

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislature Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on March 7, 2012.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman  
Leg. Ricardo Montano, Vice Chair  
Leg. Kara Hahn  
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley  
Leg. Steven H. Stern

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Legislator Edward P. Romaine  
Legislator Kate Browning  
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel  
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory  
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick  
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern  
Bob Martinez, Aide to Leg. Montano  
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy  
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office  
Tracey Bellone, Acting Commissioner/Parks Department  
Lance Reinheimer, Interim Executive Director of the Vanderbilt Museum  
Diana VanBuren, North Fork Audubon  
Stephen Melore  
Michael Mule  
Anthony Guarnischelli

**TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

**(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:08 P.M. \*)**

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

We're going to start the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Legislator Hahn.

**(\*Salutation\*)**

Good afternoon and welcome to the committee. We have a -- we have two cards for the Public Portion. Diana Van Buren.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

My name is Diana Van Buren. I'm the president of the North Fork Audubon Society. Our headquarters are located at Inlet Pond County Park in the Red House.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Could you lift that microphone up a little bit? I'm having trouble hearing you.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Can you hear me now? Does that work?

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Yes.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

And I'm here to request that the funds that have been appropriated for maintenance and repairs on the house be released from this committee. It is -- we use that location for -- we're turning it into a nature center, a very small, modest one. It's a gateway to Inlet Pond's trails, which we have created. We're the stewards of the -- stewards of the park and we do a lot of programs -- I've brought some photographs -- for children, for grownups, adults. We're in a very prominent location on Route 48 in Greenport. Back and forth to the ferry, lots of people pass by, lots of people use the park on weekends.

And the interior of the Red House needs some maintenance. This is bathrooms, plumbing. It's not handicapped accessible. The building itself is not handicapped accessible. The bathrooms are -- the bathrooms, I should say, they were put in probably in 1970, and the plumbing isn't working, and it's beyond the scope of our stewardship capabilities to replace that; also, the siding, the gutters. I have some photographs and I can leave them for you.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Maybe the Clerk can distribute them.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Also, we have done what we can to the inside in terms of cosmetic type, sanding floors, painting, putting in carpeting, things like that. But the type of work that needs to be done now for a building that we do not own and for a nonprofit of our size is beyond the scope of our capabilities. So I've included photographs here of what we have done, a recent exhibit of photographs that we had, and what we did to make it look good inside, and photographs of some of the programs that we've done, outdoors and indoors, and a photograph of some of the -- the condition of the building and the bathrooms.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Madam Chairlady? Madam Chairlady, can I ask a question of Mrs. Van Buren? First of all, thank you very much. I know that you're kind of the head of the North Fork Audubon Society.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Yes.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

The Red House is in Inlet Pond Park, which is a County park. The County rents the upstairs, I believe, to a Deputy Sheriff, I think, or someone.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Someone from the Riverhead Jail, yes.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Right, the County -- a Deputy Sheriff or Correction Officer. The County rents the upstairs out and the downstairs is used by the Audubon Society under an agreement, and they maintain as much as they can the interior of the building. Now let me ask you just a few questions. This park is used by a lot of people, if I'm not mistaken. Is this building handicapped accessible?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

No, absolutely not.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Are the bathrooms handicapped accessible?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

No.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Is the County in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

For this building?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Yes.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

No, no.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

How could you describe the condition of the exterior of this building?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

The shingles are falling off, they're rotted, they're splitting. There's some photographs of them there. The gutters on the top of the building, the water pours like a waterfall when it rains. They're falling off the building. The County did repair the roof several years ago --

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Yeah.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

-- part of the roof, and there's new shingles there, but the siding on the exposed side of the building is not good.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

I appreciate that. And I want to thank you for working with my office. And that's why last year my colleagues and myself included \$120,000 in the 2012 Capital Budget to make the entranceway to this house handicapped accessible, and to make the bathroom handicapped accessible, and to replace the siding. What I've done this year, at the very beginning of the year, it's Resolution 1000, the first resolution of this year, is put in a resolution to simply appropriate the money that's already in the Capital Budget so that it can go out to bid and work can start. That's what this resolution that's before us today does. And if it's adopted, then we'll be working with the County DPW and the Parks Department to make sure that it's put out to bid and the work proceeds, so that this County facility, which is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, comes into compliance, so we don't allow further deterioration of the exterior. And that's why this -- I'm not a member of this committee, and I appreciate the Chairlady's permission to allow me to ask you these questions. And I appreciate your time coming down speaking on behalf of this. Thank you very much.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Thank you, Legislator Romaine. There's another question by Legislator Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah. Hi. How are you? You responded to Legislator Romaine, saying that the building is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Well, it's -- no.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I mean, your answer is it's not?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

It's not.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

And how long has it --

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

It's never been.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Well, why is it open if it's not in compliance? I mean, it -- do they have an exemption or something?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

I have no idea, and that's an appropriate question for the Parks Department. I, by the way, do not know how many parks facilities are not ADA compliant, but I can tell you that the Red House is not ADA compliant.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Well, that goes to my question if it's not -- (phone sounded). Sorry about that. Sorry, I left my phone on. If it's not in compliance, I don't understand why it hasn't been cited or why it's open. Steve, do you know anything about that?

**LEG. STERN:**

(Shook head in the negative)

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Well, it's open -- it's open for our use as our headquarters. The fact is people that who come to the park, which is -- you know, it's flat land. Everybody can go on the trails if they wish. We were given permission or beyond permission, where they said go -- "Yes, trails, you create them and maintain them." That's what we've been doing. So when people come on weekends, and there are many, many people on the North Fork who come and use the trails, they love Inlet Pond County Park, they always say, "Wow, I didn't know it was here." That's partly because we don't keep the building open on weekends to the public because it's not suitable at this point for -- and it's not -- we do have bathrooms in there, and if we happen to be in there having a meeting with the Board or with -- you know, with some children about a birding event that's coming up, whatever it is like that, we'll let them in because they ask, and they come in and they use the bathrooms.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Does the -- you say that the building is used by the Audubon Society, the downstairs?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

That's where -- I'm the president of the North Fork Audubon Society.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay. Do you pay rent for the building?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

No. We have an agreement with the County to -- as stewards of the property of maintaining the trails and using the Red House for educational purposes. We have a stewardship agreement through Cindy Heuer the Contracts Department.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Does your agreement require that you maintain the building?

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Yes, and we are doing that to the best of our ability. However, as a nonprofit, I can tell you, we have \$30,000 in our checking account. We use that for sending out newsletters, for educational events. We have 400 members and we're a chapter of the Audubon -- of North -- our National Audubon. In terms of paying for the types of repairs that we're -- these are repairs for a building that the County owns.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Who's responsible for the repairs under your arrangement, is it yourself or is it the County? You'd have to have the lease, so if you don't know, I understand.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

I'm sorry, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

I think maybe the Commissioner might be able to answer that.

**MS. VANBUREN:**

Mr. Montano, these -- I wouldn't call these repairs. When we --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Well, there's a difference between repairs and capital improvements, I understand that.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

These are not repairs, these are -- this is plumbing.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah, this is capital improvements.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

This is -- yes.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Which is different than repairs, I understand that.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Yes.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I was asking if in your lease it specifies what you're responsible. And if you don't know, I understand that. You probably haven't read the lease in years.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Yeah. I don't have it with me, no.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Does the Commissioner want to speak? There's Tracey.

**ACTING COMMISSIONER BELLONE:**

Good afternoon.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Hi, Tracey.

**ACTING COMMISSIONER BELLONE:**

The agreement with the North Fork Audubon Society requires them to make minor repairs where the County would make major infrastructure or capital repairs. Their agreement's at no cost -- at no cost. They pay no rent and we pay utilities. They're supposed to raise funds and put it back into the facility.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Does the Administration support the appropriation at this time? Because we have many items in the Capital Budget and, you know, sometimes they are -- you know, they're selected in terms of priority issues, etcetera. So my question is, does the Administration support this resolution at this time?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

We would support this, Legislator Montano. They're minor -- it's a minor cost to the County and it would bring it into compliance.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Commissioner, did you have something to say? Tracey, did you have something to say?

**ACTING COMMISSIONER BELLONE:**

No, I'm good.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. Are there any other questions?

**LEG. STERN:**

Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Oh, Legislator Stern.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

A new handicapped entrance, which would bring it into compliance and two bathrooms, that's what the resolution says. The two -- both bathrooms would be made handicapped accessible, bringing the entire structure into ADA compliance?

**ACTING COMMISSIONER BELLONE:**

This is a Legislative requirement, so they put in the request for the renovations. This isn't -- the Parks didn't come up with the list.

**LEG. STERN:**

Through the chair, Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Yes. What I put in was to make at least the entrance. I understand, even last year we had monetary restrictions. So this is for \$120,000 to make the entrance handicapped compliant, and to make the -- there's two bathrooms in there now. Whether they consolidate them, make them one, or whether they do both and make them -- but whatever they do has to be -- the bathrooms have to be handicapped compliant, okay? And the only other thing I put in, I put three items in. Make the bathrooms handicapped compliant, make the entrance handicapped compliant, and replace the siding on the building, which is falling down. And the estimate to me that was given was approximately \$120,000. That's what's in the Capital Budget, and I think that's enough to do the work for the Red House.

We rent the upstairs to a County employee. The downstairs is used by the Audubon Society for meetings or education. They maintain the trails. There's an extensive network of trails through Inlet Pond Park. It's right off County Road 48, and it's called the Red House because the exterior at one time was bright red. It's less bright now because many years have gone by. But it's a question of whether we maintain our facilities or not. And I believe that anything in our inventory, we should, one, have a program to try to maintain; and two, try to, over a number of years if we don't have the money upfront, to gradually make all parks and other facilities ADA compliant. This has never been ADA compliant and that's why I put this in last year. It's \$120,000 in the Capital. It was approved unanimously in the Capital Budget. Now comes the appropriation phase so that they can start putting the work out to bid.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Through the Chair. My concern is if we're going to make this investment and make it, quote, ADA compliant, that we are, in fact, going to make it all ADA compliant and we don't have to come back --

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

It's what the resolution calls for.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

-- later on and say, well, we only did a little bit, but not enough, and we don't have, you know, members of the community coming back later on and saying, "Yes, you made this investment in this property," but it's still not ADA compliant." This will take care of that.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

The resolution calls for that.

**LEG. STERN:**

Okay. Thank you.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

It absolutely calls for that.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Thank you.

**MS. VAN BUREN:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

We do have one other card, but before we do that, we have a presentation by Stephen Faber, the Manager Director of PFM Asset Management.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Did we vote on that bill?

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

No, we didn't get to the bills yet. We have another card, we have a presentation.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Oh, we were dealing with the speaker. I'm sorry, yes.

**MR. FABER:**

Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Steve Faber from PFM Asset Management. We are the Investment Manager for the Vanderbilt Museum Trust.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Push it closer, the mic.

**MR. FABER:**

Sorry about that. I'll get the hang of this someday, hopefully today. We're here to report to you on the performance of the Museum Trust for 2011. I'd certainly like to take the opportunity just briefly to update you on year-to-date events as well. I believe the Clerk has a report, which she will distribute. I do not intend to go through this in its entirety. In fact, I'm only going to reflect on

the first page, and then speak to some other issues specifically.

As you know, 2011 was an extraordinarily volatile year in the financial markets and had an impact, negative, positive, or otherwise, on all investors, and the Museum Trust was certainly not spared in that respect. But to give you a little bit of perspective, I wanted to just briefly touch on the markets in 2011, and I'm specifically -- you know, I'm talking about the first page in the report that was just distributed to you. It's entitled "Market Index Performance as of December 31st, 2011". Broadly speaking, the sectors in which the Museum Trust is currently invested and was invested for 2011 include domestic and international equity, real estate, inflation hedges, and the fixed income sectors.

You're all well aware that the equity markets, both domestically and internationally, suffered somewhat in 2011. Specifically, though, higher quality large cap stocks generally outperformed the market, while lesser quality small caps generally underperformed the market. It was in many respects the year of safety, a year of what we would call a risk-off trade. So, accordingly, many assets, invested assets, were at greater than historically -- a percentage of assets moved into safer assets like fixed income sector, you know. So you can see from a performance perspective, while the Standard and Poor's 500, you know, which is a broad measure, broad index of the domestic equity market, and which was down -- which was negative for a good portion of 2011, as a result of a stronger performance in the fourth quarter, did finish the year up, but up only 2.1%, which historically is -- certainly trails historical averages.

The international sector, international equity specifically did much worse. The Eurozone challenges, which continue, and again, the flight out of exposure to that particular sector and the stocks and the companies that are in the international equity sector really, really underperformed. And you can see, you know, that, you know, the international sector, as represented by a number of different indices, were down, you know, negative 12, negative 13-plus percent. And I'll talk in a minute about how this impacted the Trust's portfolio, but just to give you a sense.

The real estate market, conversely, did quite well. We saw a bit of a rebound, or a comeback, if you will, in the broader real estate sector, and the Trust's exposure to that sector was a positive for overall performance.

And in the fixed income sector, it was in many respects the year of the Treasury, with the flight-to-quality caused by the continued economic issues or concerns, globally, certainly here in the United States, as well as the challenges in Europe. We saw a significant, again, flight-to-quality, in the Treasury sector specifically was the single best performing asset class in 2011.

In terms of, you know, the specifics of the U.S. equity sector, we saw financials and materials generally and significantly come in negative for the year. If you took out financials and materials of the S&P 500, for example, the equity markets actually did quite well. But, again, given the challenges led by the Eurozone issues and the continued challenges here in the domestic financial sector, we saw the financial sector actually down 17% for the year and the material sector down almost 10% for the year, so big underperformers. Utilities, on the other hand, you know, were up almost 20% on the year. Again, those companies tend to benefit from falling interest rates. We certainly saw interest rates continue to fall during 2011.

In the fixed income sector, I commented a moment ago on the Treasury market. The Treasury is represented by the Barclay's aggregate, which is a broad global aggregate index of corporates and treasuries and agencies, was up almost 10% on the year and kind of -- I'm sorry. It was up almost 8% on the year. Treasuries were up 10%.

In International Equity sector, I commented earlier. What we saw, some strong regional

performance, particularly in the U.K. in the fourth quarter. For the year, virtually all regions around the globe saw negative returns.

In your -- in the annual report provided to you by staff, on Pages 9 and 10, you will see a snapshot of the performance by sector and by manager, and compared with their performance benchmarks for the trust itself. This is Pages 9 and 10, which are not actually labeled 9 and 10, but --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

What's the heading of it?

**MS. MOSS:**

The BRO report.

**MR. FABER:**

I'm sorry?

**MS. MOSS:**

It's the BRO report.

**MR. FABER:**

Oh, the Budget Review Office report. Sorry. In Pages 9 and 10, and it's the Asset Allocation and Performance pages. I'm actually -- I'm actually not looking in that handout, sir.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Oh, this is not it. It's not in there.

**MR. FABER:**

I've moved from the report that was distributed to you by the Clerk to the report that was distributed by staff. I apologize. So on Pages 9 and 10, you see the aggregate Asset Allocation and Performance.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

You know, we can't look because we do not have -- does anybody have it? Okay. So you can refer to it, but we won't be looking at it. You just might as well keep going.

**MR. FABER:**

I apologize for that. For the year, 2011, the fund underperformed -- the fund generated a total return of negative .41% percent. That compares with its benchmark, the policy benchmark of a positive 1.89%. And again, much of that underperformance is due to exposure in the international equity sector and the underperformance in the bond sector -- the fixed income sector.

In the Domestic Equity market, there was approximately 17% of the portfolio allocated to -- I'm sorry. I should say 25% allocated to passive strategies in both the S&P 500 index and Dividend Growth index. Those two sectors actually performed very well, in line with benchmark, or in the case of the Vanguard Dividend Growth, outperforming by some 700 basis points, or 7%. The Active Managers in the Domestic Equity sector, Neuberger Berman Genesis, Janus Triton and the FMI Common Stock all performed very, very well, outperforming their particular managers, and generating, since -- you know, significant -- you know, 50% of the portfolio is in the equity sector added to strong performance there.

The International Equity sector, which I commented on, did very, very poorly in 2011, but did turn around in the fourth quarter of 2011, and has continued strong in year-to-date 2012.

In the Real Estate sector, I mentioned earlier the ING Global Real Estate Fund outperformed its benchmark, although it did, in fact, have a negative return. In the -- in Inflation Hedges sector, which is a small allocation within the investment policy, we saw outperformance, significant outperformance by the PIMCO Commodity Fund, and again, performance in line with benchmark by the Vanguard Inflation Protected hedges, consistent with performance for the Treasury sector overall.

Fixed income was an extraordinarily difficult year, as mentioned before. We saw positive returns from all but one of the managers, but each of the managers underperformed their index, because most all managers did not overweight Treasuries. Again, with the flight-to-quality and the significant outperformance of the Treasury sector specifically, any exposure away from that, whether it be to federal agencies or corporate bonds or global bonds of any kind, sovereigns and the like, resulted in underperformance; positive performance overall, positive returns overall, but underperformance versus the benchmark.

The one manager I just wanted to comment on is the Templeton Global and Bond -- Templeton Global Bond Fund, which generated a negative 2.2%, versus its benchmark. Templeton was completely underweight Treasuries, and had only 1% of its holdings in America's holdings. And, you know, with the flight-to-quality, and the Treasury sector, and the challenges in the Eurozone, that underweighting, you know, resulted in the underperformance, relatively speaking. I will tell you, however, that year-to-date, the Templeton fund is up 7% versus its benchmark, which is up -- you know, is down actually .1%. So we remain very, very pleased with and high on all of the managers, including the Templeton Fund, which I just mentioned.

Just briefly, year-to-date, in 2012, as you know from following the markets, we've seen a significant rally in the markets broadly based. You know, the S&P 500, not taking into account yesterday where we saw a significant selloff in the market, rallied today. But through the end of last week, the S&P 500 year-to-date was up over 9%. International Equity, broadly speaking, was up 13%, inflation hedge was up almost 6%, and fixed income was up about 2 1/2% overall. So the challenges that we saw in 2011, specifically the third quarter of 2011, which you recall we saw, you know, significant selloff in the equity sectors, we saw a broad-based recovery in 2011, in the fourth quarter of 2011. That recovery continues, and we see strong showing in all the sectors, and specifically in the Trust. I think the Trust. On a kind of an unreconciled basis, I think the Trust through the end of February was up about 6% year-to-date.

2011, in summary, was an extraordinarily challenging market. You know, most active managers underperformed their benchmarks and underperformed the broader markets. So this performance for 2011 for the Trust is not -- certainly is not surprising to us, and may not be so surprising to you, although, you know, we're certainly not satisfied with the overall return. We believe that the diversification of the portfolio helped to protect to the downside, you know, the performance that might otherwise have been. And, as I mentioned, year-to-date 2012 is contributing to, you know, significantly better returns so far. You know, we hope and expect to see that kind of continued performance for 2012. Only time will tell, obviously.

So I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I apologize for not having that material right in front of you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Oh, that's okay, I have it now. But just a quick question, you said something, because I didn't see it this morning. Is there a rally going on today? Did it go up more, because this morning it was like minimal.

**MR. FABER:**

I haven't checked in an hour or two, but we had seen --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Well, what did you see an hour ago?

**MR. FABER:**

We had seen -- I didn't check on the specific sectors, indices.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Because yesterday it was --

**MR. FABER:**

But yesterday we saw, you know, 1 1/2% down for all of the broad indices. The markets had turned around a little bit this morning.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Like up 30, whatever.

**MR. FABER:**

You know, positive economic news, positive jobs news, positive news on the housing front, so they were contributing to a bit of a comeback.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

I was hoping you knew something I didn't know. Okay.

**MR. FABER:**

I might, but I probably won't say it publicly.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Dow's up 73.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Oh, okay, Dow's up 73. Okay.

**MR. FABER:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

So that's an indicator. We do have some questions.

**MR. FABER:**

Sure.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Albeit quick questions because we're running so late. Legislator Montano?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah, I have a couple of questions. I'll just be -- just try and get this done real quickly. I'm looking at the report. Thank you for your presentation. And I'm looking at the account -- the account reconciliation page, and it has a market value of I guess the endowment for 1/1/2011?

**MR. FABER:**

Can I ask which you're looking at? Thank you.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

It doesn't have a page number.

**MR. FABER:**

They got cut off.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah. It's the account reconciliation. Okay. So it indicates that on -- I just want to make sure I understand this. On January 1st, 2011, the endowment was 9,736,007; is that -- is that basically what we're saying here?

**MR. FABER:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

And on 12/31/2011, the endowment was down to nine thousand -- 9,197,019. So that's a difference of what, about \$600,000?

**MR. FABER:**

Right.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

So that's what the endowment lost? Is that what --

**MR. FABER:**

That is -- what that -- in a manner of speaking, yes, but let me explain. That number, the nine-million-one-ninety-seven reflects both cash withdrawals.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Right. I was going to get to that. I guess the simple question --

**MR. FABER:**

And unrealized losses.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

All right.

**MR. FABER:**

So they haven't necessarily been realized losses, they --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Let me put it in layman's terms. What I want to know is how much was the endowment then? How much is the endowment now? And how much did the Vanderbilt pay in fees and commissions during the -- during this year? Do you have those figures available? It's a three-part question.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Yes, it is.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Is it inappropriate?

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

No, it isn't inappropriate, except that when he says the numbers include cash withdrawals, it's hard to --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Right, but cash withdrawals wasn't -- we're not -- the original endowment -- we can't drop below a certain point, otherwise we're in --

**MS. MOSS:**

That would be 8.2 million.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I'm sorry. What was that?

**MS. MOSS:**

8.2 million --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Right.

**MS. MOSS:**

Is the corpus of the fund.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

We can't drop below 8.2 million. If I recall, last year your company came in and made recommendations on how we should diversify the portfolio to maximize our return. So now you're back a year later. So I don't remember what the endowment was when you took it over or what was in the account.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

That would be a year ago.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah, it would be a year ago. And --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

BRO?

**MS. MOSS:**

I know one of your questions you were asking how much they paid in fees. The advisory fees that were paid in 2011 were 40,344.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Were there any -- that's inclusive of all commissions, everything, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

**MS. MOSS:**

That would be PFM and U.S. Bank.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I can't hear you.

**MS. MOSS:**

PFM and U.S. Bank.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Say that again.

**MS. MOSS:**

PFM, the investment advisor, as well as U.S. Bank, the custodian for the account.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

So the fees were only 40 -- about approximately 40,000, which is not -- it's not a lot of money for managing the account; am I correct? I think you took it out of reduced rate, did you not?

**MR. FABER:**

I would consider it a market-based fee.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

But I believe you had another question. You wanted to know the value right now.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Right.

**MS. MOSS:**

During 2011, the fund also distributed --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Let's start -- let's start all over again.

**MS. MOSS:**

Okay.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

What I'm asking is how much was the endowment then, how much is left in the endowment today, and how much of it was commission and fees? And then you mentioned -- you through in the curve ball of cash withdrawals. I suspect that was for operating expenses; am I correct?

**MS. MOSS:**

Part of that was for cash flow purposes for the museum, as well as a pay-out for --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Well, when you say "cash flow," you mean operating expenses, do you not?

**MS. MOSS:**

Yes, I do.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay. So let's stick with that term.

**MS. MOSS:**

Part of that was also for a contract that was --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

A contract for what? But's let's stick -- let's not move.

**MS. MOSS:**

With the museum that was discontinued. That was about 144,000.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Let's not move too fast, if you would, okay? Let's go back to where you were so we can get to where we are and then we can talk about the withdrawals. Go ahead, sir.

**MR. FABER:**

Sir, to answer your -- can you hear me?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yes, I can.

**MR. FABER:**

To answer your question about the approximate market value today, I can't tell you what it is today. At the end of February, a week or so ago, the market value was approximately 9.31 million dollars.

**MS. MOSS:**

Actually, as of yesterday, about 4:30, it was 9.7.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

All right. So we went up from 9.1 to 9.7? And we started at what? Let me go back to that page. They're not numbered, so --

**MR. FABER:**

I apologize. The 9.31 I gave you was the actual assets, it was not the market value. Jill's number of 9.7 reflects the market value, realized, unrealized gains, losses, etcetera, so the true market value.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

So we're basically -- based on this new figure, we haven't lost money, is that what you're saying? If my math --

**MS. MOSS:**

As of yesterday, it's at 9.7 million.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

If my math class serves me correctly, we're about the same place we were last year.

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MR. FABER:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Can I --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Go ahead.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

You said that part of the money was for operating, that there were cash withdrawals for operating expenses?

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

And how much was that, approximately?

**MS. MOSS:**

Last year, it distributed 344,939 to the museum. That's broken down into 144,939. That was partly due to a contract that was discontinued and that needed to be paid out, as well as --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

You terminated -- does that mean that you terminated the contract and had to buy out the contract; is that what you're talking about? Would that be a way of explaining that?

**MS. MOSS:**

Yes.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay. Thank you.

**MS. MOSS:**

It also was due to the collapse of the Butler Building. There was some dinosaurs that were impacted by that, as well as an open air tram.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MS. MOSS:**

Two hundred thousand of that was for the museum to meet its cash flow needs.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

So 200,000 was for what we would call pure operating expenses, right?

**MS. MOSS:**

Right.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

In other words, there was a --

**MS. MOSS:**

And the other 145 --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

There was a shortage of the ability of the museum to meet its operating expenses without dipping into the -- that interest, is that what you're saying?

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Thank you. I have no further questions. I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

No, no, no. That's okay. It's just a very difficult way to know -- once you throw in the withdrawals, it's hard to know what the actual endowment is making in the market. But it sounds to me like if you deduct -- if you added almost 300,000 to the bottom line of yesterday --

**MS. MOSS:**

It distributed nearly what it made.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. Any other questions? All right. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Just a quick clarification. The 9.197 number that reflects the -- in this report that reflects the ending market value as of the end of the year, that 9.197 number is now 9.7, is that what you're saying?

**MS. MOSS:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

So the difference reflects the increase in market value from the beginning of the year to date?

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Thank you.

**MR. FABER:**

And if I could just elaborate, perhaps this would help the members understand, you know, just how the market value does fluctuate during the year. On Pages 6 and 7 of the Budget Review Office report, it shows the monthly -- month-ending market values for each month of 2011, so you can see the fluctuation. Hopefully, that helps.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

And if there wasn't a withdrawal of 300,000, yesterday's number would have been more like nine, seven -- ten. Okay.

**MS. MOSS:**

It was about 345,000.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. All right. So it would have been -- yeah, because the withdrawal is -- you know, that's

important to note. Thank you very much.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Thank you.

**MR. FABER:**

My pleasure.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. Just to move on. Lance Reinheimer?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Hi, Lance.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Yes. Did you have a question? I'm Lance Reinheimer, Director of the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium, and I'm here to speak in favor of I.R. 1123, which is to authorize the sale of the 1937 Chrysler Imperial from the museum to Howard Kroplick for \$275,000. I just want to give you a very brief history of that vehicle and how we got to where we are today.

That vehicle was given to the museum in 1959. From there, it went out to Austin Clark's Museum in Southampton, where it was there for, the best I can tell, many years, 20-odd years. The car was never displayed. From what I'm told, it was in storage. From there it went to a garage in Yaphank. It's been out to the museum in garages. The car has never really been displayed.

I just want to make it clear that the museum is not selling off its collections. The Wall Street Journal had mentioned that the car belonged to Mr. Vanderbilt. That was incorrect. We asked them to print a retraction on that, which they informed me they did. The car was built for the Chrysler Family. It's a one-off. It's a custom car, one-of-a-kind. It's 19 feet long, 8,000 pounds. We have no place to display it; we have no means to restore it. It's not relevant to the collections.

In 1992, the Board of Trustees deaccessioned the vehicle for the sole purpose of selling it. Lucky for us, time passed and the value of the car sky-rocketed. They had estimates in 1992 of about \$15,000, the value of the car. We had a national search for a buyer. We advertised the car in Hemmings Motor News. I got calls from the State of Washington. I had a person from San Diego look at the car; a call from Las Vegas, Connecticut, Massachusetts. We even had a call from the grandson of Bernice Chrysler, who owned the car and who's initials are still on the car. Frank Rhodes was very concerned about the car, unfortunately, he had no money to purchase it, and he's the grandson of Bernice. We spoke to him after the sale, and he's very supportive of the sale because the cars going to a collector. This person is going to restore the car and keep the car and return it to its former glory. It's rolling art, it's Art Deco. So I speak in favor of the sale of the car. We're confident we got market value for this car at \$275,000. And we're going to use those funds as seed money for an endowment for the care and maintenance of the collections.

The museum is a member of the AAM, Association of American Museums, or American Association of Museums -- excuse me -- and that money should be used for collections. When you sell an asset like that, it shouldn't go to operating, it should go for maintenance and care of the collections. We have no funds for that right now, so my plan is to set up an endowment with an objective to care -- for the care and collections of the artifacts. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Thank you. Thank you, Lance. Did you have a quick question?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah, actually maybe to Jill, not so much on the car. But the endowment that you're going -- the money that you're going to use from the sale, you said you're going to make it an endowment? Is it going to be an endowment where you can't touch the principal, or you'd just like to have that there to make money and hopefully -- well, could it ever be used for operating expenses down the road if you really need to dip into it or are you going to lock-box it?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Not in accordance with the AAM. Endowment --

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Excuse me?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Not in accordance with the AAM.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Endowment's a general term and that's -- you ask very good questions and those are questions that the Board would have to ask. Can you use the principal, can you use the interest? My vision of an endowment, this is the chance to grow something for future generations. Proper management of endowments is usually a five percent, four to five percent distribution of the principal. That way you have four percent growth, assuming eight percent long-term growth, which is what we had prior to 2008, and then grow it for inflation. So I'd like to use about \$15,000 the first year for artifacts and collections, and then, you know, invest and grow the fund and develop an objective and a plan, which that's -- once we receive the money for the vehicle, the Board would work on that.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Thanks, Lance. Jill, a quick question. The contract that was bought out, was that the contract -- I understand that was a contract for the former Executive Director; is that correct?

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

And that was approximately how much?

**MS. MOSS:**

I think it was 145,000, or just under that.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

All right. So we had to pay her 145,000 when she left the agency; that's what that was about, right?

**MS. MOSS:**

Yes, correct.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

That's a one-shot. Okay, thanks a lot.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Legislator Hahn.

**LEG. HAHN:**

I'm sorry, Lance, I just had --

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I'm sorry?

**LEG. HAHN:**

I'm sorry because I don't remember. When did we get the car and who gave it to us?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

1959.

**LEG. HAHN:**

And it was just given?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Yes. Harry Gilbert, who's a resident of Huntington, gave the museum two cars. Gave the 1937 Chrysler, plus a 1909 REO. We have the REO on display, although, again, it's not -- it's not a Vanderbilt asset. That car is relevant to our collections because of the Vanderbilt races. A car like that could have raced during the Vanderbilt Cup races, so that car we're keeping. We have no plans for selling that vehicle.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

And I'm glad that you mentioned it, because I think I did read that New York Times article that said you were getting rid of a Vanderbilt-owned car, which --

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Yeah. There were a few inaccurate statements in that article. I was -- well, I sent it on to the Legislature. They didn't emphasize all the good things we're doing. We're on strong financial ground, our future is bright. The planetarium, by the way, is going to start. We have a preconstruction meeting scheduled for Friday. I hope that means construction will actually start the following week. With the planetarium coming on line and with some of the things that we're doing to generate new revenue -- the leasing of Normandy Manor provides us \$70,000 in revenue and also cost avoidance in terms of utilities. We're going in the right direction and I was hoping that that would be the theme of the article in the Wall Street Journal. They chose to concentrate on Suffolk County's problems and the problems of maintaining a facility that requires a lot of funds for the buildings, and I thought that was -- it didn't do us justice that way.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Thank you, Lance. Okay. We are going to go into the agenda, but I just wanted to say and recognize Miles Borden, who is my representative from Kings Park, and he is now the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Congratulations. And it's always nice, because we see you here all the time, and I know how dedicated you are and I'm very proud that you're my representative.

**LEG. HAHN:**

I would also like to thank you for your work and your service to Suffolk County parks.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

I would like to take out of order -- I guess I have to make a motion to take **1194 (Confirming the appointment of the Commissioner of the Department of Parks Recreation and Conservation (Gregory S. Dawson) (Co. Exec.)** out of order. I have a motion; second by Legislator Montano. Is that okay? All in favor? Opposed? 1194 is now before us.

I'd like to bring up the nominee for Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Gregory Dawson. Hi, Greg.

**MR. DAWSON:**

Hi. Good afternoon, Madam Chairperson, Members of the Committee. First, I just want to thank you guys for taking the opportunity to sit with me. I know that we've met individually, one by one, at least most of you. You know, we've gone over my background, but, I mean, for the record --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

We do, we have your background. Have you met with all of us?

**MR. DAWSON:**

For the record, I've met everybody, with the exception of Legislator Hahn, and I think we're meeting next week, so.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Having said that, if everybody has met with Mr. Dawson and to -- if there are no questions, and Legislator Hahn, are you okay with that?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

I have just a couple.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

We have a question. Legislator Stern.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Thank you. Welcome.

**MR. DAWSON:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

And it's good to see you again. One of the things that I was just hoping that you might be able to expand upon was -- I'm sure you're familiar with legislation that this Legislature passed a couple of years ago stating our policy that -- for creation, implementation, administration of dog parks throughout Suffolk County. I was wondering what your familiarity was with our current system, your current lay of the land, your understanding of what it is we've been doing, and really what you see a vision for the future on how we might be able to improve upon what we have, and to get your feelings, if any, on expansion of our policy here in Suffolk County.

**MR. DAWSON:**

Well, I was a Trustee. I sat in on a lot of those -- a lot of the discussions with Long Island Dog. I see Barbara Buscareno and Judith (sic) Munger Kahn here. The Parks has always been advocates for dog runs. We feel that there's a place for dogs in parks. The dog runs actually get the dogs out of areas where they don't belong and into areas where they -- where it's -- where they are, you know, where they can recreate. Dog parks are expensive. We're facing some financial difficulties in the future, as everybody's aware, so we're taking all that into consideration with our capital expenditures.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Do you think that -- have you had an opportunity to form an opinion on our current status, how many we have. Do we have the right number? Do we have the right strategy? Do we have the right physical structure in place? Do you see changes being made? Do you see room for expansion going forward?

**MR. DAWSON:**

Well, I think there's room for expansion. I think we have six now scattered across the County. I know we've -- again, we've been working with Long Island Dog with some of their -- some of their suggestions. But, again, it all boils down to the finances and the economics of it.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay?

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Yeah. Let me just thank you for coming. I appreciate your comments. And, certainly, something that I hope to work on in the future with you, with your -- with your staff, to make sure that we continue to provide the best service, particularly for the segment of our population. I personally believe it's a very important quality of life issue and something I look forward to working with you on going forward. Thanks.

**MR. DAWSON:**

Again, thank you. And it is a quality of life issue. Thanks.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

And just to follow-up on that with the dog parks, if it is economics, I know that many dog parks in many different states have sponsors, so it helps defray. I mean, I'm sure there are a lot of -- I'm sure there's a lot of Petcos or similar groups like that. So it's just something to tuck in the back of your mind.

**MR. DAWSON:**

Very good. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

If there are no further questions, I will make a motion. Is there a second?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

That could be scary.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed?

**MR. DAWSON:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

This motion has been passed. *(Vote: Approved 4-0-0-1 Not Present: D.P.O. Horsley)*

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

You're going to be there on Tuesday in Riverhead?

**MR. DAWSON:**

Yes, I am.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay, great. All right. Let's -- it's getting late so we need to quickly go through.

### **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

Tabled resolution **1000 - Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to the Red House at Inlet Pond County Park (CP 7122) (Romaine)**. I will make a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I'll second it.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

A second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? 1000 -- tabled Resolution 1000 has been approved. *(Vote: Approved 4-0-0-1 Not Present: D.P.O. Horsley)*

Tabled **Resolution 1001 - Appropriating funds in connection with building for Wildlife Rescue and Education, Marine Science Center, Southold (CP 1766) (Romaine)**. I'll make the motion to approve. Do I have a second? Do I have any other motions?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion to table by Legislator Hahn. Is there a second?

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Yeah, I'll second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? 1001 is tabled. *(Vote: Tabled 4-0-0-1 Not Present: D.P.O. Horsley)*

Tabled **Resolution 1018 - Amending Resolution No. 918-2011, establishing a Historic Structure Pilot Program and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a Request for Proposals (Gregory)**. Hey, Tracey.

**ACTING COMMISSIONER BELLONE:**

Hi. We would just request that that remains tabled. The Trihy House is not yet listed by the Suffolk County Historic Trust as a historic property. Legislator Gregory has asked them to go out and evaluate it. We do think it will be eligible, but it hasn't been designated as such yet.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion by Legislator Montano to table, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1018 is tabled. **(Vote: Tabled 4-0-0-1 Not Present: D.P.O. Horsley)**

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

***1063 - Authorizing the use of Smith Point Park property by Getco Company, Between the Ports and Event Power, Long Island, for a Triathlon (Browning).*** I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? 1063. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

I guess the usual -- is there a usual fee for that?

**MS. MOSS:**

It's a \$400 event fee.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. There is a fee attached and it has been approved.

***1068 - Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park property by Mastic Beach Fire Department, Inc. For Public Safety Services Fund Drive (Browning).*** Again, there is a fee.

**MS. MOSS:**

This is a \$250 fee, plus services rendered.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. I'll make the motion, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? 1068 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 4-0-0-1)**

***1123 - Authorizing the sale of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum's 1937 Chrysler Imperial to Howard Kroplick (Spencer).*** I will make the motion.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? 1123 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

We have some reappointments. ***1167 - To reappoint Gretchen Oldrin-Mones --***

**LEG. HAHN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
*-- as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt --*

**MR. NOLAN:**  
She's anxious.

*(\*Laughter\*)*

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
Okay, anxious. *Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 2) (Hahn)*. There is a motion by Legislator Hahn, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? 1167 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

*1168 - Reappointing Rodney Rodriguez as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 1) (Montano)*.

**LEG. MONTANO:**  
Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
Motion by Legislator Montano, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1168 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

*1169 - Reappointing Thomas D. Glascock as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 9) (Spencer)*. Motion by Legislator Stern; is that okay?

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**  
(Nodded in the affirmative).

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
Second by myself. 1169 is -- All in favor? Opposed? 1169 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

We have four appointments for the Vanderbilt, and I would ask that maybe the four of you could come up, Stephen Melore, Michel Mule. And I'm sorry if I'm not pronouncing the names right. But you can --

**MR. MULE:**  
{Muly}.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
-- correct me. Anthony -- oh.

**MR. NOLAN:**  
Guarnischelli.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**  
Guarnischelli, and Michelle Gegwich. Oh, she's not going to be here. Okay. So we do have the three of you here, and if you want to briefly state why you would want to be part of this. You can first say your name that I have mispronounced.

**MR. GUARNISHELLI:**  
Tony Guarnischelli.

**MR. MELORE:**

Steve Melore.

**MR. MULE:**

Hi. Good afternoon. Michael Mule.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. So let's start with Stephen Melore.

**MR. MELORE:**

Yes. I'm a Huntington resident, and I think the museum is a gem. It's in my backyard. And I'm a member of the law firm of Farrell Fritz and one of the things, you know, we think --

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Use the microphone.

**MR. MELORE:**

One of the things we feel that's very important as a member of the Law Firm of Farrell Fritz is being involved in the community, doing good for the community. And, again, as a Huntington resident, having this in my backyard, having used the facility as a young child, taking my kids there for the Arena Playhouse, attending various events, I think it's a great -- again, a great facility, great programs. And I'm happy to lend whatever expertise, fundraising, issues of endowment that might come up. You know, there's a lot of resources I can draw on. Going back to my partners again, we're involved in a lot of not-for-profits, and it just is a great opportunity, and I appreciate the opportunity to be involved.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Mr. Mule?

**MR. MULE:**

It's {Muley}. Thank you. Hi. Michael Mule. I am -- the Vanderbilt Museum is literally in my backyard. I'm a next door neighbor of the Vanderbilt. I have lived there since 2004. My wife is from the area. We have two kids. The Vanderbilt is -- as Steve said, it is a gem, and it's something that I really look forward to getting involved in. I've been involved locally with -- I just finished tenure as President of the Townwide Fund of Huntington, as well as involved with the Huntington Lawyers Club. So I wanted to get involved in things locally and that's what I've done. And I find this is a great opportunity to improve upon what is something that's a gem, not only for Huntington and Centerport, but for the entire Suffolk County and for the state.

**MR. GUARNISHELLI:**

I'm also a Huntington resident. Tony Guarnischelli. I'm also a Huntington resident. I've been on the Board of the Greenlawn/Centerport Historical for many years, as well as Treasurer for the past eight years. I also live close to the Vanderbilt and have ties going way back as a young man, and I'm very interested in helping in any way I can to support it. I have a lot of history about it and I have a large collection of antique cars. And they have two cars left, and I'd be happy to assist them with any knowledge or repairs they need with their antique collection.

*(\*Laughter\*)*

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Does anybody have any questions? Sure.

**LEG. STERN:**

Question.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Legislator Stern.

**LEG. STERN:**

First of all, to everybody, welcome, and thank you for your willingness to serve. Just a very quick question just for the record of Mr. Mule. Are you related to Michael Mule who serves on our CEO?

**MR. MULE:**

Michael Mule is a -- I guess, a -- I don't know, a cousin, first cousin twice removed, or something to that effect.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Distant.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

So there are two of you?

**MR. MULE:**

Exactly. People do get confused, but he is a cousin.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I thought he was coming here today.

**MR. MULE:**

I think he's my father's first cousin's son, or something to that effect.

**LEG. STERN:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

And I would also like to thank all of you for being involved. It's a difficult chore, and I know there are meetings in the evening. And it's something we appreciate as your County Legislators. Are there any other questions?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Yes. I would just like to say the County has made a significant investment in recent years into the facility, and we really do, you know, need your help in helping to make it self-sustaining, and to turn it -- to continue its legacy, which I, too, attended, you know, visited the museum as a child. And being from the Stony Brook area and not right in the backyard, but just to have special memories of the museum and would like to see it continue to flourish. And it does house many very important cultural activities for all of Suffolk County. And we thank you very much for your willingness to help it.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. With that, we will take the three resolutions. ***Resolution 1170 - Appointing Stephen F. Melore as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 12) (Lindsay).***

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion by Legislator Montano, second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? 1170 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

**1176 - Appointing Michael Mule as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 7) (Spencer).** I'll make the motion, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? 1176 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

**1198 - Appointing Anthony** -- I'm sorry.

**MR. GUARNISHELLI:**

Smith.

**(\*Laughter\*)**

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Anthony Smith.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Guarnaschelli.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

**Anthony Guarnischelli as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 10) (Spencer).** Legislator -- we have a motion? Legislator Horsley, would you like to make the motion?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Yes, absolutely.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion by Legislator Horsley, second by myself. 1198 is approved. **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

Congratulations, I think. You need not -- you need not come to the meeting, unless you feel that you want to. Okay. And, if you want to, we'll be in Riverhead, so good luck with that.

**LEG. HAHN:**

And it will take hours before we probably get to you, so I don't recommend coming.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. **1199 - To appoint Michelle Gegwich as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum (Commission) (Trustee No. 8) (Spencer).** She could not be here, so we're going to table that. I'll make the motion to table, second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? 1199 is tabled. **(Vote: Tabled 5-0-0-0)**

And with that, the meeting has come to an end.

**(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:11 P.M. \*)**

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