

**VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL  
MINUTES OF  
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & PLANNING BOARD  
March 2, 2015**

A regular monthly meeting and public hearing of the Board of Trustees and a public hearing of the Planning Board was held on March 2, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM by Mayor Elaine Phillips with the following in attendance:

Elaine Phillips	Mayor
Robert McNamara	Deputy Mayor
Karen Reichenbach	Trustee
Gary Lewandowski	Trustee
Brian Herrington	Trustee
Randall Rosenbaum	Trustee
Jay Beber	Trustee
Rhoda Becker	Planning Board Chair
John Ghize	Planning Board Member
Howard Miller	Planning Board Member
Jeffrey Blinkoff	Village Attorney
Ronnie Shatzkamer	Village Administrator
James Gilhooly	Building Superintendent
Kathy Wade	Village Treasurer
Scott Hislop	Highway Superintendent
Robert Rockelein	Code Enforcement Officer

Ms. Becker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were nine members of the public present.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Deputy Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum, the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Meeting was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report**

On motion of Deputy Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach, the claims were unanimously approved.

**Architectural Review Committee Report**

Mr. Gilhooly reported on the February 23, 2015 committee meeting. No action was taken on the applications of Latin, 23 Woodland for a new driveway and second curb cut; Schwartz, 15 Ridge Drive West for roof mounted solar panels and Marino, 4 Greenway for a second story addition and circular driveway. The Committee approved the applications as submitted of Strianese, 64 Elderfields Rd. for a pool house and Dixon, 35 Birch La. for a pool house. The Committee also recommended approval with modifications for Ajodan, 4 Crabtree Lane for a new one family dwelling and Ui-Wing, 10 Hewlett Lane for a second story addition and covered porch.

On motion of Deputy Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Architectural Review Committee.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Hislop advised that there have been 14 storms so far this season. His department has used 350 tons of salt and has amassed 120 hours of overtime.

They have also spent \$8,000.00 in truck parts that needed replacement because of the harsh conditions. They are aware of the severe pothole problem and will begin remediation in the spring.

### **Public Hearing**

On motion of Mayor Phillips, seconded by Trustee Beber, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm.

The first public hearing was to retake a vote on Local Law D-2014 entitled "Skateboards" and its accompanying resolution designating the roads to which it applies. The hearing was re-noticed on the advice of counsel as there was an error in the original notice for the February 2, 2015 hearing.

### **Resolution No. 09 – March 2, 2015**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW 1 - 2015**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee McNamara:

**WHEREAS**, It is in the best interests to protect health and safety of the Village residents and all those who may travel upon its roads and;

**WHEREUPON**, the Board of Trustees has determined that it should preclude the operation of a particular type of skateboard identified as a longboard in such areas of the Village as the Board of Trustees may determine by Resolution, premised upon a finding by the Board that the use of longboards in such designated areas would pose a potential danger to pedestrians, drivers and users of longboards or create a strong negative impact on the peace and tranquility of the surrounding neighborhood;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Local Law "1" of the Year 2015 providing for an amendment to the Village Code to add a chapter entitled "Skateboards" shall be approved.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

### **Resolution No. 10 – March 2, 2015**

#### **1RESOLUTION IN ACCORD WITH CODE CHAPTER ENTITLED "SKATEBOARDS"**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee McNamara:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees adopted Chapter 166 entitled "Skateboards" which empowers the Board of Trustees to preclude the operation of a particular type of skateboard identified as a longboard in such areas of the Village as the Board of Trustees may determine by Resolution, premised upon a finding by the Board that the use of longboards in such designated areas would pose a potential danger to pedestrians, drivers and users of longboards or create a strong negative impact on the peace and tranquility of the surrounding neighborhood. The Board of Trustees was also empowered to amend the Resolution from time to time as deemed necessary to add or remove designated areas or to impose such additional restrictions on the use of longboards in conjunction with further findings of the same nature, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has been made aware during meetings held before the Board that the use of longboards on Colony Lane within the Village pose a potential danger to pedestrians, drivers and users of longboards and also create a strong negative impact on the peace and tranquility of the surrounding neighborhood, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees having been provided with specific factual descriptions of the manner in which longboards have been used on Colony Lane and having also heard from the Village Code Enforcer who has observed the same,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees finds that use of longboards on Colony Lane poses a potential danger to pedestrians, drivers and users of longboards and creates a strong negative impact on the peace and tranquility of the surrounding neighborhood, and,

**THEREFORE**, it is resolved that the use of longboards on Colony Lane is prohibited.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

The second hearing was a joint hearing with the Planning Board to consider a Change of Zone for a portion of property at 67 Knollwood Road from R-7 (residential) to C-1 (commercial) and a sub-division for portion of property at 67 Knollwood Road. Attorney Anthony Guardino represented the applicant, Michael Cohen d/b/a Barco Realty. Several residents of adjoining properties addressed the Board. On motion of Mayor Phillips, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the hearing to April 6, 2015 to allow the applicant time to submit a full site development plan with a detailed landscaping plan as well as allowing time for the neighboring residents to view and comment on the plan.

#### **Resolution No. 11 – March 2, 2015**

##### **SEQRA DETERMINATION**

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Phillips, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees and Planning Board of the Villager of Flower Hill have applications before them for a change of zone and sub-division at 67 Knollwood Road, and

**WHEREAS**, The Board has determined that it is the lead agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and that said variance and change of zone, if granted, has been determined to have no significant effect or impact under SEQRA.

**THEREFORE** the Board has determined that the applications are either Type II or unlisted actions pursuant to 6NYCRR Section 617.5 and SEQRA and requires no further review under SEQRA.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

The third public hearing was to consider Local Law A – 2015 regarding the installation of stop signs on the NE corner Cherrywood Rd. at Middle Neck Rd & NE corner of Oak Tree La. at Crabapple Rd.

#### **Resolution No. 12 – March 2, 2015**

##### **RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW 2 – 2015**

##### **A Local Law amending Chapter 227 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Herrington:

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill, New York as follows:

**Section 1. Amending Section 227-8 “Stop Intersections”, Schedule V**, to designate the following as stop intersections:

**Section 2.** Amend Schedule V as follows:

<b>Stop sign on</b>	<b>Direction of travel</b>	<b>At intersection of</b>
Cherrywood Lane	Westbound	Middle Neck Road
Oak Tree Lane	Westbound	Crabapple Road

**Section 3. Exercise of supersession authority.** The Village hereby exercises the power of supersession granted to it pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(e)(3) with respect to the within local law and hereby supersedes Village Law section 7-706(2) to the extent it requires notice for publication other than has been, or will be, provided as to the within local law.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This law shall take effect immediately.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

**Resolution No. 13– March 2, 2015**

**SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL LAWS 1 & 2 OF 2015**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Reichenbach, seconded by Trustee Herrington:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is the lead agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (“SEQRA”), and has further determined that the consideration of the within Local Laws are a Type Two action having no significant effect upon the environment and requiring no further action under SEQRA,

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is resolved that the Local Laws Local Laws 1 and 2 of the Year 2015 are hereby approved.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

On motion of Trustee Lewandowski seconded by Trustee Herrington, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed. See the stenographic record for further

details.

### **Administrator's Report**

Ms. Shatzkamer asked the Board for a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lauri Strauss Leukemia Foundation Ride for Research Bike Tour on May 17, 2015 along Stonytown Road. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Beber and unanimously approved. She also informed the Board that National Grid will be replacing 700 feet of a gas main line under Port Washington Blvd. this spring so any plans for the reconstruction of the Country Club traffic island should be delayed until they are finished working in that area.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Blinkoff submitted his report on the February 18, 2015 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

### **Trustees Report**

Trustee Reichenbach announced plans for the Village Arbor Day celebration which will take place on either Friday April 24 or May 1. The Tree Committee plans to present PSEG with a proclamation thanking them for planting the center traffic islands on Port Washington Blvd, the event will be preceded by a press release, invitation to dignitaries and a ceremony celebrating the Village's designation as a Tree City USA. She also noted that the Village will be planting 27 trees in the right-of-way of the homes of those residents who had previously requested trees at the end of April or beginning of May.

Trustee Beber gave a short presentation on the use of signage, distribution of emergency contact cards and a mailing piece on preparing for emergencies.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on her and Trustee Beber and Herrington's attendance at the NYCOM Winter Legislative meeting in Albany. She went over the key point of the DOT traffic study that encompasses Port Washington Blvd. Highlights include the lowering of the speed limit and the redesign of the left hand turn lane onto Middle Neck Road. The Village will also be obtaining two additional electronic speed signs. The Board was informed about the search for new Village Engineers, the State of the Village letter that was sent to all residents and the Port Washington Fire Dept. LOSAP issue.

### **Resolution No. 14 – March 2, 2015**

#### **RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee McNamara, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach:

**WHEREAS** the Village is engaged in negotiations with the Port Washington Fire Department and the other municipalities they serve to resolve an action brought by the EEOC regarding the department's Length of Service Program (LOSAP),

**THEREFORE** this Board resolves to authorize Mayor Elaine Phillips to vote on and execute any agreement regarding the LOSAP program on behalf of the Village.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye

Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

### **Old Business**

The Mayor discussed Code Red and Swift Reach emergency notification systems and the issue the Village is having regarding privacy concerns and sharing data.

The Mayor briefly went over the Strategic Plan chart and asked each committee to reach out to Kathy Wade to finalize their projects. She suggested that one committee present their report at a Board meeting over the course of the next four months.

### **New Business**

David Martin, a fifth year architecture student at NYIT, started a program to design benches for public spaces and gave a presentation regarding the different styles available. NYIT will donate two benches to the Village for use at the basketball court.

On motion of Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Reichenbach, the Board unanimously approved retaining D&B Engineering to prepare the Village 2015 Storm Water report.

### **Resolution No. 15 - March 2, 2015**

#### **2RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW "B" OF THE YEAR 2015 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee McNamara, seconded by Trustee Herrington:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Local Law "B" of the Year 2015 providing for an amendment to the Code of the Village of Flower Hill, imposing a penalty for building outside of the scope of an issued permit and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill at the address of One Bonnie Heights Road, Manhasset, New York at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Reichenbach	Aye
Trustee Herrington	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Deputy Mayor McNamara	Aye
Mayor Phillips	Aye

On motion of Trustee Reichenbach, seconded by Trustee Beber the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronnie Shatzkamer  
Village Administrator