

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 6, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Thomas M. Stark

Otis G. Pike

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Also Present: Jacob Harding, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on July 16, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Clerk stated that the Riverhead Cemetery Association has applied, or is about to apply, to the Board of Supervisors of Suffolk County, pursuant to Section 73 of the Membership Corporation Law, for permission to acquire and take by deed additional lands situated in the Hamlet of Riverhead for cemetery purposes, consisting of a parcel of 0.516 acres, immediately adjoining on the East its present cemetery grounds, more fully described in its application to said Board of Supervisors; and that a conformed copy of said application has been filed with said Town Clerk.

The said application of the Riverhead Cemetery Association, duly executed by its President and Secretary on August 1, 1957, and the map annexed thereto, having been examined by the members of the Town Board.

On motion of Justice Stark, seconded by Councilman Benedict, it is

RESOLVED, that the application of the Riverhead Cemetery Association to acquire and take by deed additional lands situated in the Hamlet of Riverhead for cemetery purposes, consisting of a parcel of 0.516 acres immediately adjoining on the East its present cemetery grounds more fully described in said application, be and the same hereby is approved; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of Riverhead Town shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Suffolk County at its office in the County Court House, Riverhead, New York.

The motion was adopted on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

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A letter dated July 16, 1957, from the Franklin National Bank, Franklin Square, N.Y., was read to the Board as follows:

"In connection with the current bond issue in the amount of \$167,000, we would be pleased to pay interest at the following rates for funds placed on deposit with our bank:

1 Month - (or 31 days notice)	1%
3 Months - (91 days or 91 days notice)	2 1/2%
6 Months and Over	3%

We have accepted funds from many local districts on this basis during recent years and this has worked out to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned. Funds accepted on this basis would be secured by United States Treasury securities placed with our New York correspondent bank.

We hope your Board will give consideration to this proposal. If there is any additional information you require, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Enclosed is a statement of condition of our bank for the period ending June 30, 1957." End.

It was the consensus of the Board that they did not desire to take business from the local banks, due to the convenience of doing business and various services offered by the local banks.

Communication ordered filed.

Letter dated August 5, 1957 from the First Congregational Church, Riverhead, N.Y., was read to the Board as follows:

"The Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church of Riverhead requests that a street light be installed as part of the lighting district in Benjamin Place in such a way as to light the north door and rear of the church as well as Benjamin Place itself.

The Trustees also request that proper repairs be made to the sidewalk in front of the church. This walk was torn up by work done on water mains. The walk was patched with bituminous material but left in a rough and hazardous condition. We feel that the broken portions of the sidewalk should be replaced with concrete." Matter of street lights was referred to Justice Stark. Matter of sidewalk conditions referred to Superintendent of Highways Young. Communication ordered filed.

Letter dated August 2, 1957 from Griffing, Smith, Tasker and Lundberg, Riverhead, N.Y., was submitted to the Board together with an original and copy of a proposed certificate of abandonment of the southerly tip of Merritt's Pond Road.

Matter referred to Planning Board.

Letter dated July 29, 1957 from the Long Island Cauliflower Association and a letter dated July 30, 1957 from the Long Island Produce and Fertilizer Company, was read to the Board.

Both of these firms requested the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Marcy Avenue and Route 25, and the enforcement of the "No Parking" restriction on Route 25, west of Marcy Avenue.

Communication ordered filed.

Justice Stark offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

WHEREAS, many times in the past, a request has been made for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Marcy Avenue and Route 25 and

WHEREAS, the Long Island Cauliflower Association, Riverhead, N.Y. and the Long Island Produce and Fertilizer Company, Inc., Riverhead, N.Y., have again at this time, in the interest of safety, strongly and vigorously requested the installation of a traffic light at this intersection, and

WHEREAS, this Town Board desires the installation of this traffic signal

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Traffic Commission make a survey of this intersection for the purpose of installing a traffic signal.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Police Report for the month of July, 1957 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor's Report for the month of July 1957 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Stark.

WHEREAS, the public press states that the proposed easement taking for the Grumman (Navy-Peconic River) plant has been reduced from a proposed taking of approximately 21,000 acres to a proposed taking of approximately 7,000 acres, and

WHEREAS, the taking of easements affecting 7,000 acres will still seriously affect the taxing structure and the general economy of the Town of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS, the residents and the Town officials of the Town of Riverhead have received no information concerning the location or nature of the proposed taking, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Riverhead respectfully requests that it be provided with maps showing the location of the proposed revised taking and with the language of the proposed restrictions. The Town further requests that it be given an opportunity to express its views before the proper committees of Congress and before the Navy Department before any action is taken on the proposed taking.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Wainwright, Senator Ives, Senator Javits, Department of Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, Chairman Rivers of the House Armed Services Committee, and Chairman Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Letter dated July 18, 1957 from the State Traffic Commission was read to the Board as follows:

"This will acknowledge your letters of July 9, 1957 and July 15, 1957 requesting a 15 MPH speed restriction on Sunrise Avenue, Meadow Lane and Further Lane in the Town of Riverhead.

This is to advise that the Traffic Commission has never issued a Traffic Commission Order restricting speed to 15 MPH.

Your letter of July 15 advised us that Sunrise Avenue and about 1/3 of Meadow Lane and Further Lane are within the 30 MPH area speed restriction established by a Traffic Commission Order, dated May 19, 1950.

This is to advise that a study of conditions is being initiated to determine the desirability of expanding the existing 30 MPH area speed restriction to include the portions of Meadow Lane and Further Lane that are now not within the area speed zone.

Upon completion of the field work, you will be notified of the Traffic Commission's conclusion." End.

Communication ordered placed on file.

A discussion was held on the Town owned property at the Forge.

The Town Board requested the Planning Board to consider the property at the Forge, in which the Town has a one-half interest.

Consideration to be given to the purchase of the outstanding one-half interest or the sale of said one-half interest; and to be given to the development of the land in which the Town owns a full interest to the east of the Dam.

A report on highway drainage project No. 13, at Corwin Street and Ostrander Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y., was submitted by Engineer Alden W. Young.

This report specified the acquisition of a recharge basin on Corwin Street. Town Attorney Harding was directed to request Mr. Frank J. Smith, Riverhead, to appraise and negotiate for the purchase of the recharge basin.

Report ordered filed.

A letter dated July 18, 1957 from the Riverhead Savings Bank, Riverhead, N.Y., was read to the Board as follows:

"In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Riverhead Savings Bank at its meeting July 17, 1957, petition is hereby made that the continuous right turn of traffic around the southwest corner of Main Street and Peconic Avenue be eliminated." End.

In this connection, a letter dated July 16, 1957 from the State Traffic Commission was read to the Board as follows:

"You will recall that the Town Board, by a resolution adopted on December 18, 1956, requested the Commission to remove the green arrow from the westerly face of the traffic signal located on Route 25 at its intersection with Peconic Avenue, Route 24, in the Unincorporated Village of Riverhead.

The arrow was removed on a trial basis last month. As we had anticipated, the removal resulted in an unsatisfactory situation. I understand that it has already been replaced by the State Department of Public Works, or if not done, will be taken care of shortly." End.

The Town Clerk was instructed to advise the officials of the Riverhead Savings Bank that it was the consensus of the Board to follow the recommendation of the State Traffic Commission as outlined in their above letter and to further advise the Bank officials that efforts will be made to provide intervals for the safe passage of pedestrians at this point, and that the Town Board may consider this request by the Bank after the bridge and roadways to the new County site and Woodhull Avenue are opened.

Communications ordered filed.

Mr. Walter Hansen and Mr. DeNyse, Baiting Hollow, N.Y., appeared before the Board in regard to the possible appointment of Mr. Hansen as a special policeman for the Oak Hills area in Baiting Hollow. Matter referred to the Town Attorney.

Mr. Albert Magee, Riverhead, N.Y. appeared before the Board, in regard to the operation of his trailer park in Aquebogue. He was served notice of non-compliance according to the trailer park ordinance of the Town, and he discussed certain sections of the Ordinance, which he felt created a hardship. He was advised by the Board that he would have to take the necessary steps in order to comply with the trailer park ordinance.

Letter dated July 18, 1957 from the Department of Public Works was read to the Board as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12, enclosing a list of intersections of town roads with Route 25, at which you desire stop signs to be placed.

Stop signs may be erected at intersections only upon an order of the State Traffic Commission.

We will review these locations and submit the results of our findings to the Commission for its action." End.

Communication ordered filed.

A Letter dated August 2, 1957 from the State Traffic Commission was read to the Board as follows:

"This concerns Signal #82, Suffolk County, which is located on Route 25 at its intersection with Roanoke Avenue in the Unincorporated Village of Riverhead.

As you know, left turns onto Route 25 from Roanoke Avenue are currently prohibited and the Commission's Order covering this was issued under date of December 17, 1953. A recent check indicates the desirability of substituting a right turn green arrow for the normal green indication on the northerly face directed towards Roanoke Avenue. A copy of the Commission's Order covering this is enclosed for the records of the Town." End.

Communication and Order placed on file.

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The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town---\$10,451.34, Machinery Fund---\$2,086.37 and Town Highway Garage---\$134.55. On motion and vote, it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, August 20, 1957 at 9:30 A. M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

AFG:mvb

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