

Minutes of the Town of Riverhead Board meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Wednesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Sean Walter	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten	Councilman
Jodi Giglio	Councilwoman
Timothy Hubbard	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane Wilhelm	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz	Town Attorney

The meeting was officially opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Walter with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Invocation by Rabbi Michael Rascoe, Temple Israel of Riverhead.

In recognition of the Town's 224th Anniversary Town Historian Georgette Case performed the annual bell ringing with the reading of the State law establishing the Town of Riverhead by Supervisor Walter.

Councilman Dunleavy made a motion that the minutes of the February 17, 2016 and March 1, 2016 Town Board Meetings and the minutes of the February 25, 2016 and March 3, 2016 Special Town Board Meetings be approved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wooten and carried.

REPORTS

- Tax Receiver – Total Tax Collection to Date as of March 1, 2016 - \$77,610,928.03
- Tax Receiver – Total Tax Collection to date as of March 9, 2016 - \$77,788,057.15
- Tax Receiver Utility Collection Report February 2016 - \$267,539.23
- Building Department Monthly Report February 2016 - \$54,353.10
- Town Clerk Monthly Report February 2016 - \$5,897.85
- Auditor's Report – Justice Court for year ending December 2015

APPLICATION

Special Events (Chapter 90)

- Apple Honda – Used Car Tent Sale, May 13 – June 13, 2016
- Polish Town Civic Association – Polish Town Street Fair, August 20 and 21, 2016
- Manorville Fire Department – Brush Truck Training, May 22, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE

- 76 letters of opposition to Concordia Senior Communities Application for the rezoning of property located in the Agriculture Protection Zone on Mill Road and Middle Road
- Jamesport-South Jamesport Civic Association – letter inviting the Town Board to a community based “Town Hall Meeting” in the Aquebogue, Jamesport, South Jamesport area
- Riverhead Recreation Committee – submission of a formal recommendation to the Town Board in support of using the necessary funds in their account for the purchase of playground equipment at Veterans Memorial Park

TOWN BOARD REPORT

Councilman Hubbard reminded everyone that the first and third Wednesdays of every month committee planning meetings for the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Riverhead are held at the Riverhead United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in helping out are welcome to attend; meeting begin at 5:30 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #162

Councilman Dunleavy: “Acceptance of 2015 Justice Court Audit, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #163

Councilman Wooten: “Knolls at Fox Hill Phase IIIB Water Capital Project Budget Adoption, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #164

Councilman Dunleavy: “Millbrook Playground CP#70130, Stotzky Park Playground CP #70131 and Calverton Concession Improvement CP #70143 Capital Project Closure, so moved.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #165

Councilman Hubbard: "Authorize Attendance at NYS GFOA Board Meetings, so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #166

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes Attendance of Assessors at Seminar, so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #167

Council Wooten: "Ratifies the Reappointments of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, so moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #168

Supervisor Walter: "SEQRA Resolution Regarding Application for Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Round 9 Funding for Mobile Boat House, so moved."

Councilman Hubbard: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #169

Councilman Hubbard: "Appoints an Automotive Mechanic II to the Municipal Garage (Thomas Rogers), so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #170

Councilman Dunleavy: "Appoints a Chief Building Inspector (Brad Hammond), so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #171

Councilman Wooten: "Accepts the Resignation of the Deputy Tax receiver (Cori Fife), so moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #172

Supervisor Walter: "Appoints a Deputy Tax Receiver (Melissa Messina), so moved."

Councilman Hubbard: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #173

Councilman Hubbard: "Accepts Retirement of Deputy Highway Superintendent (Mark Gajowski), so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes, I just want to thank Mark Gajowski, he's been with the town for over thirty years. He did a great job. He moved up to Deputy Highway Superintended and did an excellent job there so I wish him well in his retirement. I vote yes."

Vote Continued: "Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #174

Councilman Dunleavy: "Appoints Deputy Highway Superintendent (Michael Zaleski), so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #175

Council Wooten: "Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Janitorial Supplies for the Town of Riverhead, so moved."

Councilman Hubbard: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #176

Supervisor Walter: "Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Police Department Uniforms for the Town of Riverhead, so moved."

Councilman Hubbard: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #177

Councilman Hubbard: "Awards Bid for Propane so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #178

Councilman Dunleavy: "Order Calling for a Public Hearing in the Matter of the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Calverton Sewer District, in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #179

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes Submission of NYSEFC Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application Calverton Sewer District CWSRF Project No, C1-5123-06-00, so moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #180

Supervisor Walter: "Authorizes the Supervisor to Execute an Agreement with Family Services League for Employee Assistance Program, so moved."

Councilman Hubbard: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #181

Councilman Hubbard: "Authorization to Publish Advertisement for Solicitation of Life Insurance Companies Regarding Consideration of Life Insurance Products on Behalf of the Town Employees at Employees Own Cost and Expense on a Voluntary Basis, so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, no; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I was looking at this and we're doing things that if an employee wants to do it a request that we take it out of his salary and send it there, we've been doing it for years. I don't know why we're going out for an RFP for this, it's for insurance. It has nothing to do with the town other than the employee personally wants this so."

Supervisor Walter: "So we can sign an agreement with them to do payroll deductions. They need an agreement."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'm going to vote no."

Vote Continued: "Walter, yes. Resolution not adopted."

Resolution #182

Councilman Dunleavy: "Accepts Drainage Bond of Browning Hotel Properties, LLC, so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #183

Councilman Wooten: “Extends Bid for Annual Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract, so moved.

Supervisor Walter: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #184

Supervisor Walter: “Authorizes the Retention of Michael Haberman Associates, Inc. as an Expert in the Matter of Sound Shore Guild Association Inc. v. Riverhead Town Assessors, so moved.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #185

Councilman Hubbard: “Accepts Performance Security of East Island Site Development Co., Inc. (Drainlayer for Riverhead Sewer District), so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #186

Councilman Dunleavy: “Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an Agreement with ABL Computing, Inc., so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #187

Councilman Wooten: “Authorizes the Supervisor to Issue a Letter to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services Allowing the Use of Pine Barrens Credits Originated from Property Located in the Riverhead (MVC Properties, LLC), so moved.”

Supervisor Walter: “and seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded as amended. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #188

Supervisor Walter: “Authorizes the Supervisor to Execute an Agreement Authorizing the Town to Accept Funds from Suffolk County Office for the Aging for the Purpose of Supplementing the Town’s Nutrition Program for the Elderly, so moved.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “The key behind this is to accept funds from the County. I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #189

Councilman Hubbard: “Appoints the Law Firm of Smith, Finkelstein, Lundberg, Isler and Yakaboski, LLP to Act as Special Counsel in the Civil Action Entitled Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, L.C. v. Riverhead Water District and Authorizes the Supervisor to Execute a Retainer Agreement, so moved.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “And seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #190

Councilman Dunleavy: “Accept a File Notice of Completion of Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FSGEIS) Comprehensive Plan for the Development of EPCAL (EPCAL Reuse and Revitalization Plan), Including Amendment to the Town of Riverhead Comprehensive Master Plan, Subdivision of the EPCAL Property, Creation and Adoption of a

Planned Development (PD) Zoning District, Amendment to the Zoning Map of the Town of Riverhead to Rezone the EPCAL Property to the PD Zoning District and Amendment to the Calverton Enterprise Park Urban Renewal Plan, so moved.”

Councilman Wooten: “I’ll second.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Because this is just to accept the final supplemental generic environment impact statement, this is not, so there’s no confusion out there, there are a lot of things in this that I don’t agree with in terms of what they’re recommendations are; examples of residential housing units, retail. Those matters will be discussed at a later date through a different process. This is just to accept the statement so for that I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Wooten, yes; Dunleavy.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Yes, this is just to start the process of what we have to go through, finish the process that we have to go through. So this is just one part of it, I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #191

Councilman Wooten: “Appoints a Public Safety Dispatcher to the Police Department (Catherine M. Urevish), so moved.”

Supervisor Walter: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Resolution #192

Supervisor Walter: “Pays Bills, so moved.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Seconded.”

Supervisor Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted.”

Supervisor Walter: “If the Boards inclined Resolution 193 to take off the floor which will Extend the Bid for Dry Hydrated Lime (Calcium Hydroxide) for Riverhead Water

District, and 194 Authorizes the Supervisor to Execute an Agreement with ADP, LLC. Can I get a motion to take both of those off of the floor?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Do you make that motion?"

Supervisor Walter: "I make that motion."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I second it."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded as to take both Resolutions off the floor. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution 193 and 194 are taken off the floor."

Resolution #193

Councilman Hubbard: "Extends Bid for Dry Hydrated Lime (Calcium Hydroxide) for Riverhead Water District, so moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

Resolution #194

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an Agreement with ADP, LLC, so moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Hubbard, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Giglio, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution adopted."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Walter: "Resolutions are done. There are five public hearings tonight. What we're going to do is open three up together which are all the recreation ones at seven o'clock. Is anybody here for the Consideration of a Local Law to Abolish Chapter 32, Entitled "Board of Police Commissioners"? Raise your hand if you're here to talk about that. Alright it doesn't matter, we can open that one last, if there's only one or two people I would do that. Ok, so the way we will do the one that I think the majority of the folks are here for is Consideration of the

Local Law to Amend the Town Code to Make a Community Benefit Zoning Use District. How many people are here to speak in favor of that, raise your hands? Ok, how many are speaking against it? Alright what I'm going to do I'd like to try and kind of run this like a courtroom, not that you're the plaintive but we're going to let one side put their case on first so to speak. This is not; this is about the zoning an overlay district, not necessarily about a specific project but it's obviously about a specific project the First Baptist Church and now the Community Life Center Inc. So we're going to have everybody who wants to speak in favor we're going to have you line up after the Planning Department makes their presentations. So the Planning Department is going to come up, they're going to speak about SEQRA, where we are in the SEQRA process. The Town Attorney may say a word or two, I'm not positive but I think the Planning staff is going to give the information about the SEQRA process and then from there we will have folks who want to speak in favor of it line up against the wall and speak in favor and then when they're all done anybody who wants to speak in opposition you will speak at the close of that and then we will close it and as our custom of the Town Board we always leave it open for written comment and we'll leave it open until the 31st of March because I know there are some SEQRA issues that have to be worked out wo we're going to leave it open until the 31st of March, it's just a slight bit extra time.

Alright 7:00 has now arrived and we're going to open three public hearings. The first one is a Consideration of a Local Law to Amend Chapter A113 Entitled "Docking Facility Regulations" of the Riverhead Town Code. That public hearing is now open. The second public hearing is also scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and that's the Consideration of a Local Law to Amend Chapter 56, Entitled "Docks and Wharves" of the Riverhead Town Code. That public hearing is now open. The third public hearing is the Consideration of a Local Law to Amend Chapter 48 Entitled "Beaches and Recreation Centers" of the Riverhead Town Code. That public hearing is now open. Ray if you could shed some light on these three public hearings that would be wonderful."

Ray Coyne: "I that what we wanted to do with all three resolutions was to pretty much clarify the stickers and then clarify East Creek Marina so basically what the stickers, I think the changes that we made, well one of them was the boat ramp. I think, let me get that point across first. The Town does own the boat ramp down at South Jamesport. We now call it the East Creek Boat Ramp. In the past it was owned by the State and the Town so we had to open it up to all New York residents. We will no longer be doing that. It will be available to non-residents at a fee so we're looking to collect revenue down there and we hope to do so with a lot of non-residents."

Supervisor Walter: "That fee if I'm not mistaken has been in the Code for fifteen dollars for rent fee but we never collected it."

Ray Coyne: "And we couldn't technically collect it because it was, the State kind of."

Supervisor Walter: "But it was in the Code, this is what I'm."

Ray Coyne: "I believe if you're saying it is, I don't remember (inaudible) so that's the one. The East Creek Marina is another one that we kind of.; we wanted to update all the rules and regulations down there so one of them is the parking lot where if you, you have to have an East Creek sticker to park in that particular parking lot so we're changing that. I'm trying to think if

there's anything else in particular that you guys really want to know about. I think it's the boat ramp, East Creek; what was the third one?

Supervisor Walter: "The first one was the docking facilities.

Councilman Wooten: "Docks and wharves."

Supervisor Walter: "Transient and daily use."

Ray Coyne: "Yeah, ok, the transient was another one. The Riverfront in the past we did not charge during the day at the Riverfront. We're going to charge people only if you stay beyond three hours so if you want to go to the Riverfront and park your boat there you can do it up until three hours and then we're going to charge you for the day and then we're going to charge you for overnight. We always charged for overnight so that's another one. Again, we're just looking for a little way to raise the revenue in the town and these are the little ways that we can do it and we're mostly going to the non-residents who come into town and we followed a lot of other municipalities. We modeled Brookhaven, we modeled Southold and that the same thing with the boat ramp. What we're trying to do is bring in extra revenue especially the commercial boaters that come in here. They use our ramp for free and they're no longer going to be doing that."

Supervisor Walter: "The revenue is going to be used to cover the cost as Councilwoman Giglio pointed out for us to operate these facilities and unfortunately in the time of the tax caps municipalities all across New York State are forced to raise fees because that's what we're all left with especially when you have a year like this year where your tax caps at this point are one point two percent.

Councilman Dunleavy: "I have a question. Ray I see in 48-7D instead of raising fees you took the fee out; a hundred dollars for the fishing clubs. If you recognize fishing clubs you don't have to pay anything to park at night and go fishing. You just go there."

Ray Coyne: "No we do charge them."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah we actually took the monetary amount out because as the law changes it's set by the town's rules."

Ray Coyne: "You might be talking about the night fisherman. We charge them five dollars for anybody to use the beaches after ten o'clock at night."

Councilman Wooten: "Permits used to be a hundred dollars but we wanted to."

Ray Coyne: "Well that was for the fishing club itself."

Councilman Wooten: "We wanted to take the number out."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We don't have a resolution giving them a number?"

Supervisor Walter: "We did that prospectfully. Some would argue ahead of schedule."

Ray Coyne: “Yeah, we only had the one fishing club left that came and they didn’t even come last year for a permit.”

Supervisor Walter: “Alright does anyone else wish to be heard on this resolution? Yes, if you’d step up to the podium and state your name and hamlet or affiliation for the record that would be wonderful.”

Eric Biegler: “Eric Biegler, Riverhead, New York. I live down in Reeves Park. I want to address the Beach Code Sections 48. I just want to go through a couple of things. Make it kind of quick on a couple of things that I saw in the new resolution; Section D that John was referring to. Initially it starts out talking about the fishing club getting permits to drive on the beach but at the latter part of it what you added is parking for the fishing club in the parking lots. One doesn’t jive with the other. I believe you’ve confused yourselves with the fishing club permit and the night fishing permit because there are no parking spots on the beach that I have found and between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. doesn’t pertain to driving on the beach necessarily so I think you’ve got two different parts of the code kind of confused there. I think you need to go back and take a look at it.”

Councilman Hubbard: “It makes a refer to the night fisherman who’s going to park in the parking lot as opposed to the people who are going down on the beach so it needs to be.”

Supervisor Walter: “But the beach is closed.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “That 9:00 a.m. so you walk down.”

Councilman Hubbard: “Yeah but an organized fisherman can park in the parking lot overnight.”

Supervisor Walter: “Right, he’s not driving on the beach.”

(Inaudible)

Eric Biegler: “No the first part of it does discuss driving on the beach. It says the Recreation Department is hereby authorized to issue permits for the use or operation of a motor vehicle along the Long Island Sound. So you’ve got to parts of the codes confused here so you want to take a look at it. If we’re moving on, 48-13 paragraph B. It talks about the permits the Recreation Department is now allowed to be issuing. Besides the seasonal and daily parking permits, night fishing permits, docking permits, boat launch permits and permits for the dog park and other areas designated for or approved for dogs and animals. That means to me that there are two permits, one for the dog park and one for animals any place else. I just want you to take a look at that and see if that is correct and I think later on in the code you will be addressing two distinct permits.

Under Part 3 Non-residential Seasonal Parking permits, paragraph C. Daily non-resident seasonal parking permits, I think that reads kind of funny. I think it should be daily and then seasonal or and/or seasonal non-resident parking permits because it’s kind of confusing but more

importantly you've entered there; I think it kind of reads funny but that's just me but more importantly you've inserted passenger vehicles and buses. I'm really concerned about buses being allowed down on the beach parking lot especially because those permits will be issued by the parking lot attendants. I don't know if parking lot attendants should be allowed to make decisions as to whether or not buses should be entering our beach areas. I look at Reeves specifically; you have a limited number of capacities that the beaches are allowed to hold based upon the Health Department. If three buses pulled up who's making the call?"

Supervisor Walter: "I was just going to say I don't know how many buses come to these places anyway."

Eric Biegler: "But you're opening up the door so my question is shouldn't that question of buses be referred back to the Recreation Department, Ray's group and let them make the decision as to when they can bring them in and not leave it up to the parking lot attendant."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I don't think buses should go there."

Eric Biegler: "I don't think so either but that's you know, you want to create revenue so."

Councilman Dunleavy: "They're going to take up all the parking."

Councilwoman Giglio: "School buses go on field trips to the parking areas."

Ray Coyne: "We've only (inaudible) in the past so (inaudible) those are the only two that get bus permits. I spoke to Eric before, he's correct. We should just change the language on it because we only issue it from the Recreation Department and we only created the parking pass just for those two buses or if there's a school field trip then they require special permits so we just don't want any bus going up there unloading people."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Well this way you can."

Ray Coyne: "Well we're going to look at that. I didn't see the bus in there but Eric's correct. We'll go ahead and look at the language on that and."

Supervisor Walter: "I think we're going to go back on a public hearing on this one anyway but go ahead."

Eric Biegler: "Part C underneath the next line down, night fishing permits. It also refers back to that fishing club era that this has nothing to do with the fishing club so you can see there's a conflict there between the two paragraphs. You might just want to just take a look at that. The next part just reinforces the dog and the dog/animal permit, there's two different permits. I don't know why there would be two different permits I'm kind of confused. We reinforce that again a little further down in 48-18. There's two different permits. One is 48-23 that's that other animal permit and then 48-24 which is the dog park permit which is for dogs obviously."

Supervisor Walter: “Do you have two separate dog permits? You probably don’t have one dog permit.”

Eric Biegler: “Well the next one is pretty obvious, it’s 48-23 which is the animal permit which is what I’m referring to. It says animals are going to be allowed on public beaches if they receive a permit from the Recreation Department. I just think it’s a mess. Animals shouldn’t be allowed on public bathing beaches, period, done. You can’t give them a permit, you can’t legitimize it. They can’t control their animals. Animals do what animals will do and I’m not quite sure what animals we are referring to. I got dogs but am I bringing the pig down to the beach? Am I bringing the parrot to the beach? I’m not sure where that’s coming from. So I’m not quite sure what we’re referring to as far as animals going to the public beaches but I don’t think they should be allowed.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Are there two separate permits for service dogs and for?”

Eric Biegler: “Service dogs are exempt based upon Code 58 which is your town code.”

Councilwoman Giglio: “Service dogs, therapy dogs, working dogs, detection dogs.”

Eric Biegler: “They’re all exempt from any Code based upon Section 58 which is out of the Recreation Department’s hands. By the way that Code also has a part that says the Recreation Department is allowed to issue permits based upon Chapter 58. The Recreation Department has nothing to do with 58. It’s the Town Clerk that has to do with 58 so I think there’s a typographical error there. But I think you’re opening up a can of worms for animals.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “I have to agree. Supervisor I think (inaudible) every year.”

Eric Biegler: “I need a permit for my worm.”

Supervisor Walter: “Alright, what else have we got; anybody else want to be heard on this? Thanks Eric, at least that one’s going back to public hearing. “

Ray Coyne: “Let me explain the dog because we did the dog issue on the beaches. I’m a firm believer that dogs should not be on the beaches but the reality is that people bring their dogs to the beaches all the time.”

Supervisor Walter: “I do.”

Roy Coyne: “So what we said is if we can issue the permits at least we know. If you’re asked on the beach where is your permit and you don’t have one then you can be removed from the beach if you don’t have your dog permit. It allows us to put it on record and at least we can track it so that.”

Supervisor Walter: “It should be the same permit that we use for our dog park.”

Roy Coyne: “That’s what we’re looking to do. We’re trying to make sure it all aligns.”

Eric Biegler: “My only concern.”

Councilman Dunleavy: “Will people have to carry that permit with them?”

Roy Coyne: “Yeah, they do everywhere else. In every other municipality you have to have one, yes.”

Eric Biegler: “You see my two concerns on this is that you’re talking about the public bathing beaches, not a quarter mile down ok so we’re only talking about where people go swimming so that’s why I don’t think dogs should be allowed to begin with but the other thing is you open it up to animals. The animal part of it confuses me because I believe we’re trying to sneak in something called horses on the beach and you can’t clean up after a horse. Fife versus Sea Biscuit is a little different.”

(Inaudible)

Supervisor Walter: “Alright what else do we have? Anybody else want to be heard on this subject? Anybody else wish to be heard on this? Alright I’m going to close out the public comment portion and leave it open for written comment until March 24th, 4:30 in the Town Clerk’s office. I suspect we’ll go back to public hearing on Chapter 48.”

Public Hearing Closed
Left Open for Written Comment until March 24, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: “Thank you. Alright, does anybody else wish to be heard today? Not seeing anybody can I get a motion to adjourn?”

Councilman Dunleavy: “I make a motion we adjourn the Town Board meeting.”

Supervisor Walter: “And seconded, all in favor aye, opposite, abstentions. Town Board meeting is closed. George you’re official done.”

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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B E F O R E:

- SEAN M. WALTER, Supervisor
- JAMES WOOTEN, Councilman
- JODI GIGLIO, Councilwoman
- TIMOTHY HUBBARD, Councilman
- JOHN DUNLEAVY, Councilman
- ROBERT F. KOZAKIEWICZ, Town Attorney
- DIANE WILHELM, Town Clerk

1 SUPERVISOR WALTER: We are
2 going to open up our third
3 public hearing, This is the
4 Consideration of a Local Law to Amend
5 Chapter 108, Entitled "Zoning" of the
6 Riverhead Town Code, Article LXIII,
7 Community Benefit Zoning Use District
8 (CBD) 108-133.

9 Can I get Jeff and Jefferson.
10 Just one. If you're going to present
11 the SEQRA aspects of this, that would
12 be wonderful.

13 MR. SEEMAN: Good evening,
14 Supervisor, Members of the Board. I
15 am Jeff Seeman, Environmental Planner
16 for the Town of Riverhead. With
17 respect to the draft proposed code
18 changes and the State Environmental
19 Quality Review Act, a few items to
20 cover in generality for everyone's
21 benefit. SEQRA does apply to all
22 code changes and all amendments. And
23 they're particularly sent to -- when
24 we deal with an overlay district
25 because of the coverage with the

1 borders of the Town of Riverhead.
2 Now we haven't done a specific
3 detailed analysis on the code. We
4 have looked at it in general terms.
5 Especially with respect to the
6 general five criteria that are
7 listed. And that is simply, because
8 we do understand that the Board is
9 still looking at the code and we
10 don't have it in a final form. And
11 we will examine it in greater detail
12 as we get into that. From our
13 analysis to date, this code would
14 most likely fall into a Type I
15 Action. What that requires is a full
16 environmental assessment form be
17 prepared by the Board acting as the
18 proposer to the code amendment. We
19 would review that, and we would
20 identify through that process if
21 there are any insignificant or
22 moderate or larger potentials for
23 environmental impact. And then we
24 would digest that information and
25 present it back to the Board for it

1 to be addressed. That said, with
2 respect to the five criteria, each
3 application that would come forward
4 to the Board would have a minimum
5 acreage size of ten acres. And under
6 the State Environmental Quality
7 Review Act state listed Type I
8 Actions. That would encompass any
9 project that would disturb ten acres
10 or that would include ten acres type
11 project. So that application
12 individually as a Type I and also be
13 required to fulfill full
14 environmental assessment form, which
15 would be reviewed on its own merits
16 and assessed for its potential
17 impacts with decisions on its own on
18 what may or may not be mitigating
19 measures. There is potential for an
20 environmental impact statement in
21 that case as well. That is premature
22 to address any of those issues at
23 this time. The reason I wanted to
24 point that out to the Board is that
25 SEQRA does require you to take a hard

1 look at these changes. Any by doing
2 it first on the code and then second
3 for each individual application. I
4 feel very comfortable that the Board
5 would be under safe ground with the
6 SEQRA for having looked at it. At
7 both the beginning in the development
8 of the code and then for each
9 individual application. So it is
10 really quite well surrounded as far
11 as its environmental review.

12 SUPERVISOR WALTER: So if we
13 were to adopt this code or some
14 version of the code, that's when it
15 would trigger for you to complete
16 -- presumably started the long form
17 analysis just to get to what you
18 have said. So if we adopted this
19 code or another code, you would do
20 the long form -- do the SEQRA
21 long form environmental assessment
22 and we would go forward on that
23 basis. Presumably, unless there
24 was some major changes to the code
25 and then where it lands, they

1 could potentially have to do
2 an Environmental Impact
3 Statement?

4 MR. SEEMAN: That's correct.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: So I have
6 a question for you. With the Type I
7 Action for this legislation, for the
8 community benefits of the Zoning
9 District, have you taken into
10 consideration other parcels that
11 this zoning or parcels that this
12 zoning would apply to? Because I can
13 see Route 58 and all the repurposing
14 of the old Wal-Mart and things like
15 that, that have frontage on the
16 County Road, that have 800 feet of
17 frontage, that can connect to
18 sewers, that can build this project
19 all up and down Route 58.

20 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That might
21 not be a bad thing considering
22 what's happening.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Well, I
24 think those are the environmental
25 impacts that need to be looked at

1 before this is adopted.

2 MR. SEEMAN: Well, that can
3 be assessed but then one also has
4 to understand, that if you wanted to
5 go in that direction, even with
6 repurposing of existing developed
7 sites fit within the general
8 parameters of the listed five
9 criteria, what if no application
10 comes forward? Then you have done a
11 perhaps an exhaustive analysis that
12 might not be applicable. And it may
13 not, depending on the application,
14 they may not be able to meet all of
15 the other subcategories that have
16 been listed in the code. So we did
17 look at that. And I have taken some
18 time to not only look at some
19 general mapping to see how many
20 parcels might fit within the
21 criteria but also some window
22 tours within the town to also kind
23 of just guesstimate. For example,
24 the two here that are probably most
25 important for any development would

1 be access to water supply and
2 sanitary discharge, which is within
3 the code as it's presented now.
4 There are some general proximities
5 listed. There is no specific
6 distance. So as that radii
7 increases, say out from Route 58,
8 what is considered within close
9 proximity or adequate proximity? So
10 we, as an environmental analysts
11 don't have enough detailed
12 information to give you a hard and
13 fast analysis on that. But there are
14 other informations that must be taken
15 into account, including what the
16 maximum capacity of the sewer
17 district can handle? What are the
18 proposed projects that may be
19 within the window of some temporary
20 analysis that these conditions might
21 come forward to the town in an
22 application. And the very real fact,
23 that the applicant themselves would
24 have to do an analysis to cover all
25 those basis under SEQRA. So we're

1 trying to cover SEQRA but we're not
2 trying to be so excessive that we're
3 actually doing it twice. Almost
4 unnecessarily so if no application
5 should come forward.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: So
7 you're saying under the SEQRA Review,
8 you don't have to take into
9 consideration other parcels that this
10 would land on because it's just
11 speculation?

12 MR. SEEMAN: Under the code,
13 we have to take into account parcels
14 as described in the code that would
15 be effected, yes. All we can do at
16 this point is the Long Environmental
17 Assessment Form too determine what
18 all of that would add up to, both
19 cumulatively and speculatively
20 whether that might come into
21 fruition.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Also into
23 the Sewer District and also Nitrogen
24 discharge because we have been
25 required to upgrade our plant in

1 order to eliminate the amount of
2 Nitrogen that is at the discharge
3 point, and so we need to take into
4 consideration other projects and
5 other areas where this zoning
6 applies that could effect that
7 Nitrogen level coming out of the
8 plant as well.

9 MR. SEEMAN: Well, I would have
10 to check with the Sewer District to
11 see what they have done within their
12 long term planning and their
13 modifications that are ongoing
14 right now to see where they stand.
15 There are some projects that are
16 within the entire town, that are
17 within the district that are not
18 providing any flow now.

19 SUPERVISOR WALTER: What Jodi
20 is speaking to is a project
21 specifically decides that they want
22 to do a project under the
23 Community Benefit Zoning, that is
24 when you're going to take the hard
25 analysis and it would be

1 impossible for us to take a hard
2 analysis of every single -- it
3 would be so speculative to take an
4 analysis of every hard parcel in
5 the district. How would you
6 know?

7 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Well, we
8 have done it on other occasions.
9 Trying to change the code and
10 village centered to provide for
11 breweries and things of that nature.
12 We have identified other areas where
13 that overlay or that type of use
14 can exist within the Town. And we
15 have taken that into
16 consideration --

17 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That is
18 what he has done. That is exactly
19 what he is doing.

20 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: We also
21 had our engineers from our Sewer
22 Department before the zoning is
23 adopted to do a report and see if the
24 Sewer Department can accept the
25 sewage from the facility.

1 SUPERVISOR WALTER: And that
2 happens --

3 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Before.

4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: No, it
5 shouldn't happen before. That's not
6 a good way for you to do it because
7 you could lose your money.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Well, he
9 did lose his money.

10 SUPERVISOR WALTER: He did lose
11 his money. What you would do is have
12 your -- the zoning land or apply for
13 the zoning --

14 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: And
15 you said to me, that was doing
16 business.

17 SUPERVISOR WALTER: You do the
18 environmental impact statement --
19 there is inheritant risks in a
20 project likes this because if anybody
21 decides they want to apply for the
22 zoning overlay to land on their
23 property, they have to fund the
24 environmental impact statement
25 and that impact statement, how

1 large it is, is determined by the
2 scope, that we, as a Town Board,
3 would probably be lead agency. So
4 they would probably have to do the
5 environmental impact statement.
6 They would have to do the map and
7 planning at their peril because it
8 could turn out, environmentally
9 that you can't do it for whatever
10 reason. They have to do that hard
11 detailed analysis. You have to do a
12 map and plan --

13 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: I just
14 don't feel that we should make one
15 person do it and one person or other
16 persons not do it at the direction of
17 this Town Board.

18 MR. SEEMAN: If I might add
19 some additional comments about those
20 thoughts that you were discussing. I
21 cannot predict what an applicant
22 would do at each available property
23 that might fall within the criteria
24 with regard to density. I don't know
25 how many units they would propose or

1 why. And that's a difficult
2 analysis to complete accurately.
3 That's why sometimes it's best to
4 wait for the applications to come
5 forward. And also, any application
6 under SEQRA. Especially one that
7 would be required to do an
8 environmental impact statement would
9 need to evaluate alternatives.
10 Alternative views, uses, alternative
11 plans and densities and also,
12 alternative locations. And those
13 locations, this Board could use to
14 identify all available properties
15 within the criteria that that
16 particular application might also
17 land. And then you would have that
18 analysis.

19 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: No, I am
20 just saying that this Town Board
21 should be fair to everybody. If we
22 make one person or two people do
23 that, then everybody should do it.
24 That is all I am saying.

25 SUPERVISOR WALTER: And that is

1 what I am saying here. They could
2 do this and then we adopt the Zoning
3 Code --

4 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: They did
5 it before we adopt it.

6 SUPERVISOR WALTER: No, we
7 adopted the Zoning Code.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: I will
9 give you the resolution.

10 SUPERVISOR WALTER: We adopted
11 the Zoning Code, John, and they
12 applied. It's the same thing. We
13 adopted the Zoning Code -- we adopted
14 the Zoning Code for the project that
15 you're discussing and then they
16 applied for the change in zone. In
17 this, it's very similar. They're
18 going to apply for the overlay and
19 not the change of zone. In that
20 application, they're going to have to
21 expend certain sums of money. An
22 environmental impact statement, one
23 sum of money. Map and plan,
24 another sum of money. The Town Board
25 is not obligated to give the change

1 of zone or give the overlay, if at
2 the end of the impact statement we
3 determine that this is not going to
4 be a good project for whatever
5 reason. If that comes to pass,
6 that's on the applicant. That is
7 how the process works. Am I making
8 any --

9 MR. SEEMAN: That's correct.
10 Typically with the discretionary
11 decision by the Board, in this case,
12 the Town Board for an overlay
13 district or what some communities
14 would call a Planned Development
15 District type floating overlay use,
16 the Environmental Impact Statement
17 also acts in my view as a feasibility
18 study. Is it really feasible as
19 proposed and does it meet the
20 requirements of the code and the
21 community benefit as perceived by the
22 Board. And because it's
23 discretionary, it's not a hard
24 and fast decision that the Board has
25 to accept. It can really at any

1 time decide that it's not an
2 appropriate location or density or
3 anything within here. So that is why
4 it is site specific and discretionary
5 decision. That is not binding in
6 the beginning of the application
7 process.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Who
9 drafted this legislation?

10 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That was
11 done by Bill Duffy before he left.
12 It's the same one that we went to
13 public hearing on the last time.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Because
15 I am looking through here and you
16 mentioned something that is a
17 little bit of concern for me in
18 where this could land. In that, it
19 doesn't specify how big or how the
20 construction has to be for a
21 community center. So they could
22 build 300 units on a 10,000 square
23 foot community center and it
24 doesn't specify any percentages or
25 any relativity to the housing units,

1 as far as the size of a community
2 center of the size of a church or
3 the size of other things listed
4 here.

5 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That may be
6 true, but that is not the guy you
7 have to ask the question. This is
8 the question that you have to ask the
9 five of us the question. That is
10 what we went to public hearing on
11 and that is what we went to public
12 hearing on originally. That is what
13 we're having a public --

14 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: That is
15 something that made me think of
16 that. Because we did do it for the
17 Planned Retirement community or the
18 assisted living, we put in
19 percentages of things to ensure
20 that we did get affordable aspect of
21 it.

22 SUPERVISOR WALTER: This is the
23 code that we went to public hearing
24 on before --

25 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Well, I

1 didn't think about it until now.

2 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Maybe
3 it gets adopted. Maybe it doesn't.
4 That is what Jeff is saying. You
5 can't complete the long form
6 environmental assessment on this
7 code because the Town Board could
8 possibly change it or maybe they
9 won't change it.

10 MR. SEEMAN: When you're
11 ready with the draft as would be
12 acceptable to the Board, as long as I
13 am provided some time --

14 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That won't
15 happen.

16 MR. SEEMAN: For 10 to 15
17 minutes, I will complete the
18 analysis. If there are no
19 questions --

20 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Does the
21 Board have any questions?

22 (No Response.)

23 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
24 Jeff Murphree, did you want to make
25 comment?

1 MR. MURPHREE: Just to
2 follow-up very briefly on what
3 Jeffrey said. We still have to
4 decide who is going to be lead agency
5 on this. As Jeffrey said, this is a
6 Type I Action. It mandates that lead
7 agency be designated and requires a
8 resolution by the Town Board to send
9 the long form environmental form to
10 all agencies, provide them with a
11 minimum of 30 days to comment on
12 whether they want to be lead agency.
13 I doubt that anybody will. That is
14 what the requires. So that
15 conclusion has to be taken after the
16 conclusion of this.

17 SUPERVISOR WALTER: All
18 right. So what I am going to do, the
19 folks that want to speak in favor of
20 the application first. In favor
21 first.

22 (Whereupon, Ms. Patrikis stood
23 up and made comments unrelated to
24 this matter.)

25 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Would you

1 please identify yourself and what I
2 am going to ask is that you try to
3 speak to the zoning code. I know
4 there is going to be a lot of
5 people that want to speak to the
6 specific project. Guy, go ahead.
7 Identify yourself.

8 MR. GERMANO: Guy Germano,
9 Germano & Cahill, P.C., 4250 Veterans
10 Memorial Highway, Holbrook, New York.
11 I represent the community -- the
12 Family Community Life Center, First
13 Baptist Church with regard to their
14 desire to construct a family
15 community life center. Very
16 briefly, I just want to focus this
17 for the Board. We are here today to
18 support the adoption of the
19 community benefit zoning district,
20 the CBD. The CBD as we understand it
21 is designed to implement the
22 recommendations of the Comprehensive
23 Plan from 2003. It permits clustered
24 family multiple family dwellings to
25 meet the needs of the underserved

1 housing market including young
2 people entering the workforce,
3 young families and seniors. It
4 also provides for this in a mixed
5 use development including a
6 community center opened to
7 residents of the facility and
8 non-residents alike. We know
9 here and this has been said before
10 and I want to make it crystal
11 clear, the purpose of this hearing
12 and this legislation is the approval
13 of a new zoning ordinance, the CBD,
14 and not the approval of a family
15 community life center.
16 Significantly, what this ordinance
17 does do is permit the community life
18 center, the opportunity to apply to
19 the Town Board for approval under the
20 new ordinance. At which time, the
21 Community Life Center -- the proposal
22 will be fully presented and addressed
23 including a SEQRA document, which
24 Jeff Seeman described. The Family
25 Community Life Center First

1 Baptist Church fully understands
2 that it will be required to produced
3 draft environmental impact
4 statements and fully vet he project
5 for this Board and the residents.
6 So at that time, any questions
7 regarding the project and the size,
8 the size of the community center,
9 all of that will be addressed in
10 detail and subject to the
11 determination of the Board. This
12 legislation nearly gives permission
13 to make that application. And it's
14 for that reason that the Family
15 Community Life Center is represented
16 here and wishes to encourage the
17 Board to adopt this authorizing
18 legislation. With the Board's
19 permission and I would like to
20 introduce the Rev. Coverdale.

21 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Absolutely.

22 MR. GERMANO: Reverent.

23 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Reverent,
24 if you will just identify yourself
25 before you speak for the

1 transcriptionists.

2 PASTOR COVERDALE: Good evening
3 to the Board, to our Supervisor. My
4 name is Pastor Charles Coverdale. I
5 am the Senior Pastor of the First
6 Baptist Church of Riverhead and with
7 me, is our Assistant Pastor Cynthia
8 Liggon. We will be presenting the
9 mission and ministries of our church
10 so you might have a fuller
11 understanding of why we're involved
12 in what we're doing. As the people
13 who are called to commission for the
14 least of these and our community as
15 reflected in Matthew 25:45. The
16 First Baptist Church of Riverhead is
17 a church concerned with individual
18 and community wholeness. The First
19 Baptist programs are centered on
20 individual spiritual needs and the
21 needs of the entire community. As a
22 church, we're to present day issues
23 which reflect our local, national and
24 international communities. First
25 Baptist endeavors to lift up hope and

1 Christian principles as they relate
2 to our members and the community at
3 large. We're a church that gathers
4 to worship and goes forth to service
5 others. Over our 90 years as an
6 organized congregation we have
7 provided and sponsored and made
8 possible countless programs and
9 services to our community at large.
10 Our members have invested thousands
11 of hours of their time, talent, money
12 and other resources to address local
13 and world community needs included.
14 Riverhead Nursery School, the World
15 of Children Pre-School, Early
16 Childhood Education for Developmental
17 Disabled Children, Alcohol Anonymous,
18 Open Arm Care Center, Food Pantry
19 and providing over 11,000 meals
20 annually. (In Audible) opportunity
21 for local Riverhead youth to learn
22 about how to and experience flying
23 airplanes, Boy Scout Troops,
24 sponsored a women's softball team,
25 free health screening including

1 Mammograms and Prostrate Cancer
2 screening, project care, community
3 access to Riverhead E-Health. A
4 program designed to improve
5 healthcare access through Tele-Health
6 Technology. The first of its kind to
7 be supported by community health
8 grant from the WK Kellogg Foundation
9 and the first time the Kellogg
10 Foundation provided a \$200,000.00
11 grant to a church nationally.
12 Project Care was a collaboration with
13 the First Baptist Church of
14 Riverhead, Stony Brook University,
15 Peconic Bay Medical Center and
16 United Comprehensive Health.

17 ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIGGON: Good
18 evening. I am Pastor Liggon. We
19 have further developed Computer
20 technology in collaboration with
21 Brookhaven National Laboratory,
22 Financial Literacy Classes, Long
23 Island Youth Guidance, mentoring
24 program, which provided mentoring
25 services to youth referred from

1 Aquebogue Elementary School, slip
2 and fall prevention programs for
3 our seniors, Alzheimer's community
4 education programs, summer youth
5 enrichment programs open to the
6 community at large, immune kids
7 initiative, which provided free
8 immunization for children in the
9 Riverhead School District. The
10 Horton Avenue Relief Fund to address
11 flood damage caused by a storm in
12 2010, Haitian Earthquake Aid raised
13 to raise funds to help build a
14 surgical pavilion in Haiti. Funds
15 for Hurricane Katrina aid. African
16 Mission, the church raised \$30,000.00
17 to produce brick making machinery to
18 help build housing for villages in
19 Ghana, Africa. International Youth
20 Conference. The church selected 16
21 students from Riverhead Central
22 School District to travel to
23 Scotland, Zimbabwe and Kenya for an
24 educational experience. Prison
25 ministry. For over 30 years we have

1 provided a workshop experience and
2 counseling services for male and
3 female inmates. Our commitment to
4 the vision of the family community
5 life center is grounded in our
6 central mission based concerns for
7 the well-being and wholeness of our
8 community. Our church has already
9 invested approximately \$1.5 million
10 dollars in its own funds in moving
11 the vision forward. On a daily
12 basis, the least of these in our is
13 ever -- is ever increasing
14 population. We are a church that
15 believes it is important not only to
16 preach and teach the gospel but to
17 practice the gospel is what really
18 counts, and this is how we practice
19 the gospel. Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR WALTER: So Bishop
21 WCela, you heard all of that? So
22 when you come up, you have to
23 represent the Catholics here.

24 MS. COVERDALE: Good evening,
25 Supervisor Walter and Council

1 Members. My name is Shirley
2 Coverdale. I am a resident of the
3 Town of Riverhead and I serve as the
4 president and CEO of the Family
5 Community Life Center. The Family
6 Community Life Center stands in
7 strong support for the adoption of
8 the proposed zoning resolution to
9 amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of
10 the Riverhead Town Code to create a
11 Community Benefit Zoning Use
12 District, CBD. There is presently
13 no zoning use within the Riverhead
14 Town Code that permits the
15 construction of transient oriented
16 smart growth, mixed use development
17 that accommodates multi-family
18 housing, civic space and
19 nonresidential uses on a single
20 parcel of land. Therefore a present
21 critically needed family housing
22 cannot coexist with other land uses
23 anywhere in the Town of Riverhead,
24 other than the small downtown
25 corridor. The downtown corridor

1 alone cannot accommodate the Town's
2 need for affordable multi-family
3 housing. Because of these
4 conditions, many of our families,
5 friends and neighbors have
6 experienced the uprooting of loved
7 ones and find it necessary to either
8 move away or necessary to move in.

9 Chapter 8 of the Riverhead
10 Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2003
11 specifically calls for multi-family
12 housing to be built in areas of the
13 Town in addition to downtown.

14 8.1 vision statement, and I am
15 quoting from the Comprehensive Plan.

16 "As development pressures
17 continue to increase, the Town should
18 promote the preservation and
19 development of workforce housing for
20 senior citizens, young adults, first
21 time home buyers, seasonal workers,
22 low income individuals households and
23 special needs populations. Workforce
24 housing should be distributed
25 throughout the Town. Should be in

1 locations accessible via transit and
2 should have a design and be of a
3 quality in character that are
4 indistinguishable from that of market
5 rate housing."

6 As stated in Article LXIII of
7 the proposed CBD resolution Section
8 108-333A, "It is the purpose of the
9 Community Benefit District (CBD) to
10 implement the recommendations of the
11 Town of Riverhead Comprehensive Plan
12 (2003) by permitting the construction
13 of clustered multi-family rental
14 dwelling units in a manner designed
15 to meet the needs of a range of users
16 who are presently underserved by the
17 housing market, including young
18 people entering the workforce, young
19 families and seniors."

20 The Family Community Life
21 Center proposed project will help the
22 Town implement the housing
23 recommendations as outlined in the
24 2003 Comprehensive Plan and create
25 numerous benefits for Riverhead

1 residents. FCLC will erect a
2 permanent facility, which will
3 address many of the strategic
4 priorities outlined in the Long
5 Island 2011 Strategic Plan for Nassau
6 and Suffolk Counties as well as the
7 expressed needs of Riverhead
8 residents and neighboring
9 communities identified in
10 widespread surveys. The complex
11 will provide a public benefit of
12 combination of public and private
13 funds and will feature a community
14 of buildings connected around a
15 main atrium. The 60,400 square foot
16 community center of interconnected
17 buildings will include a 24-hour
18 childcare facilities, senior
19 citizen wellness and daycare center,
20 a major sports and recreational
21 compound and a media center/theatre.
22 100 one and 25 two-bedroom units
23 will frame the center complex
24 providing the community with
25 critically needed workforce, empty

1 nesters' and next generation rental
2 housing.

3 I have ten letters of support
4 which will be given to each of you
5 and entered into the public record of
6 tonights proceedings. I would like
7 however, to highlight three of
8 those. They come from the Long
9 Island Regional Planning Counsel,
10 the YMCA of Long Island and a letter
11 from the Retirement Housing
12 Foundation. After I read them,
13 clearly additionally several people
14 have come out and showed support of
15 the CBD zoning resolution and I
16 would call on them after I have
17 finished reading these three
18 letters.

19 Long Island Regional
20 Planning Council dated today's date.
21 This is addressed to me. "Dear
22 Ms. Coverdale: This letter is
23 submitted in support of the First
24 Baptist Church of Riverhead's
25 proposed Family Community Life Center

1 Project. The adoption of the
2 proposed resolution by the Riverhead
3 Town Board will enable the Life
4 Center project to move forward as a
5 Community Benefit District in
6 building this important mixed use
7 project. The project addresses
8 many of the Town's and Region's
9 critical needs in providing
10 affordable housing, workforce
11 development while also building in
12 an environmentally sustainable
13 fashion. The project uniquely
14 targets various segments of the
15 area's population from toddlers with
16 childcare programs to the elderly
17 with care and activities provided to
18 them. This program is a new
19 paradigm combining housing,
20 recreation and inter-generational
21 care. The Long Island Regional
22 Planning Council was apprised of the
23 details of the project at a regular
24 Council meeting. Based upon the
25 information received and comments and

1 discussion reviewed, the Council
2 voted unanimously at its August,
3 2014 meeting to designate the
4 Family Community Life Center
5 project, a "Project of Regional
6 Significance" signifying the
7 importance of the project to the
8 region and encouraging local
9 approval authorities to move forward
10 with timely action on the
11 application at hand. As such, the
12 Council strongly encourages the
13 Town of Riverhead to take
14 appropriate action to ensure that
15 this project may move forward as
16 expeditiously as possible. Should
17 you require any further information,
18 please do not hesitate to contact
19 me. Very truly yours,
20 John D. Cameron, Jr., P.E.
21 Chairman."

22 The second letter from the
23 YMCA of Long Island, also addressed
24 to me. "Dear Ms. Coverdale. We
25 understand that on March 15th, the

1 Town of Riverhead is scheduled to
2 convene a public hearing to consider
3 a local law to amend Chapter 108
4 entitled "Zoning" of the Riverhead
5 Town Code (Community Benefit Zoning
6 Use District (CBD)). I submit this
7 letter to express the YMCA of Long
8 Island's support of the change of
9 town zoning it create CBD. As you
10 know, throughout the YMCA of Long
11 Island's 100-year-history, we have
12 provided transformative programs to
13 meet the deepest needs of our
14 community. The basic pattern of
15 YMCA work was established at its
16 inception: Bring together young
17 people in safe surroundings under
18 the watchful supervision of training,
19 caring adults. The model of youth
20 development, healthy living and
21 social responsibility still stands
22 in its basic form today. We connect
23 to people of all ages and
24 backgrounds to bridge critical gaps
25 in community needs. The YMCA of

1 Long Island, Incorporated operates
2 full facilities in Glen Cove,
3 Huntington, Bay Shore, Patchogue,
4 Holtsville and East Hampton. We
5 also operate twenty-four childcare
6 sites and the YMCA Boulton Center for
7 the Performing Arts. The YMCA of
8 Long Island serves over 60,000
9 residents who reflect the diverse
10 backgrounds, ages and income levels
11 that comprise our Long Island
12 communities. Our equally diverse
13 programming includes childcare,
14 fitness centers and fitness classes
15 for people of all ages, summer day
16 camp and free evening programs for
17 teens. We provide wellness programs
18 designed to address critical health
19 needs including diabetes prevention,
20 senior fitness and cancer recovery.
21 Arts and cultural programs are
22 available through branches and at the
23 YMCA Boulton Center for the
24 Performing Arts in Bay Shore.
25 Finally, our Family Services

1 branch provides counseling and
2 community programming for youth
3 and adults. In 2015, the YMCA of
4 Long Island subsidized \$2.3 million
5 in reduced or waived membership and
6 program fees to more than 30,000
7 Long Island children and adults. We
8 are committed to ensuring that no one
9 is ever denied Y programs or services
10 due to inability to pay. We are
11 also exploring opportunities's to
12 expand our needs and the most promise
13 for transformation. We remain
14 committed to exploring a partnership
15 with Family Community Life Center in
16 Riverhead as a location to expand the
17 YMCA of Long Island's facilities and
18 impact. I know you share our
19 concern regarding the existing
20 disparity in income, health care
21 access, education and quality of life
22 on Long Island and specifically in
23 Riverhead. The need, the expanded
24 population, and the investment by
25 Suffolk County in sustainable

1 development continue to make
2 Riverhead an attractive possible
3 location for a new YMCA. As you
4 know, we have been working to
5 develop strategic partners for this
6 new facility including Suffolk
7 County, Peconic Bay Medical Center,
8 now part of the North Shore LIJ
9 family, and the local school
10 district. YMCA of Long Island
11 branches not only serves as a major
12 employer, but additionally, the YMCA
13 of Long Island provides critical
14 support for working families with
15 affordable childcare, programs at
16 little or no cost support for
17 economically challenged
18 populations, leadership and job
19 training and health and wellness and
20 water safety programs. Together with
21 the FCLC and strategic partners, we
22 know we could make a critical
23 difference in Riverhead. We have
24 appreciated our time meeting with you
25 to discuss the FCLC project. As you

1 know, we are working with a longtime
2 benefactor that remains interested
3 in this project as well. Together,
4 we see the potential for the FCLC
5 project to make a positive impact in
6 Riverhead and Long Island. I
7 wholeheartedly agree with Governor
8 Cuomo's assessment the FCLC is a
9 regionally significant project for
10 New York State. We believe the time
11 is right to proceed with the FCLC
12 project. We unreservedly support the
13 proposed CBD zoning proposal that
14 will be heard before the Town and the
15 people of Riverhead on
16 March 15, 2016. Sincerely, Anne N.
17 Brigis, President and CEO."

18 The last letter that I will
19 read is from Retirement Housing
20 Foundation. "Dear Mrs. Coverdale,
21 this letter is written in support of
22 the Family Community Life Center
23 project in Riverhead. Retirement
24 Housing Foundation supports your
25 activities and vision for this

1 potential development and we intend
2 to participate with the
3 development, building, and
4 construction of the affordable
5 housing component of this project
6 which will target the severely
7 underserved workforce population who
8 deserve affordable housing closer to
9 areas where they work and serve. The
10 AMI target population for this
11 project is in the 70% to 120% AMI
12 range with 1 and 2 bedroom units.
13 The proposed project will increase
14 the infrastructure and amenities of
15 the neighborhood as well as create
16 critically needed new affordable
17 rental units for the areas
18 workforce, empty nester's and young
19 adults starting out. The development
20 will include some set-asides for
21 seniors and veterans. RHF has
22 garnered support of there Angelus
23 Trust, which has indicated that they
24 would be willing to make a charitable
25 grant towards your projects

1 affordable housing component. The
2 Angelus Trust controls over \$50
3 million of discretionary funds for
4 use in building affordable housing.
5 RHF strongly supports the proposed
6 amendment to the Town of Riverhead's
7 zoning laws to allow for the kind of
8 mixed use smart growth development
9 contemplated by the Family Community
10 Life Center. Sincerely, Bob Fard,
11 Director of Acquisitions."

12 The other letters are from
13 Long Island Building, Builder's
14 Institute, the Family Service League
15 of Riverhead, Southampton Youth
16 Association, The United Building of
17 Christ Church and Loan Fund, the
18 Alzheimer's Association and letters
19 from Barry Barth and Grey Meyer, both
20 residents of Riverhead. I will turn
21 those over to you at the end of
22 this proceeding. And I will now
23 defer to the people who want to
24 speak.

25 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

1 Do you want to hand to the Town
2 Clerk now? Mr. McKay, you may state
3 your name and affiliation for the
4 record.

5 DR. MCKAY: Mr. Supervisor and
6 Members of the Board. My name is
7 Dr. Sean McKay. I am the President
8 of Suffolk County Community College
9 largest college in the State of New
10 York.

11 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Yes, you
12 are. I didn't realize that until
13 recently.

14 DR. MCKAY: And also a whole
15 bunch of attributes too. Let me just
16 say we're very close. I am a
17 preacher's kid and the last time, I
18 visited Rev. Coverdale's church I had
19 to give a sermon. It was supposed to
20 be a (In Audible) and then I
21 realized how important they were to
22 the community. And now, we're doing
23 something totally different. We are
24 working with other churches. I was
25 told not to say prisons but at the

1 same time, we're doing something now
2 to deal with folks getting back into
3 the system. So that is being
4 handled right now. But the most
5 important part is that every
6 community college in this state,
7 except for Westchester, Nassau and
8 Suffolk, we don't have housings. We
9 don't have places for these folks to
10 stay. In the region, especially in
11 Riverhead. I have a very important
12 role in downtown. And you know that,
13 right downtown. When we bring folks
14 in for conferences, they go right
15 down here in Riverhead. No where
16 else. I bring them here.

17 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

18 DR. MCKAY: Thank you. But let
19 me just say this, this project is
20 very important to this region and you
21 heard what was said. From this to
22 education, it's all that we do. To
23 keep folks right here on Long Island,
24 it's important. Let me just say
25 this, those are taxes. They're

1 staying right here. 80% of my
2 students are staying right here on
3 Long Island. 65% transfer. Folks
4 are leaving Long Island because
5 they don't have a place to stay and
6 they can't afford it. So I hope that
7 the Town Board will consider this
8 project to be of one importance and
9 one that is relevant in regards to
10 economic development. Because you
11 have taxes, they're staying here.
12 They're living. They're buying.
13 They're paying rent. All of that
14 right here on Long Island.

15 SUPERVISOR WALTER: You know
16 what would be amazing if the Zoning
17 Code had a preference for college
18 rental too.

19 DR. MCKAY: We could make the
20 motion tonight, I guess. But no,
21 seriously, it's -- Supervisor, you
22 know that. What we have seen here
23 is a project that will keeps folks
24 right here in the Town. And what we
25 have to do is the find a way to

1 support that. Others have seen that.
2 I know it. I can't do it. I have the
3 most robust Capital State Program in
4 the entire state of New York. And
5 these are new buildings right here in
6 Riverhead and downtown and all those
7 areas. That is what I am doing as
8 College President. We have Selden,
9 Riverhead, Brentwood. Riverhead is
10 the discussion. You have been to the
11 Culinary Arts Center and you have
12 seen what they have done. They
13 were just in Newsday this past week.
14 How do we keep raising the level of
15 awareness in regards to what we
16 should do to help the Town of
17 Riverhead. That is what we're doing
18 right here. And housing is an
19 important factor. Affordable
20 housing. Community awareness, Health
21 Care. What we're doing here. We have
22 to do this right here in Riverhead.
23 So again, on behalf of the Board of
24 Trustees, myself and the entire team,
25 Supervisor and the Board, you know,

1 I applaud you for considering this
2 program and urge you to approve
3 this program because we need it right
4 here in Riverhead. Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
6 Mr. Stanton?

7 MR. STANTON: I shouldn't have
8 let Dr. McKay go first. So for the
9 record, my name is Ryan Stanton. I am
10 here on behalf of the Long Island
11 Federation of Labor. Supervisor
12 Walter, Town Board, thank you for
13 holding this public hearing. And I am
14 here on behalf of the 250,000
15 working people here on Long Island,
16 Nassau and Suffolk County
17 represented by AFL-CIO. I am here
18 today, we're here today to say we
19 support the zoning changes that are
20 being considered by the Board.
21 Specifically, we support the creation
22 of an overlay district, called the
23 Community Benefits District. By
24 making these changes, the Town of
25 Riverhead would enable the kind of

1 mixed use development that the Life
2 Center -- The Family Community Life
3 Center would create. It would
4 enhance the quality of life in this
5 part of Long Island by creating
6 workforce housing along with
7 recreational opportunities and
8 community meeting places. Very
9 significantly, from our perspective,
10 the Community Benefits District would
11 enable the creation of good paying
12 jobs in Riverhead for the working
13 people of this town and all across
14 Long Island. We would like to thank
15 the Town Board for considering this
16 Benefits District and taking positive
17 steps toward local improvement by
18 building a vibrant and livable
19 community. And very briefly, I
20 will go off-script. When you hear
21 workforce housing, affordable
22 housing, I am the young professional
23 that you're talking about. Several
24 years removed from the SUNY education
25 system. As a young professional, I

1 have been working several years now,
2 established myself. I think I am
3 doing pretty well. Love the
4 organization that I work for and
5 make a decent salary. I have good
6 benefits, but I fall under that AMI.
7 I am the person that you would be
8 helping. I was born here. I was
9 raised here. I can tell you
10 everything that was said before me
11 and I am sure a lot of the things
12 that are said by people and say after
13 me, it's very difficult for people to
14 stay here. And I am going to. I will
15 make it because I want to. It's
16 benefits like this, that will really
17 help my generation.

18 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
19 Next?

20 MS. DEARMT: Good evening. My
21 name is Lorraine Dearmet. I am
22 retired United Methodist Clergy. I am
23 living right in town. Right off
24 Roanoke. I am an officer of the Board
25 of Directors of the Long Island

1 Council of Churches and I am
2 representing the Council this
3 evening. The Council of Churches one
4 of the largest (In Audible) and
5 interface organizations but we're
6 also right here in Riverhead. We're
7 right second and Roanoke and have
8 been a presence in Riverhead.
9 Interacting with folks who are
10 bringing in donations and folks who
11 are bringing in their needs for
12 decades. Council knows Riverhead from
13 that perspective. And the Council
14 would strongly encourage the Board to
15 go with this change in zoning because
16 it makes possible at least one
17 project that will create workforce
18 housing, recreation, the elder care,
19 the child care that we know from
20 experience is so greatly needed in
21 Riverhead. And will really enhance
22 the quality of life here in
23 Riverhead. So please do consider it.
24 Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

1 Good evening.

2 MS. APPEL: Good evening,
3 Supervisor. My name is Jennifer
4 Appel. I am the general counsel and
5 program advisor for the Long Island
6 Housing Partnership. The Long Island
7 Housing Partnership for the past 25
8 years is a not-for-profit housing
9 developer who has gotten hundreds of
10 families into homes where they
11 otherwise could not afford them. The
12 reason we're around for 25 years is
13 that there is still a very large
14 need. We achieve and help with
15 this need by appearing here tonight
16 and supporting create housing
17 codes, which is the one that is
18 proposed tonight. As this Board is
19 aware, in order for Riverhead
20 residents to thrive, there must be a
21 diversity of housing types, including
22 multi-family and affordable options
23 for people just starting out and also
24 older residents who can no longer
25 afford the cost of a single family

1 home or no longer want that option.
2 LIHP believes that the code, which is
3 presented tonight which encourages
4 development, which determines that
5 this type of housing could flourish,
6 which everyone in Riverhead will
7 benefit. Not just the housing but
8 the community centers that are
9 proposed, is the type of housing code
10 that should be put into effect.
11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

13 MR. BLUVER: I am Howard
14 Bluver. I am the president and Chief
15 Executive Officer of Suffolk County
16 National Bank. Right around the
17 corner. And we strongly support the
18 zoning change. We have from the
19 beginning. For all the reasons that
20 we have heard before. I am going to
21 go off-script because I don't want to
22 repeat what everyone has said.
23 Three weeks ago a 24-year-old young
24 woman in my office, college
25 educated, star, who lives in

1 Riverhead with her parents is married
2 and found out that she's pregnant
3 with twins. She is freaking out. Here
4 is the problem, she needs to find
5 some place to live. The house that
6 she is in right now cannot support
7 her family. And she may have to
8 leave Riverhead because she can't
9 find an affordable apartment she can
10 live. We're trying to find her an
11 apartment. We're trying to take her
12 to other areas where we are at. We
13 will. We have an affordable
14 housing crisis on Long Island. I
15 see it every day. I see it with
16 our customers who are unable to hire
17 young skilled workers because they
18 can't afford to live here. I see it
19 in my own private practices. It's
20 really hard to get young educated
21 people to come to our Headquarter's
22 in Riverhead and start their career
23 because there is no place that is
24 affordable for them to live. We need
25 multi-family housing in Riverhead. If

1 you look at the visionary towns
2 across Long Island who are
3 succeeding, they have a handle in
4 this. We financed Tritec who put a
5 huge multi-family building downtown,
6 which has completely revitalized
7 downtown. Downtown Glen Cove, we have
8 been involved in multi-family
9 housing financing there. This is a
10 project that will do that. 125
11 apartments that will support people
12 like my finance woman. We have to do
13 this. I'll be honest, I took this job
14 four years ago and I have learned a
15 lot about Riverhead because I am
16 there at work everyday. This is
17 something that we should all be
18 working together to find a way to
19 get it down. It shouldn't be
20 adversarial. The Town, private
21 developers, banks, everybody should
22 be working together to find a way to
23 make this happen. So on behalf of
24 the Board of Directors of Suffolk
25 County National Bank we strongly urge

1 you to approve this zoning change and
2 to move quickly and lets get this
3 down. Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
5 Councilman Dunleavy wants to
6 followup on something that you
7 said.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: We have
9 affordable housing apartments on Main
10 Street. There is three vacant ones.
11 So if you have anybody that needs an
12 apartment, there is a vacant one on
13 Main Street above the old Woolworth's
14 Building years ago. There are three
15 apartments there that are vacant and
16 affordable. So anybody that needs an
17 affordable apartment, can come down
18 get them because they are on Main
19 Street.

20 MR. BLUVER: I will certainly
21 tell Alisha. That's her name. That
22 it's there. She probably already
23 knows.

24 SUPERVISOR WALTER: There is a
25 waiting list for them. Thank you.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Good evening
2 Supervisor Walters and Councilmen
3 members. My name is Vanessa Williams
4 and I am a vested member of the
5 community of Riverhead as an educator
6 within the Riverhead Central School
7 District. I am sure that we can all
8 agree that as a community we have an
9 obligation to provide our children
10 with every opportunity to be
11 innovative, successful and productive
12 members of society. And the Family
13 Community Life Center embodies this
14 vision. The Family Community Life
15 Center's commitment to the
16 communities youth is evident in
17 it's plan to establish 24-hour
18 daycare facility, before and after
19 school care and create a youth
20 recreational center and partnership
21 with the YMCA. As a parent of three
22 girls, my husband and I searched for
23 a daycare facility nearly six years
24 ago when we wanted to put our oldest
25 two girls to daycare. We felt that

1 they needed the social and academic
2 to just grow with individuals. And
3 we both searched within Riverhead
4 because I work here. My husband
5 works in the city. So it makes
6 much more sense for us to find
7 daycare facilities in Riverhead
8 where one of us could get to the
9 children easily and it was
10 accessible. However, many of the
11 daycare facilities were either at
12 capacity, they could accept one and
13 have restrictive hours that were not
14 conducive to my work schedule or my
15 husbands. So we were left with fewer
16 options in the Town of Riverhead.
17 And we actually had to seek daycare
18 outside of Riverhead. As an
19 educator, I hear the voices of a lot
20 of families and I know that they
21 would benefit from the services that
22 the family community life center
23 would provide. Whether it be the
24 24-hour daycare center for many of
25 our professionals who are nurses or

1 police officers who work shift hours
2 and are vital to our community.
3 However, they also need a place to
4 send our children. I know that the
5 Family Community Life center would
6 also provide the youth with many
7 activities that are somewhat
8 lacking in this area. I was in a
9 class recently and they said that one
10 of the greatest thing that you can
11 provide is school bonding to prevent
12 or decrease delinquency. And if
13 children do not have options, they
14 find options that are not necessarily
15 what we would like them to have. So I
16 ask that you really consider moving
17 forward with this project and that
18 not only consider moving forward
19 with the project but that you would
20 vote in a way that would move this
21 project forward. And as I conclude,
22 I conclude not on my words but on the
23 words of someone who was blind but
24 very wise. She had foresight and
25 vision beyond many of us. And that is

1 Helen Keller. She said, "Alone we can
2 do little. Together we can do so
3 much."

4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Mr. Goodale,
5 welcome.

6 MR. GOODALE: Good evening. My
7 name is Edgar Goodale. I am a
8 lifelong resident and business owner
9 here in the Town of Riverhead. And I
10 will tell you the string of eloquent
11 speakers is now over. I will be very
12 short. Government is where great
13 ideas come to die. Perseverance is
14 where great ideas can live and
15 overcome all obstacles. The Community
16 Life Center is definition of
17 perseverance. It is time to help,
18 not hinder, the development of this
19 community asset. This is an
20 investment that accomplishes a net
21 positive for the community. I am
22 asking everyone, everyone on this
23 Town Board to do what is right and
24 just for the citizens of this Town.

25 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Bishop

1 Wcela, welcome.

2 MR. WCELA: Supervisor Walter,
3 Members of the Town Board. My name is
4 Emil Wcela. I am bishop of the
5 Auxiliary Diocese of Rockville Centre
6 and now retired. Before my
7 retirement, I was (In Audible) for 46
8 catholic parishes in central and
9 eastern Suffolk County. And I think I
10 got a good sense of the area. And by
11 the way, I think a lot of my
12 parishnors would agree with
13 Mr. Goodale on what he said, that the
14 last of the good speakers were
15 finished. I am here this evening, not
16 so much in any official capacity, but
17 someone who has worked and lived in
18 Riverhead for 26 years and who's
19 family roots here go back almost 28
20 years. Riverhead is a good place to
21 live and I believe that an
22 opportunity has come to make it even
23 better. I come in support of the
24 zone change that is being sought
25 this evening by the Family

1 Community Life Center. I don't
2 need to go over the details because
3 the plans and the activities have
4 already been explained to you. I
5 simply wish to express my belief
6 that the project proposed will
7 bring substantial benefit to
8 Riverhead and surrounding
9 communities. The workforce housing
10 response to obvious need. We know
11 the young people need to move because
12 of the cost of living. We know
13 families that can take advantage of
14 additional opportunities for
15 eldercare and childcare. For a long
16 time there has been the need for more
17 facilities where young people can
18 recreate. We could all benefit for
19 additional meeting places for
20 gatherings and recreation. There is
21 a lot of support in the community and
22 interested communities. I suggest
23 that it's time to take the next step
24 forward on this project by
25 approving the zone change. Thank

1 you.

2 SUPERVISOR WALTER:

3 Mr. McManus?

4 MR. MCMANUS: Good evening.

5 My name is Ron McManus. I am the
6 Senior Vice President of Peconic Bay
7 Medical Center. Andy Mitchell,
8 president and CEO of PBMC could not
9 be here tonight but asked me to
10 represent the Peconic Bay Medical
11 Center in our support in the Family
12 Community Life Center and the
13 proposed zoning change. The Peconic
14 Bay Health System, which includes the
15 hospitals, skilled nursing
16 facilities, HomeCare agency and
17 physician network employs over 1300
18 people. Many of these employees and
19 caregivers live outside of our
20 community and are forced to travel
21 long distances to work due to the
22 lack of affordable housing in
23 Riverhead. The Family Community Life
24 Center will help to alleviate this
25 problem and facilitate the

1 recruitment of qualified employees to
2 PBMC. The 65 and over population is
3 the fastest growing segment of our
4 community. Caring for their elderly
5 family members can be a challenge
6 when people have to go to work and
7 often times, the elderly are left
8 alone when people have to go to work
9 during the day. We have seen
10 countless instances of geriatric
11 patient coming into the emergency
12 department because they have fallen
13 and fractured their hip or the
14 diabetic patient who has forgotten to
15 take their medication and now needs
16 to be hospitalized. The senior
17 citizen wellness and daycare center
18 will be a tremendous help to the
19 community and prevent unnecessary
20 trips to the emergency department.
21 Healthcare is rapidly changing from
22 treating to a focus on wellness and
23 prevention. In fact, the Suffolk
24 County Department of Health and
25 PBMC have targeted obesity as a

1 healthcare priority. A community
2 center that will include a pool,
3 exercise center, walking track and
4 gymnasiums will be a valuable asset
5 in helping improve the life of the
6 community. We must unite around
7 projects and programs that support
8 the health of our community. And for
9 this reason, Peconic Bay Medical
10 Center is proud to support the
11 development of the Family Community
12 Life Center.

13 SUPERVISOR WALTER: How are you
14 doing, sir?

15 MR. RICHARDSON: Good evening.
16 Members of the Board. My name is
17 Ronald Richardson. I am a Roman
18 Catholic Priest, retired, who
19 actually began his ministry in
20 1961 in St. John's. Just down the
21 road.

22 SUPERVISOR WALTER: I don't
23 believe that for a minute. Does
24 anybody believe that? Look at this
25 gentleman. You don't look a day over

1 60.

2 MR. RICHARDSON: Well, I have
3 learned and survived by allowing the
4 bishop to speak first. I have been a
5 member of the Long Island Council for
6 Churches. They're an eastern board
7 and it's in that capacity that I come
8 here this evening. I have been
9 following as many of you have
10 progress of this project and I was
11 very taken by the two pastors from
12 the church, First Baptist, who
13 really articulated the involvement of
14 this church within the community for
15 a very long, long time. And the
16 thought struck me that most
17 industries including churches are
18 doing assessments of best practices
19 and best practices. And I think the
20 litany that we listened to tonight is
21 a lost, confirmation that in this
22 Town you have a church and a
23 congregation who are witnessing to
24 best practices. And continue to do
25 so. Particularly with this

1 particular project in mind. As a
2 Roman Catholic, I am fascinated by
3 the attention that has been given to
4 Frances in Rome. And one o f the
5 things that he has strongly urged
6 Roman Catholic parishes and
7 institutions is to do an assessment
8 of properties, of church properties
9 and how they're being used to assist
10 people in the community. This
11 project is a best practice if it
12 comes to fruition. So I join with
13 others in just asking for your
14 continued deliberation and hopefully
15 conclusion in favoring the project.
16 Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Welcome,
18 Father. And thank you very much.

19 MS. LOSANDRO: Good evening. My
20 name is Connie Losandro. I am a
21 resident of Baiting Hollow. And I am
22 here this evening in support of the
23 Family Community Life Center to be
24 developed on the 12 acre site owned
25 by First Baptist Church of

1 Riverhead. The quality of life of
2 this center will offer to families
3 who are being afforded the
4 opportunity to reside in one of the
5 rental units and cannot be denied.
6 Everyone is entitled to decent safe
7 affordable housing. Make no mistake
8 affordable housing doesn't mean
9 subsidize housing, which most refer
10 to as Section VIII. What makes this
11 development different, the entire
12 community will benefit coming
13 together both recreational and
14 educational facilities, swimming
15 pool, performing arts theater,
16 childcare center, adult daycare
17 center, fitness centers, walking
18 track, gymnasium, classrooms and
19 walking paths. I want to address
20 tonight -- I should say further
21 address tonight the need for rental
22 housing on Long Island. High
23 housing costs are greatly burdening
24 Long Island residents. A greater
25 portion are (In Audible). Paying

1 more than 30% of their incomes
2 towards housing. And severely rent
3 burdening paying more than 50% of
4 their household incomes towards
5 housing. Long Island is in desperate
6 need of multi-family housing.
7 What is multifamily housing?
8 Building with three attached units
9 includes both rentals and owner
10 occupied buildings. Long Island
11 Multifamily housing tends to be
12 garden apartments, town homes.
13 Yes, why not Riverhead. According
14 to the national low income housing
15 2015, New York is the fourth most
16 expensive state to live in. Nassau
17 and Suffolk Counties are the most
18 expensive counties. \$33.04 hourly
19 wage is necessary to afford a two
20 bedroom apartment at the current fair
21 market of \$1,718 set by HUD. Annual
22 income needed to afford this two
23 bedroom would be \$78,720.00. (In
24 Audible). According to the Town of
25 Riverhead data and demographics as of

1 July 1, 2015 Riverhead median
2 households income is \$76,219.00.
3 Considerably lower than Nassau and
4 Suffolk. Therefore making it even
5 more difficult to afford rent in
6 Riverhead. Rental reports that over
7 30% suffer severe burden. Renters
8 make up 20% of the household in the
9 entire district. And I had referred
10 also to the Riverhead Comprehensive
11 Plan but I won't read that because
12 Shirley has read that and did it
13 already. I am also -- I do want to
14 refer to one of the myths that are
15 out there. Affordable housing is not
16 out there. Only the very poor
17 benefit. A lack of affordable housing
18 negatively affects employers,
19 seniors, young people, immigrants,
20 entry level and service sector
21 workers and public sector
22 professionals such as teachers,
23 firefighters, police officers. In
24 short, it effects us all. Affordable
25 housing does not mean addressing the

1 poor. It also means addressing
2 the needs of the community, working
3 middle class and the broader
4 population. And I took from the
5 Rousch Foundation a great cartoon by
6 Walt Handlesman. And it says, "I am
7 28. Live at my old room at my
8 parents house. Yeah. I lived in my
9 old room for a while but I needed my
10 freedom. So I moved into the
11 basement." So I think that can apply
12 to many. I strongly support The
13 First Baptist Church Riverhead
14 Community Life Center and I will
15 hope that you will keep open minds
16 in changing the legislation. And I
17 know that tenacity in Riverhead does
18 pay off and I can't thank the
19 Coverdale's enough for their
20 tenacity. Thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR WALTER: How are you
22 doing, sir?

23 MR. HILTON: Good evening Town
24 Council, Mr. Supervisor. I really had
25 a written speech here but I am just

1 in awe --

2 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Name and --

3 MR. HILTON: Oh, I am sorry.

4 Dan Hilton, 30 Benjamin, Wading

5 River. We're neighbors. I am really

6 in awe of the people who came up here

7 prior to me. It's just amazing the

8 outpouring support for this project.

9 I am a union electrician and this

10 project would benefit me a whole

11 lot. I have been on the 5:29 out of

12 Ronkonkoma going into Penn and you

13 know, I would love to work in my

14 town. The Coverdale's, I was

15 introduced to this project a while

16 back. They do have a lot of patience,

17 the Coverdale's. And I will keep on

18 praying for them. They're really an

19 amazing pair. They have spent a

20 majority of their lives fostering,

21 caring and nurturing the families in

22 this community, unselfishly. I am a

23 believer in this project. And there

24 is only positive results that can

25 come from this. Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you,
2 sir. Chief Langhorn.

3 MR. LANGHORN: Good evening.
4 Excuse me, I have to prepare -- I
5 have bad fingers and bad eyes. I am
6 going to prepare myself for this
7 letter. My name is James "Butch"
8 Langhorn. I am the assistant to the
9 Sheriff of Suffolk County. And
10 because Sheriff DeMarco could not be
11 here, he asked if I would read this
12 letter on behalf of the project
13 that the First Baptist Church is
14 doing. "March 8, 2015. Riverbed
15 Town Supervisor and Town Board
16 Members. Dear Supervisor Walter
17 and Board Members: It is my
18 understanding that the Riverhead
19 Town Board is scheduled to hold a
20 public hearing on Tuesday, March
21 15th, at which time they will
22 consider a local law to amend
23 Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the
24 Riverhead Town Code Community
25 Benefit Zoning Use District. This

1 change would allow for the building
2 of the Family Community Life Center
3 in Riverhead. I realize this is a
4 huge undertaking, however, the
5 tremendous benefits of having
6 facilities that house a pool,
7 gymnasium, fitness center, indoor
8 track, media center and theater,
9 which would be available year-round,
10 not to mention available to the
11 general public, would serve our
12 community well. In today's world
13 with parents working full-time and
14 schools not offering as many after
15 school programs -- excuse me. Let
16 me start this again. Today's world
17 with parents working full-time and
18 schools not offering many after
19 school programs, what an advantage a
20 complex such as this would be. It
21 will answer the needs to children who
22 have nothing to do in their spare
23 time and perhaps eliminate the just
24 hanging out, which so often leads to
25 trouble. It will also provide

1 families the opportunity to send
2 quality time together. I view the
3 Family Community Life Center as
4 having a tremendous potential, and a
5 positive impact in the Riverhead
6 community through its social,
7 educational, recreational and
8 cultural programs. If I can ever be
9 of any assistance, please do not
10 hesitate to contact me. Sheriff
11 Vincent F. DeMarco."

12 I would like to present this
13 to the Town Clerk. And I would like
14 to take a couple of seconds to talk
15 as Butch Langhorn the resident. You
16 have heard me talk many times before
17 about this project. As a matter of
18 fact, Pastor Coverdale and I sat, I
19 believe it was 30 years ago with the
20 current supervisor at that time about
21 this project. I happen to Chair the
22 project at that time. Council -- I
23 don't think the council members at
24 that time even got to hear the
25 story. The supervisor at that time

1 told us, it's a great project but I
2 don't think you folks can handle
3 it.

4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Who was it?

5 MR. LANGHORN: Doesn't make a
6 difference who it was. I am glad to
7 see you guys allowing us to happen or
8 hearing about it. I commend you for
9 that. I go one step further. You have
10 heard it all tonight, if you can't
11 say yes, after all you heard, I say
12 no more.

13 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Chief, thank
14 you very much. Larry Williams.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: I am Larry
16 Williams. I am president of the
17 Clearview Civic Association. I am
18 also a member of the Riverhead Town
19 Recreational Committee. I just have a
20 letter to read and it's about the
21 project. And I promise you, I am
22 only going to mention zoning once.
23 If you listen clearly, you will hear
24 it. Dear Mr. Sean Walter; Members of
25 the Town Board. I would like to take

1 this opportunity to thank you for
2 allowing me this time to speak on
3 behalf of the First Baptist Church of
4 Riverhead, in support of the much
5 needed Community Life Center in our
6 town. Approximately three years ago,
7 I stood in front of this Board with
8 the exception of Councilman Timothy
9 Hubbard. On behalf of my neighbors
10 of the Clearview Neighborhood, I
11 spoke of the many benefits the center
12 would provide for the residents of
13 our town. The members of the
14 Clearview supported this project in
15 2013. My neighbors continue to
16 support this project today. I
17 personally have served the Town as a
18 member of the Riverhead Recreation
19 Advisory Committee for approximately
20 ten years. I understand the promise
21 which this project holds.

22 Mr. Walter, Board Members, I and the
23 many members of my community would
24 ask that you and all of the members
25 of the board act swiftly to give

1 fair and impartial consideration to
2 the zoning issue before this project.
3 Sincerely, Larry D. Williams,
4 President, Clearview Neighborhood
5 Club. Riverhead Recreation
6 Committee." Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

8 MR. HULSE: Good evening. I am
9 here as a private citizen. Not as
10 any organization, and I don't want to
11 -- I support this project
12 wholeheartedly like the many people
13 who came before me and for the same
14 reasons. In addition to them, those
15 reasons that were stated. For over
16 30 years, I know first-hand the youth
17 in this community have requested that
18 they have some type of place other
19 than the traffic circle to hang out.
20 We finally -- and for over 20 years
21 that I know of, we have requested a
22 YMCA in this town and it's bounced to
23 all different kinds of locations.
24 We finally have an organization that
25 is willing and most likely able to

1 achieve both of those. And I
2 support this project in the way its
3 been presented because I believe that
4 it provides the best financial
5 resources to keep this project
6 sustainable in the future without
7 town government intervening. And
8 lastly and most importantly, I
9 support this project because I have
10 had the opportunity to sit down with
11 the Coverdale's and Rev Liggon and I
12 have found them to be amazingly
13 honest, straightforward, caring
14 community members and if anybody can
15 pull this project off, it's them.
16 And I would love to be on the side
17 that provides them the opportunity to
18 prove it to us. Thank you for your
19 time. My name is Bill Hulse.

20 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
21 We are still working on the
22 positive people for the zoning and
23 anybody against the zoning, we will
24 take you at the end. We are still
25 working on the positive folks, yes.

1 MS. PACKARD: Good evening. I
2 appreciate you allowing me this time.
3 As a senior resident in the Town of
4 Riverhead --

5 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Please
6 state your name.

7 MS. PACKARD: I am Jo Packard.
8 As a resident in the Town of
9 Riverhead, I have had the opportunity
10 to read about the Family Community
11 Life Center planned by the Church.
12 It is my opinion and my belief that
13 the proposed center and its programs,
14 the 24-hour childcare facility will
15 aid our community and the safe haven
16 for our children while --

17 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Talk to
18 us in the microphone, please. We
19 can't hear you.

20 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: You will
21 not be on the transcript if we can't
22 hear you.

23 MS. PACKARD: Senior Citizens,
24 wellness and daycare programs. Our
25 seniors, the numbers are getting

1 larger.

2 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Jo, you
3 have to talk to us otherwise they
4 won't --

5 MS. PACKARD: The sports and
6 recreation facilities will help our
7 children and force a socialization
8 that we need so much today because
9 of all the internet processes that we
10 have in place. The media center and
11 the theater will be an asset to our
12 community. We will benefit as
13 citizens of the Town of Riverhead
14 from this development. It is my
15 belief that the Family Community Life
16 Center will enhance the quality of
17 life for all ages in our Town. I ask
18 that please approve zoning that would
19 allow for a building of a mixed use
20 smart growth development that
21 provides both housing, civic space
22 open to the public where people
23 can obtain also any needed
24 services and programs. Thank you
25 very much.

1 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

2 MR. KAPPEL: Supervisor Walter,
3 Members of the Town Board.

4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Mayor.

5 MR. KAPPEL: My name is Dave
6 Kappel, 400 Front Street in
7 Greenport. I present myself to you
8 this evening as consultant to the
9 Roush Foundation of the Long Island
10 Index. The index has (In Audible)
11 over the last 12 years. The Brain
12 Drain, which talks about the alarming
13 loss of young people Age 25 to 44 in
14 our communities throughout the
15 region. It's talked about the need
16 for opportunities for children's and
17 families such as what would be
18 provided in the proposed zoning. And
19 in our most recent report, we have
20 documented that we're faced with a
21 significant gap in the need for
22 multi-family housing to meet the
23 anticipated population in the next
24 couple of years. We project a gap
25 of 72,000 units island wide. The

1 foundation is barred from endorsing
2 any specific legislation. And so I
3 am not here to tell you tonight to
4 act or not act on what's in front
5 of you. But I want to share this
6 information with you in order to
7 put into context what you're
8 contemplating because I think it
9 speaks for itself. I would also
10 like to speak to yourself as your
11 neighbor from Greenport. Someone
12 who is very familiar with the
13 Town. Someone who is admiring go
14 the Town. To say that you have a
15 sponsor as qualified and as well
16 known in the community for a project
17 like this is really rare opportunity
18 and I hope that you seize it.
19 Thank you very much.

20 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Thank
21 you.

22 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
23 How are you doing, sir?

24 MR. HAHN: Good evening. Jason
25 Hahn. I am here on behalf of County

1 Executive Steve Bellone. The adoption
2 of the proposed resolution to
3 adoption of the CBD by this body
4 will enable the Life Center
5 addressing many town and regional
6 needs and providing a range of
7 housing, workforce development, child
8 and elder care all within a green
9 sustainable building. The County
10 supports the Community Life Center
11 and looks forward to working with the
12 FCLC and this Town to advance this
13 project. The project will create
14 both short-term and long-term
15 employment opportunities and housing
16 for Riverhead and east-end residents.
17 As well as creating supportive
18 services for seniors, veterans,
19 youths, working parents and
20 individuals in need of safe,
21 decent affordable housing. We look
22 forward to the groundbreaking in the
23 future. Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Send our
25 best to the County Executive.

1 MS. DINGLE: My name is Susan
2 Dingle, and I am a poet, a social
3 worker in private practice in the
4 Town of Southold and I am also the
5 Co-founder of Poetry Street, which is
6 an open mic that is held every fourth
7 Sunday of the month at the Blue
8 Duck Bakery Cafe in downtown
9 Riverhead. And the last time that I
10 had the honor of speaking before you
11 was 2014 jump start, if you recall.
12 And if you will recall at that time,
13 a young lady came forward with a
14 painted horseshoe crab. Do you
15 remember?

16 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Yes, we
17 remember.

18 MS. DINGLE: And we thought, oh
19 my goodness. What are these people
20 going to think of a painted horseshoe
21 crab? But you all really had the
22 create visionary ability to see the
23 potential and the creativity and what
24 it would bring to Riverhead. To put
25 together creativity with business

1 partnerships in order to revitalize
2 this Town. Our revitalization that
3 has been a long time in the process.
4 I wrote all these great remarks, but
5 I am just going to wing it from the
6 heart because we don't have that much
7 time. And I hope there aren't too
8 many people to say negative things.
9 I am here to speak in support of the
10 change in zoning that would make
11 possible for the Family Community
12 Life Center to go forward. After
13 many, many years of being a vision,
14 of being a calling, it's finally
15 gotten to this point. Riverhead
16 has come a long way since 2003 when I
17 first was working here as a
18 substance abuse counselor on Main
19 Street. And it seemed at that time
20 when Sweezy's was closing and
21 Woolworth's was going under and you
22 could practically hear the
23 tumbleweeds going down Main Street,
24 it seemed that everyone in
25 Riverhead was either in treatment or

1 in need of treatment. And we have
2 come a long way. We have come a
3 really long way. It has been awesome
4 for me to see how creative this
5 Town has been in embracing the
6 projects. It seems that this is
7 another opportunity for you to
8 really be creative. Really be
9 visionary. Make Patchogue sit up
10 and (In Audible). Because by
11 passing this ordinance you will
12 make it possible for Riverhead to
13 become a leader among Long Island
14 communities. For real. For real.
15 And I am just going to take one more
16 moment to say that I am a huge fan of
17 this project because it has enabled
18 me as a poet to unite with a
19 community. My partner, Robert A.
20 "Bubby" Brown as part of First
21 Baptist Church and as community
22 poets, we have brought poetry into
23 the community in order to create a
24 new shared experience among people
25 who may not get to share very

1 much. I had the opportunity a couple
2 of years ago of going to one of the
3 benefits for the Community Life
4 Center and we did a little thing. I
5 asked people to write down a few
6 lines on a piece of paper. To
7 describe what community meant to
8 them. People wrote down things
9 that they thought community meant to
10 them. And we put it together in a
11 poem that expressed the voice and the
12 vision of the community. It's not
13 very long but what community
14 meeting would be complete without a
15 little poetry, am I right? Some of
16 the people here contributed lines
17 to the poem and I am just going to
18 read a little bit of it. I will
19 give you the whole thing. So this is
20 a community poem.

21 Friends + Family come to mind
22 when I think of community -
23 Community is family,
24 Community is where everyone
25 grows and lives in harmony:

1 Family is the heart of the
2 community
3 People working together,
4 People working and loving one
5 another;
6 A place we call home we strive
7 to make better
8 By working to put into place
9 the infrastructure that will become a
10 magnet other communities will want to
11 emulate-
12 Love!
13 Community is where we grow
14 together as a family-
15 Solidarity!
16 A community is an extended
17 family-
18 Togetherness!
19 Community is a blessing-
20 Vibrant, exuberant,
21 Family fun!
22 It takes a community to raise a
23 child,
24 Unity,
25 Affable,

1 Caring & trust-

2 We as people are the glue that

3 bind our community-

4 Cohesiveness,

5 Grand kids,

6 Love + respect Main Street

7 Riverhead,

8 Rural-keep it as rural as

9 possible -

10 Beauty is the eye of the

11 Beholder!

12 Community is rapidly changing,

13 we as people have to-

14 My community is my family,

15 Needed for all:

16 Family + friends coming

17 together;

18 I want to dance!

19 With community comes unity,

20 Joy, together

21 And we love each other with all

22 our hearts...

23 Family feelings warmth & love

24 sharing is caring feel the love

25 Community means unity, unity in

1 Christ together
2 Laughter, love & togetherness,
3 All in together, Now!
4 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
5 Phil Barbato?
6 MR. BARBATO: Phil Barbato,
7 Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation
8 Coalition. I don't think anybody in
9 their right mind could say that this
10 project is a bad idea for our
11 community. And these folks are a
12 wonderful set of neighbors for us to
13 have. I congratulate all of you. I
14 do think that tonight's hearing is
15 on the zoning change and that is
16 the only comments that I have to
17 make. I think that as a community
18 we need to figure out a way to make
19 this project work. There is no
20 doubt about that. I think that if
21 this proposal for the zoning change
22 was done to enable the Family Life
23 Center it failed. I think that it
24 will not succeed to do that and you
25 have done a great disservice to the

1 folks here tonight. I think that the
2 proposed overlay district, which
3 this is, which can lay down anywhere
4 in the Town is much bigger than one
5 project alone. And irregardless of
6 all the fine comments that were made
7 here tonight, we need to focus on the
8 fact that this is a district proposal
9 and not a project proposal. And we
10 need to clear it up and make it
11 better so that this project could go
12 forward. So I am not questioning
13 the need for the Life Center and I
14 am here to talk about the zone
15 change that was proposed and what I
16 believe is the subject of this
17 hearing tonight. I think it has not
18 been adequately described,
19 explained or evaluated. There has
20 been no description or even public
21 debate until now for the need of
22 this type of zoning district. There
23 is no explanation of how many of
24 these uses are needed or would be
25 permitted under the zoning code.

1 It's very vague on where they're
2 going to go and how many they are.
3 And there has been no evaluation
4 of the environmental impact on the
5 community of these uses. One
6 project, that's going to be easy
7 compared to evaluating the impact
8 of this entire code, which is vague.
9 What is going to be the full impact
10 of it. So I encourage you to work
11 harder on the actual underling -- the
12 code that is going to be -- the
13 code that is going to enable this
14 project needs to be improved. So
15 that it doesn't have a negative
16 impact on the rest of the
17 communities in our fine town. I think
18 as it was mentioned by the Planning
19 Board this is a Type I Action under
20 the State Environmental Quality
21 Review Act.

22 SUPERVISOR WALTER: That was all
23 addressed. I don't think you were
24 here in the beginning.

25 MR. BARBATO: I just heard the

1 beginning of it and I just wanted to
2 second that opinion. Not that I
3 need a second. I agree with that and
4 I think there are some real
5 questions about the nebulousness
6 and the vagueness of this code the
7 way that it is written. And as I say,
8 it does a disservice to the folks
9 here tonight.

10 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.

11 MS. JENS-SMITH: Hi. Laura
12 Jens-Smith. And I am really the same
13 with Phil. Just to reiterate the
14 actual zoning itself. I think the
15 Family Life Community Center is a
16 great project and I think it should
17 be used as a model for the zoning. I
18 think that part of the thing that
19 Jodi was saying is kind of where I
20 find a little lacking in the zoning.
21 I think that the project that is
22 proposed really does have multiple
23 uses. It would be a community
24 gathering place as well as workforce
25 housing. And I think that is what

1 everybody is championing here. I
2 think that is what should be
3 championing in the community. But
4 this being an overlay zone, it can go
5 into other areas of the Town and
6 there would be no impetus for
7 somebody else to comply with the type
8 of community center that the Family
9 Life Community Center is proposing.
10 And that is what makes this project
11 great. Anybody else who were to ask
12 for this overlay I think should be
13 held to that high standard. And I
14 don't see that in the coding and I
15 think that should be placed in this
16 coding so that this project, if it is
17 duplicated in other sections of the
18 Town will carry the same value for
19 our community. And one other thing. I
20 just have a question in the zoning
21 which I didn't understand was the
22 setbacks. I know this is an
23 overlying zoning that can go into a
24 residential area. And it wasn't
25 quite clear to me if the side yard

1 setbacks only had to be 15 feet
2 within a residential area --

3 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Just write
4 that question down. We will get the
5 answer to that.

6 MS. JENS-SMITH: Yes, just to be
7 good neighbors and within the
8 community that any of these are
9 set-up. You know, just to take a look
10 at the side yard setbacks.

11 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you.
12 Okay. Does anybody else wish to be
13 heard on this matter?

14 (No Response).

15 SUPERVISOR WALTER: We are
16 going to close the public hearing and
17 we will leave it open for written
18 comment until, as I said, at the
19 start of the meeting, March 31st
20 4:30 in the Town Clerk's Office.

21 (Whereupon, the public hearing
22 concluded at 8:55 p.m.)

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1 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Thank you
2 very much for everybody coming, and
3 Ms. Patrikis, we will take you ahead
4 of the final hearing since you have
5 been so persistent.

6 (Comments to the Town Board:
7 Vasso Patrikis approached the podium
8 regarding "Senior Exemption" for her
9 property taxes. She requested that
10 the Town Board increase the income
11 limits. At her current income, she
12 does not qualify for th exemption.
13 The Supervisor informed her that
14 the Town Board is not authorized to
15 do so. The limits are set by the
16 State.)

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1 (Public Hearing: The
2 Consideration of a Local Law to
3 Abolish Chapter 32, Entitled "Board
4 of Police Commissioners.)

5 SUPERVISOR WALTER: We are
6 going to open the last public
7 hearing. So we have the final public
8 hearing. It's scheduled for -- was a
9 public hearing for the consideration
10 of the Local Law Board of Police
11 Commissioners. The time for the
12 scheduled public hearing was 7:05.
13 It is now 9:06. We open up that
14 public hearing.

15 Tim, do you want to speak on
16 that?

17 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: We
18 abolished it. Chapter 32 deals
19 with police commissioners. In the
20 past, on Town Code, Chapter 32
21 dealt with the fact that there were
22 three police commissioners from the
23 Board. That was done in 1978, I
24 believe. That was the last time
25 that they used three board members to

1 be the police commission. That can
2 no longer be done. The law has
3 changed. There would only allowed to
4 be two Board members and acting
5 over the last few years, the
6 Supervisor has been the police
7 commissioner.

8 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Sort of.

9 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: So what
10 we are looking to do is make the
11 entire Board the police commission.
12 It gives us five sets of eyes on the
13 police department which is -- I don't
14 say that in a bad way but I say that
15 meaning they are the biggest
16 department in the Town of
17 Riverhead with the biggest budget.
18 And there is three retired cops up
19 here that have put our knowledge to
20 use. And that is really what we're
21 looking to do.

22 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: This is
23 just a deletion of the existing.
24 It's not a creation --

25 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: It

1 automatically defaults to the Board
2 being the five board commission. So
3 by abolishing the old system, which
4 is technically illegal with the three
5 Board members, it instills or
6 installs the Board as a police
7 commission.

8 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Right. We
9 have never run it as a police
10 commission because I didn't know
11 this, as hiring and firing, I didn't
12 have to go to the Town Board for
13 anything. I could have hired any
14 cops if I wanted to. I have never
15 run it like that. We have always had
16 departments -- liaisons. We have
17 always run it as a Town board. So
18 what Councilman Hubbard is asking us
19 to do is to get rid of the system
20 that is illegal because you can't
21 have three council members which by a
22 resolution was amended to make me the
23 police commissioner. I have never
24 run it that way. I have always run
25 it as a Town Board. So by

1 eliminating this section of the
2 code --

3 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: But
4 you're still the police commissioner
5 as resolution?

6 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: No, we're a
7 board of commissioners as opposed to
8 one police commissioner.

9 SUPERVISOR WALTER: The Town
10 Board will then be as the police
11 commission.

12 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: When it
13 was a three person commission that
14 had to be abolished because the
15 law --

16 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Didn't we
17 pass a resolution making the
18 supervisor the police commissioner?

19 SUPERVISOR WALTER: They did.

20 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: So
21 don't we have to abolish that?

22 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: Then we
23 have to look at rescinding that but
24 it was nothing that was done every
25 year which it had to be done every

1 year.

2 SUPERVISOR WALTER: I have
3 never been sworn in.

4 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: I am not
5 opposed to abolishing this because
6 like you said, it's illegal.

7 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: It's not
8 allowed.

9 SUPERVISOR WALTER: All right.
10 Anybody else wish to be heard on that
11 subject?

12 (No Response.)

13 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Seeing no
14 one. We will leave it open for
15 written comment until March 24th for
16 written comment to the Town Clerk's
17 Office till 4:30 P.M.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: I make a
19 motion we close the Town Board
20 Meeting.

21 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: Second.

22 SUPERVISOR WALTER: All in
23 favor?

24 COUNCILMAN WOOTEN: Aye.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNLEAVY: Aye.

1 COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO: Aye.

2 COUNCILMAN HUBBARD: Aye.

3 SUPERVISOR WALTER: Aye.

4 Abstentions?

5 Opposed?

6 (No Response.)

7 SUPERVISOR WALTER: We stand

8 adjourned.

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10 (Whereupon, the meeting concluded

11 at 9:10 p.m.)

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I, Jessica DiLallo, certify that
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