

**PARKS, SPORTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Parks, Sports & Cultural Affairs Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **June 5, 2003**.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Ginny Fields - Chairperson  
Legislator Jon Cooper - Vice Chairman  
Legislator Angie Carpenter  
Legislator Brian Foley  
Legislator Lynne Nowick  
Legislator Angie Carpenter

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Sabatino, II - Counsel to the Legislature  
Alexander B. Sullivan - Chief Deputy of the Legislature  
Steve Raptoulis - Deputy Commissioner Parks Department  
Jerry Kessler - Friends for Long Island's Heritage  
Denise Speizio - Suffolk County Parks Department  
Ann M. Maguire - Little Red School House  
Sean Clancy - BRO  
Roger Podd - Aide to Presiding Officer Postal  
Judy Gordon - Commissioner of Suffolk County Parks  
Georgia Lheron - Little Red School House  
Mary Skiber - Aide to Legislator Fields  
Lee Thompson -  
All other interested parties.

**Minutes taken by:**

**Eileen Schmidt - Legislative Secretary**

**(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:13 A.M.)**

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

The June 5th meeting of the Parks Committee, we'll start with the pledge of allegiance led by Legislator Cooper.

**SALUTATION**

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. We have a couple of cards. The first one is Ann McGuire regarding the Little Red School House.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Thank you for your time on this issue, but it's very important to the people of Elwood. On Wednesday during the school budget vote Georgia and I took the opportunity to be in front of the school. And we had pictures some of which we have with us today and we were asking us people to sign a petition for two reasons. One was the fact that in 1987 when the school district sold the Red School House to the County. They were promised that it would be dedicated to a historical building and that it would be renovated so that in a1910, I believe, type classroom would be set up for the children of Suffolk County to come and visit. So our petition was to ask that the Legislature dedicate this building and make it historical because it turns out that that was never carried through and all these years the residents of Elwood have believed that this was a historical building. And the other petition that we had is we have a library board that had been interested in this building and we're asking them to take it off their agenda.

It is very important to us to have this building dedicated. When we had the opportunity to stand at the school in a few hours we were able to collect way over a hundred signatures. And it took us a long time because believe it or not the people of Elwood do not know anything about this issue. So we had to explain it to every person we spoke to and I myself will say out of all the people I spoke to it wasn't that I would say maybe two people said, "I don't want to sign it today; I want to find out more." We didn't find anybody who said I don't want to hear what you have to say. We had various opinions about the building and that's for another agenda elsewhere, but it is very important to us that the Legislature dedicate this building like it was promised to the people of Elwood. And that it be renovated with the 1910 classroom because if that building was in good conditions and from the pictures we have the building is in very, very poor condition. That building could be used for story time for children. It's not a good location for a library, but it would be an excellent place to have children come for a reading program and different activities that could be done and not only for the children of Elwood, but for the children of Suffolk County. So I, personally, think it's worth having this building fixed up so it can be used. And we don't have much in Elwood. We're a very small community; we don't have any tax base to help us out and we have besides our schools, I guess the only other thing would be the Little Red School House that's how tiny we are. So this building is very, very important to us and I would appreciate if you could set in motion to do the dedication. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

May I ask, have you reach out to Legislator Binder?

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

I thought he was going to be here today.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

But have you called him?

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

We have -- we haven't spoken to him; we've spoken to Irene his aide.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Recently?

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

I think it's a month ago or something.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. Because I did send him a letter and I faxed an invitation for him to be here to day as the representative of this district. I have not heard from him.

**MS. MARTIN:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Oh good.

**MS. MARTIN:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. I did not receive that message. Okay. Do you have anything to report about dedicating it as the Legislator of the district?

**MS. MARTIN:**

Legislator Binder asked me to tell (inaudible)

**MS. SCHMIDT:**

Please speak into the mike.

**MS. MARTIN:**

He is very concerned about the safety of the building that the safety conditions have certainly deteriorated over the last few years. And that is a very important focus for him right now that no matter what is done that safety for the people who are going to be using this building is a primary issue for him.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What about dedicating to the --

**MS. MARTIN:**

He didn't specifically say one way or another about the dedication because he said first of all we have to address the safety issues. And if the building isn't safe no matter whether it's dedicated or not, you know, it's the safety that really has to be addressed first and foremost.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All right, I am passing some photographs to the rest of the committee that have been given to us over the past several months. So I'd like everybody to look at them as we move forward at least to try to see some of the conditions. Mrs. Maguire we will be hearing from Friends of Long Island's Heritage and from the Commissioner. Oh, and you have something else or is that your presentation?

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

One thing I'd like to add that as you look at the pictures of the disarray the building is in. Since 1987, I believe, the only thing that was done to the building is the County gave what I believe was \$100,000 grant and they fixed the roof and the parking lot. And if you look at the pictures it quite obvious that nothing else was done. I mean, the frames of the windows are now beginning to fall off. So it's not a matter of giving it a little paint job, I think you're have to replace

windows. It has the original boiler from when the building was built in 1904 and some of the windows the way they put in a drop ceiling some of the windows can not be opened which is really a safety feature.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

(inaudible) says, central air conditioner's broken, but it's an air conditioner that's sticking out the window. So I don't know if that really means central air conditioners or that the air conditioner that's depicted in this picture is broken.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. Mrs. Maguire did you have anything that you wanted to add?

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Basically, that's about it. Georgia has some more of the story. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. Thank you. Georgia Lheron, why don't you come on up to the microphone?

**MS. LHERON:**

Hi, good afternoon. I have a little laryngitis so let see if I can get through this. That's a picture of what was put out when they wanted to sell this School House. And in 1987 the residents of Elwood were asked to vote as to whether they wanted to sell the Little Red School House to Suffolk County. At the time the School House was housing the school administration, but was considered surplus since the school enrollment had gone done. The School House was historically significant to Elwood and the community did not want to it altered or want it torn down. The community was told by then Legislator O'Donohue who sponsored the legislation for the County to purchase the building that the building would be added to the County Historic Trust. And that the upper level would be renovated to replicate a turn of the century classroom and a lower level would be made handicapped accessible and used for senior citizens.

The school administration put the proposition before the community telling them that the County would be purchasing the building to restore the School House as an historic site. And it would be a multi-purpose center and that the sale would ensure the preservation of the schools heritage. The residents of Elwood had no reason to believe that these promises would not be fulfilled since the resolution adopted to purchase the School House stated the purchase by Suffolk County was for the historic preservation program.

The bonding resolution issuing the \$179,000 to purchase the School House also stated the purchase was for historic preservation purposes. The School House was in my opinion designated as a historic building. The School House was placed in the hands of Friends of Long Island's Heritage to manage along with the County's other historical sites. The roof was restored to maintain the historic nature of the building, but now it's 16 years later and the School House sits in major repair. The promises of restoration and preservation have not been fulfilled. There seems to be a question now as to whether the house was dedicated to the County Historic Trust.

I would ask the County to fulfill it's promise to Elwood and that the Little Red School House be dedicated restored as a historic building that all of Suffolk could take pride in.

I also would like answers -- our Jerry Nichols from the Suffolk Cooperative Library System acting in behalf of the Elwood Library Board has sent questions to Commissioner Gordon in regard to, has the Little Red School House been designated as a historic building? Has the School House been designated as County parkland? Is there any stipulation about the purchase of the building and the property regarding its future use? And would Suffolk County be interested in donating or selling the building to the Elwood Library? We don't have privy to the answers that come back from these questions. So I would like to find out what the answers to the questions were since Mr. Nichols library board meeting sort of said that if the building wasn't officially dedicated they could alter it even to the point of tearing it down and leaving only the front façade. And that he's had meetings with Commissioner Gordon in regard to all this. So if I could have or you could call me later if you get the answers to those questions?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

We are looking over the old file of resolutions or actually I'm just going to give it to our County Legislative Counsel to respond to a couple of questions. One was what did the original resolution stated and we're looking at it right now and any other information that you have for resolutions?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Okay. They're were actually several resolutions it's got a little bit of a history, but the first bill was in 1986 which started the preliminary planning step. We actually did it that way back in 80's and that one made reference to the Little Red School House as having historical significance which should be preserved through utilization as a government facility. So the initial resolution called for the preliminary planning steps on the basis of that preservation. Then the next resolution, which was later in 1986, put funding into the capital budget and program to get the process going forward to pay for some of those expenses. And again, it referred to it in the context of historic preservation and it directed the Commissioner of Real Estate at that time to negotiate the acquisition. But what it -- these were all County Executive bills at that time and they didn't put language in the resolutions talking about a program to put the project in. So it just talked about doing the acquisition.

Then in 1987 there was another resolution for the bonding and the appropriation of the \$179,000 that you just saw reference to. There was a capital project account that was called, Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund, but again there was nothing in the resolution that the County Executive's Office did to, you know, to provide for it to be open space for example or a dedication to a nature preserve or a dedication to an historic trust. And then in 19 -- by that time the property has been acquired then in 1991 there was thus just a \$5,000 adjustment that had to be done with a technical resolution. And then in 1995 there was an appropriation of money to basically do some infrastructure restoration improvements and that --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- in 1991?

**MR. SABATINO:**

1995.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

1995.

**MR. SABATINO:**

That was a legislative resolution.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

How much money was that --

**MR. SABATINO:**

-- that provided for \$90,000 in the actually physical restoration work and \$10,000 of planning money. So it was a total of \$100,000 in serial bonds and in 1996 there was one last resolution in 1996 which provided for \$10,000 for additional carpentry and energy efficiency work to be done at the Little Red School House. That's the totality of legislation that we were able to fine and research on this.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Thank you. Commissioner and Mr. Kessler maybe -- could you -- did you want to add anything to that?

**MS. LHERON:**

About the air conditioning --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Yes.

**MS. LHERON:**

There is two big units of air conditioning, but they haven't worked and in the budget that the architect drew up in case the school district -- the library board went ahead with the proposition, they don't work and they'd have to be replaced by two five ton units. So that why there's little air conditioners in the windows because the central air doesn't work. Also the windows are all barred up and if there was a fire there'd be no exit from the lower level of the building. It really right now should not be occupied the way it is.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Thank you. Commissioner.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I would just like to say that we did have a recent inspection by the fire marshal and they would like to see the sprinkler system upgraded, but they have not indicated that people cannot be in the building. So I just wanted to clarify that.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What did they say about windows?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I don't believe they made a comment about the windows at all. They would like to see the sprinkler system upgraded. They do understand that we will probably be changing the use of the building because the current tenants that are in there are going to be leaving probably by the end of the year. And the recommendation was that we would need to upgrade the sprinkler system before somebody new came in.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I'm going to ask my aide to reach out to them and ask for them to discuss this with us to find out if they even inspected the windows. Mr. Kessler, how much rent -- who's the occupant?

**MR. KESSLER:**

The occupant is the Art League of Long Island.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And they have occupied the building from when to when?

**MR. KESSLER:**

1897 to date.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

They're still there right now?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And how much rent do they pay you?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Our current rate is fourteen hundred and some odd dollars a month.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What is the some odd?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I beg your pardon.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What is the some odd? Fourteen hundred and some odd.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's 1482 a month.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

In the inspection report from November of 2001, it states that the rent that they pay you is \$15,500.

**MR. KESSLER:**

I gave you the monthly number; 1,482 that's probably times 12.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Could be add that up and fine out?

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Jon is adding it up.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

You said 1482?

**MR. KESSLER:**

1482 a month.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

17,784.

**MR. KESSLER:**

The rent in '01 -- we have been making consistent increases in the rent. It started out in 1987 at \$800 when they started there and again, it's been a progression of increases. The rent in '01 was 1425 a month and then it was move in '02 to 1482 a month. There's been a progression.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So it's presently 1482?

**MR. KESSLER:**

1482 a month, right.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Tell us what you have done to the building since you occupied it?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I have some presentation material here that might be helpful to you as we discuss it. If someone would please pass them out.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Madam?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Yes.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Could I ask a quick question?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Sure.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

What's the plan for this building, a future plan? The tenants are leaving by the end of the year and what do we plan to do?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

We don't have a specific date yet as the Art League of Long Island as they're currently known is building a new building in the Dix Hills area and I'm not sure that they know the exact date of when they're going to be vacating. And I believe at probably two meetings ago I think it was -- there is a new library district in Elwood and the Director of the Suffolk County Cooperative Library System did come to advise you that they were interested in occupying the building as a library and we are currently investigating that.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

We have not made any definite commitments; we've not signed anything yet, but that's a possibility. And since the Parks Department does not necessarily have a use for the building nor do we have staff to put into the building we would probably be looking for somebody else to come into the building if it doesn't pan out with the library district.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Madam Chairman, there's a series of exhibits in here and probably the most starting on the top is the letter in 1897 that placed the Little Red School House into the landmark preservation program. And if you can -- they're several important phases in here and probably the most important one is the second paragraph from our viewpoint and I'll just read it. It is understood that while this license is in effect this department will not provide utilities (which they do not) and routine maintenance service to the structure. And the operative word there is routine maintenance structure, routine maintenance. "We will however provide periodic ground maintenance (which in fact has never happened. Little Red School House is always -- the Art League has always done their own ground maintenance along with work that we've performed.) And the County will be responsible for the failure of major systems that cannot be corrected by routine maintenance. During the next few weeks we will also be removing several temporary walls and so forth.

So at the time and the reason that we requested that of the County was that the major systems we're talking about a major system is a roof is a major system. A heating system is a major system. An air conditioning system is a major system. Those are what we characterize as major systems in a building and the County at that time we requested they be responsible for any failure of major systems and we would do the routine maintenance.

The second document that you have is requested by the chairperson is the license agreement between the Friends for Long Island's Heritage and the Art League of Long Island which was then known as the Huntington Art League. Within that and you don't have to digest it now, but within there it provides in the repair area that the tenant must keep the interior of the building in good condition. We will work with them on systems, but in terms of such things as painting, such things as carpeting and other things like that that's the responsibility of the tenant to maintain it in good condition.

The third item exhibit in your packet is the engineering inspection report that the Friends of Long Island's Heritage had done of the building by professional PE in 1994 which did a complete review of the building in terms of the work that the condition of the building at the time and work that should be performed on the building. This is rather a detailed report which would take you a little time to get through it obviously that we can't do today. In addition to that there were appendix's attached to that Appendix A --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- can I interrupt?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What can't we do today?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I beg your pardon.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What can't we do today?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. I didn't know whether you wanted to stop and read. I was just saying that the engineering report is here.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

The engineering report meaning that they actually did work or they proposed work?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. I'm -- what we did, we requested a private PE to do an engineering report of the Little Red School House which the Friends paid for, had done and this is what led to Legislator Binder's \$100,000 support and repairs to the building.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So this was in 1991 this report.

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. '95.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

'95.

**MR. KESSLER:**

'94, May 23rd '94.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Excuse me. I would just like to interrupt. I believe that the Friends were asked to engage somebody to do that report by the department.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Correct.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Department of Parks I think there had been discussions at that time with Legislator Binder in terms of putting some County money into the building.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So who paid for this engineering?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Friends of Long Island's Heritage.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What about the \$10,000 that we saw or \$100,000 that came to this building, where did that -- if you're saying the Friends paid for it, but what did you do with all the money --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- it paid for the report. The engineering report, which laid out a plan of what needed to be done in the building.

**MR. KESSLER:**

That was prior to the \$100,000; this led to (inaudible) --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- that wasn't the actual work.

**MR. KESSLER:**

This led to the \$100,000.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

How much was this report?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Good question. It was probably in the five to six thousand dollar range as I remembered.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I think in my letter to you I asked you to bring everything that you could possibly bring all files all information regarding the Little Red School House.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Well, that's what I'm attempting to do today.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. But we don't know how much you paid of this.

**MR. KESSLER:**

I will get the information for you; I didn't know that was a specific question.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Well, the specific questions Mr. Kessler as they've been every time you've come here is that we don't have specific answers. And that you keep saying you'll get things to me and that, you know, there's a general idea of things that are going to be done, but every time we try to get our fingers on we don't seem to be able to do that.

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. I think we're trying to walk through here and I think the engineering report is very, very specific and it led to the County and we provided this to the County. So that engineering report was made available to the County and led to the hundred thousand. The next report that you have underneath there is a review of the heating system which was done in 1991 because we had some concerns over the heating system because the building was taken over in '87 and we had some concerns over it. So we asked a qualified organization Volkmann out of Patchogue to do a complete review of the heating system which we give you in this report was provided for the County -- to the County indicating a need for \$14,200 worth of repairs to the heating system.

And this was provided to the County and then the County placed their own contractor on the premises and performed all the functions and repairs that are listed here in this report. So all of that work was done.

The next report you have coming down in here is the report of the detail report of the work that Friends for Long Island's Heritage had put into the building. And that report is our construction report that details and provides you the detail --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- can you identify the top sheet of what you're referring to?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes. It looks like this.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's got the top sheet --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- it has Unit 106 Red School House?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Right, right. And what it does it gives you, it lists on the top sheet a summary of major work performed on the building by both the Friends and the County. And then the report underneath that is the detailed report by date and by work and by dollars of the Friends of Long Island's Heritage performed on the building. Ranging anywhere if you'll just take a look at the top sheet and maybe we can clarify a few things.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Before you clarify if I may. I don't mean to interrupt. May I Madam Chair?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Yes.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Thank you. In the future it would be helpful if we could get this prior to the committee meeting so we can review it, but there's something that's missing from here. I see the license agreement between Long Island Friends and the Art League, but not included in here is a license agreement between Suffolk County Parks Department and Long Island Friends as it's relates to the conditions of your tenancy if you will of this particular building. Is such a license agreement available?

**MR. KESSLER:**

That was provided. Two things sir; first, I was given a phone call on Tuesday --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- I understand --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- and asked to come to the meeting today and so I worked all day Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday getting the material together so I could not have gotten it to you in advance. And I'm sorry about that.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

To your credit and I understand that. You have a lot of backup here, but I think the first --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- and second --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- let me finish my point before you go on. The first order of business even before we see the agreement between you and the Art League is the agreement between the County and Long Island Friends as it relates to the maintenance and condition of this particular building. Because when we look at the pictures maybe this is a dated -- these are dated pictures I don't know, but in order for this committee and me as one committee member to ask some intelligent questions it's not only about how the sub-tenant, if you will, is working with you, but also whether or not -- no, what are the terms and conditions between the Parks Department and your organization as it relates to this building. And whether or not those terms and conditions are being lived up to; if they are being lived up to and the building looks like this then we have -- I have some basic questions about that license agreement. So, you know, either Commissioner or you Mr. Kessler with all the other information I see here step one is the agreement between the department and Long Island Friends for this building.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yeah, we --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- let me finish. Where is that license agreement?

**MR. KESSLER:**

That license agreement was provided to the committee in when I appeared in --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- that's a different situation. I'm talking about you just handed us this packet; it says Little Red School House. Why not include in this packet when you have a lot of information which is helpful, but what's not included and you may have included it a half a year ago with a number of other places, but the discussion today specific to this School House, where is the agreement between the Parks Department and Long Island Friends as it relates to this School House?

**MR. KESSLER:**

The manner in which the -- there's a landmark preservation agreement which as I indicated to you I brought -- I sent to you back in --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- there's no license agreement specific to this particular building?

**MR. KESSLER:**

(inaudible)

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- yes or no. Yes or no.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

No. It's general.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

It's general.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

It covers all the -- the entire landmark program.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Then let me ask this general question, when Long Island Friends or any other group takes over a building like this you expect it to be in at the very least in the condition that it was found in or to make some improvements to, correct?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Correct.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. And improvements have been made Legislator Foley.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Let me just finish a point. When I look at these pictures whether the soffits rotting out or and I look at the windows and I look at the -- obviously, the wrong paint was used on the asbestos shingles to have it peeling like this. Does that meet the terms, and this is for the Commissioner, does that meet the terms and conditions of the agreement between the Parks Department and Long Island Friends?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. We believe it does and I believe that the County painted the building. I don't believe the Friends painted the building.

**MR. KESSLER:**

We didn't paint the building.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

What about the rotting windows, whose suppose to replace rotting windows?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

As a matter of fact, Legislator Foley, we know that there are something's that do need to be addressed in the building as all of our buildings. And what we were hoping to do was when there was the change in tenancy either we come up with a program to put additional money into the building or we find a tenant who might be willing to do that for us in lieu of maybe getting a reduced rate in rent.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Just as a follow-up to that question. On a yearly basis, again to this particular building, does the Friends make the department aware of the problems relating to the inside and the outside of the building? Not what you've corrected, but here the ongoing problems with the soffits.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes. We do as I -- as we've indicated to you both in --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- so, all right. So the answer is yes; so when we look at the picture and we see these rotting soffits for instances, you brought that to the attention of the department, correct?

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's all done in our inspection reports.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Which is a yearly inspection report, right?

**MR. KESSLER:**

It runs on a -- probably a 12 to 18 month cycles not exactly on a 12 month cycle.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

When did the Friends first identify the rotting soffits as a problem? Cause that gets right to the basic roof structure. I mean, that's not a minor item it's a -- even my limited knowledge of carpentry and woodwork rotting soffits are a big issue about the overall structural integrity of the top half, if you will, of the top side of the building.

**MR. KESSLER**

We've known for two years that --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- not when you've known, when did you first report it to the department that there was a problem with them?

**MR. KESSLER:**

We can't answer that question without going back and checking my records.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

See that's important because it gets back to some basic points that the Chair has made about this. Now that we're -- we know that this is a problem, how are we going to go about fixing the soffits in particular?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Well, as I indicated to you we've known for two years that the tenant was moving out. And what we've been doing is and it has been our intention to try to seek another tenant for the building working with the County to -- and at that time we would determine the various things that had to be done to the building in connection with the new tenant. And so we knew that that was going to happen. The building has been totally stabilized. Yes, there is a soffit that needs to be replaced; we're very cognizant of that. Yes, we know we had to paint failure on the back of the

house on the west side of the house, but we know from our inspections that the building is -- the heating system is in good condition because we maintained the heating system in good condition. We know that the -- our roof is tight because it's a new roof in 1995, a wood roof which is a 50 year roof. So the building is structurally solid and there's no serious problems or impediments to the building and we knew that was going to happen is that some new tenant would be coming in --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- but for two years the point that I would raise is that if you knew the problem two years ago, waiting for a new tenant to take care of the problem. I mean, did you have a cost estimate done two years ago; what would it cost to replace the windows? And what would it cost to replace the soffits as opposed to waiting two years cause as you know the longer you let these things go one -- and I know the full inventory of buildings that you have and these are ongoing issues, but why wait two years for a new tenant? Why not try to make those repairs prior to that?

**MR. KESSLER:**

We were constantly doing repairs on the building and we didn't do the soffit that's all.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

I'll reserve my time for other questions. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I just want to ask one question. Did you supply us today with the latest inspection report?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

No. And I -- oh, for the Red School House I'm sorry.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's in your folder.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Where? Identify that for me.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Right here with the picture of the School House.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

It has a picture on it.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's a March 2003.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I think I've asked you this a couple times.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

When an inspection is done on the buildings that you manage, what happens to the inspection report when you receive it?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I first review it; we then make copies of the inspection report, one of them is submitted to Parks and the other is provided to our Landmark Preservation manager who uses it to establish his program of work.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. So if I have a copy of an inspection report from November 14th 2001 and I have an inspection report from March 28th 2003 and the first one says, siding and so forth and it says, in 2001 the exterior asbestos shingles and wood trim are in need of power washing, scraping, sanding and repainting. Cracks were noted in concrete steps at front. Graffiti noted on side of building. And then we go to 2003 and it says, condition of exterior is poor need repairs and paint, what's the purpose of having an inspection report if nothing is done?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Everything is on a priority basis and those asbestos shingles and the paint failure on the -- on one side of the house is not, you know, nobody is happy over paint failure, but with asbestos shingles you're not having a -- there's not a concern with asbestos shingles. And I think also there's also been the thought with regard to the issue of restoration that that building you gotta remember was cedar shingles. It was not asbestos shingles and I think the question is always been as to whether the asbestos shingles would be removed and cedar shingles would be put back on. The step was taken when the cedar wood roof was put on because that was a great expense. And it was done because at the time the head of the Division of Museum Services felt very strongly -- Historic Services excuse me -- Historic Services felt it was very important that a wood roof be put on the building as part of the long term preservation of the building and maintaining its historic structure. So it's an open question as to whether the asbestos shingles would be taken off at some point.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I guess one of the things that I'm trying to be more comfortable with is when you add the rent that you have received on this building and you multiply it times the amount of years you've had the building and you look at the \$100,000 plus you've been given from the County for the building and then you look at the pictures of the building something doesn't jive.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Legislator Fields, it is still a County building and the money was never given to the Friends. The County spent the money on the roof and the porch repairs. And I said --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- wait, wait, wait. I'm adding up the rent that they have gotten --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- I would like to address that --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- and it comes to \$240,000 --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- I could save you -- yeah, it's \$230,000 through June of this year.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

And as I've said at this committee many -- several times in the past and I believe Mr. Kessler has also, just because we collect rent from or -- just because the Friends collect the license fee for the Little Red School House does not necessarily mean all of that money goes back into the Little Red School House. We use it for all of the buildings in the Landmark Program of which there are more than 30 or approximately 30. And, you know, so rent that was or licenses fees that were collected from the School House may have gone into Coindre Hall. It might have gone into any of our other buildings. Just because that license fee is collected for that particular building does not necessarily mean it all goes back into that particular building. It goes back into Landmark Program.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

May I ask a question?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Go ahead.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

When the rent is collected the \$1400 --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- I'm sorry I can't hear you.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Hello.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yep, good.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

When the rent is collected and by the way you don't have pictures of the inside of the building, do you?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Beg your pardon, no I don't.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Because I can't imagine anybody paying 1400 to stay there per month, but the inside must look very livable.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I'd love for all of you to go and see it because it's really not in as bad a shape as you might think.

**MR. KESSLER:**

No, it's not.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

If you're getting almost 1500 a month it can't be so bad inside that's what I'm thinking.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's not.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

But my question is the 1500 a month, for the Commissioner, does that go to the County or to the Friends?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No, the --

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

-- because I'm a little bit confused.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

The Friends collect the money and the Friends maintain the building -- assist us in maintaining the buildings and in some cases restoring the building.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

So what you're saying is even though it's 1500 a month from the School House it goes into a pool of money for all of the buildings, is that --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- correct --

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

-- and then used as you see fit.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Correct. Well, we work together.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

In conjunction.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Okay. Priority, you would prioritize.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Correct. I think the best example Legislator Nowick is in and you visited the historic Stimpson House, which dates back to 1700, and a very important historic house for the County in West Hills Park. And we have been on that house since last fall and we are just about completing. We've now worked our way outside and in finishing up the wood roof and finishing up the exterior painting. We will end up probably some where between 75 and \$85,000 of time and material in that house specific. Now as I think I mentioned to you when you did the visit that once that house is finished we won't have to put fifty cents into that house for five years because of the repairs and maintenance and programs that we put into the house.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Yes. I did see that house and it looks wonderful; it looks brand new inside, but I just didn't

understand and I don't know if everybody understands that the lease the money that you get per month for School House I thought that went back into the School House.

**MR. KESSLER:**

No, ma'am. It goes into a pool of funds.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

I just wanted to clear that up.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It goes into a pool of funds.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Okay.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Correct.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I also note that one your -- I guess it's your breakdown of maintenance and repairs.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's the construction report.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. You have cleaning out the gutters in April, but the inspection in November indicates they haven't really been cleaned out. So I wonder, is there a difference in these inspection reports that they don't seem to jive. Is it my understanding that the chimney or the dormer or the plumbing vents or the fascia boards or the soffits are not in great condition? We've lost our committee. We're here, but where's the rest of our committee?

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I'm here.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I'm under the understanding that the fascia boards and the soffits are not in good condition?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I think we have one area on the soffits that need to be replaced in the back up top, yes, but around the rest of the building they're all fine. It's one stop that's bad.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. Because in 2001 it says, fascia boards and soffits are peeling and there are signs of water under gutters and then in 2003 it says, no problems. And we know that there are problems because people have testified that there are problems. So I'm a little concerned about the inspection report and whether or not that is true and I think that it would've been nice to see photographs of the inside of the building cause we did get obviously the photographs of the outside of the building. And I think I had asked several times in several of the committee meetings to receive a plan of work for what was going to be done from you towards the County

and I don't know, did we get that?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes, ma'am, and that plan has been submitted to Parks.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

When was that?

**MR. KESSLER:**

We submitted that in I think February.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Do you have a copy of that?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Legislator Fields, I think we sent a copy over to your office.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I don't -- in fact I've asked I've sent you a couple of letters asking for that.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. And I thought I'm almost positive it was sent over to your office. I mean, I didn't physically do it myself, but I thought it had been.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I just wrote a letter to you on June 2nd, again, asking for present and future plans for the Little Red School House. So I have not --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- (inaudible) --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- I can't answer what I really don't know --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- so do you have a copy of it now?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Do I have a copy of what?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

The plans for the Little Red School House.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

We still don't know; we don't have any plans yet. We're still up in the air as to what we're going to be doing.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What you say you sent to my office?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

You wanted the agenda of work that the Friends would be doing for the calendar year.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That's what I said.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

We don't have that?

**MR. KESSLER:**

We submitted it to Parks and --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- that's what I'm asking. Where is that?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

All right. That's for the entire Landmark Program. We are still in the process of reviewing it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

That's what I've been asking for.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay. We're still in the process of reviewing it. We don't have all the inspection reports that were done. They've come in, I think we have most of them. I would like the opportunity for my staff to review that before we disseminate it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Why can we just see what the plans are that are being offered? I mean, what would be wrong with that?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, again, Legislator Fields, I thought that agenda had been sent to you. If it hadn't I apologize and we'll get it to you tomorrow; we'll fax it over to your office tomorrow.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What I'm asking is, you're asking to disseminate the information, but he's suggesting that he's offering to put down on paper what his plans are for.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. Well, I hesitate to give it to everybody because somebody will hang their hat on it now. It's a document that may change over time. We would like to look at the inspection reports to see if we, in fact, concur with everything. It may change and chances are it will change on a quarterly basis.

**MR. KESSLER:**

We will change it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

But then we would get new information on a quarterly basis.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay. If that's what you would like then that's what we will do.

**MR. KESSLER:**

There updating the -- we will be updating the planning schedule effective July 1. And it's a one-year planning schedule at the request of the Commissioner and we submitted in February through for the full year and now we'll be updating it in June on going forward 12 months. It'll be a rolling 12-month plan.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

And again, when we look at -- when we look at the program it's not a matter of the Friends doing everything on all of these building it's what we may decide to do also.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I think that we also spoke a while ago about looking at each parcel that or not parcel facility building that we have in the program and having a current look when we either give it to Friends so that we know five years, ten years, twenty years down the road what it was like when you received it and what it's like presently. Have we done that yet?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, we haven't turned over any buildings.

**MR. KESSLER:**

There's the last unit in the program was perhaps a year or so ago. And then prior to that there wasn't any or probably the five years that I can recollect.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I don't know of any new buildings that we've put into the Friends program.

**MR. KESSLER:**

A number of the buildings just going back in history a little bit; a number of the buildings that when they're turned over to the Friends, we have never had a County building turned over to the Friends that was in good condition. Many of the buildings and I can run through them, were uninhabitable, in fact, they were uninhabitable and we have brought them back to habitation. And so there's -- that's the type of buildings we're getting. We're not getting wonderful buildings in wonderful condition.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

As a matter of fact when we made the acquisition of the Chandler Estate I brought Mr. Kessler over to one of the buildings over there to see if that could be put into the Landmark Program and his response to me was that it would take too much, it would be too costly for them to renovate the port -- for them to restore the building in order to put somebody into -- live in it.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

(inaudible)

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, you know, Legislator Alden, if it had been put into the program 20 years ago it probably wouldn't be in the condition that it's in today.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

(inaudible)

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

And I am absolutely serious about that.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Legislator Carpenter.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

I have a question about an entry in this list of repairs recurring annually, Friends Staff - \$560.91. Is that a maintenance?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. What happened is the practical matter is that we began these construction reports in 1998 began to keep them in this form. Prior to that time we had not maintaining construction form in this format and when the Little Red School House came up on the table what I did I went back into our records and pulled up from our records because we do keep records by file. We didn't keep them on a database; we had them in a file in hard copy and I reconstructed from our invoices. I reconstructed the Little Red School House back to 1987 from invoices from our files. Also there we knew that there was a certain amount of Friends staff time that was applied the house each year. And what we did we made an estimate for the – from 1987 through to 1997 of five hundred and some odd dollar a year of estimated time that the Friends staff put on the house cause we didn't have record of that specific. We have a record of it as you can see if you turn to 1998 you'll see that the Friends staff it starts to get very specific by specific name. So that's the explanation of that number.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I also have a question. Did we ascertain who does the landscaping around the property?

**MR. KESSLER:**

Landscaping is done although the County is supposed to do it under the agreement. The Little Red School House has been the maintenance people there have been doing it combined with the Friends for Long Island's Heritage doing the heavier work meaning where there's brush has to be removed. Or trees grew up that shielded the parking lot we went in and removed trees and did that type of thing. It was a combination between the Friends and the Art League.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So the indication here on this last page is that Dean Phillippe landscaped was paid for something and then it indicates that he gets money for landscaping. I don't know what that means. What does he do?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I think Phillippe is an employee of the Friends. All of the work –

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- what does he do?

**MR. KESSLER:**

What did he specifically do for the \$30? I can't tell you I'd have to go back and find that out. He had to do something over there. Clear up a tree branch that fell down, a major tree branch that fell down that we had to clear out of the parking lot or something of that nature.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What about all the tires and debris that are dumped behind the School House on the property?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Last time I was there, there was nothing there. You know it wasn't just last week, but it was in the last six weeks.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

These photographs were taken when?

**MS. LHERON:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

On the record. You have to be on the record. You have to come up and talk on the record on a microphone.

**MS. LHERON:**

Two months -- the pictures were taken within the last two months. And the dump site in the back is people who own the property next to the School House property have actually taken one of those little pay loading Bobcats and plowed into the back of the property and some of the debris could be being dumped by them on to the property.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Is it behind the upper parking lot?

**MS. LHERON:**

It's behind the upper parking lot.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

All right, I didn't walk back there I'm sorry. I didn't see anything on the grounds itself.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Can I give these pictures so you can look at it?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

We'll have somebody go and look at it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I'll show you right now so you know what it looks like.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I think I -- it's a very small piece of property I'm sure I can find it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

No. What I'm saying is so you can compare what this looks like and whether or not that's still there.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

For your reference.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Again, that's -- the grounds are partially the County's responsibility also.

**MS. LHERON:**

All the pictures were taken within the last three months.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

In the last three months?

**MS. LHERON:**

Yes. Probably three months, four tops, but three. Within this year so whatever the tree condition is if the leaves are on the trees. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

On the back page also I don't know if you saw the back page.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

But as you know, Legislator Fields, we have that problem all over the County Park system also. It's difficult to keep up with.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And then I have another question. There are some photographs here that say that there is storage under the staircase. Have you looked Mr. Kessler or Judy have you looked at how they store things and whether or not --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- I think the answer to that is that the Fire Marshal comes in and does a complete review of the building. And in his most recent report there was some material being stored in the basement that was too near the hot water heater and in his write-up he requested it be removed. So we depend upon the Fire Marshal if there are any conditions that would be of a safety nature he certainly would see them. And immediately those things are taken care of.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Can I bring your attention now back to where the page says, Unit 106 Red School House and it indicates how much money you've spent on the properties? And go to the right hand corner of the page that says on the bottom, Page 12 of 149. The top date there says, 1/1/1992 Apollo

Five Safety I guess they meant fire --

**MR. KESSLER:**

-- they meant fire safety it was a typo.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. The second to last entry says, May 7th 1996 - Snow Removal.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yes, ma'am.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Did we have snow in May of 1996?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. You're looking at posting when -- what it is is that the Little Red School House the County was supposed to do the ground maintenance on the property, but the County has not done the ground maintenance and we're talking about snow removal. And so what has happened over a period of years is that because the Art League is not responsible for snow removal. What they do is they then they contract to have the snow removal and then they send the bill to us and we make the payment, which really comes out of their rent. So it's really just we're really subsidizing what the County should have done and, unfortunately, those things just didn't work out. It's just a delay in date that's all.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

This amount is for one year of snow removal?

**MR. KESSLER:**

I would have to look at the bill specifically. I can't tell you.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

In '96 we had quite a bit of snow. I know we had a blizzard in January and I think we had some after that so.

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's a 1996 bill so I can't commit that to memory.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Does anyone else have any questions?

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

I was just curious. March 18, 1992, installed new oil burner, other repairs to boiler \$1,960. Is that oil burner shot and is that why we have the new --

**MR. KESSLER:**

Let me just see, what page is that on Legislator Nowick?

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Page 12 -- I mean, I guess it's a little old.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Is it the J. Kerney?

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Yes. Install new oil burner.

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. It was the -- it's the -- there's two components to a heating system. There's the boiler and the burner.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

I'm not so sure I know about this.

**MR. KESSLER:**

This is the burner head. We changed out the burner heat.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

So it's not a new oil burner the old thing?

**MR. KESSLER:**

It's the -- no, it is not. It is the burner heat; it's the gun on the front of the burner.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

But now it needs a new oil burner for \$1400?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. The oil burner is functioning very well.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, it still works, but I think if you were going into do a renovation on the building you probably would replace it.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Okay. So it works, but it's not going to be working for long.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. It does work.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Our engineering reports have looked at it said that it's, you know, it's been maintained which it has been since the Friends got in it and the County. It's been maintained every year. Boiler inspections and everything and it has been maintained.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

And I believe you've put money into it over this past winter.

**MR. KESSLER:**

Yeah. We just put some money into it just on the controls and the boiler is still solid. They don't make them like they use to.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

So why then do we have a proposal from Volkmann?

**MR. KESSLER:**

No. That's 1991.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

This is --

**MR. KESSLER:**

That's 1991 --

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Right. And 1992 we just put the head, but what was that proposal for?

**MR. KESSLER:**

That was the controls. That's a very large boiler system and what we did we had Volkmann come in to review the entire heating system meaning the burner head and the boiler system and all the controls. And what they determined at the time, which as you can see is it required and should have that work done in order for it to be safe in order to function properly. And so as we indicated to you that we had an agreement with the County that anything of that major nature that the County would be responsible for it. We submitted that to the County; the County did send in their own contractors and that work was done.

**LEGISLATOR NOWICK:**

Oh, okay. Thank you. I just wanted to see what that was.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I guess what I would like to see is or Commissioner where are we now with this building as far as it going into any kind of a register. Who owns it; is it a parkland? Can you answer those questions?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

One of the speakers, I think, before had a copy of questions as to whether the status of it and parkland, etc. I believe, at the capital budget hearing I might have indicated that I had sent -- Department of Real Estate had sent a -- I had communicated with them about the status of the building. They in turn sent a memo over the County Attorney's Office and we still don't have a response. That letter was sent, I think, probably within the last two weeks. I don't remember the exact date, but we don't have a response from the County Attorney yet.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All right. I'll ask my aide to make sure that I write a letter to the County Attorney's Office also to ask for it.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, I'll call and --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- we will too --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- because we're anxious too.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So we don't know what's happening here with the library or who owns it.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

No. It's still up in the air.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And how is the library moving toward trying --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- the library would like an answer from us ASAP also because they need to make plans. If they're not going to use this building they need to go in another direction.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So if we have not -- what would determine whether or not the library would use the building if it's not part of the park or how would you decide whether or not the library should take the property?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, I'd like to see that. Personally, if it could work out I would like to see the library in there. I think it maybe a very good use for the building. I think that they -- the library board, the people -- the elected library trustees are sensitive to the historic significance of the building in the community and would want to preserve that. If it can't be worked out then we're going to be looking for another licensee to go into the building cause we don't -- we do not have a use for it in the Parks Department.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

In order for the library to take it over though is that an alienation of parkland?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I think it's possibility that it could be although the building has never been used as parkland. Since day one when we acquired it it's been used by an outside group and it really has not functioned as parkland. It has not really functioned as a historic site either although we've treated that way in terms of some of the repairs that we've done on it. But if it's not dedicated as parkland and hasn't been used as parkland then it wouldn't be an alienation issue.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So we'll know that from the County Attorney then?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yeah. And I thought it was a little early to try to get an answer out of them, but I intend to do so because I am sure that Mr. Nichols from the library system is going to be calling me next week.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Yes. Come on up.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

I have lived in Elwood for 41 years and I'll say one thing that's a plus for our school district. We have beautiful buildings that are kept immaculate and we had our district offices in there. And people who are coming to see them they prided themselves to keep that building in perfect conditions. It is quite obvious that nothing was done because we all own homes and we know that if we don't do things constantly they rot away. So it's obvious that all these years that building sat there and nothing was done to it. As far as the library going in there that building is not secure enough for a library to go in there. They cannot put stacks of books on the second floor. I invite you, go see that building. The staircase is kind of in a dangerous condition. You cannot have children running up and down that staircase. There is one area on the first floor that they would shore up so that they could put some stacks of books. And to say -- we're in a sad condition because when we stood outside the school on Wednesday the community does not know what's going on. Unfortunately, people don't make an effort to find out either, but if the library goes in there it's two things. If they can buy it for a dollar or get it from the County possibly they're going to knock it down because it's one of the options that they talked about. The second thing is, if they lease it the cost of renovation is back on the backs of the Elwood community. They have come in with an estimate of about \$500,000. It is not including the asbestos removable; the removal of the lead paint, air conditioning. For a temporary situation I think that's asking far too much of the community. I am not anti-library I am for libraries, but this is not a building that you can put children in right away.

They closed the Smithtown libraries for almost a year because of the asbestos and yet they're planning on being in there September 1st. They've already hired a director. So it has to be thought out, what is best not just for a library what is best for this community. Tax them some more?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Legislator Carpenter.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

If I could I just generally would not respond to comments, but that the speaker is making, but I really think that everything that you're saying certainly has a lot of validity, but those remarks really need to be addressed in your local community at your local library board of trustees, not here.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

We're doing that.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

That's not our choice on what the Elwood Library chooses to do or not do.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

But it was said that the community wanted this. The community really didn't know about it until we started letting them know about it. So we've gotten in just a few hours that we stood outside the school we've gotten over hundred signatures on a petition.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I would -- Legislator Binder's aide is here and perhaps when the meeting is over or whatever you could discuss with her how you want to move forward with the responses of your constituents in regard to the library because they are certain things that we can look at and examine, but other things are beyond --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

There is a sign outside the building that says it's parkland.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yeah. We do that with most of our facilities.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

We will also get some answers from the County Attorney's Office to find out if this is under parkland or --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

-- I think we still have to go back. Are we going to dedicate it and make it a historical building because that makes a big difference.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

That's up to Legislator Binder.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Well, I'm very sadden in that he didn't come today.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

It was reviewed by the Historic Trust. The Historic Trust actually had a meeting there in 1987 and it was decided to not dedicate it at the time. It would be put off until a full restoration plan was undertaken. And as I stated to you earlier it has not been formally dedicated to the Historic Trust.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Then I have a question. We did a vote in Elwood on this. The people were misled on this vote. These people were told that this building was becoming a historical building and that it would be kept up and a classroom would be going in there. So all these years the people of Elwood have thought this is our historical building and guess what, it's not. So now what do we tell our people?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I think again, I don't really know how to answer that question. It should have been up to the Legislator at the time.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Well, I think the people of Elwood deserve to have it made historical. They were told they voted on the basis that that's what it was going to be. I think it's owed to them.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And I'm sure that Legislator Binder's aide will bring that back to him and we still need to get some answers from the County Attorney's Office. So will address it again next time. Legislator Alden.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Just to punctuate Legislator Carpenter's comments, though you really have to make your voices, you know, crystal clear heard by the library whatever it is. The cooperative system or whether

it's the -- your local library board because --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

-- you may not recall, I came to you I think it was last year.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I know.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

I've been working on this issue for five years.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

And I realize you put in a lot of time.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

I could write a book on it.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

You probably could and it will end up in a library. No, but I'm only kidding.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

No. They won't put it in a Elwood library.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

No. But you really, you know, I can't impress enough on you that the community has to really --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

-- that's right I agree with you. The community has to get active.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

If they come to us and say the community really doesn't want this and they break off, you know, like the conversation with us and our Department of Parks and our legal department they we'll have to look at other alternatives. Whether that be --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

-- if we couldn't get the community to come here, but we have a petition you will accept that as that's representation of the community?

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

As evidence, but I mean, it really has to be presented to whatever it is now that you've established there. Whether it be a library board or a board of trustees or whatever the form is in that district that's really who you have to make your voices known to.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

We have been; we go to all of their meetings.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Okay. Because they're going to represent you when they deal with Suffolk County. I'm just telling you, you know, --

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

-- they wish we'd go away that's the bottom line.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Okay.

**MS. MAGUIRE:**

Thank you very much for your time.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Thank you. Thank you for your efforts. Okay. We're going to revisit the next time around I think we'll have more answers and we'll be able to move forward with what Friends might or might not do. What the County should or shouldn't do and what Legislator Binder's planning. Thank you. I just have a quick question for the Commissioner, Suffolk Trap and Skeet.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I visited it the other day to look at possible ways of using some soil that's been clean in the Beaver Dam Creek wetland restoration project and whether or not there might be an opportunity to use it at some point for sound mitigation --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- you mean a berm --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- yes --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- building a berm?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Uh huh. So I went to the property to look at it and what I saw was -- there was awhile ago that the County had asked that some of the lead be cleaned up. And what has happened is, it's just been dumped across the front of the property and I'm wondering what you're planning on doing with that dirt and what was --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- we have an issue regarding disposal of it that we are still working on.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

What does that mean though?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I think that it was some are questionable on the part of the Town of Brookhaven in terms of taking it to their landfill and we've been trying to work on that issue to get them to agree to do that.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That's what, about a year old?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yeah. And I again, Legislator Fields, I apologize. I don't remember the specific scenario; I think it might be a matter that the best thing for us to do would be to have the Health Department go back in there and look at it as I think they did last year. But because so much time has past it would probably be a good idea for us to go back to the Health Department, ask them to look at it again because I think DEC is somewhat involved in this issue.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Can you have an answer at the next meeting?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I know we've talked about it in the department within the last two weeks. I just have a timetable for you. I'll get a timetable for you.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

When you originally put the RFP out for a vendor did you indicate to the vendor that the vendor would have to come into Suffolk Trap and Skeet and clean it up?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

No. I think this part of it, we we're going to assume the responsibility for doing that then the rest of it that the new vendor would have to do.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Can you please get me answer within a week --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- yes. I will --

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

-- of where that debris or --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- I guarantee you I'll get you some indication no later than Monday.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Number one, who's going to take it; when they're going to take it?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, I don't know if I'm -- what I'm going to get you is timetable of when the Health Department will go over and look at the material again.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

I think I'd like a little further than that.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

You know like when they're going to look at and then what was supposed to happen to it; who was supposed to take it and if we're going to -- we need to follow that up.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay. I'll do that.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. Let's move -- thank you. Let's move on to the agenda.

### **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**I.R. 2152 To implement retention of technical consultant in connection with Forsythe Meadows property damage. (Fisher)** I'll make a motion to table and that should probably have expired by now I'm I correct?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Not yet, but it's getting close.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**MR. SABATINO:**

Actually, I apologize. After this tabling it will expire. I'm sorry I just checked my notes.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**I.R. 2253 Adopting Local Law --2003, Authorizing County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to construct dog runs in county parks. (Cooper)**

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

Motion to table.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All in favor? Opposed. Tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1075 Amending the 2003 Capital Program and Budget and appropriating funds for resurfacing Smith Point County Park parking facility. (Towle)**

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Table subject to call.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

Second.

**SPEAKER:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Why does it have to be stricken?

**MR. SABATINO:**

No. Legislation got laid on the table and prior to May 29th will continue to live on its own. It's only legislation that was files after May 29th by that particular sponsor that would die.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So motion to table subject to call by Legislator Carpenter second by Legislator Cooper. All in favor? Opposed? Tabled subject to call. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1161 Appointing Mary Anne Jedrlnic as member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 2). (Bishop)** Is she here?

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Motion to table.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Mary can we write a letter to Legislator Bishop asking him --

**MS. SKIBER:**

-- we did.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Well, maybe we need to call and get an answer if she's showing up. Motion to table; we have a second. All in favor? Opposed? 1161 is tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1346 Adopting Local Law No. --2003, a Local Law establishing dog and cat run policy for county parks. (Binder)** Was withdrawn May 21st.

**I.R. 1404 To amend the user fee schedule for Suffolk County Parks. (County Executive)** I'm going to make a motion to table.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1406 To implement RFP Committee for Concessionaire Program at county parks. (Postal)** I'm going to make a motion to table.

**SPEAKER:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

**I.R. 1415 To re-appoint Muriel Weyl as a member of the Suffolk County Citizens Advisory Board for the Arts. (Fisher) I'll make a motion to table.**

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1436 Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to water supply systems in county parks (CP 3221). (County Executive) Can you tell us about this Commissioner?**

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That's to bring in water to Southaven County Park to replace the wells the system that we have in there now.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Motion by Legislator Alden.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Second by Legislator Cooper.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Just on the motion. Commissioner, what are the problems with the current water?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

It's still within Health Department guidelines. However we have a severe iron problem there that stains the water and the, you know, the toilets and sinks on the site as well as the Health Department generally would like you to convert to Suffolk County Water when possible.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

There are no plumes that are coming down to that?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Not that we're aware of, no.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Not yet.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Okay. Is it more expensive though to bring in the public water as opposed to having some filtration systems for the on-site water wells?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

I can't answer that, Legislator Foley.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

All right.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Could we -- lets make a motion to table on this because I have well water at my house and I know that we were able to --

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

-- yeah. If it's an iron issue I mean, then that pretty -- can be taken care of.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Right.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That may not be the only issue, but if you want to table it one cycle.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

I understand. Yeah, one cycle.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Could you just find out what the issues are and if that is an issue maybe it would be a whole lot more expensive just to deal with it that way.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Cause I know we have the water there tested on a regular basis, but I don't have the current report with me.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

Right. So it's only two weeks away until our next committee.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

All right.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Motion to table by Legislator Foley; I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. **(6-0)**

**I.R. 1442 Authorizing the installation of a memorial at Southaven County Park.  
(County Executive)**

**LEGISLATOR FOLEY:**

I'll make the motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Wait I want to here from the Commissioner. Exactly, what is it that is indicated for this?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

This was the Daffodil Project that was done in memory of the victims of 9-11. And what it will be, actually, the daffodils are not in bloom anymore, but last November a group that was put together. But I think it was Eastern Suffolk Boces had a group of volunteers who came into Southaven County Park to plant daffodil bulbs and they had a dedication ceremony in the spring and if you have not seen it, it really when they're in bloom it really does look lovely. And it would be nice to do it elsewhere in the park system also. What they want to do is we have a little circle along the entry road in Southaven County Park and they would like to put a bronze plaque in there in memory of this.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

According to the resolution dated 5/13/03 it talks about a presentation stone.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. The bronze plaque will be placed on a piece of stone that has been already selected.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And is this stone in an area where it's already trampled on or utilized --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- well, it's not trampled it's a little it's not really a circle, but it's a little area between the ingress and egress on the main roadway at Southaven County Park and it does have some flowers within it.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

The stone would go right in the middle of that area.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay. And that went through our Memorial Committee?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes, and the Park Trustees.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And it was approved by the --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- yes.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Motion by Legislator Carpenter.

**LEGISLATOR COOPER:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Second by Legislator Cooper. All in favor? Opposed? Approved. **(Vote: 6-0)**

**I.R. 1443 Amending the 2003 Operating Budget and reappropriating unexpended, uncommitted 2003 funds in Fund 192 to the 2003 Operating Budget. (County Executive)** Can you give us an explanation?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That is money that is collected from the Hotel/Motel tax and the whole system I wish we could figure out a better way to do this system. It's at the end of the year we budget for the calendar year the collection of the Hotel/Motel tax money. I believe, the calendar year for that begins in September, or October carries over into the next calendar year. So at the end of each of our calendar years in terms of County budgeting. There's money often left over in that fund that needs to be reappropriated to go into the following years budget and that's what this -- it's money from that was -- that should have been appropriated in last years budget. That's what this resolution is accomplishing.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

So the appropriations are fuel for heating, building materials and repairs to buildings?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

That's where the money would go into. Those are the funds that would go into.

**LEGISLATOR CARPENTER:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Do you indicate which buildings are going to be repaired or you just have a fund?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

No. It's general.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

General fund.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

We're not specific.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Yes.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

This is only one portion of that tax though.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

It's the portion that comes to the County Parks Department.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Right.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

We had a motion. Second. All in favor? Opposed? Approved. **Vote: (6-0)**

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I have a question.

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

And we have a question. And you still have 21 minutes.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I know. Commissioner, the Blue Course at Timber Point is going to open on what day?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Well, we were hoping for the end of the month although with this weather I think we might be re-evaluating so I hesitate right today we're planning on June 27th, but I think that that could change. We're experiencing unbelievable problems at the golf courses with this weather.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I know I got a call I went down there and witnessed the flooding and everything, but when I was there --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- I am very concerned --

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

-- when I was there talking to the maintenance crew I saw posted in the clubhouse that, you know, that that was going to be the day that --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- that could change.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Okay. Are we going to be notified?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. Absolutely.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Because I didn't receive notification of that date.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay. I thought they'd gone out, but maybe they haven't gone out yet. Yes, you will be. They're probably going out any day now and maybe we're just looking at whether or not we going to change the date again before we send it out.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Do we have plans on advertising that in some way shape or form for the media to try to get people to come back to it?

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Yes. Absolutely.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

All right, because at the end of last year when I had mentioned it to -- I had a number of representatives from corporate, you know, different corporate type of sponsors that might be interested in if we were going to have a formal reopening of it or some type of a day or rededication --

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

-- we'll call your office and get that information from you.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Good. Because they were going to underwrite like that day and they were going to underwrite some advertising and things like that for it as long as we were able to, you know, work them into it somehow.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

And it wasn't like cigarette manufacturers or beer manufacturers.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Okay. Good.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

So it was good types.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

So I just would like to perhaps put on the record though that this incredible amount of rain that we've been having we've got water collecting on these golf courses where the pro at West Sayville sees water collecting on fairways that he's never seen before and he's been there for quite a few years. I am extremely concerned --

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

-- I went down there that was my home course at college when I played for Dowling and back in those days water came down very heavy and, you know, we had a number of almost like monsoon conditions. I've never seen the water go like it's gone in the past like couple of weeks. So this is pretty horrible.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

It's really horrible.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

The revenues are down.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Everyday it rains I'm like it's just not good and the problem is if we get immediate hot weather we're going to have situations on those greens that I don't really want to think about.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Exactly. (inaudible)

**COMMISSIONER GORDON:**

Could you pass a resolution to that effect?

**CHAIRPERSON FIELDS:**

Motion to adjourn.

**(Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P. M.)**

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