

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, 95 MAIN ST., SETAUKET

Present

Mayor Michael Levine
Trustee Thomas Gulbransen
Trustee Donald Pius
Trustee William Schaefer
Village Attorney Anthony Guardino
Village Clerk Dale Salzberg
Deputy Clerk Andrea Brosnan
Village Treasurer Anne Cadden

Present

Dayton Brown
John Casiano
Darlene Chardon
Christine D'Alessandro
Bruce Feller
Marianne Feller
Gudjon Hermannsson
Ed Kemp
Florence Kemp
Donald King
Lee Lambert
Kalpana Patel
Richard Rudnicki
Robert Single
Richard Sobel
Charles Southard
John Von Lintig

Mayor Levine called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Kalpana Patel addressed the Board.
Richard Sobel addressed the Board.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Pius to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 10, 2008. The motion was approved 3-0-1 with Trustees Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion. Trustee Gulbransen, who was not in attendance at the meeting, abstained from the vote.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the Treasurer’s Report and payment of warrants for June 2008. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

CHIEF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

As given by Mayor Levine.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor reported that the village had received a letter from the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), requesting permission to conduct a door-to-door outreach and noted that a letter would be sent to NYPIRG stating that it is neither the policy of the Village to approve nor deny a request to enter the Village.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

A motion was made by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the Zoning Permit application of **Harkins, 6 Flax Pond Woods Road**, to remove one tree. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the Zoning Permit application of **Rhodes-Brown, 25 Flax Pond Woods Road**, to remove four diseased trees. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the Zoning Permit application of **Ziviello, 5 West Gate Lane, to remove one tree.** . The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Pius to approve the Building Permit for **Chardon, 126 Old Field Road**, to construct a 1,400 sq. ft. deck subject to a penalty of 2 times the building fee for beginning construction prior to obtaining a building permit. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

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The Board agreed to schedule a Public Hearing prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on September 9, 2008 to explore the potential of amending Covenants and Restrictions on the **Chardon** property at **126 Old Field Road**

A motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen to approve the Building Permit application of **Jackson, 15 Crane Neck Road**, to construct a 20' x 20' first floor sunroom subject to:

- Removal of the oil tank
- Approval of the Building Inspector
- Submission of a topographic survey that shows the proposed elevations, after relocation of fill from the basement excavation.

The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

APPLICATION OF DAYTON T. BROWN

At the June Board meeting, the Board agreed to open the Public Hearing on the application of Dayton T. Brown to amend the terms of a negative covenant, for the sole purpose of receiving additional written submissions. The Board has now received those submissions and, accordingly, will issue a written decision following the August 14, 2008 work session.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

PARKS AND BUILDINGS

Trustee Schaefer reported that the renovation of the Keepers House is now complete and that efforts are now underway to consolidate the Village offices into the Lighthouse. He also noted that a review of any dangerous trees or tree branches along Village roads has been scheduled for the week of July 14th.

SAFETY

Mayor Levine reported that in an effort to curtail expenses, Beach Patrol by the Code Enforcement Officers has been eliminated on Saturdays and Sundays. He assured residents that the all-terrain vehicle is still available and ready to respond as needed.

Trustee Gulbransen reported that the Setauket Fire Department maintains a confidential log of passwords/codes for resident gates that can be dispatched to the fire department or rescue crews in an emergency. He urged residents with locked gates to contact the fire department with their information.

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STREET AND ROADSIDES

On behalf of Trustee Rosenberg, Mayor Levine reported that the Village has received a quote to resurface parts of Mt. Grey and Old Field Road, including the addition of cobblestone borders around the islands. The Village will be obtaining additional bids for the work.

FIRE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Trustee Pius reported that he has been working with Chief McGuire to review the code enforcement procedures in an effort to reduce costs.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Trustee Gulbransen noted that the onset of hurricane season reinforces CERT's responsibility to make preparation for emergencies and also urged residents to take precautions. An article in the upcoming July newsletter addresses what residents can do to protect themselves and their homes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the following appointments were unanimously approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer, and Mayor Levine, voting in favor of the motion:

Brian Fleming as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer at \$17.91/hr for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.

Michael Nuzzo as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer at \$17.91/hr for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.

Wireless Communications

Mayor Levine reported that the Board is looking into the possibility of installing cell service at the lighthouse grounds. Verizon Wireless has submit a plan that would provide minimal visual impact, while providing both cell service for Old Field and income for the Village. The Mayor made clear that the Board is merely pursuing the option of cell service and that no decision has been made to go forward.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Richard Sobel addressed the Board.

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UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

The next Board of Trustees Work Session will take place on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Battelle Memorial Institute.

The next regular meeting of the Village of Old Field Board of Trustees will take place on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood House.

A motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:46 p.m. The motion was approved 4-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius and Schaefer and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Salzberg
Village Clerk