

**Village of Old Field  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Thomas Pirro-Code Enforcement, Building, Lighthouse Reno Project**

**Trustee Tom Gulbransen- Environmental Council, Fire & Safety**

**Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building and Street Trees, Lighthouse Reno Project** (Unable to attend)

**Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street & Roadside Repairs**

**Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects, Website, Village Code Review**

Anthony Guardino, Village Attorney

Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel

Village Treasurer Andrea Podolsky

Building Insp. Joe Arico (Unable to attend)

Building Clerk Dawn McCoy (Unable to attend)

**Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Pirro led the pledge to the flag and opened the meeting at 7:05

**Building**

Building Inspector Joe Arico was unable to attend.

- Building Dept. reports for Feb. 2022; delinquent permit renewal list and open permit list
- Old Field Trade Winds LLC, 178 OFR, permit # 2019-0014, 6 month renewal, new home build
- GM 76 Mt Grey LLC, 76 Mt Grey, permit 2023-0009, demo permit
- Cella, Paul, 78 Mt. Grey, permit #2023-0010, demo permit
- Cablevision, permit #2023-0014, underground cable line Trillium and Blueberry Ridge
- Old Field Club, W Meadow Rd., permit 2023-0001, expand service kitchen
- Dymond, Kevin, permit 2021-0037, amendment for cobblestone apron
- Shroyer, Annie Laurie & Keith, 8 Woodcock Lane, permit #2023-0015, 504 sq. ft. sunroom with pool
- **HOLD:** Huang, Li, 15 Woodhull Cove Ln., permit #2022-0014, demo and build new family dwelling, site plan revision required as of 05 31 22, and 07 25 2022, by Village Engineer, revised plan submitted 08 25 22
- Letter from Richard Sobel, ZBA Chair:

3/12/2023

Village of Old Field

207 Old Field Rd

Setauket, NY 11733

Attn: Board of Trustees

RE: ZBA Variance Granted in 2016 regarding 7 Old Field Place

Hello,

*Please read into the minutes of the 3-14-23 board meeting. I am traveling and I am unable to attend.*

*I wanted to bring your attention to a situation on Old Field Place regarding neighbors, the street, and flooding. One of the possible factors involved in this issue directly links back to a ZBA decision made May 2, 2016. I was on the board at that time, and I am currently Chairman of the ZBA.*

*In our deliberations and in our decision the ZBA referenced the site plan with regard to the concern for, possibility of, and control of, flooding. This issue was addressed multiple times by multiple board members during the hearing and it is part of the decision. That site plan was not followed at the time and has still not been fully applied to this property. One example is that the site plan specifies a trench drain across the drive way entrance and an accompanying dry well. There is no drain across the driveway. I bring this to your*

*attention so you can remedy this situation as it may have a direct result on the issues effecting this street and the flooding that is currently occurring.*

*Our decision to grant the variance was based, partly, on the site plan. Since the site plan was not followed I wonder if the variance is now null and void?*

*Addressing this issue is time sensitive. This street association is considering multiple solutions to their flooding and road degradation. I believe that complying with the variance (site plan) is an important part of the solution to these problems.*

*Thanks, Richard Sobel, Chairman ZBA*

The Board discussed the letter from Richard Sobel. Attorney Anthony Guardino discussed the role and authority of the ZBA, and their final decision and order regarding 7 Old Field Place. The Village Engineer visited the site again today, during heavy rain.

### **Village Clerk**

- On a motion Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved the minutes of Feb. 14, 2023, 4-0.
- Retevment Bid posted to Times Beacon Record and The NYS Contractor Reporter, open date 03 23 23 at 10:30 AM; as of 03 09, 11 bidders, additional 4 pending payment
- Village Election is on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, voting is noon to 9:00 PM at the Keeper's Cottage, for two trustee seats; incumbents Rebecca VanDerBogart and Morgan Morrison are on the ballot

### **Treasurer**

- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer's report as presented for Feb. 2023, 4-0.

### **Code Report**

- February 2023, 643 property checks, 3 code violation investigation reports, 2 Village information reports, 1 motorist assist, no summons enforcement for Feb.

The Board discussed future training for Code officers, certifications necessary to write building violations, and the importance of required specific information on summonses to remain valid in court.

### **Environmental Committee**

- On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the Board approved the recommendation of the Environmental Committee to approve Chen, Ziping, 20 Flax Pond Woods Rd., for the removal of two trees close to house 3-1, Trustee Gulbransen voted no.

The Board and Environmental Chair Bruce Feller discussed encouraging replanting of trees when old growth healthy trees are removed for safety concerns.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

**Mayor Pirro-Code Enforcement, Lighthouse Reno Project, Building, Fire Marshall contact;**

- R&M is expected to have the bid for the Lighthouse renovation completed within the week

**Trustee Gulbransen- Deputy Mayor, Fire & Safety, Environmental Council, Fire Marshall contact**

**Trustee VanDerBogart-Parks, Building & Street Trees, Lighthouse Reno Project**

- Lighthouse Reno Project; National Historic Landmark designation

**Trustee Morgan Morrison -Street & Roadside Repairs:**

- Frost free days required to repair pot holes, bell hole near 106 Mt. Grey has sunk in, to be repaired

**Trustee Schaefer-Special Projects, Liaison to the ADA/Court, Fire Marshall contact**

- Website updates ongoing, will require new costly web site platform to become an interactive site; waiting for contact information for new web site manager
- Proposed Revisions of Village Code; land clearing; suggested the Board schedule a meeting for all Code reviews

**Adjourn:** On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

**Calendar: Work Session, 6:00 PM and Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM on April 4, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Kessel

Village Clerk

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