

The December 15, 2021 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Town Supervisor Hotaling in the A. James Bold Meeting Room with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor-Excused (attending County Meetings)  
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman  
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman  
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman  
Eric A. Catricala, Councilman  
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney  
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney  
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk- Excused  
Kelly L. Catricala, Deputy Town Clerk

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Deputy Supervisor Hotaling: I would like to start the meeting tonight with reading something into the minutes we received late this afternoon from Mr. Jason Dell of Lansing Engineering. *“I am writing to you to let you know that the applicant no longer intends to proceed with the Tribley Active Community PDD. The applicant acknowledges the concerns expressed by the neighbors, and as such, no longer seeks to develop the senior apartments. We will however, modify the PDD request including single family homes, somewhere adjacent to the project.”*

Deputy Supervisor Hotaling: As of right now we will be taking no comments on the Tribley PDD until the revision is filed.

#### **PRESENTATION: FARM TO MARKET STORAGE CENTER PDD**

**Bruce Tanski:** Good evening, my name is Bruce Tanski, I live in Clifton Park at 11 Meyer Road. We would like to change our approval on Farm to Market Road to match the existing buildings that we currently have. The Eastern 9.94 acres on Farm to Market Road was originally proposed for eight storage buildings with a total of 250 units. At this time we would like to propose construction of ten buildings to match those on the Western acreage that are currently under construction. These buildings are 6,000 Square feet each, with four units at 1,500 square feet in each building. We would like to continue building on the success of the project so far, and continuing with the same size and style as the existing construction will make this site more cohesive. Thank you. Are there any questions? **There were no questions for Mr. Tanski.**

#### **\*RESOLUTION NO. 320-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Connors, & Catricala, and Wasielewski.  
**Resolution Introduced by Councilman Connors**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board refers the Farm to Market Storage Center PDD amendment to the Planning Board for further review.

**Richard Harris:** I would like to clarify that I had a resident stop in today who thought this item on the agenda tonight that Mr. Tanski just spoke about, was actually the Tribley Project. This is a different PDD already enacted over here near 146 and Farm to Market. It is not the same property and not the same project. The resident indicated that he thinks that a lot of the people thought this item on the agenda that is up on the screen was the Tribley property, but it is a different property that is already under construction on the Eastern end of town. I just wanted to make that statement. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The **“BUY A BRICK”** program for the Halfmoon Veterans Walk of Honor at the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial in the Town Park is now accepting orders. Create a lasting tribute for your veteran. For more information please call 371-7410 ext. 2200 or visit our website [www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov](http://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov).

**HALFMOON FARMERS MARKET:** Every Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 6 pm inside the Halfmoon Town Hall. There are many vendors participating. Stop by and support our local vendors.

**AN EVENING WITH MRS. CLAUS:** December 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Halfmoon Town Hall. Join Mrs. Claus for stories with cookies and milk. For more information, please contact the Halfmoon Celebrations Association at [halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com](mailto:halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com)

**2022 LEARN TO SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM** at Willard Mountain, brought to you by Halfmoon Recreation. 6 consecutive Saturdays starting January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm – 5:30pm. Lessons held from 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Prices vary depending on rental needs and lessons required. Registration forms available in the Recreation Office or on the Town’s website. For more information call Ross at (518) 371-7410 x2272.

## TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:45pm

Planning Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

## REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

**Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor) Excused**

**Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor):** (1) Chair of Personnel Committee (2) Ethics Committee, (3) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee (4) Chair of Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance) (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

**John Wasielewski (Town Board Member):** (1) Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Chair of Committee of Emergency Services and Public Safety, (3) Liaison to Animal Control and related services

I have no report this evening, Thank you Mr. Hotaling.

**Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member):** (1) Liaison to Zoning Board; (2) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee, (3) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (4) Chair for Not For Profit Organizations

I have no report.

**Eric Catricala:** (1) Co-Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Co- Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (3) Chair for Parks and Athletic Organizations, (4) Chair for Recreation (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

I would just like to thank all of the folks here at the Town Hall. A lot of hour's together working on all the projects to keep this Town going in the right direction.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Following Mr. Catricala's sentiments, great point. I know I've said it at previous meetings, but many meetings there is zero people in the audience; there is not one resident here, so resident input; I want you to know it does matter and we do we do listen, so thank you for being here. It's so easy to stay home, everybody's busy I understand that, but resident input is critical to having good government, so thank you.

**Lynda Bryan (Town Clerk):** (1) Chair of Senior Programs, (2) Chair of Committee on Historical Archives - Excused

**Kelly L. Catricala, Deputy Town Clerk:** Our office has no report this evening.

**Dana Cunniff (Receiver of Taxes):** (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

**Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney)** I have nothing, thank you.

**Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney)** I have nothing, thank you.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics) No one came forward**

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** Department Reports and the monthly Department Manager Reports are listed and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. We do ask our Department Managers to provide monthly reports in addition to having Department Manager monthly meetings that we all discuss the important things that go on in each of the offices.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS –**

1. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$6,568.61
2. Senior Express Total # Rides – 496 Total # Meals – 345
3. Building Permits  
Total # Permits – 44 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$17,721
4. Fire Inspections  
Total # Inspections – 46 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$3,950
5. Town Justice Suchocki  
Total # Cases – 93 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$12,013
6. Town Justice Fodera  
Total # Cases – 123 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$17,014

**DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Building/Code Enforcement, Planning Department**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Nigro from Summit at Halfmoon, that it was agreed that changes would be made to the delineation and based on the material submitted, the site has been determined to contain the presence of wetlands. This determination shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter, December 3, 2021.

*Received & Filed*

2. **Received** from the Town of Colonie, notice of a Public Hearing in connection with amending Chapter 17-4 of the Code of the Town of Colonie entitled “Conflicts of Interest” on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm at 534 New Loudon Road, Latham.

*Received & Filed*

3. **Received** from NYS Department of Transportation their response to the Town’s request on October 22, 2020 regarding a speed limit reduction for the Glen Meadows Development. After careful review, they have determined that an area 30 MPH posted speed limit is appropriate for this subdivision. In accordance with Section 1622 (2) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, 30 MPH is the lowest area speed limit that the Department may establish.

*Received & Filed*

4. **Received** from Frank Lewis Holdings, LLC, notification that they will be presenting at the Mechanicville ZBA/Planning Commission for a site plan review to build a 50,000 and 30,000 SF warehouse and 5 non-climate controlled storage unit building on Industrial Park Road, Mechanicville on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

*Received & Filed*

5. **Received** from Kitty Gleason, a note of thanks for the Thanksgiving Food Basket that she received and was very appreciative of all the Town does for its residents.

*Received & Filed*

6. **Received** from NYS Department of Public Service, notification of a new federally funded program providing drinking water and wastewater emergency assistance. For more information, please visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>.

*Received & Filed*

7. **Received** from Lemery Greisler LLC, an executed RP-412-a form with a copy of the corresponding Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement for Impact Athletic Center, Inc, Project, which is being filed in accordance with Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 874 of the General Municipal Law.

*Received & Filed*

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION NO. 313-2021

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Catricala: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Connors, & Catricala, Wasielewski- Abstained Wasielewski

**Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board Meeting of December 1, 2021 as presented.

### RESOLUTION NO. 314-2021

**Offered** by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the Comptroller's Report for the month of November, 2021 as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 315-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Deputy Supervisor Hotaling**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoints Mark J. Delaney as an alternate member of the Ethics Committee for the Town of Halfmoon commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

**Councilman Catricala:** I've known Mark Delany for about 13 years, and I don't know anyone more honest, and it will be a definite benefit to the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon is cognizant of their obligation to be fiscally responsible when determining the appropriate disposition of equipment that is no longer of use to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has consistently sought an effective way to insure that obsolete vehicles are disposed of in a manner that garners the most return on the original investment made to obtain the vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Highways has determined that a 1986 Ford Dump Truck currently owned by the Town of Halfmoon with VIN # 1FDZU90XGVA48922 should be sold or otherwise disposed of as they are no longer of use to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has an Agreement with Auctions International to place vehicles that are no longer of use to the Town out for bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Highways has the training and experience to determine what items should be placed on the Auction website and what items should be otherwise disposed; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Superintendent of Highways may dispose of the 1986 Ford Dump Truck by placing the vehicle on Auctions International.
2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: December 15, 2021

LYNDA BRYAN TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF HALFMOON

**RESOLUTION NO. 317-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Catricala: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Department to enter into a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC for CIPP lining of 80' LF of 18" pipe, on 79 Mann Blvd in the not to exceed amount of \$15,756.00 utilizing the Onondaga County Contract #0000004284, and to authorize the Highway Superintendent to execute any necessary documentation necessary to effectuate the repairs detailed in the contract, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION NO. 318-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Assessor Zarelli**

**RESOLVED**, for the Town Board to approve entering into a formal Assessment Agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and 3 Halfmoon Crossing LLC reducing the 2021 assessment for the parcel located at 3 Halfmoon Crossing from \$885,740 to \$594,000, and between the Town of Halfmoon and Solar Associates, Inc. discontinuing the 2021 property tax proceeding for the parcel located at 5 Halfmoon Crossing, and to authorize the Town Attorney to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 319-2021**

**Offered** by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala  
**Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Comptroller to make the attached Creation of Appropriations.

A resolution is necessary to create the following budget amendment of appropriations and revenues in the Special Revenue Fund for engineering fees for on-site quality inspections. These funds are developer's monies held in escrow by the Town in a regular checking account and used for the payment of costs for that particular project. This resolution is necessary to comply with proper accounting procedures as set forth by NYS Department of Audit and Control.

DEBIT:	Estimated Revenues	25-510	\$3,221.16
	Subsidiary: Home & Community Services		
	25-4-2189.00		\$3,221.16
CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$3,221.16
	Subsidiary: Engineering Contractors Inspections		
	25-5-1440.40		\$3,221.16

Information Only: The above was derived from the following breakdown of charges to be paid on December 23, 2021 Abstract for engineering and related fees.

NAME	AMOUNT
Creekview Estates Inspection	\$3,221.16
Total	\$3,221.16

A resolution is needed to create the following budget amendment of appropriations and revenues in the Special Revenue Fund for engineering fees for on-site quality inspections. These funds are developer's monies held in escrow by the Town in a regular checking account and used for the payment of costs for that particular project. This resolution is necessary to comply with proper accounting procedures as set forth by NYS Department of Audit and Control for 2021 expenses including those paid after January 1, 2022.

DEBIT:	Estimated Revenues	25-510	\$22,000.00
	Subsidiary: Home & Community Services		
		25-4-2189.00	\$22,000.00
CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$22,000.00
	Subsidiary: Engineering Contractors Inspections		
		25-5-1440.40	\$22,000.00

A resolution is necessary to **close** the project budgetary accounts for the Farm to Market turn lane project. The Town of Halfmoon added a turn lane at the intersection of Route 9 and Farm to Market Road. The project cost \$417,334.82 of which \$350,000 was funded by NYSDOT and the remainder from the Special Revenue Fund GEIS-Inside (traffic).

DEBIT:	Appropriations	35-960	\$433,500.00
	Subsidiary: Highway Improvements- Farm to Market Turn Lane		
		35-5-5112.22	\$433,500.00
CREDIT:	Estimated Revenues	35-510	\$433,500.00
	Subsidiary: State Aid, Multimodal Transportation Program		
		35-4-3505.00	\$250,000.00
	Subsidiary: State Aid, Other Transportation		
		35-4-3589.00	\$100,000.00
	Subsidiary: Interfund Transfers		
		35-4-5031.00	\$ 83,500.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)**

**Mike Moran, Town of Halfmoon:** Just for clarification, you read a letter earlier when the meeting started, but it's hard to hear with the unit on the roof running and everyone wearing a mask, can you clarify what that was?

**Councilman Hotaling:** Jason Dell, who is the engineer for Mr. Tanski, sent a letter stating they wish to withdraw and amend the senior housing complex, to single family homes amendment to the PDD. I commented that we would not take comments on the project until it was re-submitted.

**Attorney Murphy:** We do not have an application at this point in time. This one has been withdrawn, and the other one has not been filed.

**Mike Moran:** Ok, thank you, we just could not hear that back there.

**Attorney Murphy:** The engineer specifically sites Mr. Tanski as saying he heard the outcry of the residents, and responded based on the input he received from all of you.

**Mike Moran:** Well, that's good news, and hopefully it blends in with the rest of the area there. Thank you.

**Ed Dewhurst, 17 Gladstone Circle:** The solar farm that's to go in off Smith Road, I wasn't able to make the Planning Board meeting the other night, is that going on the Town property or is there an address?

**Attorney Murphy:** The address is 48 Smith Road, and it's not before this Board, but before the Planning Board so unlike a PDD, this Board has no jurisdiction over it.

**Ed Dewhurst:** I understand, I just wanted to know where it was located specifically.

**Rich Harris, Building, Planning, Development Coordinator:** It was not approved by the Planning Board, they tabled it.

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

**Councilman Connors:** Yes, likewise. Thank you for coming out. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Roger George, 9 Hidden Farm Lane, between the Tanski bombshell and the solar farm:** Of course, with the withdrawal of the project, it takes a little of the steam that I'm feeling this evening. I want to apologize and again you're taking some of my steam away as not all of the Councilmen are dressed in ties as I believe you were two weeks ago, but here I come before the Board with jeans and a sweatshirt, so although I am not professionally dressed, I did want to say that I agreed with one of the gentlemen in the audience last time, who was professionally dressed and spoke to the fact about the Tribley project, that he had better things to do being home with his wife and young children than being at a Town Board meeting. After 35 years of public meetings as a school business official in different communities at almost 72 years of age, I don't care to come out to meetings anymore. I felt that I was disrespected, however when I began speaking last time just based on a notice that a concerned resident had taped to my mailbox about the Tribley circus. I started speaking and none of you respectfully gave me a heads up that this was already something that had been before you. I did not know if I was speaking like a deer in the headlights or on point with such a situation or not or when the Town Attorney also responded with the hieroglyphics that PDD, at first I heard is PPD or what any of this means but that it will take 10 or 13 years and all that. I did not find that real respectful on my first time before you.

Tonight I was going to ask; am I wasting my time even coming in to speak at one of these meetings? I know that people are working on petitions, I wonder if I waste my time taking a petition around or things like that. I guess I asked for this and I think that this might be constructive for future things, great hurrah, this proposal is being retracted. I'm surprised that it ever given much consideration to begin with. I wonder, where's the vision for this town as displayed by our Town Councilmen and Supervisor? What's the vision for northern Halfmoon? Oh, there's a lot of nice single family houses but sure, we'll put commercial property in on any free space. Is that the vision? I don't think that's the vision that my neighbors expected and I guess that I was further thinking to myself, who benefits from this? Sure, the farmer that's selling the land, people sell land, that's not a bad thing, I can't prevent that, but who benefits? Certainly the builder, with this out of character proposal would benefit significantly in a town where it's been pressed in the pass with certain elected officials enjoy campaign contributions and who knows, maybe cash envelopes from time to time, so

**Councilman Connors:** I have to stop you right there because not one of us has taken a donation from a builder, OK? I'm Jeremy Connors, by the way.

**Roger George:** I'm sure that'll be noted in the minutes



**Councilman Connors:** And I will tell you that I think that the builders have a right, the land owners have a right to bring forth to this Board any type of project

**Roger George:** And I am going to interrupt you because this is public comments. You didn't interrupt me two weeks ago when I didn't know if I was talking about something clearly of issue or not. Sure, this Board has a right to hear anything, but where's your vision, and I guess this'll be in the minutes and let it be known publically that current town officials don't take contributions. I know that there is a lot of people who don't necessarily agree with that, but then again, who benefits?

One last comment without interruption and then speak as you wish. Last meeting, one of the Councilmen in reporting from their committees or something, spoke to requesting clear fire hydrants. This 72 year old resident has a fire hydrant on his property. Two years ago, and in a ten year old house, two years ago I called the town to respectfully request can someone come and put a fresh coat of paint on my fire hydrant that has rusty chains and the fire hydrant here in itself rusting, I really didn't like the presentation of that in front of my home. And I was told that I would be put on a list, but we're too busy. Two years later, the fire hydrant hasn't changed, but the Town Council is considering adding all the more development and I assume, all the more fire hydrants. So that's my comments. I am sorry if I offended you. I'm hoping that you are hearing loud and clear that I was offended last time and I hope that you are hearing, loud and clear that I question, and I would love to hear, what is the vision of you folks for maintaining and respecting property owners and taxpayers that are already established? People that complained about the Tribley development probably would not have bought their homes where they are if that complex was already there. And I think that some of that also pertains to the solar farm issue under discussion. For now if you want to further question me or comment while I am standing

**Councilman Connors:** I don't believe that we will get into a debate over the fire hydrants. There is a maintenance plan that the water

**Roger George:** Oh, I am not asking for a response on that. I wondered if you wanted to talk further about the bigger issue.

**Town Attorney Murphy:** I will apologize if you thought that I was being disrespectful. I'm sorry, I deal with this jargon all the time and if I didn't explain it clearly enough, that's my fault, and I apologize.

**Roger George:** Thank you. I guess that ends my comment.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** I would like to say that we are also town residents. We experience the same traffic frustrations, taxes, everything else that goes along with the success of how well things are going on right now in Saratoga County and the Town of Halfmoon. So, it's not like we're immune to the issues, we love the beautiful landscapes. Farm to Market Road, you're looking up at the green mountains with the snow on top, that's beautiful! We don't want that to go away. We care about this town. We wouldn't be involved if we didn't care for this town. So, please don't think that we're standoffish and not listening.

**Roger George:** Well that is the impression that I got last time that is why I was wondering. So, is it worthwhile writing letters, worth taking petitions around, is it worth coming to speak and I hear clearly and respect what you said but maybe the next time a three story apartment complex is proposed, maybe you can volunteer that it is put in your backyard or across the street from your house.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Sir, as Councilman Connors stated, people have the right to present these things whether we agree with them or not, it's a totally different issue. They have the right to present them.

**Town Attorney Murphy:** From a legal standpoint, they cannot say don't submit that project. They have to hear it, it has to go through the process and then hopefully we hear what the residents say.

**Roger George:** I think that one thing that you can improve upon is the extent to which you make the residents aware of such proposals. Again, going back to the solar farm, the people taking their precious time Saturday walking a petition around and said that only a handful of them were even given a letter of notice.

**Town Attorney Murphy:** Sir, I don't mean to interrupt you but that isn't accurate. Rich, how many notices were sent out?

**Rich Harris:** We were required to notify all adjacent property owners, we sent certified letters. We did have a couple of people call to say that they never got it. We have a record that it was mailed from here and I can't tell what happens when it heads to the Post Office, certainly some of the people showed up to the meeting, so they were aware. We did follow the Town Code requirements at the Planning Board level to notify adjacent property owners. I know that a couple of people say that they didn't get it, I can't explain what happened

**Councilman Connors:** Typically, there can be an expanded notice as well, correct?

**Rich Harris:** They did not do that. Sometimes the Planning Board does, sometimes they don't.

**Roger George:** So, it's probably not asking too much I wouldn't think to receive a copy of a list of those who were sent such notices.

**Rich Harris:** Absolutely, that is not a problem. We have a list in the office, with a copy of the labels that were used, presented that to a couple of people. Even though the Planning Board closed the public hearing it did encourage an individual that came in yesterday that you can still submit comments. The Planning Board did not vote and that is the purpose of the public hearing, that people who are not on the mailing list to get notified or checking the website or logging in from home and not having to come to Town Hall, they certainly can still have comments prior to a vote. So, the process is not done on that project, the Planning Board did not vote, they tabled it and we are expecting the applicant to respond to those comments and the Planning Board Chairman will decide if it should go back on the Planning Board agenda for further discussion. It is part of the process, people were notified, and unfortunately I do not know what happened to the mail.

**Roger George:** So, who should I contact of that list?

**Rich Harris:** You can contact my office or me, Richard Harris. My name and contact information is on the letter that was going around, the Director of Building and Planning. We can add anyone onto our e-mail list that you will get the Planning Board agendas, the same moment that the Planning Board does.

**Roger George:** I remember your name, actually I have spoken to you since the last meeting and although I perhaps I sounded a little unimpressed with others sitting in front of me tonight, I would complement you that you were most pleasant, helpful and so forth, so thank you.

**Rich Harris:** I appreciate it.

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** I just want you to know how things work. It isn't just this Board getting these projects to come about. It is presented to us and we have another Board, the Zoning Board members and the Planning Board members. It is reviewed by everybody, everybody gets a fair shot. So, it goes through multiple

Boards, it's reviewed, there are traffic studies, Stormwater review, it is not just us. We do review everything

**Roger George:** I believe that I do understand that but it also strikes me that if it has already gone through a couple of Boards and the proposer hasn't heard any concerns from Town officials, that it's well on its way before residents hear about it.

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** The letter that I read tonight it said that it took into consideration the comments of the residents so he is going to change the project. Definitely, it was heard.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** To that fact, I think that proved that the system works. We did take everything into consideration, the project is not happening as originally presented. The public's comments

**Roger George:** The project isn't proceeding as originally presented?

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Correct.

**Roger George:** Because the presenter withdrew, not because you

**Councilman Wasielewski:** I disagree with that statement, I disagree with that.

**Councilman Connors:** I disagree with that as well.

**Roger George:** You folks expressed concern to the builder?

**Councilman Wasielewski:** It was not to the point where the Board had to make a decision. Our personal feelings are one thing and until that is actually presented to us to vote

**Roger George:** Hmmm, well

**Rich Harris:** I can add that when it was before the Planning Board, there were at least two Planning Board members that stated on the record minutes, that they were against the project. That does guarantee how they would have voted at the time. There were some messages at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting from Planning Board members stating that they had a lot of concerns. I got to believe that the applicant also took that into consideration even though what is called a PDD, the Town Board has final action, Town Code requires the Planning Board to give a recommendation up or down whether they should approve it or not and there were at least two Planning Board expressed serious concern and one even said that they were against it and don't waste your money, something along those lines, don't quote me exactly. There were indications that at the Planning Board meeting from those members.

**Councilman Catricala:** And also the developer, I think knew right off that he did not have 100% of this Board either. OK, but the process goes on, and another just quick comment from one of your comments, this Board and the Planning Board has both publically thanked all of your neighbors for coming to the meetings and sharing. I know that you're worked up

**Roger George:** I heard the thanks, but I also, you could knock me over, I didn't sit at the meeting two weeks ago and hear that any of you folks to some extent knew very early in the process shared any of these concerns, so I was talking to blank walls it seemed to me.

**Councilman Catricala:** And everybody on this Board, other Boards work here every day for this town, has brought this town to the point where you moved here. So, give us a little credit for that and let us move forward.

**Roger George:** Yup, thanks for your time.

**Sharon Levitas, 37 Saville Row:** I just want to thank you all for listening. Have a great holiday. I like the Town.

**Deputy Supervisor & Council members:** Thank you.

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** We do have someone on Teams who would like to comment.

**Mr. Gressing:** I just want to say that I think that this meeting shows that the process works and I am very thankful for this project because I have learned that I have to get involved in my town. I learned that the website has tons of information about development in our town and I went to the town and I learned that town people are really nice and explained everything to you, so if you show up and talk to them nicely, they will tell you everything. You have to eat your dinner early and go to the meetings and download things off of the website and get involved. That's all.

**Deputy Supervisor Hotaling:** Thank you, sir. Everyone have a great holiday!

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Wasielewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kelly L. Catricala  
Deputy Town Clerk**