

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 165 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach

PRESENT: Mayor Conrad Teller
Deputy Mayor James Kametler
Trustee Ora Belle "Ridgie" Barnett
Trustee Toni-Jo Birk
Trustee Joan Levan

**Clerk Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Hermon Bishop**

Mayor Teller opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION – CHARLES "CHUCK" ROEDER

Mayor Teller presented a plaque to Charles "Chuck" Roeder, who served on the Architectural Review Board for twelve years and thanked him for his many years of devoted service to the Village and for an excellent job done. He said this was a gentleman who would drive out from New York City, do his job here and then drive back.

Sy Robin thanked Mayor Teller and the Board personally on behalf of Mr. Roeder for this plaque that Mr. Roeder will have for the rest of his life.

Greg Minasian, Chairman of the Architectural Review Board, said that on behalf of the Architectural Review Board he would also like to thank Chuck very much for his dedication to the Board. He said that just as Mayor Teller had said, Chuck would make trips in from the city just to join the board meetings on Tuesday and then go back. Then when he was going through the transition moving to Florida, he did the same thing – he would leave on a Wednesday and actually came back on a Tuesday. He said they had deep gratitude for Chuck's service.

Regular Meeting:

Accept minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Trustee Meeting of August 3, 2006 & Special Meeting of August 23, 2006 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's reports for July 2006, and the Police Department and Building Inspector's reports for August 2006 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Appoint members to the Toddler Playground Advisory Committee

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Toddler Playground Advisory Committee:

Neil Hanrahan, Chairperson

Dawn Ladu	Tabitha Spizouco	Rhonda Pinonzek
Lynn Jones	Kathy Showers	Kelly Zafuto
Elyse Richman	Toni Oppenheimer	Allison Galasso
Monique Attar		

Seconded by Trustee Levan and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Bldg. Dept. Employees to attend NYSBOC Conference

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that Ordinance Inspector Bridget Napoli and Senior Plans Reviewer Kerry Rogazinski are hereby authorized to attend the NYSBOC Capital District 14th Annual Educational Conference to be held October 15-18, 2006 in Albany, NY at a cost of \$245 per person for registration and \$102/day for lodging, plus reimbursements for meals and travel expense.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Police Chief to attend IACP Conference

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Police Chief Raymond Dean is hereby authorized to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police 113th Annual Conference to be held October 14-17, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts at a cost of \$275 for registration, \$269/night for lodging and reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.

Seconded by Trustee Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept bid for bucket truck

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the bid received from Trius, Inc in the amount of \$75,402.00 to supply and install one (1) ETI Model ETC 371H aerial device and matching ETI utility body to include 2007 Ford F550 Truck chassis 4x2 is hereby accepted.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize GWCOG Super Sidewalk Sale

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Greater Westhampton Chamber of Commerce to hold a Super Sidewalk Sale on September 15 through

September 17 between the hours of 10 am to 11 pm along Main Street and the ancillary streets.

Seconded by Trustee Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Establish Capital Reserve Fund

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-d, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach does hereby establish a Repair Reserve Fund for the repairs of any and all municipal capital improvements or equipment within the Village of Westhampton Beach, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals.

The Mayor is hereby directed to deposit monies of this Reserve Fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Village of Westhampton Beach Capital Repair Reserve Fund."

The Mayor is authorized to invest, from time to time, the monies of this fund pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-f.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of this Board.

Seconded by Trustee Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize bid notice for Police Dept. tablet computers

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to publish and post a Notice of Bid Opening to be held on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 11 am in the Village Office for the purchase of tablet personal computers to be used by the WHB Police Department to be hard mounted in the police vehicles pursuant to the attached bid specifications

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Rescind 2006/07 property tax levy on SC Parks property

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk Dept. of Parks has acquired wetlands property located at 76 Dune Road and identified by SCTM# 905-21-2-5.1; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the property is declared tax exempt and the 2006-07 real property tax levy in the amount of \$5,675.83 is hereby rescinded.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule public hearing on Local Law to amend Noise Ordinance

Motion by Trustee Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 110 of the Village

Code relating to noise control to be held on October 5, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Amend outdoor tables permit – Dee Angelo’s Pleasant Ave. Café

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees resolution adopted May 4, 2006 granting approval of the Outdoor tables & chairs application submitted by Dee Angelo’s Pleasant Avenue Café for the restaurant located at 149 Main Street is hereby amended to permit eight (8) bistro tables or four (4) standard tables and sixteen (16) chairs for the 2006 season.

Seconded by Trustee Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Appoint member to Architectural Review Board

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that Ralph E. Neubauer is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire on May 31, 2007.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Approve September 2006 warrant

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for September 2006 in the amount of \$279,141.91 for the General Fund and \$254,626.80 for the Capital Fund is hereby approved.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Public Discussion

Laurie Rothenberg, 28 South Road, Westhampton, asked the following questions: How many toddlers are there in Westhampton and what was denoted as being a toddler? What is considered to be the age group of a toddler? How many people use the facilities that are available in Westhampton, being the various nursery schools or pre-schools that are available in Westhampton such as the Immaculate Conception, Love of Learning, Westhampton Beach Nursery School, the Kidde Academy that is located in Riverhead and Julie’s Nursery in Westhampton? What money would be available for upkeep of this facility? Would it come from personal funds or would it come from something from the Village.? Who would pay for the insurance, in case there would be accidents that occurred in this playground area? Is the property being donated by someone that is a personal donation or something that comes from the preservation fund? She said she had received something at her home asking for personal donations vs. something from the

community.

Trustee Birk asked if that was the Southampton Town piece that was mailed out soliciting for the community center that is going to be on Mill Road by 7-11 that will be for seniors, tweens, teenagers and toddlers.

Mrs. Rothenberg said she was not sure.

Trustee Birk responded to Mrs. Rothenberg's questions, saying that the committee was

looking into pre-school needs. She said there had been talk and plans since 1999 about having the toddler park, as anyone with small pre-school children, we don't have any facilities for them to go to. The Westhampton Beach Elementary School, you can only use that playground after school hours. She explained that the only way you could maybe use the pre-school playgrounds after hours was if your child attended that particular pre-school. She said there were no facilities in the Westhampton Beach area for toddlers or pre-school children to play at. Trustee Birk said what they have identified to be the prime spot is down at the Yacht Basin on Library Avenue. She said they went down there today with George Gordon and the highway crew looking at it to see what size would work for them. She said the committee has been looking at other parks in the area to find out what size they are really going to need. She said it will be focused on a park for toddlers, toddlers being pre-school, for moms or caregivers who want to get out during the school hours. She said the Village does have some funds available for this type of activity. The committee does not have a number yet. They need to find the space, identifying what equipment they want on it and then they will seek the funds. They don't know if they will be able to get all of the funds from the Village or if they need to do some fund raising. Insurance would be covered by the Village, if it is going to be on Village property. She said the pieces that the committee have identified are parcels of land that the Village owns, as well as some private parcels. The majority of the committee has narrowed it down to two parcels, the one at the Yacht Basin is number one and there is a second location at the north parking lot just south of Beach Methodist Church. That is the second location, which would need some work on that, and that could possibly be in phase two. We are also looking at working with Westhampton Youth Alliance to help us solicit funds if we need them. As of right now, today, we don't have the numbers together as to what we are going to actually need and if the Village can fulfill that or if we are going to have to go to some external fund raising.

Mrs. Rothenberg asked if they had done studies as to the number of toddlers that would utilize this facility.

Trustee Birk said they had not. She said it was just something that the Village has talked about even before 1999. The Hyatt Palma study that came out in 1999 identified the need. The only two real local parks that you can go to during school hours are the Flight 800 park in Moriches and the East Quogue park. We have tried to identify a parcel that people can walk to that is close to Main Street, close to the bathrooms that are on Glovers Lane.

Dean Speir, 256 East Main Street, asked if they had looked at the availability of grant money for this project. He felt that there should be some.

Trustee Birk responded that it was in the process of being looked at.

Village Attorney Hermon Bishop added that the Village has a park and recreation fund that we have acquired over the course of time, for all site plans and subdivisions there is a park fee that is charged as determined by the Board of Trustees. He said that money would be available for this project.

Trustee Barnett said that a couple of years ago the Village had looked into a grant from Saturn, who gives funds for playgrounds. They turned us down because they usually do playgrounds in inner cities where there is a lower income than what we have here. They go by the general income of the area for where they build the parks, so we were turned down for that grant.

Greg Minasian, 96 Griffing Avenue, asked if this would be plastic, multi-colored for these

toddlers.

Trustee Birk said that committee members have ordered some catalogs from respected, reputable playground companies. Some are bright colors and there is one catalog where you can get a marine or aquatic theme that have seats or rockers, maybe in the shape of a fish. Some of them are very bright and some are very dark. She said that for the Yacht Basin land they also have to look at having some fill put there to level it out. She had talked to George Gordon and his crew and they said it could be done. For the needs of having a toddler park and for liability and safety, there needs to be a special surface. We will be identifying what type of surface is needed, whether it is rubber or wood chips or what would best work with the location we are looking at in order to meet the safety

standards and needs for the toddlers. She said it is all very preliminary at this point.

Mr. Minasian asked if it would be fenced in.

Trustee Birk said absolutely, it will be fenced in. She said she personally has a big concern about it being near water and they decided that the minimum for a fence would be four feet. They talked about fencing it in with a self-contained lock, a lock that will automatically lock. She said they talked as well about beach grass or arbor vitae or whatever the best plantings would be to work with the location the committee picks so it is very aesthetically attractive year round for all of the seasons.

Deputy Mayor Kametler said the location is right in front of the bathrooms at the Yacht Basin. It is not going to be on the side where the gazebo is, it is going to be on the Library Avenue side up top. He said the Toddler Playground Committee wants to put this together soon. It has been going on for ten years. He said it is for our tourists, for our summer residents and for our full-time residents. He felt the site was away from the water enough, but it will definitely be fenced in. He felt it would be an asset to the community.

Mrs. Rothenberg asked if it was mostly for summer people or year round people.

Deputy Mayor Kametler responded that it was for everyone.

Trustee Birk said the committee was made up mostly of year-round parents. She said her toddler is now a kindergartner, second day of school. She said she had gone to the East Quogue park and to the Flight 800 park and she would have to wait until after hours to use the schools. She hoped this toddler park would benefit everyone. She said they want to put it in an area that is most conducive to the merchants on Main Streets, the bathrooms, the clothing stores, the ice cream shops. There was some discussion about the Town doing the Hall over on Mill Road and whether or not we need two toddler parks. She said there has been a need in this community for at least ten years for a toddler park. Southampton Town has said that the western end has been the forgotten end of Southampton Town and now they are making plans to put in this community center that will benefit all ages. We feel that two toddler parks can't hurt. We are the "family Hamptons" and it can only enhance the area.

Mrs. Rothenberg asked if they have similar parks east of the canal.

Trustee Birk responded that they do. She said there is a brand new one that opened up west of the canal in Hampton Bays on Foster Avenue, it is a beautiful facility. She said they also have one in Bridgehampton and the north sea area. She had not seen them, but the Town does have some facilities east of the canal that are supposedly outstanding and a couple of people on the committee have been to those and have pictures and are looking at what they have there.

Mrs. Rothenberg asked how frequently they are utilized.

Trustee Birk said it depends on the weather, but they are used daily and at all different times of the day. She said the committee is concerned with the neighborhood to make sure it is a win-win situation for the community as well as the neighbors that are going to be by the park. She said the toddler park will not have equipment on it that is for the tweens or the teenagers. She said they hope it is used a lot; they hope that people will

come to town, whether they are summer or year-round, that everyone comes out and uses it. She said it is a beautiful spot down by the marina and the water.

Deputy Mayor Kametler said he had a comment for George Gordon and his crew. He thought they had done a fantastic job up in Bridle Path on those islands and he had gotten nothing but great compliments on the work that has been done up there. He said that now the fathers and mothers can see the school bus coming up the road and people can be seen on bicycles. He said he thinks it looks great and the guys did a great job.

Mayor Teller asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response, Deputy Mayor Kametler made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Levan and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk