

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010 AT THE MONTEBELLO COMMUNITY CENTER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:01 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.

Present:	Jeffrey Oppenheim	Mayor
	Lance N. Millman	Deputy Mayor
	Marc Citrin	Trustee
	Steven A. Sorrillo	Trustee
	Stacy Caridi	Trustee
	Warren Berbit	Village Attorney

Recording Secretary, Debra Mastroeni, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Oppenheim announced the Village has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Clean Air Cool Planet Community Catalyst Fund to do a light bulb swap with our residents. Residents can bring in a regular light bulb and swap it for a compact fluorescent light bulb. This promotes the conservation of energy and saves the environment. An article will be in the December newsletter announcing this program; another first for Montebello.

Our Village Engineer, Martin Spence, is working on plans for a Community Garden on the Village Hall grounds. The Village Board will be notified of the exact spot for the garden, which has yet to be determined. The Mayor will direct Mr. Spence to speak to the Deputy Mayor regarding the type of structures to be used and possible donations.

The Village Engineer has also completed the grant application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation under the Recreational Trails Program for the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park for \$200,000. The application will be submitted this week and a response is expected by the end of December.

The Mayor would like to get a newsletter out by the end of December and requested the Board members submit their articles in the next couple of weeks.

The Village has already received approval from NYSERDA for a grant to install solar panels at the Montebello Community Center. We are awaiting the contract so that we can put this project out to bid.

A few weeks ago there was a meeting held at Village Hall regarding the status of the Mayer Drive bridge. County Legislature's Alden Wolfe and Ilan Schoenberger along with representatives from the County Highway Department attended and advised there is money available to complete the fairly expensive project. A consultant was hired to

prepare bid specifications and Mr. Connors, from County Highway estimated the project would be completed by fall 2011. The Mayor requested that the Village be included in the architectural aesthetics of the bridge design, the preference being something similar to the stone bridge at the end of Montebello Road. Mayor Oppenheim asked that the Village be kept in the loop and stated he was appreciative to finally have the communication gap bridged between the involved agencies.

Mayor Oppenheim advised that he has been in touch with representatives from the Port Authority of NY/NJ for a 911 artifact. It is a long cumbersome process but once we receive the piece of steel it will be placed in the 911 memorial garden.

The Village received a letter from Anthony Sharan of the Town Highway Department regarding the turn around on Brigadoon Drive and control of easements. There will be future discussion on this topic.

Resident Mary McDonough of 61 Montebello Road sent in a complaint regarding the Rio Vista of Montebello Development. She is very concerned about the long term effects the development of this property will have on her property. Mayor Oppenheim has requested that the Village Engineer review her complaints with the developer.

The Village received a referral from the Village of Suffern regarding a zone change application on Wayne Avenue to MR15. The Village Planner was asked to respond on the Village's behalf.

At this time, members of the Ramapo Police Department are present to address the Board members on working together and communications. Chief Brower, Captain Coakley, second in command, and newly promoted Captain Weidel are in attendance along with the Chief's secretary, Renee. Chief Brower explained the chain of command and how better to respond to matters that happen within the Village in the case of an emergency. The Board members were advised of who they should speak with first and who they should follow up with if they are not getting an appropriate response.

Chief Brower wanted the Board members to know that the police department members are there to serve and be of assistance on any occasion.

Mayor Oppenheim thanked the Chief and commended the police department for their service and community involvement.

The next agenda item was a Public Hearing on the tentative budget for 2011.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer read the legal notice into the record:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, beginning at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Montebello Community Center, 350 Haverstraw Road, Montebello, NY 10901, for the purpose of considering and adopting a Budget for the period of January 1st through December 31, 2011.

All interested parties are invited to attend. The Tentative Budget will be available for inspection and review at the Village Office during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The proposed salaries of the Village Board members are as follows:

Mayor - \$21,000  
Deputy Mayor - \$4,000  
Trustees (3) - \$3,000 each

The Village Attorney confirmed with the Village Clerk/Treasurer that the legal notice was published on November 1, 2010 and posted on November 1, 2010. The tentative budget was made available to the Board members and the public as required by law.

At 8:27 p.m., Trustee Sorrillo made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Caridi. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Village Financial Consultant, Marvin Nyman, gave a brief synopsis of the proposed budget: there will be no tax increase for next year, a 2% salary increase for the staff at Village Hall; there is a change in the Assistant Village Attorney's salary for next year, his salary will be reduced to \$15,000 and he will be compensated separately for Planning Board applications. There is an election in 2011 and \$1,500 has been allotted for that budget line. There are no other material changes, the contract with the Town of Ramapo for highway services will continue at the same rate as the last two years. Most important, there will be no increase in Village taxes.

Mayor Oppenheim noted that the Village will use the paper ballot method in the March election instead of the new electronic scanners, which will save the Village approximately \$5,000. Board members and appointed Board members will not receive increases and the staff was given 2% raises. The total assessed value in the Village has gone down approximately 1%, which means the amount of taxes collected goes down when the tax rate stays the same. Budget lines were cut so as not to increase taxes. This is an extremely conservative budget.

No one else wishing to speak, at 8:35 p.m. Deputy Mayor Millman made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Caridi. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-118

Village of Montebello

Title: Adoption of 2011 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget as amended be and hereby is adopted as the Budget of the Village of Montebello for the tax year 2011, being the same as the 2011 calendar year, in a total amount of \$2,159,909, and that the sum to be raised by taxation of real property \$1,168,797 shall be and hereby is levied, and that the warrant of the Village should be issued for the collection thereof, based upon a tax rate of 8.3771

per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable assessed valuation, being and intended to be the sum to be raised by taxation divided by the total assessment of \$139,522,873.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Caridi

Deputy Mayor Millman made a friendly amendment to the Resolution to propose an additional 2% increase in the Village Clerk's salary noting she is an invaluable asset to the Village and it is well deserved. The other Board members concurred.

The Deputy Mayor also agreed that this is an extremely conservative budget, noting that the Mayor and Board members are extra prudent when spending taxpayer funds.

Trustee Citrin noted the Board members worked long and hard on this budget and that we are fortunate to have the financial/accountant expertise of the Deputy Mayor and Trustee Sorrillo.

Trustee Sorrillo stated that this budget is a realistic view of what will be happening in the coming year and the Board will continue to make efforts to keep all costs down.

The Mayor noted the Village has not had a tax increase in three years and he is very pleased that he and the other Board members have been able to maintain the taxes.

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Parks Commission Business:

Chairman Altebrando is in attendance. The Chairman advised that the Request for Proposals has been completed for the next phase of work to be done in the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park. A few questions arose at the Parks meeting regarding the proposed trails. There are a lot of field changes relating to the aesthetics. The Parks members would like a coordinated review with Village Engineer Martin Spence when the proposals come in.

Chairman Altebrando discussed the omission of the wing walls to the entrance pillars and advised that the Parks Commissioners want the wing walls included as that was the original plan.

Mayor Oppenheim asked Mr. Altebrando if the wing walls would be able to be added at a later date. Mr. Altebrando answered affirmatively that that shouldn't be a problem.

Discussion continued regarding removal of trees that have already fallen and some that may be in danger of falling as well as a cleanup of sumac to create a safety zone around the trails. Mayor Oppenheim noted that the rules sign for the park is being approved and park benches can be installed at any time. The Chairman advised that the Commission

has not chosen a bench style yet; they are looking at environmentally friendly materials and then will have to decide on the locations for the benches.

Mr. Altebrando discussed how a landscape architect and engineer would work together with regard to the hydraulics for the ponds. There are significant changes to the flow of the ponds due to a tremendous algae bloom. A more natural way to eradicate this and bring the flows back to where they were is by using high grade marshes that will extract while enhancing the flora.

Mayor Oppenheim noted if the proposed creative design work is going to be more than \$20,000, it would have to go out to bid. Attorney Berbit interjected that if the work is considered professional services you would not have to go out to bid, but you would have to follow the procurement policy. Mayor Oppenheim recommended a more detailed outline of the work and cost estimates. Mr. Altebrando noted that the intention of the Parks Commission is to hire someone to do a final layout of the trail network, the amenities and the hydraulic aspect. He would also like this person to identify if permits are required from the DEC, and if so how long that process would take.

The Mayor asked Mr. Altebrando if he had someone in mind to do this work, he stated he did. Mayor Oppenheim requested that at least a few proposals be submitted and the contractors would be required to appear before the Board of Trustees for a presentation of their proposals.

Chairman Altebrando also noted the need for the emergency access from Mile Road and that they are awaiting the Village Attorney's review of the easements.

Trustee Sorrillo noted he was very disheartened while walking through the wooded area of the park along Senator Levy because there were a lot of dumped tires and other refuse. Chairman Altebrando advised there is a plan in the last Phase of the project to do a final clean up. Deputy Mayor Millman mentioned he has been approached by parents of children who are looking for scout projects to do; he felt this would be a great opportunity to utilize this kind of volunteer service.

Public Comment: No one wished to speak.

The next agenda item was a request letter from Lawrence Turco regarding Ryan Mansion Vistas at Montebello to change ownership from HOA to condominium.

Mr. Lawrence Turco, principal of this project read his request letter, a letter from Town of Ramapo Supervisor St. Lawrence and a letter from the Ramapo Central School District's legal counsel (all attached). Mr. Turco noted how proud he is of this development and how it has enhanced the sight view of the mansion. He is back before the Board requesting a change to the form of ownership from a homeowners's association to condominium because he is having great difficulty selling the townhomes due to the high taxes imposed. He noted that changing the form of ownership would reduce the tax impact by 35% with the impact to the Village being approximately \$7,000 per year of lost revenue. In an effort to take away any negative impact to the Village Mr. Turco offered

to establish a park fund or exchange of services for the next ten years or a capital fund to offset ongoing work in the Gorman Ponds Park.

Mr. Turco noted that he was misdirected by his financial professionals with how much of a significant impact this would have on the property taxes. He had five pending contracts; he only has two signed contracts at present because the others dropped out because of the estimated \$18,000 tax bill. Mr. Turco notes that he is at a critical point in the sales process and requests this much needed relief in order to sell these units.

Deputy Mayor Millman pointed out that current taxes on the units, based on townhouse status is estimated at \$18,000 a year, if the zone change is granted and the units become condominium the taxes would decrease to a little under \$10,000, roughly 42% less, there are 20 units involved. The total loss of revenue that will negatively impact various agencies would amount to approximately \$126,000 a year to the Ramapo Central School District, approximately \$65,000 a year to the Town of Ramapo and approximately \$9,000 a year to the Village.

Deputy Mayor Millman wondered if Supervisor St. Lawrence was aware of how this change would impact the Town's revenue. The letter from the Town Supervisor did not indicate this information. He asked Mr. Turco if there was ever any discussion with the Town on giving a tax incentive.

Deputy Mayor Millman is very concerned about the aesthetics of the property and potential abandonment if this project does not finish and the developer walks away. Mr. Turco stated that if the Board did not approve him for this zone change, it would be a financial hardship to him and his investor.

Deputy Mayor Millman feels that the residents of Montebello are concerned with the visibility of an empty lot. He would like a clause in an agreement that if the Board does grant this change that the developer will at least finish the aesthetics of the structures regardless if they sell or not. Mr. Turco stated he is going to finish the project; he has a goal and a plan. If the Board grants him this change by the next meeting he speculated that by the end of next year half of these homes will be occupied and the irrigation system and landscaping will be complete.

Trustee Citrin reiterated that the Town will lose \$650,000 over the course of 10 years; he cannot believe that Supervisor St. Lawrence does not care about the loss of revenue the Town will experience on this project.

The Board posed questions regarding the difference between condominium and homeowner association rules and how they will be enforced.

Mayor Oppenheim stated that just because the School Board and the Town Board responded positively to Mr. Turco's request for this change, the Village Board has a responsibility to the tax payers of Montebello who pay school and property taxes. He felt if there was "zero" net dollar impact on the people of Montebello the Board would not have a problem granting this change.

Mr. Turco thanked the Board for their time and asked that they let him know as soon as possible if they are willing to entertain this change.

Mayor Oppenheim expressed appreciation for Mr. Turco's spirit of wanting to make the Village whole so there would be no adverse impact on the taxpayers and noted that the time deadline is understood.

At 10:07 p.m., Deputy Mayor Millman made a motion to enter Executive Session for purposes of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Trustee Sorrillo. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At 10:26 p.m., Deputy Mayor Millman made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Sorrillo. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-119 Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of October 20, 2010 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-120 Village of Montebello

Title: Additional Work -Phase I, Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park- Tree Removal and Adding Wing Walls and Stone Pillars to Entrance Pillars

WHEREAS, in the course of constructing Phase I of the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park it was discovered that to properly complete such work on and around the subject ponds, that certain fallen, mature trees had to be removed as described in an email from Spence Engineering dated November 3, 2010, and, as a consequence, proposals were sought to perform said work from the contractor performing the Phase I construction, Turco Golf, Inc. and outside contractors, yielding the following proposals:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pro-Cut Landscaping, Inc.	\$ 3,500.00
Turco Golf, Inc.	\$ 4,300.00
D & S Land Development	\$ 5,074.00
Perfect Cut Tree Service, Inc.	\$ 2,750.00

; and

WHEREAS, also in the course of performing said work, it was discovered that the trail entrance stone columns as constructed consist of two larger stone pillars, but that associated stone wing walls and smaller pillars were omitted vs. what the Park's Commission anticipated being constructed, as per the attached drawing and proposed Change Order from Turco Golf, Inc. dated November 2, 2010, in the amount of \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, members of the Parks Commission, Nick Altebrando, Chairman appeared at the meeting and explained that these were important elements, and urged that the Change Order be approved; and

WHEREAS, considering all factors, said expenditures appear reasonable and prudent as part of the capital improvement costs of Phase I of the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park; and

WHEREAS, all documents as aforementioned shall be appended to the Minutes hereof as a part hereto.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: that Item 2 be tabled for future discussion and that Items 1. and 3. are hereby approved.

1. That the expenditure of \$2,750.00 to Perfect Cut for the tree removal work is hereby approved.
2. That the expenditure of \$12,500 to Turco Golf, Inc. as a Change Order to add stone wing walls and smaller stone pillars to the entrance pillars be tabled for future discussion.
3. That the aforesaid expenditures be construed to be capital expenditures for park purposes to be taken from the Playgrounds and Recreation fund.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-121

Village of Montebello

Title: Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park- Phase II Design Concepts RFP

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission has prepared an RFP entitled: "Outline for Professional Services Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park" for a comprehensive design concepts plan for the balance of the work necessary to complete the next major phase of the development of the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has had the opportunity to review the draft RFP, and the Chairman of the Parks Commission, Nick Altebrando presented same at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board confirmed that the Village Engineer, already overseeing Phase I of the work, would be welcome as a viable candidate to submit a proposal to perform said work; and

WHEREAS, no changes were made to the draft RFP.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to proceed with promulgating the RFP, and that proposals be sought in furtherance of performing said work, the usual and reasonable means utilized to advertise the need for proposals, said proposals to be received no later than 45 days from the solicitation of proposals for same.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-122

Village of Montebello

Title: Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park Rules Sign

WHEREAS, Phase I of Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park is nearing completion, necessitating that a "Parks Rules" sign be acquired and installed; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the sign and its general form was considered by the Parks Commission and the Village Board, leading to a consensus on appearance and wording per the preliminary sketches and proposal from Island Cutter Art Carving, referenced as if set forth hereinafter, a true copy of which shall be appended to the Minutes hereof; and

WHEREAS, at an estimated cost of about \$1,500 including installation, and after exploring other sources, given the large size and complexity of the sign, the expense appears reasonable and appropriate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park rules sign be and hereby is approved, as is the proposal of Island Cutter Art Carving at an expense not to exceed \$1,500.

Motion: Trustee Caridi

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-123

Village of Montebello

Title: Dedication Plaque for Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer coordinated the opening of the entrance pillars to accommodate the dedication plaque for the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park as per the dimensions given by the Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained for a bronze plaque 16" x 8" oval shape from Spring Valley Monuments in the amount of \$700.00 which includes installation and an online vendor International Bronze in the amount of \$369.00 which is mail order and does not include installation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Parks Commission and the Village Engineer that the quote from Spring Valley Monuments be accepted in the amount of \$700.00 including installation and the Village Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to expend said sum from the Playgrounds and Recreation account for said purpose.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-124

Village of Montebello

Title: Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) (P.L. 106-390) provides an opportunity for States, Tribes and local government to take a new and revitalized approach to mitigation planning; and

WHEREAS, DMA 2000 amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Act) by repealing the previous Mitigation Planning section and emphasizes the need for State, Tribal, and local entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montebello, in partnership with the County of Rockland and with the assistance of U.R.S. Corporation, has gathered information and prepared the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montebello has afforded the citizen's an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montebello has reviewed the Plan and affirms that sections pertaining to the Village will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montebello adopts the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

Motion: Trustee Sorrillo

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-125

Village of Montebello

Title: Authorizing Resolution for Recreational Trails Program  
Grant Application for Gorman Ponds Park

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jeffrey Oppenheim as Mayor of the Village of Montebello is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of the Recreational Trails Program, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, which application has been prepared by the Village Engineer and is included herein by reference, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this municipality for the Trails Project at Gorman Ponds Park.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-126

Village of Montebello

Title: Removal of Tree Stump at 96 Viola Road

WHEREAS, a large tree stump on the corner of Spook Rock and Viola Roads presents a visual obstruction to vehicles heading east and looking north up Spook Rock Road, and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, said stump is on private property, 96 Viola Road, owned by Tim and Kathy Cronin, and the respective roads are County roads, but the County has deferred in addressing the problem since the stump is not in the County Right-of-Way; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Mayor, the obstruction to the sight-line is a hazard and should be eliminated in the interest of public safety, especially given the diminimous cost to accomplish same, \$150 by Perfect Cut; and

WHEREAS, subject to certain conditions which the Village has met the owners agreed after negotiation with the Village Attorney to allow removal of the stump at Village expense.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that removal of said stump by Perfect Cut at a cost to the Village of \$150 be and hereby is approved in the interests of public safety, other conditions imposed by the landowners have been met.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Millman

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-127

Village of Montebello

Title: Removal of Dead Trees in Conservation Easement- 22 Golf Course Drive

WHEREAS, in his letter dated November 4, 2010, the owner of 22 Golf Course Drive, has asked that the Village Board grant permission to cut down and remove 7 dead trees in the Conservation Easement; and

WHEREAS, the owner's arborist, Ira Wickes, in a report dated 10/21/10, indicates 6 or 7 dead trees within the Conservation Easement and one outside of same, and that an application is made to remove same as located within the report, and it is indicated that some threaten fencing and the neighboring property, and some the pool area, and the Village Engineer, in his report dated 10/29/10 confirms that 6 or 7 trees are within the Conservation Easement, and thus outside his authority to authorize removal, and that all 8 trees appear to be dead; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board retains the authority to determine what actions are permitted within the Conservation Easement, and Section 176-6.C. of the Village Code excepts same from the Village Engineer's authority in passing upon such matters; and

WHEREAS, it appears that that trees are dead but that such, alone, does not permit removal as of right since more has fallen, given their proximity to structures and areas of activity, removal does not appear to be contrary to overall intent that such areas remain natural; and

WHEREAS, the documents aforementioned shall be appended to the Minutes hereof, to be considered a part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is hereby granted to allow the cutting down and removal of the aforesaid 6 or 7 trees, subject to the Conservation Easement remaining in its natural condition, including the area around said trees, such to be allowed to return to its natural, vegetated state, no brush removal or other growth removal to occur; nor any ground cover, plantings or otherwise, to be utilized in the Conservation Easement.

Motion: Trustee Caridi

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 10-128

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims dated November 10, 2010, and totaling \$ 63,530.25 are hereby approved and the claims listed thereon shall be paid.

Motion: Trustee Caridi

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No one wished to speak.

Old and New Business:

Deputy Mayor Millman questioned what the deadline was to take down political signs. The Mayor responded that the Building Inspector pays careful attention to the political signs and when they should be taken down.

Trustee Citrin asked if there has been any further correspondence from the homeowners on Colline Drive regarding the memorial for the two students that were killed in March. Mayor Oppenheim was not aware of further correspondence but recalled the NYS Department of Transportation advising that the memorial would be removed in October.

Mayor Oppenheim advised that the Holiday Inn has been repurchased by Mr. Goldstein and they are before the Planning Board to convert it to a Crowne Plaza. Part of the application involves removal of trees in the Village right of way which the Village Board will have to grant permission.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Mastroeni, thanked the Board members for their kind words and her salary increase.

Mayor Oppenheim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Citrin. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.