

Minutes of a Special Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Monday, November 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Robert Kozakiewicz,	Supervisor
Edward Densieski,	Councilman
James Lull,	Councilman
Barbara Blass,	Councilperson
Rose Sanders,	Councilperson

Also Present:

Diane	Town Clerk's Office
Dawn Thomas, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "If I can have everyone's attention. This is a Special Board Meeting which has been noticed for this evening to commence at 7:00 p.m. The time of 7:03 p.m. having arrived, call the meeting to order. If we can all rise and do Pledge of Allegiance first."

(At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "There are copies of a resolution- we're here to consider and take up one resolution, that's Resolution #1175 which is entitled Issues Findings Statement pursuant to 6 NYCRR part 617.11 and adopts the Town of Riverhead Comprehensive Plan pursuant to 272-a of the Town Law.

It's the only matter that we're taking up for consideration today. There are copies of the resolution outside on the desk. If there's insufficient amount, let us know, we'll make more up.

Since our usual practice is to allow people to be heard when it concerns resolutions, although this is a Special Board meeting, we will allow individuals to comment with respect to the action being proposed by the Town Board. We do limit the comment period to a five minute rule. We did not have cards out there so I'll go from people in the audience who indicate a desire to speak and address the Town Board.

After everyone has had a chance to address us, we will take up for consideration Resolution #1175 as we've heard and that should conclude business for this evening.

Is there anybody who- well, before I do that, I'd like to read

into the record- Diane were there a number of records that we received- I mean a number of letters? I don't know if any of the speakers are here but just so that the record is- denotes, there were a number of letters received by the Town Clerk's office.

In no particular order, a letter dated November 2, 2003, the letter is addressed to myself, Rick Hanley, from Odell Evans. It's regarding the proposed master plan. It's a two page typewritten letter with cc to the Town Board and to Eric Roseman (phonetic). And that will be admitted into the record and deemed admitted into the record.

The second is dated October 31, 2003 from Calverton Manor LLC. It is dated October 31st, as I said. It's a two page typewritten letter addressed to myself and the Town Board members regarding comments, and it's authored by Kevin B. Mancini (phonetic).

The third letter that's going to be deemed admitted into the record and the contents thereof incorporated as well into the record is a letter dated October 31, 2003. It is written by the law firm of Esseks, Hefter & Angel and once again it's to myself and members of the Town Board and it's a four page letter. The author is John M. Wagner and he writes of behalf of 245 West Main Street Realty Corp. who is the owner of record of parcels known as 0600-128-3-50 and 51.

And another letter which is October 31, 2003, again, from the law firm of Esseks, Hefter & Angel and it's written by John M. Wagner, dated October 31, 2003, again, to the Town Board members. And it's written on behalf of Lizem Associates, LLC, and Simack Associates (phonetic), and regards parcels 0600-98-1-1.1; 0600-97-2-1.11; and 0600-77-3-1. And stating objections to the master plan.

I think there was also a letter received by Last Chance Coalition which I received and which I will asked be deemed admitted into the record. That one was dated October 29, 2003, to myself and the Town Board members. It's a two page letter from the Last Chance Coalition members and basically in that letter, identifies five items that they feel must occur, elimination of as of right condominium uses in Residence AB- AD Zone; no development rights to be utilized in the Residence AB, AD Zone; that the multi-family residential overlay district be eliminated; that they take the position that the town could easily justify transferral of development rights or TDR at a rate of .8 units per acre; and that the rezoned industrial land in Calverton/Wading River may allow-- at a rate that is-- we believe that the rezoned industrial land in Calverton/Wading River may allow added density at a rate that is inconsistent with the goals of these communities and suggests that these parcels be zoned at a rate of one home per three or for five acres. And that that is also deemed admitted into the record.

I believe that that's the letters that have been received, and at this point, I'll turn it over to anyone who wishes to be heard. Jill Lewis."

Jill Lewis: "(inaudible). I just want to make sure that there weren't any points that I wanted to make sure were included on the record from the Last Chance Riverhead Coalition, so if you don't mind, I'll just read the first two paragraphs going into the letter or at least the one where we're talking about the general environmental impact statement.

We felt that the implications of overall population buildout should have been better evaluated in the draft environmental impact statement in order to determine a sustainable buildout level for the Town of Riverhead. In the absence of that information, we felt that the recommendations that you have just gone through should be addressed.

Additionally though, we said the Coalition supports the vision statement of the land use element that calls for walkable hamlet centers and service centers for community life, provide day to day shopping and services for residents as well as tourists. With that in mind, we feel the proposed business CR zone in Wading River and on Sound Avenue in Riverhead should limit overall structure sizes to 15,000 square feet. Wading River already has a shopping center that meets the needs of the residents. Any structure larger than 15,000 square feet is inappropriate with respect to community need or character.

The land uses within the zone should also prohibit large retail and large food stores. So much of the town's rural integrity is at risk of being lost if design standards which is key, including appropriate building materials and architectural design standards are not incorporated into all commercial and industrial use zones.

Furthermore, land zoned industrial on Edwards Avenue and on the Route 25 corridor in Calverton should be examined to determine if less intense uses would be more appropriate and that setback and landscape design will ensure that the community retains its rural character.

In the interests of the future land use decision making and the implementation of this master plan, the Coalition is determined to continue active and regular involvement. We look forward to continued cooperation with working with you.

But I just wanted to add a little bit of my own beyond the letter. I just want to try and explain why some of the Board members- or why some of the members of the Coalition continue to come back to

the Board with a lot of last minute changes and suggestions and there have been times that we felt that there may have been some frustration by the Board because- it's been a difficult task, and I think that you'll all admit that it's been a long road.

None of the Coalition members, and a lot of them are here tonight, are planners. We're everyday people that live and work in this town and we've always maintained that the overall goal was to preserve our rural character throughout the town. With that in mind, we found that the process is similar to putting together a puzzle. Most of the pieces appear to be compatible with each other and then just when you're getting to put the last piece together, you see the picture isn't quite what you envisioned.

So we would come back to you and we would ask that you reconsider that some of the language within the master plan be changed and to assure us that after four and a half years, our goals will be met and that this plan will be the best that it can be.

I don't think anyone here wants to look back in 10 years and say, oops, we didn't mean for that type of development to occur in this area.

And we'd like to thank the Town Board for its dedication and encourage you to adopt the master plan and to move forward with its implementation bearing in mind throughout the goals of its residents.

I've been extremely fortunate to meet and work with members of this Coalition. They are citizens who care enough to make sure that every piece of this puzzle fits together and the picture it creates represents our beautiful view of Riverhead tomorrow. This is a unique place and members of this community should be proud of their commitment to its future.

Thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board? Yes, Rex Farr."

Rex Farr: "Rex Farr, President of the Greater Calverton Civic Association and a member of the Last Chance Riverhead Coalition. First of all, I would like to thank all of you up there because I know it's been just an arduous task trying to put this whole thing together, four and a half years.

We're dedicated- the Coalition is dedicated to the completion of this master plan, so thank you for your work with us.

I'd just like to read the names of the members of the Last Chance

Coalition starting with, of course, the Greater Calverton Civic Association. There's the Clearview Civic Association. There's the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, the Greater Jamesport Civic Association, the League of Conservation Voters, the Long Island Pine Barrens Society, Millbrook Gables Civic Association, the Nor Dock Civic Association (phonetic), the North Fork Environmental Council, Northeast Organic Farming, Northville Beach Civic Association, the Peconic Community Council, Reeves Park Civic Association, Rolling Woods Civic Association, Sustainable Long Island, Wading River Civic Association and Vision, Long Island. That's quite an impressive list of citizens.

And we have worked and we're here to continue to help you. Certainly when we get down to the nuts and bolts of this master plan, we're here to support you tonight, let's get this on, let's get going with this thing here and, again, just quickly to touch on two of our concerns specifically out in Calverton but I think should apply to the entire Town of Riverhead.

The first major, of course, is density. Ladies and gentlemen, when you take into consideration this master plan, please put density at the top of the page. Underneath and a very, very close second, of course, is preservation of farmland. And, three, is to keep our rural feeling out here in Riverhead.

So, again, thank you so much for allowing us to speak tonight and let's get on with the task here. Thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board? I'm sure there is. Odell Evans."

Odell Evans: "Odell Evans, Riverhead. I've got a question on some acreage on the new map, the RA-40 districts, it shows two on the map, one (inaudible) Northville Turnpike, Middle Road, the other one is over on Hubbard Avenue. What's the total acreage for those two pieces?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "What is the RA-40 for which- "

Odell Evans: "What's the total acreage for RA-40 in Riverhead with this new map?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Eric, do you remember what those calculations were, Rick?"

Rick Hanley: "What do you need? The total acreage of the whole Town?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "No."

Odell Evans: "What is on the map."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "It's the- you're talking about the RA-40 that's between- the Olsen piece- "

Odell Evans: "And the other one on Hubbard Avenue."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Right."

Rick Hanley: "There's three or four areas. I'll try to get (inaudible) for you, if you'd like."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Is that all you need to know, the total acreage, Odell?"

Odell Evans: "Yes."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Okay. We'll run those numbers through the Planning Department. We'll let you know."

Odell Evans: "Okay."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to address the Board regarding this resolution 1175? Don't see anybody? No? Okay, Rob Pike. I knew you were going to come up, Rob. I was giving you a chance. Just checking to see how long it was going to take for you to bite."

Rob Pike: "Thank you very much. In fact, I'm quite excited about being here tonight. I'm so excited that when I got ready to shave, I was staring and the mirror and I looked down and realized that I had just put toothpaste on my shaving equipment. I got- actually, it works."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Better or worse? Better or worse?"

Rob Pike: "In the summer of 1978, I was an intern for Allen Smith, the then Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, and he would send all of his legal beagles off on missions near and far and he had sent me off to do something in Southold and I was driving along Sound Avenue and, you know, I'm a big important legal intern and I'm in a rush. And I'm going along Sound Avenue and I come up behind a station wagon that is behind a tractor with a nice little triangle on it going 10 knots let's say along Sound Avenue.

And sitting at the helm of the tractor is a Riverhead farmer who is probably as wide and as tough and certainly as stubborn as the tractor itself. And he turns around and looks at the now growing line of people behind him and smiles with a cigar stuffed in his face and

keeps on driving. There are cars coming from the other direction so we can't pass immediately but after about five minutes of this- "

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Was that a green tractor or red tractor? Would it happen to be initials JB?"

Rob Pike: "After a while, the car- the station wagon ahead of me could pass and I followed suit and we drove along in a rush and then I noticed that the station wagon pulled over to the side of the road and all of the doors flew open and two kids, a little girl, let's say four, and a little boy of say seven, and their father got out of the car and the little girl stood by the side of the road and the father backed up into the corn field and waited for the tractor to come by and took a little picture of his daughter waving at the farmer on the tractor on Sound Avenue.

It occurred to me then that farming was going to change and that some day, believe it or not, there would be farming as a tourist attraction. That people would actually come out here and run through the corn fields and that they would do pumpkins and things like that. That not only would it be a source of food, but it would be a source of entertainment. And that the very thing that we had enjoyed has- and took for granted, fresh fruit, fresh food, all of the ornamentals that we took for granted, that were the very things that turned, you know, at best the guys who harvested it into the best football teams around, that that would turn into a major part of our economy.

It also struck me that if you look at the plains of Plainview and the farms of Farmingdale, that we had a lot of work to do to keep them here. You have before you the collective work of generations of experts, generations of people who have worked with TDR.

When I was in law school in Washington, Montgomery County was then beginning the transfer of development rights program that made history and that is contained in this plan. The focus on population that runs through sustainable economy thinking is in this document.

There are a lot of lessons that we've all learned since then. I've learned sitting in your place, that if you were doing something very small and 20 people come down and object to it, it's probably the wrong thing. If you're doing something very, very big and 20 people come down and object to it, you're probably doing the right thing. You'll probably find there are 20 protests floating around in your file here.

The other lessons you have to learn are those things that the other towns that have done similar things learned. And those are disciplines. This is just the first step. This plan is the beginning. It is a threshold over which you're going to cross and

that those disciplines are going to be very hard. That's why there are disciplines. The disciplines are no screwing around with TDR's. A TDR is a TDR is a TDR. It's a development right and you've got to make it work. You cannot give it away to your largest contributor.

And I ask the political leaders of our future of our town to take that seriously. And when they see those influences being brought to bear, they fight them.

TDR's in receiving areas are going to be a difficult political challenge. Do not underestimate it. And the fundamental question you are asking the citizens of Riverhead to accept is in order to save the farms, in order to save the open space, are you willing, somewhere near your backyard, to let the old school ground or the old railroad yard or even a little forest get turned into fairly reasonably dense residential development? Are you willing to trade off height for open space? Will we allow people to go up in order to keep something clear for them to look at, the farm fields>

TDR is not a simple game. It does require that you solicit the people who are sending them, that you find the people who want to receive them, that you bank them and that you work very hard at that discipline.

I do not underestimate for you and future Town Boards, and I think you should consider very hard the job that we are all dedicating ourselves tonight to do that. But I believe that if you do that, that we will do something that no town to our west has done which is to maintain and sustain enough critical mass of farmland in active agricultural production that the very strength of this town which, in addition to the water all around us, is this open space, will be preserved forever. If you do that, you will make history with this document tonight.

I know it will not be easy. I know that we will get into battles how to over- how to develop farmland itself because that happens in this plan. And I think what everybody is talking about, about design for the hamlets, where receiving is going, and design to make those workable farms, homesteads for newer, smaller farm industries and agricultural enterprises is essential to the success of this. It can't just be your cluster of buildings and unuseable open space. This have to be small, working farms designed around the economics of farming.

But if you do all of those things, this plan will actually work. It will require that discipline, that perspective, that lack of corruption and perseverance.

So, I am here to ask you to vote yes, to vote yes now. That little girl is now 29 years old. We've waited 25 years- I have

anyway, to see something like this put in place. I ask you to vote yes tonight for the master plan and for the Town of Riverhead so that there will never come a day when all that is left of our agricultural heritage and our great farms is a fading photograph in a dusty scrapbook and the dying memory of an old, old woman who once stood alongside a Riverhead country road and waved at a farmer."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you, Rob. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board? Yup, come on up."

Brad Berthold: "Good evening. I'm Brad Berthold from the Northville Beach Civic Association. Our Civic Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary, a half a century, this year and it was really formed in response to the Northville dock industrial complex up on the Sound in the middle of what had been farmland for hundreds of years.

When Riverhead first instituted zoning, that installation was already there. So that was zoned industrial on one of the few areas up along north of Sound Avenue that is industrially zoned and the Civic Association was really formed around that issue. We've been trying to protect that area and keep it as farmland for half a century. We fought numerous large projects, I wrote a column about it in the newspaper a couple weeks ago, the LILCO plants, a fuel (inaudible) plan, a regional ash plant- ash dump, and various other things that have come and gone that have been proposed over the years.

And so we've been waiting 50 years for this, not 25 years, and we've very glad that this has finally come to this point. And I'd like to thank everybody on the Board, especially Barbara Blass, who I think is as responsible for the master plan as anybody with her work on the Planning Board. I say, this is it, I recommend you vote yes and I'd like to thank everybody for their hard work and for the hard work to come. Thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you. Anybody else who would like to address the Board regarding the resolution that's before us? Going once, going twice."

Walt Smrek: "It's interesting you let the gentleman- Walter Smrek, Jamesport. It's interesting you let that gentleman talk well over five minutes. What happened to the five minute rule?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "I knew someone was going to question it. I- he was going on such a spree, I couldn't let him- I should have told him to sum up."

Walt Smrek: "You should have."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Walt Smrek: "I have a few comments on the master plan. It seems like you don't want to hear any comments on the master plan."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "We've been listening for four and a half years, as pointed out."

Walt Smrek: "I would imagine after four and a half years, you'd get it right. I have a couple of comments. On figure 2.1, you are referring to something called PIP, planned recreation park. Under the legend, you ought to straighten it out. You refer in the legend to something called MRPO- there's no such area on the chart in figure 2.1. Figure 2.1 is not dated. None of the figures in the charts are dated, at least the ones that are on the web, and it's difficult to tell which one is the current figure.

In some cases, for example, the Jamesport chart, I think the chart that's on the web is an earlier version. The more recent version was published and taken off the web and the later version- the earlier version was put on there.

On page 9.7 of Chapter 9, the last sentence that talks about east of downtown on Route 25, it says a small segment of Route 25 links Route 58 to Route 105 inheriting all of the traffic leaving Route 58, headed east to the north fork. Congestion on this segment typically resembles that that can be found on 58. At the Route 105 intersection, some of the traffic goes north to Sound Avenue and some of it continues on Route 25. In that section, you acknowledge there's a traffic problem between Route 105 and the intersection of 25 and the intersection of 25, 58, Doctor's Path, and Middle Road, and yet on page 915, goal 9.1 you say you want to leave that segment of the road alone. And that road right now is two lanes, one lane in each direction and every day the traffic is backed up. How can you leave that road the way it is today?

That road should be widened to two lanes in each direction, up to 105, and, in fact, it should be widened east of 105 so that the traffic can merge going east and so the traffic going west has a turn lane to turn on, at least for 100 yards so that the traffic can get through the intersection. Right now that intersection is a nightmare.

My five minutes up?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "No. I think the section doesn't say what you say as far as 25, but go ahead."

Walt Smrek: "If you look at goal 9.1 and you look at the last paragraph--"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yeah, okay. That's work we've been doing with the State. That's work we've been doing with the State. Okay. Okay."

Walt Smrek: "(inaudible)-- 9-15a, first sentence- "
Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Found it."

Walt Smrek: "You know, maybe you don't use that road, but I do and I've spent a lot of time waiting for that light. And I think you really ought to recommend to the New York State government that they widen Route 25 between that intersection and Route 105."

The rest of the stuff I have is probably not as significant and I'll, what do you call it- just bring in one other item and that's in policy 9.4b. If you're going to do a study on Sound Avenue and Middle Road to identify locations with safety problems and recommend improvements, I think you also ought to include in that study, studying how to solve the drainage problems on those roads. And also, you have a lengthy segment on making the town roads accessible to bicyclists, you ought to include that in the study.

I think my five minutes are up. I thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Diane: "Sir, could I have your name for the record?"

Walt Smrek: "Walt Smrek. S-M-R-E-K."

Diane: "Thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Anybody else who would like to address the Board? Joe Gergela."

Joe Gergela: "Joe Gergela, Executive Director of Long Island Farm Bureau in Calverton. I just wanted to congratulate the Board and the Planning Board and all the people in the town that have worked hard over a long time to come up with something that, I believe, is going to help preserve a lot of- talked about earlier."

There are some things that we still have to work on, but with the talent around the room and in the town, I think that we are going to be successful in implementing the master plan once you guys adopt it.

There are some things that we're concerned about from the farmers' point of view, but a master plan is give and take from all parts of the town. A couple of- a number of people are saying, well, what is the Farm Bureau's position about the potential upzoning as

part of the plan. I will never be able to go to a microphone in any town and say that the Farm Bureau supports large (inaudible) zoning because the farmers don't believe that.

But in this case with what's part of the master plan update, is a fair and equitable plan with respect for private property rights. The farmers are comfortable that the town is going to do the right thing in a moral fairness sense so that they can preserve their land. We can have density control, we can have all the things that everybody in this room wants for the Town of Riverhead.

So we applaud you. We think you're making a step in the right direction. We urge you to move forward tonight. Thank you."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you. Odell, did you want to address us, again? Got the answer? All right, thank you. Is there anyone else who hasn't had a chance? All right, that being the case, we'll take up Resolution #1175."

Resolution #1175

Councilwoman Blass: "Thank you. The most significant action any Town Board can take is the adoption of its community's comprehensive plan. Your vision has become the plan and tonight the plan becomes the policy and the policy must soon become the law.

Just as individual threads are woven into a tapestry unique in shape and rich in color and in texture, so, too, we have woven diverse ideas, interests and goals into a plan with a unique vision, rich in opportunities and promise for the future of our community.

To the members of the Planning Board, especially its Chair, Dick O'Day, and to the staff of the Planning Department, Rick, and most recently Eric and to the residents of this great town, congratulations on a job well done. Thank you for your hard work, your determination, your passion and your commitment to this process thus far.

Let's keep this cooperative effort alive as we continue to work to implement these policies.

It is an honor to offer Resolution 1175 on your behalf and it reads Issues findings statement pursuant to 6 NCYRR Part 617.11 and adopts the Town of Riverhead comprehensive plan pursuant to 272-a of the Town Law. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "I'll second that."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Vote, please."

The Vote: "Sanders."

Councilwoman Sanders: "I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate all those people who have been involved in this process over the many years. As said tonight, it has been more than a give and take, sometimes a push and pull, but basically I think we've all reached and come to obtain our objective which was to get it completed.

The adoption of this comprehensive plan is a culmination of many years of hard work and dedication by the community and all the members of the Boards to prepare a plan for the future of this town. And I think- at least I speak for myself, I consider it an honor and a privilege to be sitting here tonight and to be able to vote on this resolution and what it means for the future of our town.

That I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Blass."

Councilwoman Blass: "I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Densieski."

Councilman Densieski: "First of all, I'd like to thank some people. As previously mentioned Dick O'Day and the Planning Board spent a lot of time working on this. A lot of the community- "

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "I'm sorry. Hold on. Who has a cell phone on? Would you please turn it off? Okay."

Councilman Densieski: "All of the community focus groups, Vision 20/20, and all the groups that got together and spent a lot of time volunteering their energies to have input. All the environmental advocacy groups. All the private individuals who had input into it, the Long Island Farm Bureau, and certainly Barbara Blass on the Town Board portion and previously on the Planning Board Chairman. Barbara did a great job with it.

Also, Rick Hanley and Eric Roseman from the Planning Department and the whole Planning Department staff really did a great job and I suppose we should also thank APP&S (phonetic) who drafted it.

I do see a couple down sides. The first thing is, I wasn't on the Board when we voted to expend hundreds of thousand of dollars to do it. I wouldn't have done that. I think we have the expertise just listening to all of the groups that had input on this. Certainly, we have the expertise right in our own town and our own Planning Department to draft this document and I think Rick and Eric redrafted

a lot of it, so I really think we could have save the money and did it in house with all the expertise in this community. But that's water under the bridge.

Also, one of the things I'm concerned about is this significantly reduces the amount of commercial developable land that we have and that equates to a smaller tax base. I am a little concerned about that.

Many landowners are going to be affected supposedly for the good of the entire town and I hope that is so. This document like any other document that we draft will have problems. A couple people already pointed out some "i's" and "t's" that need to be dotted and crossed and we will fox those as we go along.

This is said to be a fair upzone, where if you have one acre, you go to two and if you half, you go to one acre. Personally I think we should have gone to two acre across the town from border to border, two acre. But that might not have been as fair so I guess, you know, I guess this is fair.

The plan reduces the overall town density to 41,000 people and from a lot more than that so that's probably the most important factor in the master plan. It's going to affect the amount of school children that we eventually take and the quality of life I know we're proud of in Riverhead.

I wish I could speak a little more eloquently. Rob Pike said exactly the thoughts that I was thinking and I wish I could say it the way he said it, but all in all I want to thank everybody that had input and I guess this is a historic day and I'm proud to be up here and I'm going to vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Lull."

Councilman Lull: "When I was elected in 1995, one of the first things that was handed to me was a document put together by the Wading River hamlet study group, a very wise document and very well done. The Wading River hamlet study was one of five hamlet study groups in operation at the time. Well, Wading River had finished their job.

I worked with the Riverhead hamlet study group and this was really the beginnings because it was made very clear that membership on the hamlet study group was membership in the beginning of our master plan project. And it was, so therefore, back almost 10 years that this plan was underway.

Recently we have heard from a wide variety- and I don't think that I have ever seen a Town Board do what this Town Board did. I

can't tell you for sure how many meetings we had. Did we have nine, ten meetings, three hour meetings at which we did nothing but talk about this document word by word? This was a very fine idea, a very fine, well approached idea.

This is a commencement. Obviously what a commencement is, is the end of one thing and the beginning of something else. Rob pointed out for us, Barbara mentioned as other people will have mentioned, the work that needs yet to be done and obviously from codification to much more.

Riverhead is in a very unusual position and I- when I first got interested in Riverhead town business was just prior to the Pine Barrens legislation and the Pine Barrens legislation did a very unusual thing. It took 100,000 acres and took them out of development. Much of that development, much of that acreage was in eastern Brookhaven. And so development took a huge hop, skip and a jump. And it ended in western Riverhead. Much more- much earlier than anybody would have conceived that it would have happened.

And, so, we were put in a position, yes, we had to move forward because this is something that was not supposed to happen here at this rate of speed, but it has, and we have to take control over it.

I thank all the groups that have been working on it. Certainly I thank Barbara and I thank the present Planning Board. Dick, thank you for the work that this group has done and, of course, for Rick and Eric. They have done a marvelous job and I'm very pleased with the document as we see it.

When I was first elected to the Town Board, I attended a seminar in which a gentleman said, gentlemen and ladies, he says, you have two jobs as a member of the Town Board, only two. One has to do with services; the other has to do with land use. But I bet you nobody in that room has ever sat at a table at which land use means this much on one vote and I'm very proud to vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kozakiewicz."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Others have said this is an historic moment. There's no question about that. Anyone who's been involved in the process knows what the prior master plan, comprehensive land use plan consisted of and how much more involved this plan is as compared to the breadth of that one, is aware of that. That lasted 30 years. I think as we sit here today we can only hope that we go 30 years down the road for this plan.

I want to point out a couple dates that are set forth in this resolution because they set forth a chronology if you will of how

It was September 2, 1997 that the Town Board asked the Planning Board to begin the preparation of a comprehensive plan. Nine months later, June 2, 1998, was when the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to execute an agreement with APP&S. That's when things started to take shape. The agreement I understand was signed about three months thereafter and the first PO issued after that was when the work started to get underway.

And like all the others said, there are many who were involved in the process. All the citizens who are here, certainly more who are not here today. The CAC, all the individuals who were involved with that group. Of course, there was Barbara Blass as the Planning Board Chair when this took shape and started out, who was then followed by Dick O'Day who did a phenomenal job. They spent a great deal of time. And that's the whole Planning Board I want to thank because they spent a phenomenal amount of time delivering a document to us as they were entrusted to by the resolution of September 2, 1997.

And, of course, there was the Planning Department Director, Rick Hanley, who worked very feverishly. I know sometimes he was probably pulling his hair out; it's surprising he's not bald right now. And Eric Roseman who came on most recently but, God, anybody wants to see someone work a computer, just, you know, wow, it's phenomenal.

Of course, there was the Last Chance Coalition. We want to thank you for- and I want to thank you for all your assistance and help. The Stakeholders Group.

I want to address the comment- because Rob Pike did say very eloquently. He talked about the farmer down Sound Avenue and from the description and the fact that he had a cigar, I kind of have a pretty good guess of who it was. But when he talks about it, it's an indication of why farming has been something of a problem and on the decline for many years. The fact that the farmer was on the road meant that he had to go from one spot to another in order to handle his crops. And that meant that just as the individuals experienced that day, there was a disruption of traffic and the farming practice is one where it's not right next to each other. The farmhouse is not right next to the farm and they've got to travel a distance.

Well, hopefully, this plan when it's finally realized and when the zoning is implemented in place, density is important but as we all know, farming is equally important. Hopefully, the disruption and the fragmentation of farmland won't further occur. So that farmers won't have to travel further down the road and deal with the issues that that causes. They won't have to deal with less productivity and less profit at the end of the day.

Because I know for one thing, I saw many of our farm families work in the spring from the crack of dawn until way after dark, day after day, and then the same thing occurred in the fall when harvest time came along. Out there in the bitter cold, freezing, with the wind in your teeth, up your nostrils from the combines. It's a long tireless day. And at the end of the day when you start to sell the potatoes, it costs you \$4.00 a hundredweight to produce them and you're getting \$3.50 for a hundredweight. It's not a good thing for the farmers.

Let's hope that with the agri-tourism, and the versatility, and the adaptability that the farmers have shown us- but as we talked about, the corn mazes and pumpkin picking and vineyards and wineries and horse farms, that agriculture will remain viable. And I can- buffalo- is that what you said?

I can only hope that what we're doing today as I said will allow us to go forward 30 years and will allow us to deal with the density issue and allow for farming to remain an ever present part of our lives.

And with that in mind, I give my enthusiastic yes for this resolution."

Councilman Lull: "Mr. Supervisor, I move we adjourn."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Any other- second?"

Councilwoman Sanders: "Second."

Councilwoman Blass: "Second."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "All right. Thank you all for being here tonight. Go out and vote tomorrow. It's one of our freedoms. Thank you."

Diane: "Resolution adopted."

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.