water.

20 Okay, it is up to the resident.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The company
22 that we have that plants the trees, I believe
23 does water the trees for a certain amount of
24 time when they are initially planted.

25 RORI GORDON: Okay.

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you.

2 RORI GORDON: Number 49, also, again,
3 I didn't understand that.

4 Can you give me an explanation of
5 this, this particular Resolution?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. RA?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is a SEQRA
8 Dec., we are raising fees.

9 RORI GORDON: You're raising fees on
10 what kind of signs?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Raising fees to get
12 sign permits and we have to do a SEQRA Dec.,
13 before we do that.

14 RORI GORDON: Okay.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There will be a
16 Public Hearing next week - - in two weeks.

17 RORI GORDON: Okay, it is all signs
18 for all businesses anywhere in the Town of
19 Hempstead?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Signs, people's
21 businesses who permit for signs, we are
22 raising the fee on.

23 RORI GORDON: Okay, a much better
24 explanation than what they wrote in that
25 document.

1 Okay, and, um, lastly, Number 52, I
2 see you're appointment somebody to the BZA,
3 can you tell me the qualifications of this
4 fella?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Daniel Fisher was
6 the long-term Town Clerk of the Town of
7 Hempstead.

8 He has a broad range of experience in
9 Town Government.

10 He is highly qualified.

11 RORI GORDON: He is an Attorney?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, former Town
13 Clerk.

14 You do not have to be an Attorney,
15 there are a lot of non-Attorneys on the
16 Zoning Board.

17 RORI GORDON: I think that is a
18 problem.

19 They should all be Attorneys on the
20 Zoning Board but that is my personal opinion,
21 um, okay.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anything else?

23 RORI GORDON: Wait a minute, there is
24 a lot of stuff, today.

25 I made a lot of notes.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
2 much, Ms. Gordon.

3 Mr. Felix Procacci?

4 RORI GORDON: Can I come back up?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I called the next
6 speaker. You had your opportunity.

7 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
8 Barn Street, Franklin Square, New York.

9 Um, on Number 14, again, what firms
10 does the Town currently use to handle bond
11 items?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Current Bond
13 Counsel is Winston & Strawn.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: What bond matters in
15 particular for hiring this firm?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think the
17 Comptroller explained it.

18 I don't know if you were listening.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Just that one big
20 lighting job and that is it?

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is not
22 specific to that, that would be one matter
23 where this firm's expertise is uniquely
24 suited for that, but it does not limit us to
25 that one particular matter, but I think the

1 Comptroller gave a fairly comprehensive,
2 detailed the most instant matter that we
3 hired this firm.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: I just wanted to know
5 if there are additional, specific problems.

6 Is this firm being hired because there
7 are any problems in the Town of Hempstead?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: Has the Town ever
10 used this firm before to handle any legal
11 issues besides bond matters?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Not to my
13 knowledge.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Not to your
15 knowledge.

16 Item Number 29, I see the cost of
17 this, um, maintenance, seventeen thousand
18 three hundred and sixty-five dollars a year,
19 what is this system used for?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
21 DiMaria?

22 COMMISSIONER DIMARIA: Good Morning,
23 Supervisor.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

25 COMMISSIONER DIMARIA: This is a

1 Record Management System that the Town Clerk
2 used several years ago.

3 It gives the Public Safety Officers
4 the ability to do all their reports on
5 tablets and upload it to the server saving -
6 - making it much more efficient timewise for
7 Public Safety Officers and it also saves a
8 lot of paper used by the Town, so, because
9 the reports are not on paper anymore, they
10 are computerized and uploaded to a server.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Seventeen thousand
12 dollars a year, um, is that maintenance
13 software only or maintenance for hardware,
14 too?

15 COMMISSIONER DIMARIA: Both.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER DIMARIA: It is a very
18 responsive company.

19 It is twenty-four hour service which
20 my office needs when they are doing their
21 reports.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, that is good.

23 Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARIA: You're welcome.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Items, okay, Item

1 Number 52, one question, is this person
2 related to Rita Fisher, the Deputy
3 Commissioner in the Building Department?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We don't ask
5 people who they are related to.

6 FELIX PROCACCI: On Items Number 55
7 and 56, in particular, for the parking
8 regulations, was the dates for any of these
9 parking regulations, the particular one in
10 Wantagh given Resolution Items 55 and 56 set
11 to have an effect on the 2009 application
12 cabaret on 3500 Sunrise Highway and Oakland
13 Avenue in Wantagh?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, since the
16 answer is no, I ask that the Board put off
17 the Hearing on these Resolutions, in
18 particular, the one on Oakland Avenue, each
19 of these Resolutions until the day after
20 October 13th is when the BZA Hearing is for
21 that application in 2009, the reason being
22 that the zoning regulation in Wantagh might
23 have an effect on the Hearing, itself for
24 that application.

25 Can you put off that, just in

1 particular, those two, you know, items in
2 Wantagh, the parking changes until after
3 October 13th so it has no effect on the
4 Hearing since you say it is going to have no
5 effect.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will take it
7 under advisement.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: You will take it
9 under advisement. Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Those are the
11 only two people that signed in for the
12 Administrative Calendar.

13 There being no one else on the
14 Administrative Calendar - -

15 (Whereupon, "I want to be heard" was
16 heard yelling out from the audience. After,
17 the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You spoke,
19 (referring to Rori Gordon), one a meeting on
20 the Administrative Calendar.

21 Diane Madden?

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

24 Item Number 7, can I have an update?
25 I didn't get Notice. I got a phone call from

1 Mr. Ra on Friday about the promotion at the
2 Animal Shelter.

3 I would like to know what the
4 promotion is, Number 7?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Number 54, you're
6 talking about the personnel resolution, it is
7 Item Number 54, Mr. Ra.

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is an
9 appointment from the Civil Service List.

10 The test was given. The person passed
11 the test, scored in the top three and there
12 was a need in the Animal Shelter and she was
13 being appointed off the list.

14 DIANE MADDEN: There was a need?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is why the
16 test would have been called.

17 The tests are called. The Departments
18 call for tests when they see a need for a
19 position.

20 DIANE MADDEN: You understand that
21 this person is the same person who was in the
22 "Kill Kitty" video, her voice, she is
23 pictured.

24 The Animal Shelter has gone back to
25 hiring, promoting and doing favors for the

1 People that tormented animals and all it
2 tells me it has been going on a very long
3 time.

4 Item Number 41, can you explain to me
5 what that is for?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I can't hear you.

7 DIANE MADDEN: What is the
8 reimbursement for?

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Dr. Siegel had to
10 lay out money for the care of Duffy, money
11 out of his own pocket because of the
12 emergency nature of the actions to be taken.

13 DIANE MADDEN: What happened to the
14 Fund?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: My information is
16 Dr. Siegel had to layout this money on an
17 emergency basis to care for the animal and he
18 did so.

19 DIANE MADDEN: That didn't answer my
20 question.

21 I don't understand why Dr. Siegel has
22 to do with laying out money when we have a
23 fund and we are out there publicly asking the
24 public for donations.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Denny, do you

1 have more details on this?

2 MR. DENNY: In terms of what Mr. Ras
3 said, there was an emergency nature of care
4 and Dr. Siegel put out the money, first,
5 instead of waiting, that is what happened.

6 DIANE MADDEN: All that tells me and
7 Mr. Supervisor there is a disadvantage here
8 because for many years there were
9 relationships with everyone regarding the
10 Town of Hempstead and the relationships they
11 asked even in the medical field, there was a
12 trust that the Town was going to pay it.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We would be happy
14 to share with you the nature of the items
15 that are being reimbursed for.

16 DIANE MADDEN: I am pointing out that
17 those relationships are gone.

18 There is no trust in the Shelter.

19 There is no trust.

20 I am not interested in that. I am
21 making a point.

22 Item Number 51 and this is really for
23 you, Supervisor Santino because I want to
24 know how we ended up here.

25 You and I met a couple of times.

1 You asked me aside from removing the
2 henchmen, what was the number one item that
3 was important to getting the Shelter back on
4 track and we have been putting the programs
5 back in and having the animals with kennel
6 enrichment and dealing with the public and
7 all of these things.

8 And, I told you and you agreed that
9 hiring of a fulltime positive reinforcement
10 behaviorist with accreditations and
11 background, proven history of developing n
12 organization, not from another government
13 shelter, humane organization, how did we end
14 up with this resume?

15 How did we end up with a person not
16 having one credential?

17 How did we end up with a person that
18 has already a fulltime job out in Southampton
19 and runs around with a catch pole because she
20 is an ACL and that has been involved with dog
21 breeding, our biggest nightmare and our
22 reason why the Shelter is as big as it is and
23 packed as it is and goes around summoning
24 residents and finding them.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, my

1 Information is that we advertised for the
2 position twice, that we advertised for a good
3 rate of salary, not salary, it is a contract
4 position.

5 DIANE MADDEN: Yes.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I am getting to
7 it. We advertised twice and the only person,
8 one time, no one applied and the second time
9 one person applied, so, this was the one
10 person that we had and we felt there was a
11 need for a behaviorist.

12 It is someone who has a fulltime job
13 elsewhere who is coming to work, basically,
14 this is going to be effectively a fulltime
15 engagement with us.

16 The number of hours required makes it
17 such and given it is that or not - -

18 DIANE MADDEN: This should not pass
19 today.

20 I am telling you this is a lie and
21 this should not pass and this is a scheme to
22 defraud the public.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We advertised for
24 it twice and only got one.

25 DIANE MADDEN: The second time it was

1 not advertised on the three lists that you
2 asked me for.

3 It was not there.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

5 DIANE MADDEN: We managed to turn this
6 job that one had a behaviorist that worked
7 with those animals, that worked with everyone
8 in the Shelter, not the few select two with
9 Mr. Pestoria and Ms. Tannon and Mr., um,
10 Doranis (Phonetic spelling), who, by the way,
11 you told me would be removed from the Shelter
12 and is still there.

13 She had newsletters. She had jewelry
14 classes.

15 She had evening classes. She dealt
16 with the public.

17 She dealt with the adopters. She
18 dealt with staff volunteers.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

20 DIANE MADDEN: This is a job favor.
21 This is not a behaviorist. She is not
22 qualified.

23 She has no qualifications. Why are
24 you spending the taxpayers money and using
25 this job which is most crucial job in the

1 Animal Shelter as a job favor?

2 She is not a behaviorist.

3 She is ACO.

4 Why?

5 You asked me what the Number 1 most
6 important thing that you could take care of
7 and this is what you are allowing.

8 She is not a behaviorist.

9 She has no certification. She has no
10 background.

11 It is a different philosophy.

12 You know what this is, this is Mr.
13 Pastore's animal control philosophy.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Denning?

15 MR. DENNING: She has over a thousand
16 hours, CEPT and the job says it requires
17 three hundred.

18 She has over a thousand.

19 DIANE MADDEN: She didn't take the
20 test.

21 MR. DENNING: She is taking the test
22 on September 23rd.

23 DIANE MADDEN: She is taking the test,
24 so she can get the job.

25 She doesn't qualify.

1 MR. DENNING: She is taking the test
2 on September 23rd.

3 It was preferred. It was not required
4 in the ad.

5 DIANE MADDEN: It was suppose to be.
6 It was your job to - -

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Hold on. We will
8 maintain good order.

9 MR. DENNING: For three years.

10 DIANE MADDEN: Supervisor - -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let Mr. Denning
12 finish.

13 DIANE MADDEN: You didn't make good
14 order.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let Mr. Denning
16 finish his explanation.

17 MR. DENNING: For three years - -

18 DIANE MADDEN: Supervisor, you didn't
19 make order when he didn't take direct orders.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let Mr. Denning
21 finish his explanation.

22 MR. DENNING: She did take a job in
23 Southampton as a MO Control Officer.

24 Her background is in rescue, save the
25 tail rescue.

1 DIANE MADDEN: She has no
2 certification.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let him finish,
4 please.

5 MR. DENNING: She has over a thousand
6 hours.

7 She would not be able to take the
8 test if she didn't have three hundred hours.

9 DIANE MADDEN: Everyone has a thousand
10 hours.

11 This is a scheme to defraud.

12 You're spending taxpayers money and
13 you are hurting the animals.

14 She cannot - - she is not capable of
15 doing the kinds of things - -

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What we will do,
17 we will wait on this matter until she passes
18 the test.

19 She is taking it on what day?

20 MR. DENNING: September 23rd, sir.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will table the
22 item until she passes the test.

23 DIANE MADDEN: This is going to be a
24 forty-hour-a-week position?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Virtually,

1 yes.

2 DIANE MADDEN: How virtually, fulltime
3 position?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: In the Town,
5 thirty-five hours is a fulltime position,
6 okay, fulltime job, fulltime engagement.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
8 I move to sever the item and table the item
9 for some time to be determined by the
10 Supervisor - -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Without date.

12 DIANE MADDEN: I would like to see
13 this RFP to go out again.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second
15 the motion.

16 DIANE MADDEN: Before I forget, before
17 I forget, what I found out is Laura Miller is
18 a certified behaviorist.

19 She took the certified test.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Then she should
21 apply for the position.

22 DIANE MADDEN: She did apply for the
23 position.

24 She is on the active test. Laura
25 Miller is on the active test.

1 She jumped through every one of the
2 hoops to prove her residency to get her
3 certification.

4 She drove through a snow storm.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Hold on.

6 Mr. Denning?

7 MR. DENNING: I will check with Civil
8 Service regarding that but she cannot apply
9 for the RFP twice.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Right.

11 DIANE MADDEN: She is already on the
12 list. Why is she applying for a part-time
13 job when she took your test and she is on an
14 open test and she provided everything that
15 the Town asked for?

16 Why wasn't she hired?

17 Why wasn't the Commissioner of General
18 Services overriding the henchmen and calling
19 this woman?

20 I sat there like an idiot, not knowing
21 you had this at your fingertips.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Did not.

23 DIANE MADDEN: You absolutely did.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are not going
25 to debate the matter.

1 We are going to hold this off until
2 this individual passes the test and I will
3 review the situation with Ms. Miller.

4 DIANE MADDEN: That is very good,
5 please do.

6 She is waiting two years for a phone
7 call.

8 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
9 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone on the
11 Administrative Calendar?

12 MS. DEFINA: I think this is
13 important, there was another applicant and
14 she wrote a letter for us to read into the
15 record.

16 Her name is Charlene Sarentino
17 (Phonetic Spelling), she says, "To Whom It
18 May Concern:"

19 "I was happy to find an answer as to
20 why someone with my education, experience and
21 credentials was passed up for the position of
22 the trainer behaviorist and I also hold a two
23 million dollar policy and I was passed up for
24 someone that has none of the above.

25 "I am a multi-certified canine

1 Professional in training behavioral
2 assessment, as well as, behavioral
3 modification in all aspects of behavior
4 including resource guard dog, humane
5 aggression, separation, phobias, etc."

6 The Town regulation specifically stated
7 that the canine professional chosen must hold
8 a certification within the CCPDT - -

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Unfortunately,
10 unfortunately, Ms. Defina, this person did
11 not respond to an RFP and there is a process
12 that we have to conform to.

13 One person, I will say again, replied
14 to the RFP, okay, I don't know where this
15 person comes from.

16 One person, one person replied to the
17 RFP.

18 (Whereupon, "It wasn't posted where
19 you said it would be posted. No one could
20 find it," was heard yelling from the
21 audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well - -

23 MS. DEFINA: She went to Mike Pastoria
24 and she asked where and how was she to get a
25 response for applying for this position.

1 And, he told her that he had nothing
2 to do with the hiring of the position and he
3 had no idea what to tell her.

4 Who is in charge of this Supervisor
5 Santino, who is in charge of hiring the
6 behaviorist? Mike Pastoria is saying it is
7 not him.

8 Kevin Denning, the liaison - -

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It goes through
10 the Commissioner of General Services.

11 Again, this person did not reply.
12 Only one person applied for the RFP.

13 If you want to submit that for the
14 record, submit it for the record to the
15 Clerk.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The item has been
17 moved to be severed off this calendar, so, at
18 this point, it has been moved and seconded.

19 So, we will vote on the matter to
20 sever the item off this calendar.

21 MS. DEFINA: People are not getting
22 equal opportunity.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the roll.

24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
25 Santino?

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The item is not
on the calendar anymore.

Anyone else on any item on the
calendar, on the administrative calendar?

JAMES JACOBS: Yes, sir, good morning.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Of
course, I remember you, good morning.

JAMES JACOBS: James, Jacobs,

1 Uniondale, Town of Hempstead.

2 I just want to speak on Item Number 55
3 and 56 for a point of clarification, the
4 regulations and restriction of parking in
5 Bellmore, Merrick?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What we are doing
7 on this, one, sir, we are calling the Public
8 Hearing for those particular dates so the
9 only thing that is germane to the discussion,
10 today, is the dates.

11 Anything in terms of the actual
12 details of the proposals for those traffic
13 items, parking items would have to be
14 discussed on September 20th.

15 JAMES JACOBS: Okay, you answered my
16 question in relation to commercial parking.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Discussion is on
18 September 20th.

19 JAMES JACOBS: Thank you, I appreciate
20 you.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on
22 the Administrative Calendar?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, just a
24 quick question.

25 Westbury, New York, um, in reference

1 to Dr. Siegel's work and reimbursement, you
2 said there was a copy of everything to be
3 gotten, can I get a copy of that?

4 How do I go about that?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Denning, who
6 is stand up.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very
8 much.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, I will call
10 for a vote.

11 Okay, on the Administrative Calendar.

12 (Whereupon, "Can I ask one thing?" was
13 heard calling out from the audience. After,
14 the following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: As long as it is
16 on the Administrative Calendar.

17 2ND UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: New Hyde
18 Park.

19 I understand - - I understand the
20 Resolution has been severed from the agenda,
21 however, so, I just have clarification
22 because it has been severed and you are not
23 voting on it, today, does that mean that a
24 person can apply for the job?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, the RFP,

1 the Town Attorney can tell you that the RFP
2 had a range of dates.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I think at this
4 point, the selected person, presumably
5 selected person is qualified. The RFP is
6 closed.

7 DIANE MADDEN: Your job - -

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I didn't call on
9 you, Ms. Madden.

10 This other lady had the floor. You
11 just can't get up and come to the microphone.
12 I will run this meeting.

13 You have spoken on the Administrative
14 Calendar.

15 I did not let someone come back. I
16 can't do that with you. It is this lady's
17 turn.

18 2ND UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am the
19 lady, so, can you tell me that in terms of
20 Laura Miller, who Ms. Madden is referring to,
21 can you explain because she, at the time that
22 the RFP was put out, she was on the list.
23 She had taken the test.

24 She was qualified, are you saying that
25 she actually had to apply for that position

1 or she was on the list?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: According to the
3 contract, as opposed to notice, the RFP is
4 for someone to serve as a contractor to the
5 Town as opposed to an employee of the Town
6 but I am looking into that because that is
7 the first I heard of her name.

8 But, for the moment, we have severed
9 this item off the calendar.

10 No action will be taken today.

11 We will await the date that was given
12 to me relative to the te3st, that is being
13 taken by the person whose name is on the
14 calendar, today and based upon that, then, we
15 will determine further course of action.

16 2ND UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What I would
17 like to suggest in terms of Mr. Ra was saying
18 is that you seriously consider reopening the
19 RFP since it appears to me, judging from what
20 has been said, that there are perhaps many
21 people who would have applied for the job had
22 they been told - -

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, again, Mr.
24 Deering has the web sites that we put it on
25 and we will go over that, so, it was

1 advertised on several web sites, as well as,
2 the Town web site.

3 MR. DEERY: It was posted on Animal
4 Behavior College and Animal Network, in
5 addition to Long Island Business News and the
6 Town web site.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: So, it wasn't
8 done under a rock.

9 It was put out there in web sites,
10 interested individuals in this field, we are
11 taking no action today.

12 2ND, UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, my
13 last comment is the answer to a problem is
14 not to hire the only person who comes along,
15 maybe the answer is to open something once,
16 again, and instead of saying, "I have to hire
17 this person," say, "you know what, let's look
18 further and cast a wide net".

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
20 much.

21 On this item on the Calendar, the
22 behaviorist, we have a motion to table it.

23 It is off the Calendar at this moment,
24 so, it is not on the calendar.

25 Let's make a motion on the calendar.

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we
2 pass the entire Administrative Calendar with
3 the exception of the item that had been
4 withdrawn.

5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

6 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
7 Santino?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

9 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
10 Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: On 66, I recuse
12 myself, the rest, I vote aye.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
14 Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
17 D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
20 Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
23 Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: At this point,

1 the Board will take a brief recess. At this
2 point, let's have a motion to adjourn,
3 please.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I make a
5 motion to adjourn the meeting.

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

7 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Supervisor
8 Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
11 Ambrosino?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

13 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
14 Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
17 D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Senior
20 Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER: Councilman
23 Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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the Hempstead Town Board was concluded.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony taken in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board held on September 6, 2016, consisting of pages 1 through 87 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

MELANIE DORMAN

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