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Minutes of a CDA Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, December 21, 1999 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Vincent Villella,	Chairman
Philip Cardinale,	Member
Christopher Kent,	Member
Mark Kwasna,	Member
James Lull,	Member

Also Present:

Andrea Lohneiss,	Director
Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Adam Grossman, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Chairman Villella called the meeting to order.

Andrea Lohneiss: "Resolution #24 designates Island Water Park as a qualified and eligible sponsor for redevelopment of approximately 40 acres at Calverton."

Member Cardinale: "The-- I'd like to make a motion on 24 and 25 together to table these. We had a brief recess and we discussed this. I believe that this is the type of decision that requires the invaluable input of the new Board members. I believe that the Riverhead Center analogy used by incoming Councilman Densieski was apt although a lot of the other things he said was incorrect. I believe that the outgoing Town Board the majority should exercise some degree of humility and presume that the incoming Board has brains and will do what is best for the Town. I believe and so does Vinny and Chris and probably the other two guys up here that this is a good deal and that this sponsorship decision should be made. On the other hand, if it's good today, it will be good in four weeks and I heard Ed Densieski indicate that the new Board would move swiftly and I would expect that would mean about a month from now. We will get the same decision we would have gotten today but we will have it made by the new Board and that new Board will in so making that decision endorse what is best for the Town for reasons eloquently stated by Jan Burman on the record today.

I also believe this will allow furthe public comment. I also believe that there is some technical reasons that make it preferable

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not to vote it today, not the least of which is that we-- I think it better policy to vote not the same day as the public hearing but to let some of the words of wisdom we have heard sink in and I believe that we are to trust the people that elected the people that are coming into office that they will do the right thing and they will do it swiftly as they promised.

So for those reasons, I ask that this be tabled."

Chairman Villella: "I need a second."

Member Lull: "I'll second it."

Chairman Villella: "Thank you."

Member Lull: "Vinny, instead of talking when I vote I'll just simply second what Phil said and most importantly because we had an agreement on this Board and have had a standing agreement on this Board although we varied from it a couple of times and I think both times were probably wrong, but we had varied from it but we have not been in the habit of voting on an issue on the same night as we had a public hearing. To my mind, preparing a resolution to be voted on even before there's a public hearing is a way of shutting down public debate or taking into account less of the public debate. And so the issue is one of may sound like one of form, but it really isn't. It's really one of concern for what the people of the town have to say about an issue. And so, therefore, for that reason, I would second the motion to table this."

Chairman Villella: "There's a second to the motion."

Andrea Lohneiss: "Okay, for the record, the motion to table is on both resolutions, 24 and 25?"

Chairman Villella: "Yes."

Andrea Lohneiss: "And there's a second. I'll call the roll."

Chairman Villella: "Yes."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Member Cardinale: "In voting, yes to table obviously I want to also point out to those of you who may be don't know this or are

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confused that the Riverhead Center analogy was a similar resolution on an important topic passed in the waning moments of the administration we defeated and replaced. We don't want to repeat that mistake so I vote yes to table."

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

Member Kent: "I was prepared to vote for both of these resolutions this evening. It's unfortunate that we are not going to. I just hope that the incoming Board will realize the importance of entering into the transaction and moving forward with the sale of the industrial portion of the property. I believe if we continue ownership of this property it's incorrect. The town should not be in the real estate business. I believe we would be in a position where we would be holding property at a loss for a minimum of 10 years. It would require huge capital investment into the property and it would require debt service in a frightening amount which would probably bankrupt the town. And I think that-- I'm hoping that in meetings that we had with the new Town Board we can appeal to their better judgment and we can move forward with this transaction because I think it's in the best interests in not only of this Town Board but future Town Boards and all the residents of the Town of Riverhead.

But I will vote today to table it so I vote yes."

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

Member Kwasna: "In the studying of these two deals over the past year or so, I believe that both of these deals are good deals for the town. And I would vote yes on the sponsorship of these people and the sale to these people but I do think that it's a good thing that we're not doing it as a last minute resolution at the end of the year and the new Town Board has a chance to take a look at it and good luck to them and I vote yes to table."

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

Member Lull: "Separating the two, I have no questions about the designation of the Island Water Park and I am hopeful that will be taken care of very soon.

The second one to designate Calverton Camelot is a little bit muddied today when the map went up-- the survey map went up in the hall because the survey map is-- incorrectly identifies certain

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portions of the property that probably is simply because it's a proposal and needs to be straightened out. But I think it would be wise to straighten it out before we designate. So I vote yes to table."

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

Chairman Cardinale: "I was going to vote for it but then as we got talking in the room and everything, I think it's great to have the new Town Board come in and, you know, have their say on it. We listened to Ed and Bob when they spoke before and we already-- the five of us are unanimous on going ahead with the Jan Burman deal. So I don't see any change. There's three votes. We've got Chris. You've got Phil and you've got Jim. So you've got the three votes even if the other two don't want to go along with it. So I feel very comfortable and I have to vote yes to table."

Andrea Lohneiss: "The resolution to table is adopted."

Resolution #26

Andrea Lohneiss: "Authorizes the Chairman to execute a contract with the New York State Department of Economic Development for the funding for 1999-2000 for the Economic Development Zone."

Member Kent: "So moved."

Member Kwasna: "Seconded."

Chairman Villella: "Discussion. Have they paid us yet?"

Andrea Lohneiss: "No."

Chairman Villella: "What's dragging their feet, the state and the county? Is there anything you could-- "

Andrea Lohneiss: "The (inaudible) money owed to us by the county for this calendar year, that doesn't start until January 1st."

Chairman Villella: "Okay, good. Okay. It's moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Resolution #27

Andrea Lohneiss: "Converts two loans made by the Riverhead CDA to Riverhead Foundation in 1998 and 1999."

Member Kent: "I move to table that based on the invitation that we've extended them to the next work session."

Chairman Villella: "Is there a second?"

Member Cardinale: "Seconded."

Chairman Villella: "Moved and seconded to table."

The Vote: "Cardinale, yes; Kent, yes, to table; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, to table, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #28

Andrea Lohneiss: "It's adopted to table."

Chairman Villella: "To table it."

Member Kent: "The motion was to table."

Member Cardinale: "It's confusing, isn't it?"

Chairman Villella: "28 you could go through with."

Andrea Lohneiss: "28 a resolution forgives a loan by the Town of Riverhead to the Okeanos Ocean Research Foundation from 1996."

Member Lull: "Under the category of squeezing blood out of a stone. I move that."

Member Kwasna: "Second."

Chairman Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Cardinale."

Member Cardinale: "Yes, I've had personal experience trying to collect from them and I can attest this is an uncollectible debt. So I would vote yes to deem it uncollectible."

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The Vote (Cont'd.): "Kent, yes; Kwasna, yes; Lull, yes; Villella, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Andrea Lohneiss: "That concludes the resolutions of the CDA."

Chairman Villella: "Thank you, Andrea. We close the CDA meeting."

Meeting closed: 5:38 p.m.

Barbara Guatton
Town Clerk